

Worship Service for June 2014					
Date	1	8	15	22	29
Morning Worship					
Announcements	Brian Huffman	Larry Taylor	Brian Huffman	Larry Taylor	Brian Huffman
Prayer	Kendall Clark	Danny Odle	Joe Reed	Adam Gors	Richard Messer
Scripture Reading	Gunnar Taylor	Matthew Terrell	Steve Gors	Bill Smith	Nick Qualkenbush
Song Leader	Lowell Huffman	Gary Reynolds	Gunnar Taylor	Jerry Hoyt	Don Allison
Closing Prayer	Volker Jaromin	Rick Cox	Rex Harper	Brian Huffman	Chad Bobo

Prayer	Rex Harper	Jim Smith	Bill Winemiller	Richard Messer	Todd Stults
West side	Outside	Larry Terrell	Carl Gilstrap	Jacob Martin	Larry Terrell
	Inside	Matthew Terrell	Nick Qualkenbush	Jimmy Clark	Jim Clark
East side	Inside	Jim Clark	Chad Bobo	Bill Smith	Chris Schombert
	Outside	Sean Bobo	Bill Smith	Richard Messer	Joe Walker

Song Leader	Lowell Huffman	Gary Reynolds	Gunnar Taylor	Jerry Hoyt	Don Allison
Prayer	Don Gaw	Jay Kellow	Chad Bobo	Kendall Clark	Jim Clark
Scripture Reading	Adam Gors	Don Allison	Howard Goodman	Rick Cox	Bill Smith
Communion Table	Don Allison	Rex Harper	Volker Jaromin	Richard Messer	Bill Winemiller
Closing Prayer	Gary Reynolds	Joe Reed	Kendall Clark	Volker Jaromin	Larry Taylor
Sound Room	Jerry Hoyt	Gunnar Taylor	Lowell Huffman	Don Allison	Gary Reynolds

Door Greeters: Group 3
Communion Prep: Sue Davis Communion Clean Up: Group 3

~~Please for Larry Reynolds (766-410-1278) when if you cannot come at your appointed time. Please dress appropriately when leading in service~~

Group 3 Duties for June 2014

Greeters

Front Door: Don Gaw, Nick Qualkenbush

East Wing: Bethany Allison, Emma Gors

Annex: Dana Shaw, Vivian Bigler

Communion Clean-up

June 1st, Sue Davis

June 8th, Sue Davis

June 15th, Sally Anderson

June 22nd, Debby Perry

June 29th, Nancy Bateman

Secure Building

June 1st & June 4th, Larry & Connie

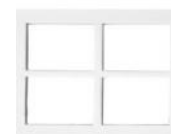
June 8th & June 11th, Don & Teresa

June 15th & 18th, Brian & Tyann

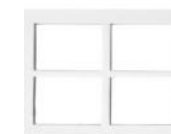
June 22 & 25th, Jim & Jennifer

June 29th, Donna & Nick

“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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Why We Believe What We Believe! Part 1

Michael J. Gors

It is imperative that we, as Christians, know what we believe and why we believe it. Even more important is our ability to articulate what we believe and why we believe it. The Apostle Peter admonishes us, “**But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear...**”, 1 Peter 3:15. Question; Are you/we ready to give an answer or defense for what you believe? I have been astonished at the mishandling of the word of God by many who have been members of the church of Christ for years. As we continue to live in this pluralistic society with its diversity of religions, (Muslim, Hindus, Buddhists, denominationalism, and atheists all included), we MUST be able to articulate the Christian faith sufficiently with greater effectiveness. The days of arguing doctrinal matters with our denominational friends are nearly over. In the post-modern post-church world the argument is, “Is there a God?”, “How can we know for sure he exists?”, and concern about the Bible. Many think or will ask, “Isn’t it just a bunch of oral traditions handed down from generation to generation?”. And as it was handed down, “isn’t there inevitable mistranslation?”, or “That was an ancient culture and surely we can’t make the same application to our culture after so many centuries?”.

