

## 2014-2015 Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes Kick-Off

Come to sign up for your preferred categories

Commit to being the best you can be

Learn the Bible, Learn to be Christ-like, Learn to face a Challenge.

Sharpen your skills.....

Learn to overcome fears .....

Village Bowl

August 31, 2014

2:00p-4:00p

See Todd or Genny for details

See You There, Kids and Parents!

**All to the Glory of God!**



### Spiritual Reasons to Attend Every Worship Assembly of the Church

—Because Jesus is there. Matt. 18:20 says, “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” Jesus made it his custom to worship in the synagogue (Luke 4:16). He promised to be with us at the communion table (Matt. 26-27-29).

—Because in worship one shows love and gratitude. When you think of all that God has done for us, assembling for worship is one way we can express our thankfulness and love. A genuine lover seeks every opportunity to show that love.

—Because Christians need the strength of fellow believers. Hebrews 10:24 urges believers to consider how to stimulate each other to love and good works! God knew that people would need each other to remain strong and face the challenges of life. (Eccl. 4:9-12)

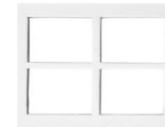
—Because assembling with others sets the right example. In 1 Tim. 4:12, Paul urged Timothy to set an example of a believer “in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

—Because assembling puts our priorities in the right order. Jesus demands in Matt 6:33 that we seek His kingdom and His righteousness. The Lord knew His people needed the frequent encouragement of gathering with other saints to keep their focus on righteousness.

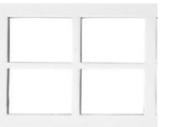
—Because assembling with the church is preparing for heaven. It is no accident that the angels and the elders in heaven spent their time worshipping around the throne. (Rev. 4:9-11)

—Because worship on the Lord’s Day prepares the heart to serve the rest of the week. Arthur Dekryter said, “Where is the church at 10:25 on Monday morning? The church then is in the dentist’s office, in the automobile sales room and repair shop and out in the truck. It is in the hospital, in the classroom and in the home. It is in the offices, insurance, law, real estate. That is where the church is, wherever God’s people are. They are doing what they ought to be doing.

David was right when he noted in Psalm 1:2-3 (ESV), “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law, he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” Phil Sanders, Focus Press



# WEST SIDE WINDOW



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## **A Real Solution to Your Problems: Go to Church and Get Involved!**

by Phil Sanders

*And since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:21-25, ESV).*

When the Hebrew writer penned this passage, the church faced a number of problems common to churches today. Some were being hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:12, 13). Some were failing to mature as Christians (Hebrews 5:12). Some were falling away from Jesus (Hebrews 6:4-6). Others were living ungodly and bitter lives, causing others to be lost (Heb. 12:14, 15). The Hebrew writer knew Christians needed each other's strength to remain strong in their faith: He exhorted them:

let us draw near to God (10:22)

let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering (10:23)

let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good works (10:24)

not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near (10:25).

### **Practical Reasons to Assemble With the Church:**

Whether you face difficulties in your life, at home, at work or school, or in your community, attending church and getting involved “substantially benefits” every aspect of your life. Patrick Fagan and The Heritage Foundation recently published a twenty-page report citing hundreds of studies showing the value of practiced religion.

According to Fagan, getting involved at church makes marriages happier and parent-child relationships stronger. Getting religiously involved will bring about less crime, fewer out-of-wedlock births, less cohabitation, and less extramarital sex.

Students who regularly assemble with the church will enjoy significant education achievements, find encouragement for good work habits and higher aspirations, and will enjoy greater parental involvement. This is especially true for low-income students.

Frequent church attendance correlates positively with improved overall health, longer lives, and lower levels of infectious diseases. They will enjoy mental health and happiness, greater self-esteem, more self-control, and increased coping skills. Frequent attendance greatly helps in recovery from addictions and reduces the frequency of depression and suicide.

Communities with higher levels of religious commitment and practice experience greater cohesiveness, greater charitable giving, and less violent crime (Fagan, “Why Religion Matters Even More: The Impact of Religious Practice on Social Stability.”

[www.heritage.org/research/religion/bg1992.cfm](http://www.heritage.org/research/religion/bg1992.cfm)).

### SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —  
9:30 am

Worship — 10:30 am &  
6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study —  
7:00 pm

### MINISTER

Michael Gors

### 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

#### New Hampshire

Laconia Church of  
Christ

The Belanger family

## WORSHIP FOR August 17

### MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Bill Winemiller  
 Song Leader: Gary Reynolds  
 1st Prayer: Joe Reed  
 Scripture: Steve Gors  
 Sermon: Mike Gors  
 Closing Prayer: Rex Harper  
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

### COMMUNION SERVERS

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

### EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds  
 1st Prayer: Chad Bobo  
 Scripture: Howard Goodman  
 Sermon: Mike Gors  
 Communion Table: Volker Jaromin  
 Closing Prayer: Kendall Clark  
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

### AUGUST 17TH DUTIES

**Group Two** is responsible for being greeters, securing the building and communion clean-up.

**Communion Prep for August: Pat E. & Lonni**



**Betsy Cartwright**, lung cancer. Difficult time. Lela's friend  
**Bob Allison**, Chemotherapy treatments. Father of Don Allison  
**Brett Rutherford**, missionary. Responding to treatment  
**Dana Shaw**, improved  
**Elayna Reynolds**, Type 3 Saulters-Harris fracture of tibia. Just started back to school. Using crutches.  
**Georgia Roberts**, terminal, niece of Marie McBride  
**Ira Chambers**, upon the death of great-uncle, Harold Luce  
**Joyce Popplewell**, steroid therapy recommended for back pain  
**Laura Niccum**, Thyroid cancer, recovering from surgery, Cousin of Genny  
**Lisa Staggs**  
**Lynn Morgan Davis**, back surgery. Friend of Natalie  
**Marshall Staggs**  
**Michelle Bohman**, Mass in throat. Situation guarded. Cousin of Genny. Michelle & Laura are sisters.  
**Nancy Shaw**, breast Cancer. Gaining strength. Sister of Janet Messer  
**Sue Clendenson**, remains critically ill Sister-in-law of Marie.

### Shut-Ins:

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

### Attendance for the Week of Aug. 10, 2014

Sunday Bible Study	88
Sunday Worship am	119
Sunday Worship pm	62
Wed. Bible Study	69

### Wednesday Devotions Aug 20th

Devotional: Chad B.  
 Song Leader: Lowell H.  
 Prayer: Howard G.

## Looking Ahead

**Aug 19**, Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8a at IHOP  
**Aug 19**, Ladies Breakfast, 10a at IHOP  
**Aug. 21**, Chronological Bible Reading at the building, 10a-12n.  
**Aug. 21**, High school and college age devotional at Town Acres. 7p-9p. Refreshment provided.  
**Aug. 22-28**, "Polishing the Pulpit" in Gatlinburg, Tennessee  
**Aug. 28**, Ladies Deep Bible Study Class, 7p-9p, at the building.  
**Aug. 30**, Ellen's 90th birthday party at the building. 2p-4p. Invitation posted.  
**Aug 31**, Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes 2014-2015 Kick-off. See page 4  
**Sept. 7**, Monthly devotional at Bethel Pointe. Everyone welcome to join in scripture, prayer and song. 2p  
**Sept. 12-14**, Fall Rally at Camp Indogan. Paul Levasseur is the director.  
**Sept 13**, Goshen Church of Christ Ladies Day, RSVP requested. Sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board.  
**This week, please bring canned fruit for the food pantry.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Teresa C—Aug 18  
 Joan—Aug 20  
 Lela—Aug 23  
 Larry T.—Aug 26  
 Pam Smith—Aug. 26  
 Margaret H—Aug 27  
 Bethany—Aug 29  
 Jim W—Aug 29



Congratulations to Herb and Betty



on their 64th wedding anniversary to be celebrated on August 20th.

### Coins for Camp Indogan

The ladies of the camp are requesting loose change which will go to the betterment of the camp. For your convenience, you will find a small, white container on the table to deposit your donation.

Girl's Year Round Song Leading will begin this Sunday with a visit to Westminster Village at 2:00. All ladies in the congregation are invited to join the girls and will be welcome guests. Brother Bill Gaw who was a West Side deacon and song leader is a resident there and he will enjoy the company and the music. After a turn-off from Bethel, look for a small circular parking lot on the right. Ask for the "Play Court"

### —A Shepherd—

How sweet is the shepherd's sweet lot.  
 From the morn to the evening, he stays,  
 He shall follow his sheep all the day  
 And his tongue shall be filled with praise.

For he hears the lamb's innocent call,  
 And he hears the ewes tender reply,  
 He is watchful while they are at peace  
 For they know when their shepherd is nigh.

William Blake