

TEACHING SCHEDULE  
Fall Quarter 2009  
September - November

| SUNDAY                    | CLASS       | WEDNESDAY                |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Dana Shaw                 | Nursery     | Delores Huffman          |
| Debbie Perry              | 4, 5, & K   | Teresa Allison           |
| Teresa Cox                | 1st & 2nd   | Maria Hoyt               |
| Todd Stults               | 3rd & 4th   | Sue Davis                |
| Tena Taylor               | 5th & 6th   | Sally Anderson           |
| Larry Reynolds            | 7th & 8th   | Brian Huffman            |
| Larry Taylor              | High School | Mike Haviland            |
| Gary Reynolds             | Adult 1     | Genny Stults<br>(Ladies) |
| Jerry Hoyt<br>Don Allison | Adult 2     | Larry Reynolds<br>(Men)  |

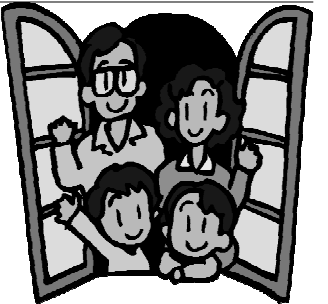
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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12.

# WEST SIDE WINDOW

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## IT CAN HAPPEN By Steve Higginbotham

This past week, I read an article about a young basketball player who happens to be the grandson of Jim Jones, the former leader of the People's Temple Church. Those of you who are old enough surely remember that on Saturday, November 18, 1978, a total of 918 members of the People's Temple Church in Jonestown, Guyana committed suicide/murder. Of this number, 294 of the dead were children under the age of 18.

I was 16 years old at the time. I remember spending about a week talking about the events in my 10th grade World Culture class. Though 30 years have passed, I still vividly see in my mind the pictures of hundreds of people lying dead on the ground; arms wrapped around one another, mother's holding their babies, and a father embracing what must have been his wife and children.

The question that people asked then, and continue to ask today is, "How could so many people do such a senseless thing? How could so many people forfeit their lives, and the lives of their children?" While I still find these questions hard to answer, I do believe I have a better understanding of it today, than I did 30 years ago.

Jim Jones, the founder of "The People's Temple Church" was a charismatic leader. In 1952, he left the Methodist church. He claimed to be the "manifestation of the Christ principle." He claimed to heal the sick just like Jesus did. He even claimed to raise the dead just like Jesus did. In fact, he demanded the absolute loyalty of his followers. Being disloyal to him was tantamount to being disloyal to Christ, Himself. Jones said:

"I have put on Christ, you see. I have followed after the example of Christ. When you see me...it's no longer Jim Jones here. I'm crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ that lives here. Now Christ is in this body...You will not get Christ's blessing in Jim Jones' blessing until you walk like Jim Jones, until you talk like Jim Jones, until you act like Jim Jones, until you look like Jim Jones. How long will I be with you until you understand that I am no longer a man, but a Principle. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light. No one can come to the Father but through me."

I believe the answer can be found in a comment made by the Major in charge of the Army operation to remove the bodies from Jonestown. In disbelief, he said, "There were no Bibles in Jonestown!" These people had been weaned away from the word of God, and had learned to trust in the words of a man.

Can such a tragedy happen again? Of course it can. It happens every day. Not the mass suicides, but people who turn from the Word of God to follow the words of a man. Loyalty to God's Word can save us from the tragedy of following a man to our own physical and eternal destruction. "Where there is no vision [revelation—S.H.], the people perish..." (Proverbs 29:18).

### SERVICES

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

### MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

### ELDERS

Mike Haviland  
Brian Huffman  
Larry G. Reynolds  
Herb Smith  
Larry Taylor  
George Welker

### DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth  
Bill Gaw, Building &  
Grounds  
Jerry Hoyt, Bible Corresp. &  
Upon The Rock  
Lowell Huffman,  
Benevolence  
Volker Jaromin, Building &  
Grounds  
Dwayne Odle, Missions  
Gary Reynolds, Seminars  
Todd Stults, Education and  
Asst. Finance  
Jim Witty, Finance & Upon  
The Rock

### MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia  
Willie Smith  
South Central Church of  
Christ  
Robert Ray  
Tanzania, Africa  
Christopher Mwakabanje  
plus two preaching school  
students  
Memphis School Of  
Preaching  
Andrey Kostine

**WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 23**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**

Song Leader: Dwayne Odle  
Opening Prayer: Mark Stewart  
Scripture Reading: Jim Clark  
Sermon: Guest Speaker-Ryan Cox  
Announcements: Brian Huffman  
Closing Prayer: John Schock

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

West Side-Assist: Blade Taylor  
Prayer: Richard Messer  
East Side-Prayer: Lowell Huffman  
Assist: Drew Odle

**EVENING WORSHIP**

Song Leader: Dwayne Odle  
Opening Prayer: Kendall Clark  
Scripture Reading: Todd Stults  
(Gen. 37:18-28)  
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds  
Sermon Topic: "Joseph, A Life of Sorrow and Joy"  
Communion Table: Don Gaw  
Closing Prayer: Don Allison

