

Worship Service for June 2009

Date	7	14	21	28
Morning Worship				
Song Leader	Lowell Huffman	Jerry Hoyt	Gary Reynolds	Don Allison
Prayer	Don Gaw	Howard Goodman	Jerry Hoyt	Lowell Huffman
Scripture Reading	Clayton Parker	Blade Taylor	Gunnar Taylor	Bill Thornburg
Announcements	Brian Huffman	Larry Taylor	Larry Taylor	Brian Huffman
Closing Prayer	Jim Clark	Kendall Clark	Rick Cox	Don Gaw

Communion Table - Please have song between communion and collection

West side	Assist	Ralph Zeek	Ralph Zeek	Kendall Clark	Kendall Clark
	Prayer	Mark Stewart	Mark Stewart	Todd Stults	Todd Stults
East side	Prayer	Don Allison	Don Allison	Sam Arnold	Sam Arnold
	Assist	Ira Chambers	Ira Chambers	Jim Clark	Jim Clark

Evening Worship

Song Leader	Lowell Huffman	Jerry Hoyt	Gary Reynolds	Don Allison
Prayer	Richard Messer	Danny Odle	Dwayne Odle	Gary Reynolds
Scripture Reading	Kendall Clark	Jim Clark	Rick Cox	Jim Smith
Communion Table	John Schock	Jim Smith	Howard Goodman	Dwayne Odle
Closing Prayer	Jerry Hoyt	Lowell Huffman	Volker Jaromin	Richard Messer

Ushers and Front Door Greeters: Ray Gastineau & Jay Kellow

East Door Greeters: Ralph & Vada Zeek

Communion Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman

Communion Clean up: Janet, Belinda, Shirley

Please remember to call Kendall Clark at 741-8985 (cell 716-7411) if you cannot serve at your appointed time.

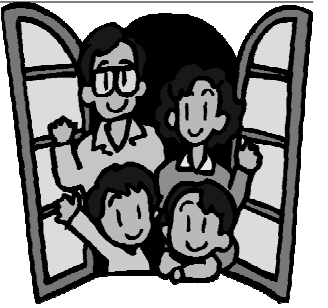
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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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A HELP OR A HINDERANCE?

By Steve Higginbotham

Numbers 32:1-15 records a time in Israel's history when it was about to conquer and possess the promised land. At this point in their history, the tribes of Gad and Reuben informed Moses that they did not want to cross over the Jordan. They were content to dwell where they were.

When Moses heard of this, he asked Reuben and Gad the following question, “*Shall your brethren go to war, while you sit here?*” (Numbers 32:6). The implication is very clear. It would have been improper for Reuben and Gad not to have given assistance to their brethren in a time of war. In fact, Moses continued to say that if they did this, they would “*discourage the heart of the children of Israel*” (Numbers 32:7).

I believe that there is a principle in this story that is very applicable to the church today. There are many Christians that are doing their very best at battling against Satan and his forces, but at the same time, there are some brethren who are content to sit and let their brethren do all the fighting.

Not only is this a shirking of their God-given obligation, but it also has an ill effect on those who are giving their all in service to God.

More Christians need to realize that their negligence is very discouraging to those committed to doing battle. Actions such as failing to attend all the assemblies of the church tend to “*discourage the heart*” of God's people.

Give thought to your influence and the impact you have on the lives of others and may we all vow to pick up the sword of the Spirit and join our brethren and do battle with Satan.

TEACHERS' APPRECIATION DINNER

Last Saturday we had our Teachers' Appreciation dinner at MCL. It was very well planned and the food was great. It was a very uplifting evening with words from Todd and Robert Ray. As Robert was speaking about his observation of West Side it really made me stop and think about all the people who do things that help in the work. I want to encourage all of us to think about the brethren who are working to bring glory to our God. As we think about these brethren give thanks for them.

We have a great group of Christians that are striving very hard to live and set an example for others. As Brother Ray said, “Keep doing what you're doing.”

Larry

SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —
9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am &
6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study —
7:00 pm

MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

ELDERS

Mike Haviland
Brian Huffman
Larry G. Reynolds
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor
George Welker

DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth
Bill Gaw, Building &
Grounds
Jerry Hoyt, Bible Corresp. &
Upon The Rock
Lowell Huffman,
Benevolence
Volker Jaromin, Building &
Grounds
Danny Odle, Building &
Grounds
Dwayne Odle, Missions
Gary Reynolds, Seminars
Todd Stults, Education and
Asst. Finance
Jim Witty, Finance & Upon
The Rock

MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of
Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje
plus two preaching school
students
Memphis School Of
Preaching
Andrey Kostine

WORSHIP FOR MAY 31

MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
 Opening Prayer: Rick Cox
 Scripture Reading: Jim Clark
 (Rom. 1:16,17)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "To Show The World The Power Of God Unto Salvation"
 Announcements: Larry Taylor
 Closing Prayer: Don Allison

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side-Assist: Gunnar Taylor
 Prayer: John Schock
 East Side-Prayer: Jim Smith
 Assist: Clayton Parker