Any hope of converting a soul to Christ will, in all likelihood, begin with a conversation about the existence of God and the validity of His word and we MUST be prepared for these conversations. Even in denominationalism, the prevailing reasoning is actually the godlessness of relative truth, and often contributes to a “you’re ok” and “I’m ok, “let’s just agree to disagree” mentality because truth is relative and subjective to one’s life experience. You seek God through Jesus your way and we will seek God through Jesus our way and we can still be brethren. Is this the right road to walk? NO! Jesus is the only way and all of us need to submit to Him or we are out of “The Way” and destined for hell while smiling and feeling good about ourselves. So what can we do? How can we know what we believe and why we believe? It begins with the resolve to want to know God more intimately. Let’s consider 1 Peter 3:15...

We must Sanctify... “**But Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.**” “**But**”, meaning a contrast or contrary, but to what is it in contrast to? We must look at v.14 for our answer; those who would “threaten” or “trouble us”. Living in a world of fear and among people who are hostile we must “sanctify” or set apart our hearts and minds to stand with the Lord and be just as confident that he stands with us. David had a great confidence to stand against the hostile enemies of God, Goliath and the Philistines, but why or how? He sanctified the Lord God in his heart, 1 Samuel 17:37. The same is true with Stephen, the first Christian martyr, Acts 7:55. We must place God in our hearts (Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 12:32-34; Colossians 3:16,17). God must be to us a father and friend and the one to whom we turn to for guidance and direction and the one on whom we lean and talk to as we walk through this land of sin and sorrow. (Cont on page 3)

SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Michael Gors

ELDERS

Brian Huffman
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor

DEACONS

Don Allison- Advertise-
ment/Communication
Kendall Clark- Benevo-
lence/Visitation
Rex Harper- Building &
Grounds
Lowell Huffman-
Bible Correspondence
Course and Widows/
Widowers
Volker Jaromin- Educa-
tion
Larry Reynolds- Evan-
gelism
Todd Stults- Finance,
Lads to Leaders &
Leaderettes

MISSION WORKS

Tanzania, Africa
Christopher
Mwakabanje
plus two preaching
school students
India
Scott Richards
Russia & India
Mark Reynolds
Memphis School of
Preaching
Armand Wine
Southeast School of
Biblical Studies
Josh Taylor
Lake Regions church of
Christ
The Belanger family

WORSHIP FOR June 1

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Brian Huffman
Opening Prayer: Kendall Clark
Scripture Reading: Gunnar Taylor
Isaiah 59:1-3
Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
Sermon: Mike Gors
Sermon Topic: "The Seriousness of Sin"
Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Rex Harper
West Side—Outside: Larry Terrell
Inside: Matthew Terrell
East Side— Inside: Jim Clark
Outside: Sean Bobo

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
Opening Prayer: Don Gaw
Scripture Reading: Adam Gors
Hebrews 11:1-4
Sermon: Mike Gors
Sermon Topic: "Our God He is Alive"
Communion Table: Don Allison
Closing Prayer: Gary Reynolds
Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

June
DOOR GREETERS: Group 3
COMMUNION: Prep: Sue
Clean-up: Sue
SECURING THE BUILDING:
Group 3—see page 4

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Abby Vonderschmitt, Dana's Granddaughter --difficult pregnancy
Art Selby, Martha's brother. Acute leukemia. Lives in Richmond.
Ashley G., Lisa Staggs' granddaughter
Ashley Shaw
Betsy Cartwright, Lela's friend
Brenda Huffman
Brett Rutherford, missionary—brain cancer
Carl Gilstrap, Pneumonia
Jill Medley, Improving after heart valve repair. Ellen's granddaughter.
Jim Witty, Gall bladder Surgery
John Schock, Heartfelt sympathy for the loss of John's older brother, Tim Tiffin, who lived in Ohio
Kristen Bobo, Missionary trip to Malaysia-for six weeks
Ira Chambers, Admitted to Ball Hospital for tests
Nancy Shaw, breast Cancer. Sister of Janet Messer
Rhonda Parker-reoccurrence of cancer. RL's daughter.
Shawna Schock
Steve Reed, Joe and Wanda's son—breathing issues
Walter Nash, Bone cancer. Chad Bobo's uncle
Wanda Reed, facial surgery from melanoma
Shut-Ins:
Lana Blanchard -Albany Health Care.
Evelyn Vannatter -Elmcroft
Vada Zeek -Willowbend.
Bill Gaw -Westminster Village