**PULPIT PREVIEW FOR**  
**AUGUST 30, 2009**

AM: "Leading a Nation to Sin"  
(I Kings 12:28-33)  
PM: "Positive and Negative Preaching"  
(Malachi 1:2-5)

**AUGUST**

**GREETERS:**

**East Door:** Sally & Kayla Anderson  
**Front Door + Ushers:** Jay Kellow & Clayton Parker

**COMMUNION:**

**Prep:** Lowell & Charlene Huffman  
**Clean-up:** Dana Shaw, Sally Anderson, Judy Stewart

**BUILDING CLEANING:** Lowell & Charlene Huffman, and Richard & Janet Messer

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Barbara Blaser**, friend of Lisa, has recurrence of cancer  
**Martina Conaster**, Gail Parker's aunt, has breast cancer  
**Clarence "Bud" Henry**, Delores' uncle  
**Brandon Lee**, 1st grade student who is seriously ill. Brandon and his mother need our prayers.  
**Charlotte Manis** is having heart problems  
**Marie McBride** fell and hurt her arm  
**Norma Norris**, Grant's grandmother  
**Carol Reedy**, co-worker of Tyann  
**Nora Lee Robbins**, Gail Parker's mother  
**Kent Sanders** is battling cancer  
**Gary Sheffield**, Cleo's son was attached by a pit bull.  
**Travis**, friend of Pat Egle.  
**Kay Thomason**, Howard Goodman's sister. Send encouragement to 1219 Kelly Dr., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.  
**Erica Walden**, Pat Kidd's granddaughter  
**George & Ellen Welker**  
**Jerry & Melba Wilhoite**  
**David Witty** is awaiting test results for a kidney transplant.  
**Everett & Ann Witty**

**Shut-Ins**

**Virginia Ashley** - Westminster  
**Juanita Broderick** - The Woodlands  
**Twyla Monroe** - The Woodlands  
**Mary Norris** - The Woodlands

**Away in the Military**

**Grant Kellow**  
**Brian Noonkester** - Germany  
**Justin Spence-Iraq**

**Sympathy**

Forrest Hurst's brother, **Cletis Hurst**, passed away. Also Jane Clark's mother, **Elsie Masiongale**, passed away recently. Please remember these families in your prayers.

**MARK YOUR**  
**CALENDARS**

**August 23**—Group 2 (Larry T. & Larry R.) will meet in the small classroom after evening services.

**August 25**—Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.

**August 25 & 27**—Ladies exercise at 9 AM.

**Aug 23-25**—Meadowbrook church of Christ is celebrating 50 years with a gospel meeting. See bulletin board for details.

**Aug 30**—Carry in lunch with early evening services.

**Sept 6**—Elders will meet at 4:30.

**Sept 7**—Labor Day breakfast at Marrow's Meadows, 9 AM.

**Sept 9**—Make plans to join us for fellowship and dinner Wednesday at 5:30.

**Sept 13-16**—The church of Christ of Tipton invites all to their gospel meeting with Phil Dunn as their speaker. See bulletin board for details.

**Sept 19**—Garfield Heights Ladies Day, "I Never Promised You A Rose Garden" at 10:00 with speakers, Kista and Mindy Reynolds. RSVP by Sept. 1.

**Sept 20**—Elders and deacons will meet at 4:30.

**Oct 10**—Lebanon church of Christ Ladies Inspiration Day, "Hungering For More", 9-noon.

**ATTENDANCE FOR THE**  
**WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2009**

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Sunday Bible Study    |     |
| Sunday Worship am     | 130 |
| Sunday Worship pm     |     |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 86  |

**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST!!**

**Chris Brown**, step-grandson of Larry and Connie, was baptized into Christ August 9.

**RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS**

Happiness is something we create in our mind, It's not something you search for and so seldom find— It's just waking up and beginning the day By counting blessings and kneeling to pray— It's giving up thoughts that breed discontent And accepting what comes as "heaven sent"— It's giving up wishing for things we have not And making the best of whatever we've got— It's knowing that the future is secure for us, And pursuing our tasks without fret or fuss— For it's by completing what God gives us to do That we find contentment and happiness, too.

**AT DAY'S END**

Is anybody happier because you passed this way? Does anybody remember that you spoke to them today? The day is almost over and its toiling time is through; Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word for you? Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's dipping fast, That you helped a single person of the many that you passed? Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said; Does the person whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead? Did you waste the day or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent? Did you leave a trial of kindness, or scar of discontent? As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say "You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today."

**TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE**  
**ANSWERS FROM 08/16**

- 46. What blind man kissed his two grandsons? **Jacob. Gen 48:10**
- 47. Who sold their young brother into slavery? **Joseph's brothers. Gen. 37:26-28**
- 48. What slave boy became ruler of the land? **Joseph. Gen. 39:1; Gen. 41:41**
- 49. Where is a long description of a perfect wife? **Prov. 31:10-31**
- 50. What one cause for divorce did Jesus recognize? **Adultery. Matt. 5:31, 32; Matt. 19:9**