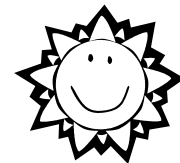


## Around and About...

- June 24, Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8a at IHOP
- June 24, Ladies Breakfast, 10a at IHOP
- June 22-25, Mission Vacation Bible School in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Led 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 left 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.
- August 7, 2014, Memphis Preaching School Student, Armand Wine will speak at West Side

**Do Remember; Save your box tops for Southwest Children's home; Sign up for communion prep; Bring soup and canned meat for the pantry; Gospel meeting at Town Acres.**



### Summer Classes



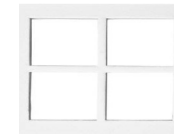
#### Sunday

**Ages 4,5,6 —Debbie P.**  
**Grades 1,2,3-Kathy M.**  
**Grades 4,5,6—Ann W.**  
**High School—Don A.**  
**Adult 1—Larry and Gary R.**  
**Adult 2—Mike Gors**

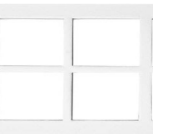
#### Wednesday

**Ages 4,5,6—Teresa A.**  
**Grades 1,2—Sally**  
**Girl's Grades 3-High School—Rachel**  
**Boy's Grades 3-High School—Volker**  
**Combined Adult Class—Mike Gors**

"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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## Feelings Follow Facts

Eric Lyons

Humans are emotional creatures. We love and hate. We hope and hurt. We dread and rejoice. We cry when we are sad, as well as when we are happy. We shout when we are angry, and we shout when we are thrilled. I have one son who not only smiles when he is happy, he even smiles (seemingly uncontrollably) when he is in trouble (which I have yet to understand). The roller coaster of emotions that occasionally overcomes us can wear us out one day and energize us the next. Like any human, Christians are emotional people. We are emotional because we are human, but we also are stirred with emotions because we are servants of Jesus Christ.

Christians are called to be spiritual people (Galatians 6:1). We are "partakers of...spiritual things" (Romans 15:27). We are to "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). We must "worship the Father in spirit" (John 4:23-24). We are building a "spiritual house...to offer up spiritual sacrifices" (1 Peter 2:5). Such spirituality leads us to feel an array of emotions: reverence for the Creator, compassion for the lost, hatred of evil, anticipation of the Lord's return, etc. Sadly, however, many who call themselves followers of Christ think of Christianity simply as a "feel-good religion." The mindset among many is, "Feelings first, knowledge later" (if ever). Like the prophets of Baal, they cry out with great emotion and leap around in hysteria (1 Kings 18:20-40). Like the Pharisees, they pray and do charitable deeds to be seen of men (Matthew 6:1-8). Like Cain, they make unacceptable offerings, rather than sacrifices "by faith" (Genesis 4:4-5; Hebrews 11:4; cf. Romans 10:17). The cornerstone of Christianity for such people is emotion rather than Christ (Ephesians 2:20), feelings rather than facts. They think they can be "spiritual" without knowing the Spirit-revealed Truth (John 16:13).

If Scripture teaches anything, it teaches that a faithful Christian's feelings follow the digestion of biblical facts. Unlike Israel who had "a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge" (Romans 10:2), our enthusiasm for the Lord is to be rooted in the knowledge of God's Word. Prior to becoming Christians, our hearts can be properly "pricked" only **after** we have heard the Gospel (Acts 2:14-37). We can be saved **after** we have "come to the knowledge of the Truth" (1 Timothy 2:4) and "receive with meekness the implanted word" (James 1:21). We can be cleansed and comforted **after** "taking heed" according to God's Word (Psalm 119:9,50-52). We can go on our way rejoicing **after** receiving the Word (Acts 8:26-39). We can praise God "with uprightness of heart" **after** learning God's righteous judgments (Psalm 119:7). We can worship in spirit **after** learning the truth (John 4:24; 17:17). We can be spiritual **after** taking hold of "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17) and learning "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16-6:1).

Are we to worship God fervently? Certainly. Are we to be "zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14)? Definitely. Should the soul-saving message of Jesus Christ stir our souls intensely? Indeed. But, Christianity has never been rooted in raw human emotions. Spirituality is not equivalent to excitement. Faith is not a mere feeling. Christianity is grounded in God's Word. Our salvation, spirituality, worship, work, and overall faithfulness to God are dependent on **knowing** God's will. Remember, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God", Romans 10:17.

