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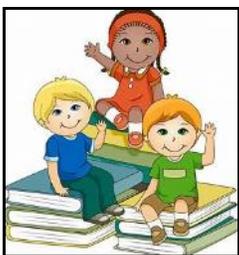
What is Happening Today?

5th Sunday Singing

6p, This evening, singing at Towne Acres. West Side, Columbus Ave. and Portland will also participate each 5th Sunday.

- September 7, Men's Class at West Side, 6p
- September 16th, Senior Saints at West Side
- September 18, Goshen Church of Christ Ladies Day. Please RSVP. See flyer
- September 25, 27th Annual Lectureship at Lincolnway COC in Columbia City, IN. Flyer on board # 1
- September 25, Ladies' Inspirational Day at East Allen County COC in New Haven IN. Flyer posted

The sound of school children is in the air again and West Side will again contribute weekend food packets for needful elementary students.



This help is becoming more and more relevant each year. If you are interested in contributing monetarily, please see Genny. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Welcome

It is our wish to teach and live the gospel of Christ. Our aim is to follow the example of the New Testament church in word and deed, wanting to add nothing nor take anything away from scripture. If you have any questions or concerns concerning anything you have seen or heard here today, the Elders will be glad to speak with you. If you wish to wear a mask while here, please feel free to do so. Communion packets, contribution baskets and masks are placed at both double doors. Visitor cards are available in each seating row. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again.

What Teacher in the Lord's Church Has Impacted You the Most?

- Emily Stults, **Volker Jaromin**. He explains very well so you can understand and he is not afraid to admit his own errors—so that you can learn. Volker is warm and funny.
- Dana Shaw, **George Welker**. When George presented a lesson, you were assured he had studied and knew his way through. He taught us to make the effort to pronounce Biblical names and interpret scripture correctly and he expected the best out of each one of his students.
- Bill Winemiller, **Melvin Elliot**. He was the preacher at Tipton and Garfield Heights and very learned in scripture and doctrine. He taught me about Calvinism in a most memorable way. He was compassionate and concerned about his fellow man in every respect.
- Danny Odle, **George Welker**, George explained things on my level and it stayed in my mind. If you had a question, George respected it.
- Sally Anderson, **Mike Haviland**. He made it simple and his teaching made me want to learn more.

Services

Sunday Morning Class
9:30a

Worship: 10:30a
(Also live-streamed)

**No Sunday Evening
Service**

Wednesday Bible Study
7p

Preacher

Michael Gors

Elders

Michael Gors

Gary Reynolds

Todd Stults

Deacons

Don Allison
Fellowship

Jim Clark
Visitation

Lowell Huffman
Media

Those Whom

We Support

INDIA

Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship

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Announcements: Todd Stults

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Opening Prayer: Lowell Huffman

Scripture: Rick Cox, *1 Thess. 5:12-18*

Lord's Table: Don Allison

Sermon: Mike Gors

"Rejoice Always"

Closing Prayer: Bill Smith

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Bible Study, September 1st

Song Leader: Case Reynolds

Devo: Mike Gors

Prayer: Gary Reynolds

Remember
Calls and Cards
to Our Shut-ins

Anna Funk--Morrison
Woods

Carl Gilstrap--Albany
Health Care

Howard Latta--
Elmcroft Assisted liv-
ing

Remember that you
are absolutely
unique...just like
everyone else.



Whatever You Do --Doy Moyer

Living as a child of God is all-encompassing. There is no aspect of life that is untouched by what we think about God and how we make our choices. We cannot just unplug ourselves from serving the Lord at certain times and act as though we have freedom to do as we will apart from Him. Many passages in Scripture show the importance of living life within the will of God. Let's think for a moment, though, about a phrase that we find that may help put this in perspective: "whatever you do." That phrase leaves nothing on the table; it involves everything that we think and do. Consider that phrase as found in these passages:

"So, whether you eat or drink, or **whatever you do**, do all to the glory of God" ([1 Cor 10:31](#)).

