

Around and About.....

- **June 8th, Mission Vacation Bible School meeting at 5p in large classroom.**
- **June 10th, Men's Fellowship Breakfast--8a at IHOP**
- **June 10th, Women's Breakfast at IHOP, 10a**
- **June 12th, Chronological Bible Reading Group, 10a-12p at the building**
- **June 22-25, Mission Vacation Bible School in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Chaired by Larry Reynolds, West Side youth will canvas the neighborhoods and will be responsible for teaching the classes. Westside will be represented by 22 young people and adults who will leave June 21st. Pat Powers is the preacher for this congregation of 50.**
- **June 22-25, Town Acres Gospel Meeting with Speaker, Edwin Jones. See flyer on bulletin board.**
- **June 28-29, Greenfield Church of Christ, 60th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration, also opening of the congregation's new fellowship hall. Everyone welcome. See invitation.**

Some people talk about finding God as if God is lost.

Midwestern Children's Home has requested that we save box tops from General Mills Cereals, Green Giant, Scot Paper products, Pillsbury, Ziplock, Hanes and Yoplait. Look for the red "BOX TOP for EDUCATION" sign on top. There is a jar on the table for this use.

Please continue to bring canned peas and tomatoes and macaroni and cheese. We are re-stocking the shelves for year round use to those in need.

Feed the Kids

From the Week End Food Pack Committee

The Committee is pleased to announce that West Side was able to feed 20 children each weekend for this school year. School officials are glad to have this program in place and are hoping to elicit West Side's help again this fall. The children remain anonymous to us but we hope that they will travel by our sign and remember our care and concern for them. And someone among their families and friends may seek out the truth of the scriptures and find it practiced at West Side. On behalf of these children, thank you for your support and kind regard for our community.

"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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What I Believe and Why I Believe it (Part 2)

God and Common Sense

By Michael J. Gors

"There is, beyond the azure blue, a God concealed from human sight...". I love to sing that song. Notice the beginning words of that song, "There is"... as we sing, we are proclaiming with great confidence that we firmly believe there is indeed a God in heaven. I would like to start this series of "Why I Believe What I Believe" with giving a defense as to why I believe there is, beyond a shadow of a doubt, a God in heaven. This is the place we as Christians must start because God is the final authority in all matters religious and secular (Matthew 28:18-20). It is imperative that we know there is a God (Hebrews 11:6) because if there is no God then there really is no standard of right and wrong. To make the case for God does not mean we need to hold a Ph.D. or any other degree in sciences of biology, astronomy, chemistry etc. There is something to be said for common sense. Listed below are a few arguments that, to me, just make sense.

Reason #1- Design requires a Designer. "For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God", Hebrews 3:4. Read the verse slowly, taking in every word and the common sense behind it. The writer writes "every house is built by someone...", saying common sense things that cannot be denied. The houses in our neighborhoods, the buildings that house businesses, the stadiums in which we watch our beloved sports, etc., all had to be built by someone. No one would believe that the house in which you live simply appeared out of thin air. Most would find it absurd to think all the materials fell out of the sky, in order, perfectly square and ready for inhabiting! The houses where we live, the cars we drive, the clothes we wear, the stadiums in which we sit to watch our favorite sport or concert had, by necessity, a designer. And yet there are those who want us to think it not absurd at all that the earth and this universe in which we live just simply happened by chance. The eyes through which we behold the beauty of the mountains, the valleys, the animals, or the flowers just happened by chance? Really? The sun rises in the east and sets in the west, this was not done by a designer? Really? I tend to agree with the writer of Hebrews, "He who built all things is God," because design demands a designer. (Cont. on page 4)

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- Advertisement/Communication
Kendall Clark- Benevolence/Visitation
Rex Harper- Building & Grounds
Lowell Huffman- Bible Correspondence Course and Widows/Widowers
Volker Jaromin- Education
Larry Reynolds- Evangelism
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 8

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Larry Taylor
 Opening Prayer: Danny Odle
 Scripture Reading: Matthew Terrell
 Deuteronomy 20:1-4
 Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
 Sermon: Mike Gors
 Sermon Topic: *“What I Believe and Why I Believe It”*: *God and Common Sense* (Part 2)
 Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Jim Smith
 West Side—Outside: Carl Gilstrap
 Inside: Nick Qualkenbush
 East Side— Inside: Chad Bobo
 Outside: Bill Smith