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
 Opening Prayer: Volker Jaromin
 Scripture Reading: Kendall Clark
 (II Peter 3:10-13)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "To Show The World That We Believe In Heaven"
 Communion Table: Danny Odle
 Closing Prayer: Howard Goodman

PULPIT PREVIEW FOR JUNE 7, 2009

AM: Guest Speaker
 PM: Guest Speaker

JUNE

GREETERS:
East Door: Ralph & Vada Zeek
Front Door + Ushers: Jay Kellow & Ray Gastineau

COMMUNION:
Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman
Clean-up: Janet, Belinda, Shirley

BUILDING CLEANING: Kendall & Jane Clark and Danny & Joan Odle

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Natalie's friend, **Kiana Allen's mom** is out of a coma but in a nursing home. The family still needs our prayers.
Charles Anderson, Sally's father-in-law
Martina Conaster, Gail Parker's aunt, has breast cancer
Ann Dowd, Pat Kidd's daughter
Steve Gasaway
Forrest Hurst
Marilyn, Tam Stewart's friend's mom is having tests for bleeding on the brain.
Marie McBride
Evelyn Mertz, Dorothy's sister
Norma Norris, Grant's grandmother
Gail Parker
Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Jack Small, Doug Anderson's uncle
Hazel Spears, Wilma's sister
Mark Stewart's dad and mom
Travis, friend of Pat Egle.
Carol Van Norman, Pat Kidd's daughter
Baby boy of Betsy Weems, Wilma's friend
George & Ellen Welker
Jerry & Melba Wilhoite
David Witty is awaiting test results for a kidney transplant.
Everett & Ann Witty

Shut-Ins

Virginia Ashley - Westminster
Juanita Broderick - The Woodlands
Twyla Monroe - The Woodlands
Mary Norris - The Woodlands

Away in the Military

Grant Kellow
Brian Noonkester - Germany
Justin Spence-Iraq

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 31—Group 2 will meet in the small classroom after evening services.
June 1, 3, 5—Ladies exercise at 9 AM.
June 2—Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.
June 6-11—Cochran Georgia VBS/mission trip.
June 7—Elders will meet at 4:30.
June 10—Make plans to join us for fellowship and dinner Wednesday at 5:30.
June 21—Elders and deacons will meet at 4:30
June 28—David Dixon from Mobile, AL, will be speaking at the AM service. West Side is considering support for David and his family when he starts MSOP in the fall.
June 28—Carry-in lunch and early evening services.
July 4—Katie Perry and Casey Robinson joyfully invite you to their wedding celebration, July 4, 6:30 PM, Gobin United Methodist Church in Greencastle, IN. See bulletin board for further details.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	96
Sunday Worship am	124
Sunday Worship pm	83
Wednesday Bible Study	90

"NIP IT IN THE BUD"
 By Steve Higginbotham



I don't suppose I have to tell you that my all-time favorite television program is "The Andy Griffith Show." Those of you, like me, who are fans of the show are well familiar with the title of this article. This was one of the favorite expressions of Andy's eager, but inept deputy, Barney Fife. Whenever a problem would con-

front the town of Mayberry, Barney was quick to offer his solution—"Nip it! Nip it in the bud!"

While stated for a comedic line, there is a great deal of truth in the advice, "nip it in the bud." Problems should be dealt with while they are small and easy to handle, before they grow into something hard to handle. I know it is often our nature to "let things slide" because we don't like confrontation. We often hope that if given enough time, the problem will simply go away. But seldom is that true. Problems, no matter how large or small, must be addressed, preferably immediately.

This was the philosophy of the Jerusalem church and the apostles (Acts 6). There was a small problem concerning the neglect of certain widows. Rather than letting this situation get out of control, possibly dividing the church, the apostles gave their advice—"nip it in the bud!" (that's a loose paraphrase of Acts 6:3-4). Was it effective advice? It certainly was. A potential church split was quelled and the church in Jerusalem multiplied greatly in number (Acts 6:7).

It would do us good to adopt this same philosophy even today when church problems arise. Whatever the problem may be, no matter how small or large, no matter if one or a hundred people are distraught, the problem needs to be addressed, and the sooner the better... "Nip it in the bud!"

When we face the temptation of sin, we need to implement this philosophy. We all have our weaknesses. Yours may differ from mine, but we all have them. Whatever your weakness may be, avoid it. Refrain from it. Don't go places or do things that feed it or remind you of it. Remove yourself from the company of those who would encourage it. In short, "nip it in the bud!"

When we have differences with brethren or family members, don't allow those differences to seethe within you. Rather, go to the person and attempt a resolution of your problem. Express your concerns. Reaffirm them of your love. Before it drives a wedge between you that is almost too difficult to remove... "nip it in the bud!"

I don't know about you, but I'm pretty impressed by this sage piece of advice coming from an inept deputy. "Nip it in the bud" is not only good advice, but it is biblical advice. Therefore, the next time you find yourself confronting a problem or difficulty, remember the words of Barney Fife and "Nip it! Nip it in the bud!"