In a context sensitive to both the liberties and the consciences of others (1 Cor 10), Paul sets the focus on God over self. God is the One to be glorified by our actions, so selfish behavior is not acceptable. Notice what Paul says next (vv. 32-33): "Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved." These are significant lessons:

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Get Over Yourself

Proverbs 16:5 says, "The Lord despises pride." So, get over yourself! An elementary school boy came home from tryouts for the school play. "Mommy, Mommy" he announced, "I got a part. I've been chosen to sit in the audience and clap and cheer." When you have a chance to clap and cheer, do you take it? If you do, your head is starting to fit your hat size. Demanding respect is like chasing a butterfly. Chase it, and you'll never catch it. Sit still, and it may light on your shoulder. The Bible says in Proverbs 27:2, "Don't praise yourself. Let someone else do it." Does your self-esteem need attention? You need only pause at the base of the cross and be reminded of this: The Maker of the stars would rather die for you than live without you. --Jim Avery



Ginger Whitenack--Sept. 1

Riley Burch--Sept. 8

Emily Stults--Sept. 12

Moissa Hummel--Sept. 13

Mark Stewart--Sept. 16

Don Gilstrap--Sept. 17

Martha Gilstrap--Sept. 17

Maria Hoyt--Sept. 18

Greg Qualkenbush--Sept. 21

Melinda Sheffield--Sept. 24

Elayna Reynolds--Sept. 25

Don Allison--Sept. 25

Sylvia Carroll--Sept. 25

Kay Wall--Sept. 26

Cliff Nicks--Sept. 26

Virginia Southard--Sept. 28



Please Pray for

April Stinson, Cancer. Friend of Genny

Carl & Martha Gilstrap, Carl had a fall resulting in serious injuries while at Albany Health Care. Martha has been diagnosed with Emphysema

Casey Robinson and His Family

Clare Vannatter, Richard's sister in WV

Cliff Nicks, Home after heart surgery

Gordon and Brenda Huffman in Crossville, TN. Gordon and Brenda are both struggling with ongoing health issues

Don and Nancy Ellis, Bill's sister, Nancy, and her husband

Family of Lola Harrell, Sister, Roberta

Marty Gors

Nick Hummel, Cancer

Susan Cloninger, Susan is scheduled for an MRI on September 21. She appreciates the many prayers on her behalf

Skylar Murphy and Owens Family

Tom Davis, Lung cancer

Wanda Reed

When Samson pulled the building down, how many people were on the roof?

About Three Thousand
Judges 16:27

Whatever You do (Cont)

1. Try to “give no offense.” In other words, try not to be the occasion for others to stumble (NIV: “Do not cause anyone to stumble”). We realize that people will stumble over the preaching of the gospel (1 Cor 1-2), but by our focus and actions we might be glorifying self, and in so doing become a stumbling block to others because we run roughshod over their faith and conscience to get what we want.
2. Instead of ignoring the faith and conscience of others, seek to “please everyone in everything” (Yes, that’s what it says). What does this mean? The idea is to seek to accommodate the needs and interests of others. Take into account where others are in their consciences and try to be helpful to them. This same idea is given in [Phil 2:4](#), “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Don’t be blind to the needs of others, but seek to elevate them, help them, encourage them, and be sensitive to where they are conscientiously. Put their needs before yours.
3. Paul modifies what he is saying: “not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.” Instead of seeking our own selfish purposes, seek to become a bridge for others to be reconciled to God. Selfishness breeds contempt for God and others, but a mind intent on helping others in their fellowship with God will avoid seeking personal advantage because we want all to be saved. The salvation of others is more important than my personal rights.

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While our liberties should not be judged by another’s conscience (v. 29), neither shall we use our liberties to run over others so that we are hurtful and become a cause for their fall. Seek their salvation. Seek to glorify God. Put aside selfish ambitions.

Next, Paul uses that phrase twice in Colossians 3:

“And **whatever you do**, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” ([Col 3:16-17](#)).

“**Whatever you do**, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ” ([Col 3:23-24](#)).

Here, Paul again shows the importance of doing everything within a context of serving the Lord:

1. Both word and deed are to be done in the Lord’s name. This is to His glory and according to His will.
2. Work “from the heart.” The term here involves all of life — the heart, soul, and mind. This is how we are to love God and work for him. We are to give our all.
3. “For the Lord and not for people.” While we are serve others through love, we realize that ultimately our work is for the Lord, even in our service of others. We are not to be so concerned about looking good in front of others that we neglect what we are doing for the Lord. He takes the first position in all we do, and He is the one who provides our final inheritance, not people.
4. “You serve the Lord Christ.” This reiterates the point. If we can just remember that, in all we are doing, we serve the Lord, other things will fall into place. The practical aspect of this is to realize that when we drive, eat, go to work, write a paper, involve ourselves in recreation, or whatever else we are doing, we are serving the Lord Christ. This is comprehensive, inclusive, and leaves nothing of our lives untouched. Are you serving the Lord Christ today in whatever you do and doing all in His name?