

Around and About...

- June 17th, Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8a at IHOP
- June 17th, Ladies Breakfast, 10a at IHOP
- 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 27th, Ladies Deep Bible Study at the building, 7p to 9p.
- June 28-29, Greenfield Church of Christ, 60th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration, also opening of the congregation's new fellowship hall. Everyone welcome. Invitation is posted.

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift of God which is why we call it the present.

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 bring canned meat and your choice of any canned soup for the pantry. We plan to keep stocked up all year round.

You are cordially invited to the wedding and reception of Cassidy Reynolds and Joshua Taylor at 2:00 in the afternoon on July 19, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Muncie. Grandparents of the Bride are Larry and Connie Reynolds. Following the ceremony, the reception will be held in the Student Center at Ball State. If you plan to attend the reception, please use the [RSVP sign-up sheet](#) on the bulletin board. This is a number list that will help the family to prepare for the reception. The wedding invitation is posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.



"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 3) The Bible is God's Word

We started this series of articles/ Sunday night sermons with the idea that we, as Christians, must be able to effectively articulate what we believe and why we believe it. We used 1 Peter 3:15 as the verse. We have written and spoken that knowing God has a lot to do with just common sense and consistency with scientific law. It is assumed in this article you already believe in the God of heaven.

If there is a God who can create the earth and everything in it in six, twenty four hour days, then it follows that he has the ability, power and intelligence to write a book. He can write a book that can be preserved for all people of all time and a book that can be read and understood. His word can touch and transform lives. His book, the Holy Bible, has no shortage of critics who undermine its value. These critics are both within and without the church and other theological circles. However, I believe the Bible is God's word, **BUT** why do I believe it?

First, I believe the bible is God's word because of the unity that is found in such diversity. The bible that most of us have is one volume nicely bound in leather and we can fall into the trap of thinking that maybe it was written in one sitting or in one generation by one penman. That simply is not the case. It is actually a collection of 66 different books bound in one volume. It took 1600 years to write and to complete. It was authored by God the Holy Spirit but penned by 40 different men (John 16:13; 2 Peter 1:20, 21), in about as many generations. There were three major languages, those being Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek. Each penman had such different backgrounds, education and walks of life and yet there is such unity. The whole book from Genesis to Revelation is a story about Jesus. Genesis to Malachi tells us Jesus "IS COMING". Matthew - John tells us Jesus "IS HERE", thus the Old Testament was indeed right and that Jesus was coming and he did come. We know he did suffer and he died. He went to a grave but rose the third day. He ascended back to heaven to sit at the right hand of God never to die again and more than that, he is there reigning over his kingdom. Acts to Revelation tell us Jesus "IS COMING BACK" and we must prepare ourselves for that return. Such unity from such a diverse group of authors, languages and culture tells me God had to be the author of the "Precious Book Divine".

Second, I believe the Bible is God's word because of the unity from the Old Testament prophecies to the New Testament fulfillment of those prophecies. Just one example among many is Isaiah. This prophet wrote 750 years before Jesus was born and about 800 years before Matthew and Luke picked up the quill and put it to parchment. Yet Isaiah told of the coming Christ would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14) and that the Christ would suffer greatly (Isaiah 53). (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

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

Lake Regions church of Christ
The Belanger family

WORSHIP FOR June 15

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Brian Huffman
 Opening Prayer: Joe Reed
 Scripture Reading: Steve Gors
1 Thessalonians 2:9-12
 Song Leader: Gunnar Taylor
 Sermon: Mike Gors
 Sermon Topic: *“Godly Fathers”*
 Closing Prayer: Rex Harper

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Bill Winemiller
 West Side—Outside: Jacob Martin
 Inside: Jimmy Clark
 East Side— Inside: Bill Smith
 Outside: Richard Messer

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gunnar Taylor
 Opening Prayer: Chad Bobo
 Scripture Reading: Howard Goodman
2 Peter, 1:16-21
 Sermon: Mike Gors
 Sermon Topic: *“God’s Word”*
 Communion Table: Volker Jaromin
 Closing Prayer: Kendall Clark
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

June
DOOR GREETERS: Group 3

COMMUNION: Prep: Sue
Clean-up: Sally Anderson
SECURING THE BUILDING:
 June 15th & 18th: Brian & Tyann

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, Lung Cancer, Lela’s friend
Brenda Huffman
Brett Rutherford, missionary—brain cancer
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
Walter Nash, bone cancer. Chad Bobo’s uncle
Wesley Clinger, leukemia. School friend of Rachel Chambers

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	87
Sun. Worship am	132
Sun. Worship pm	90
Wed. Bible Study	81

Wednesday Night Devotionals

June 18...Adam Gors
 June 25...Don Allison

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Important Meeting

Wednesday, June 18th
 The Mission Vacation Bible School participants will meet on Wednesday at 6:00 in the building.

At the Allison Home

Don and Teresa Allison are hosting a weekly devotional for high school and college age youth. The group will meet on Thursdays, 7p-9p throughout the summer but there will be no meeting on July 3rd. Guys are ask to bring soda pop and girls are ask to bring snacks.

Saturday June 28, 1p-3p

Ladies “Learn-to” Class
 All women and young ladies are invited to gather in the lower level for their first “Learn-to-Class”. Jennifer Clark will speak on “Skin Care”. Come for good fellowship and learning. If you have questions see Sally.

Please remember the sign up sheet for communion prep for the following months.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Holly—Jun 16
 Betty K—Jun 16
 Joe R—Jun 16
 Trevor—Jun 17
 Hailey—Jun 22
 Kristen—Jun 24
 Jim H—Jun 25
 Marylou—Jun 25
 Kayla—Jul 8

Ladies Deep Bible Study

If you have a desire to study the scripture, you will enjoy learning about “The Holy Spirit in the Gospels” in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This class meets year round and is hosted by Connie Reynolds. It is a wonderful opportunity to breathe in The Word, share in discussion, enjoy the fellowship of other women and have a home cooked treat. This group meets in the lower level from 7p-9p on the last Thursday of each month. It is also a good opportunity to get acquainted with women from other Church of Christ congregations in the area. Come, learn and enjoy.

Time Well Spent

“What I Believe...Cont.) Matthew may have heard the stories of Isaiah while attending the synagogue but he did not have a completed bible nicely bound in leather lying on his coffee table that he could reference. The gospel according to Matthew and Luke was not written and yet the birth of Jesus, his turbulent life, terrible suffering and subsequent death burial and resurrection happened just as Isaiah said it would some 700 + years before.

Third, I believe the Bible is God’s word because of scientific foreknowledge. A few examples of scientific foreknowledge would be things that could be found in scriptures long before they were discovered. For example the roundness of the earth is recorded in Isaiah 40:22. That scripture could have been found and read in the days when most everyone thought the world was flat. The suspension of the earth is recorded in Job 26:7 this too was recorded before the greatest astronomers were born. Who knows this stuff? Answer, the God who exists in heaven and created all of these things. That same God wrote them in a book to communicate to the very ones who bear his image and likeness for their reading enjoyment and for the wisdom that could be gained.

Due to the limitation of space this is obviously not an exhaustive dissertation about the Bible being God’s word but rather a few things to whet our appetite or spark an interest in knowing more about God and his Word. Also, to have confidence that we have with in our hands words from God that he desired to communicate to his creation about origins of life, sin, heaven, hell, love, and forgiveness. The Bible is God’s word! MJG