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
 Opening Prayer: Jay Kellow
 Scripture Reading: Don Allison
 Hebrews 1:1-3
 Sermon: Mike Gors
 Sermon Topic: *“God Has Spoken”*
 Communion Table: Rex Harper
 Closing Prayer: Joe Reed
 Sound Room: Gunnar Taylor

June
DOOR GREETERS: Group 3

COMMUNION: Prep: Sue
 Clean-up: Sue

SECURING THE BUILDING:
 June 8th & 11th—Don and Teresa

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. Improving.
 Delilah, Whose Mother passed away. Friend of Alexis Harper.
 Georgia Roberts, very ill. Friend of Marie McBride.
 Jim Witty, Gall bladder Surgery
 Kristen Bobo, Missionary trip to Malaysia-for six weeks
 Mission Vacation Bible School, for the safety and success of 22 youth and adults from West Side who will travel to Ohio.
 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
 Virginia Southard, fell while moving. No lasting injuries.
 Walter Nash, bone cancer. Chad Bobo’s uncle



Shut-Ins:

Lana Blanchard -Albany Health Care.
 Evelyn Vannatter -Elmcroft
 Vada Zeek -Willowbend.
 Bill Gaw -Westminster Village

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF June 1, 2014

Sun. Bible Study	85
Sun. Worship am	118
Sun. Worship pm	76
Wed. Bible Study	76

Wednesday Night Devotionals

June 11...Gunnar Taylor
 June 18...Adam Gors
 June 25...Don Allison

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 8th, Mission Vacation Bible School meeting at 5p in large classroom.

June 8th, After morning Worship, Ladies "Learn-to-Class" to meet in large classroom. All ladies and girls please come and bring your ideas.

Welcome to our Newest Family at Westside

Shane & Paula Belanger
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Salisbury, NH 03268
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Birthdays
 Shane.....1/19
 Paula.....1/2
 Jessica....3/10
 Kelsey....3/10
 Kaitlyn...10/21
 Joshua.....2/26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

flower
 Natalie—Jun 10
 Diana—Jun 12
 Holly—Jun 16
 Betty K—Jun 16
 Joe R—Jun 16
 Trevor—Jun 17
 Hailey—Jun 22
 Kristen—Jun 24
 Jim H—Jun 25



On the Bulletin Board

Please note that there is a sign-up sheet for communion prep for the following months.

(“What I Believe” cont.) Reason #2- Every effect MUST have an adequate cause. In short, the earth (and for that matter our solar system, galaxy etc.) is here and we can empirically know it. So the question is who or what “caused” it? The cause must be greater than the effect. So there is something or someone who is bigger, stronger and more intelligent than the galaxy in which we live and for that matter than the earth which we inhabit. A big bang, eons ago exploded and everything fell into place ready for human habitation. What caused the big bang? Again, I argue, it was God who built everything, Hebrews 3:4. And what about Job 26:7,” *He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing.*”

Reason #3- Life NEVER comes from NON life... EVER!! Shouldn’t common sense prevail when it comes to this? Would you think me a fool if I said a living thing could spontaneously generate from a rock or any other inanimate, non-living object? You probably would. Science and common sense say life must generate from life. With a big bang theory something had to come from nothing; life had to come from non life. Otherwise if there was a starting point, a resource of any kind great or microscopic, the question will always be... “where did it come from?” Truth of the scripture answers it for me, “In him {Jesus} was life...”. In God is the essence of life. Life comes from life.

Reason #4- The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics. Big fancy scientific word that means “stuff is wearing out”, things are becoming disorderly. Look in the mirror and see the difference between a 20 year old face and 50 year old face. The cars we drive, they rust. Consider clothes we wear; they grow old and perish, Hebrews 1:11. In the world of atheistic evolution things are supposed to become more orderly and complex and that simply flies in the face of established science.

From the song “Our God, He is Alive”, “There is beyond the azure blue a God concealed from human sight. He tinted skies with heavenly hue and framed the worlds with his great might.” Knowing the God who exists in heaven is possible. Knowing him is consistent with both science and common sense. **MJG**