(Apologetics Press)

### 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- 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

Laconia Church of  
Christ  
The Belanger family  
New Hampshire

# WORSHIP FOR June 22

## MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Brian Huffman  
 Opening Prayer: Adam Gors  
 Scripture Reading: Bill Smith  
*1 Peter 2: 13-17*  
 Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt  
 Sermon: Mike Gors  
 Sermon Topic: *“Living Peacefully with All Men”*  
 Closing Prayer: Brian Huffman

## COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Richard Messer  
 West Side—Outside: Larry Taylor  
 Inside: Jim Clark  
 East Side— Inside: Chris Schombert  
 Outside: Joe Walker

## EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt  
 Opening Prayer: Kendall Clark  
 Scripture Reading: Rick Cox  
*Romans 5: 1-9*  
 Sermon: Mike Gors  
 Sermon Topic: *“No Longer Enemies of God”*  
 Communion Table: Richard Messer  
 Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin  
 Sound Room: Don Allison

# 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  
**Cameron Bobo**, hospitalized after car accident—Chad’s brother  
**Georgia Roberts**, very ill. Friend of Marie McBride.  
**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 are in Ohio.  
**Nancy Shaw**, breast Cancer. Sister of Janet Messer  
**Rhonda Parker**-reoccurrence of cancer. RL’s daughter  
**Shawna Schock**  
**Stephen Southard**, back surgery in Indianapolis-Virginia’s son  
**Steve Reed**, Joe and Wanda’s son—breathing issues  
**Walter Nash**, bone cancer. Chad Bobo’s uncle

Heartfelt sympathy to the Jaromin Family on the death of family friend, Oscar Wagner

## Shut-Ins:

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

## ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF June 15, 2014

Sun. Bible Study 95  
 Sun. Worship am 128  
 Sun. Worship pm 68  
 Wed. Bible Study 65

## Wednesday Night Devotionals

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

## June

**DOOR GREETERS:** Group 3

**COMMUNION: Prep:** Sue  
**Clean-up:** Debbie Perry

**SECURING THE BUILDING:**  
 June 22nd & 25th: Jim & Jennifer

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**For the Summer:**  
 High School and College age youth will meet for a devotional each Thursday at Don and Teresa Allison’s home, 7p-9p. Boys bring soda pop and girls bring snacks. Will not meet July 3, 2014.

**Learn-to Class:**  
 Ladies class on June 28th, 1p-3p In lower level. Jennifer Clark to speak on “Skin Care”. All women and young ladies are welcome.

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**A reminder from Volker Jaromin that we all must act quickly in case of a tornado sighting or when the community warning is sounded. In an orderly fashion, we will go immediately to the basement, seeing that the elderly are assisted and that an account of all children is made. Be aware that there are numerous emergency flashlights plugged into classrooms outlets and in the auditorium.**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Hailey—Jun 22  
 Kristen—Jun 24  
 Jim H—Jun 25  
 Marylou—Jun 25  
 Kayla—Jul 8  
 Richard—Jul 10  
 Gary—Jul 22

# Ninety Nine, Going on One Hundred

Ruth Prater is our oldest in the number at West Side. Once, when ask how much she knew in all her years of living, she quickly answered, “Very little.” Ruth is cherished in this congregation for many reasons, the first being she is a faithful Christian and good example. She was baptized into the Lord’s Church while still living at home as a young woman. She can’t remember the exact year but she remembers being baptized with three others in a nearby river by preacher, Bill Willis. Ruth’s parents were both New Testament Christians and her Father was instrumental in seeding a Church of Christ in Prairie Plains, TN. She first opened her eyes on Tues., Nov. 24, 1914 in Decherd, TN and grew up with five sisters and one brother, her Father proudly announcing that now “all the six girls each had one brother”. Her father, Henry Little, was keeper of the county hearse (a fancy wagon) and that is why he kept horses. This enabled Ruth to ride to school on a horse which made her future husband, Luther, think she was a rich girl. Coincidentally, he drove the school bus which was also a wagon but pulled by mules. Ruth attended elementary classes at Shake Rag School in TN and went on to Junior High at Hogs Wallow, also in TN. Ruth and Luther came to Muncie in the early 11940’s and for many years, attended Fairlawn Church of Christ before coming to West Side. Their family consists of three sons and three grandsons. Ruth presently makes her home with two of her sons while the other lives next door. On a summer’s day at Ruth’s home, vegetables from a rich garden laid in-wait to be canned, a goodie could be smelled from the oven and the Bible or a book was lying in wait for her to return. All who know Ruth love her and consider it an honor to stand along side her. She is a valiant servant of the lord and a woman to be cherished. Her testimony, her wisdom, sharp wit and good humor make for memorable conversation and good time spent in her company.