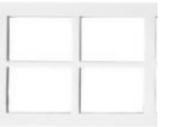


WEST SIDE WINDOW



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OUR STRONGEST SERVICE: When we serve together, we also realize the full potential of work that we can do. Combining the energy of youth with the wisdom and experience that only comes with age brings about a greater level of service than either group could achieve alone. Reaching out to our community is hard work, and it takes each member working together to do our best work. Our congregation hosts a Christmas meal that is open to the entire community. We also deliver meals throughout our county. In fact, that day 1 out of every 10 residents in our county eats a Christmas meal that was prepared and delivered by members of the church. This project is so big that several area congregations help us with it. But even with their help, no one generational group is big enough to pull off all the planning and work it takes to reach out to our community in such a big way. Only when the whole church works together can we realize the full potential of our abilities. **WHOSE JOB IS IT?** Whether they use PowerPoint, flannelgraph, stained glass windows, or just a pile of rocks (see Joshua 4), God has always expected the older generation to teach the younger generation the truth and practice of the faith. This may occur within a family, but increasingly, it is happening within the church family as a whole. Being part of the church is a privilege that God has given us for a time. But when our time is up, we cannot simply tell the next generation, “We were faithful! Good luck to you!” God expects more of us than that. Paul encouraged the older women to teach the younger women (Titus 2) and he himself referred to Timothy as his “son in the faith” (Philippians 2:22). Within the church, intergenerational relationships often provide opportunities for mentoring that would never occur in another setting. It is the duty and responsibility of the older generation to reach out to the next generation.

A congregational plan for having the generations work side by side would have to include serving together and serving each other. Projects that involve the entire congregation are great opportunities for the generations to grow closer together as they serve together. In addition to this, the church paints a more realistic picture of itself for the community. The truth is that most congregations are not “young” or “old” but a mixture of generations. When the community sees these generations serving together, they get a clearer picture of the church as God intended it to be. But a good plan for serving together should also include having the generations serve one another. Let the youth prepare a meal for their parents or host a banquet for the senior citizens. The older members can also honor and encourage the youth. As the generations practice serving one another, they find common ground and learn to respect their differences. Through it all, the body of Christ will grow in maturity and in number. The church was never designed to be a one generation operation. Rather it is a timeless movement in which each generation takes its place as leaders for a time and then hands it off to the next generation of leaders. It is wonderful to be able to mentor and teach that next generation of Christian leaders. What a comfort to know that the next generation of the church will be guided and led by those we are training today! **Reprinted from Focus Press**

Generations Serving Together by David Salisbury

In 1 Kings 12, Rehoboam was faced with his first big leadership challenge as the king of Israel, and he met with his advisors to seek their wisdom. It is interesting to note that he met with them in two separate groups, though. “Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he was yet alive, saying, “How do you advise me to answer this people?” (1 Kings 12:6). After listening to their advice, he met with his “other” group of counselors. “But he abandoned the counsel that the old men gave him and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him and stood before him” (1 Kings 12:8). The different advice from the two camps reflected a generational tension among the leadership of God’s people and destroyed the unity of the nation of Israel.

Certainly, we are right to wonder how those older, wiser leaders in Rehoboam’s day had failed to mentor and lead those younger men. They should never have allowed the situation to reach the point where there were two groups of leaders. And yet, before we judge them too harshly, we should note that generational disagreements are common among God’s people today, too. Most assemblies contain some Christians who love the “old hymns” as well some younger members who enjoy singing the songs they have learned at youth rallies and church camps. Issues like how we incorporate technology into our worship service and even the way we dress when we assemble for worship tend to pit different generations of Christians against each other. Our culture is one that tries to fragment us into “micro-cultures” based on our generation. Advertisers have split us all into different “demographics” and treat us as if we only have things in common with those closest to us in age. When these ideas come into the church, we can see the same fragmentation of the body of Christ. Suddenly the youth group is no longer a specific enough category for our school age members. Church bulletins around the country trumpet events for Tweenagers, Junior High and High School students. But the divisions don’t stop with the children! Twenty somethings become young marrieds who graduate to the parenting classes at church. As their children are categorized in the youth group, the parents will naturally begin to gather with other parents whose children are in the same classes. After the children graduate (and join the college group), the parents are added to the Empty Nesters before finally joining the Senior Saints. While such divisions allow a church to focus on the issues facing specific groups of members, they can unintentionally lead to such fragmentation that the individual members feel more a part of their “group” than their congregation as a whole. When that happens, the stage is set for some ugly generational clashes! **A FOUNDATION OF RELATIONSHIP:** What is needed is common ground. And while many wars have been fought over worship styles and practices, one area where everyone can find agreement is service. (Continued on page 3)

SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Michael Gors

ELDERS

Mike Gors
Gary Reynolds
Larry Reynolds
Todd Stults

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

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 SEPTEMBER 7

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Bill Winemiller
 Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
 1st Prayer: Chad Bobo
 Scripture: Danny Odle
Luke 15:18-24
 Sermon: Mike Gors
"The Prodigal Son"
 Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin
 Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Rex Harper
 West Side— Outside: Larry Terrell
 Inside: Matthew Terrell
 East Side— Inside: Bret Allison
 Outside: Ira Chambers

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
 1st Prayer: Kendall Clark
 Scripture: Adam Gors
2 Cor. 4:16-18
 Sermon: Mike Gors
"The Cross before the Crown"
 Communion Table: Don Allison
 Closing Prayer: Larry Reynolds
 Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

GROUP 2—SEPTEMBER 7 DUTIES

Greeters: Jim Clark Family-East door
 Rick & Teresa—Front door
 Vivian & Dana—Annex door
Building lock-up—Don & Teresa
Communion clean-up— Sue
Communion Prep for September:
 Jennifer Bobo

Remember In Prayer

Betsy Cartwright, lung cancer. Lela's friend
Bob Allison, Chemo treatments continue. Father of Don Allison.
Betty Kellow, pneumonia.
Brett Rutherford, missionary. Lesions on brain possibly from an inflammation. In hospital for a few days to receive strong intravenous steroids.
Elayna Reynolds, fractured tibia
Georgia Roberts, niece of Marie McBride
Joyce Horst, friend of Sally. Multiple health issues but doctors are concentrating on stomach and liver
Forrest Hurst
Ira Chambers, undergoing aortic heart valve replacement in September with series of tests beforehand.
Jennifer Bobo, received news that her father, Peter Reed, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. The Bobo family have traveled to Mississippi to visit Mr. Reed
Joyce Popplewell, at home
Kista Reynolds, injured knee
Lisa Staggs, at home. Difficult recovery process.
Marie McBride, High blood pressure issues
Nancy Shaw, situation hopeful. Will begin radium treatments, 94 % cancer free at this time.
Mark Reynolds, presently serving the Lord in India
Ruth Prater, Showing some improvement in eating and sleeping.
Sue Clendenson, 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. 31, 2014

Sunday Bible Study	92
Sunday Worship am	130
Sunday Worship pm	91
Wed. Bible Study	75

Wednesday Devotions Sept. 10th

Devotions	Lowell
Song Leader	Sean
Prayer	Bill

Looking Ahead

Sept 7, Monthly devotional at Bethel Pointe. Everyone welcome to join in a lesson, prayer and song. Plan on coming and making new friends among the residents.2p
Sept. 9, Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8a at IHOP
Sept. 9, Ladies Breakfast, 10a at IHOP
Sept. 10, Mike speaking Wednesday evening at Lebanon Church of Christ
Sept. 11, Chronological Bible Reading at the building, 10a-12n.
Sept. 11, High school and college age devotional at the Dennis Dickey Home 7p-9.
Sept. 12-14, Fall Rally at Camp Indogan. Cost is \$30 per camper All campers, be at the building at 4:00p on Fri. The bus will be stopping at McDonalds on the way so each camper, bring \$5.00 for your meal.
Sept 13, Ladies Day at Goshen Church of Christ. Info on board,
Sept. 26-28, Gospel meeting at Washington Ave. Church of Christ in Evansville. Ronnie Crocker, Ryan Daniel and Paul Holland will be the speakers on "Being Holy in an Unholy World." Flyer on bulletin board.
Sept 28, Ladies Deep Bible Study Class, 7p-9p, at the building
Oct. 9-11, Seminar at West Side with Cliff Goodwin
Oct. 19, At Westside, Ladies Singing

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Riley—Sept 8
 Emily —Sept 12
 Mark S—Sept 16
 Martha—Sept 17
 Maria—Sept 18
 Ellen—Sept 19

(Cont. from page 1) Intergenerational service, where members of different ages work together in ministry, has proven to be a great source of blessings. When we serve together, we lay a foundation for a relationship with each other. And when those relationships are built in service, they can then be used to deal with other, more difficult issues. Working alongside each other allows us to have conversations about topics that range from the weather to some of the more thorny issues of theology. **TEACH INSTEAD OF TELL:** In addition to laying a foundation, having generations serve together and serve one another allows the older generation to teach instead of just tell the younger ones about truth and wisdom. Life lessons can be taught in service projects. Recently at our congregation some ladies got the young people together and taught them how to bake homemade bread. The youth group then took the loaves they had baked and delivered them to widows in our congregation. In this one project, the younger generation learned a lesson about baking bread as well as taking care of widows. In another project, our older members adopted members of the youth group and encouraged them throughout their work that year in our Lads to Leaders program. Each child received great encouragement but was also taught a lesson in how to personally encourage another Christian. Many of them also developed relationships that blossomed into friendships that have lasted through the years. We remember so much more of what we are shown than what we are told and serving together is a great way to teach the lessons we want the next generation to learn instead of just telling them. (cont. on page 4)

Needed: Any type of pasta for the pantry, Loose change for camp, Box tops, Kleenex and cleansing wipes. Thanks to all!