Best Wishes

Congratulations to J.C. Schombert, son of Chris and Diana Schombert and grandson of Richard and Janet Messer. J.C.received his diploma from Rushville High School.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF May 18, 2014

Sun. Bible Study 95
Sun. Worship am 122
Sun. Worship pm 78
Wed. Bible Study 64

Wednesday Night Devotionals

June 4.....Gary Reynolds
June 11...Gunnar Taylor
June 18...Adam Gors
June 25 Don Allison

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 1, After evening Worship-Planning Session for "Ladies 'Learn-to-Class'". See Sally for more details. All ladies and girls are welcome.

June 3, 8a—Men's Fellowship breakfast at IHOP

June 3, 10a—Ladies Breakfast at IHOP

June 1-4 Gospel Meeting at Tipton Church of Christ. Speaker, BJ Clarke. See bulletin board.

June 1-5, Gospel Meeting with Jimmy Ferguson at Garfield Heights. Flyer on bulletin board.

June 5, 10a-12:00p Chronological Bible Reading Group, 10a to 12p at the building.

June 7, 9:00a—Men's Fellowship at the building with speaker, Ryan Cox. Donuts and coffee will be served.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Alexis—Jun 1
Brittany—Jun 1
Taylor—Jun 2
Jimmy—Jun 4
Natalie—Jun 10
Holly—Jun 16
Betty K—Jun 16
Joe R—Jun 16
Trevor—Jun 17
Hailey—Jun 22

Please Help Restock Our Pantry

Suggested Items:

canned peas, canned tomatoes, macaroni and cheese

("Why I Believe"... Cont.) **We must be ready to give an answer.** For anyone to be ready for anything takes time, effort and practice. If God is going to be our father and friend, then we will inevitably spend time with him. No one who runs a marathon wakes up on any given day and runs 26.2 miles. That runner must take time, put forth effort and practice in order to be prepared and "ready" to run 26.2 miles. The same is true with a Christian. We will encounter hostility from friends and family who disagree with our beliefs and we find ourselves unprepared to answer the questions or arguments made against the church or Jesus himself. We have not been training, we have not been putting forth an effort and therefore we find ourselves unprepared to answer the hard questions and unable to articulate the Christian faith and thus, the cause of Christ suffers for it.

We must answer everyone with meekness and fear. Two things we must do. First, notice the imperative; we must give answer. We must give a defense! We must not be silent or passive. All too often, at best, we are on defense when we should be on offense. Jesus told us to "GO"- that is offense! Second, answer as we "ought" with the right spirit and motivation in our hearts. We "ought" to answer because we are indebted to God's grace and mercy of saving us by the blood of His Son. We "ought" to answer because it is a command of God to go into all the world and preach the good news. Finally we "ought" to answer in the right spirit. "Let your speech be with grace seasoned with salt", Colossians 4:6. (Also, Jesus condemned angry disciples, Luke 9:54,55). We must speak, we must speak the truth, we must speak the truth with love, Ephesians 4:15! There is no room for angry, hot-headed, belligerent Christians trying to represent Christ! Stand and defend the faith in the spirit of love.

In order for us to be effective Christians in an increasingly hostile world, we must know what we believe and why we believe it. We must effectively articulate the Christian faith. In order to accomplish this, we must "sanctify the Lord God in your heart and be ready to give an answer...". Are you ready? Can you make a defense? Will you stand? You won't if you don't know what you believe or why you believe it! **MJG**