

Clean up Crew for October 2015

Auditorium—Lola Harrell

Bathrooms—Vivian Bigler

Basement—Jim & Jennifer Clark & kids

Classrooms—Ann Witty

Foyers—Bill & Pam Smith

Bonfire and Supper at the Anderson Home

All at West Side are invited to the home of Doug and Sally on October 17th at 4:30p for a bonfire and soup supper.

Please bring your choice of soup or a desert and drinks

Sally will provide hot dogs, buns and crackers

Bring lawn chairs and wear warm duds

Please let Sally know if you intent to bring soup



Bobo Family Moving to Tennessee

It is with sadness that we say good bye to the Bobo Family as they transition themselves from cold Indiana to warmer Tennessee. We are reluctant to see them go from our midst but happy for this new phase that has opened up in their lives. Chad will be training at the Nashville School of Preaching and will begin classes in January 2016. At present, they are actively searching out living arrangements and potential job offers. We wish them joy and contentment and happiness in their new surroundings and great success in spreading the gospel of our savior.

If a man sings his own praises, he usually gets the tune too high!



Snippets...

—The elders have decided to concentrate on a youth's group function for Halloween night and will not be sponsoring a Trunk or Treat this year.

— Pantry items: canned soups, pancake mix and syrup

Listen up All Ladies

What? Ladies Breakfast and Discussion

When? Oct. 10, 9:00AM

Where? Lower level at the building

Ladies will be served breakfast by the elders with discussion to follow. A good crowd is expected so all ladies make plans to be here.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Oct.

24th if you would like to join the ladies of West Side in hearing Rachel Hoyt speak off her experience of hiking the Appalachian Trail this year in a seven month time span.

Program begins at 10: 00 AM

Lunch served at 11:30

Sign-up sheet for carry -in is on the board.

West Side Window

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SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —
9:30 am

Worship — 10:30 am
& 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study —
7:00 pm

MINISTER

Michael Gors

ELDERS

Michael Gors

Gary Reynolds

Larry Reynolds

Todd Stults

DEACONS

Don Allison

Fellowship

Kendall Clark

Benevolence

Jim Clark-Visitation

Lowell Huffman-Media

Volker Jaromin—
Communication and
Advertising

MISSION WORKS

Russia & India

Mark Reynolds

Memphis School of

Preaching

Ronnie Gootam

Southeast Institute of
Biblical Studies

Preaching

Caleb Taylor

Jonah Stults

Florida School of

Preaching

Scott Pfetscher

New Hampshire

Laconia Church of
Christ

Shane Belanger

Three Ways to Undermine the Elders

Have you ever disagreed with a decision your elders made? I'm sure you have at some point. If you have been in the church for any amount of time then you have disagreed with a decision made by some eldership somewhere. It's not because there is deficiency in the elders or in you, there are simply moments where disagreements occur. The question is how do we handle those disagreements? When the leaders of the flock make a decision you don't like, how do you handle it? Scripturally speaking, it is the job of the elders to lead and the job of the members to submit (Heb. 13:17). Even when there is a decision that we disagree with (I am speaking on matters of preference not in matters of doctrine) we are called to submit. Yet, while there might not be an outright rebellion within the church after a decision is given, there are still certain ways in which we can undermine the authority of the elders (and ultimately the authority of God). How does this happen?

By Complaining. I recently took my daughter to a local park near my parent's house. As we walked, we passed near a budding pear tree. Suddenly, I stopped as I heard the low hum of honey bees in the braches. I could barely see them but I knew they were there. A church can be very similar to this when the elders make a decision it disagrees with: you can barely see them but you hear the low mumbling of the grumblers.

God's leaders have always dealt with people who complain. Moses and Samuel both dealt with it (Ex. 15:24; 1 Kings 8: 5-6). The multitude believes there is power in mumbling—and many times they are correct. Within the church, we are called to do all things without complaining (Phil. 2:14). Whenever our leaders make a decision, it isn't the time to mumble and complain; it's time for the sheep to submit to the shepherd and get to work. We would do well to remember that mumbling against God's leaders never ended well for the Israelites (Num. 11:1).

By Confusing. It's really easy to act as if you support the elders when you see them at worship but privately undermine their authority. It's simple hypocrisy to praise and adore our elders in public but speak against them in private. Don't add to the confusion by saying thing like, "Well, I don't agree with it, but they are the elders so we have to listen to them." How would you feel if, after disciplining your child, he went to complain to your spouse and your spouse responded, "Well, I don't agree with it but it is your parent so you have to listen to your parent?". That only creates confusion. It implies that the elders have made the wrong decision but they are free to make it because they are the leaders. I've used the phrase in the past and I hope to stop saying it in the future. That doesn't mean we can't disagree with the elders' decision, it simply means that we need to be mindful of how we engage others in discussing those decisions. Don't undermine the authority of our leaders by confusing people.

By Cutting Ourselves Off. What do we call it when children go in the corner and stick their lip out after a toy has been taken away? Pouting. The isolate themselves from the group because things are not going their way. They cut themselves off. While that type of behavior seems childish, where are people in the church who act in similar fashion? If things don't go their way, they are going to cut themselves off from the group and pout in the corner. If the elders make a decision they disagree with, they won't say a word that you know. Suddenly, that member isn't as active as they once were. They aren't participating or being involved. We've got a pouter. Such a mentality fails to recognize that the church is not about us. The church is about Jesus and our continual efforts to glorify him no matter the situation.

Jacob Rutledge

WORSHIP FOR Oct 4,

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Jerry Hoyt
 Song Leader: Don Allison
 1st Prayer: Sean Bobo
 Scripture: Carl Gilstrap
Mark 1:40-45
 Sermon: Mike Gors
**“Transforming Encounters:
 Jesus and A Leper”**
 Closing Prayer: Rick Cox
 Sound Room: Gary Reynolds

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side– Outside: Rex Harper
 Inside: Bill Winemiller
 East Side— Inside: Adam Gors
 Outside: Justin Hummel

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Jerry Hoyt
 Song Leader: Don Allison
 1st Prayer: Volker Jaromin
 Scripture: Cliff Nicks
Hebrews 2:1-4
 Sermon: Mike Gors
**“Hold Onto the Things
 We Have Heard”**
 Communion Table: Todd Stults
 Closing Prayer: Larry Reynolds
 Sound Room: Gary Reynolds

Group One Duties– Oct. 4

Door Greeters: Richard & Janet,
 Nancy, Sue
Communion Clean-up: Sally
Lock-up: Chad Bobo
Communion Prep for October:
 Sue Davis

Remember In Prayer

Andrew Weyman, Leukemia. Two year old toddler
Brenda Huffman, Results of lung biopsy pending
Carl Gilstrap, Successful Cataract surgery on Monday but began feeling ill soon thereafter. EKG performed with results leading medical doctor to believe Carl may be experiencing heart problems. Released from BMH after period of observation
Debby Perry, Shingles
George Robison, Brother of Margaret. Multiple cancers in different organs
Herb & Betty Smith
Janie Miller, Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. Janie is Mike’s aunt & his mother, Marty’s, sister.
Jeremy Fortner, Advanced colon cancer. Nephew of Kendall
Jerry Winsor, Aggressive cancer with condition worsening. Brother-in -law of Pat Ergle Cards can be sent to:
 Jerry & Charlene Winsor
 305 Millhouse Road
 Smyrna, TN 37167-2336
Jim Zachary, Undergoing chemo treatment in Indianapolis
Kameron Graddy, Friend of Justin. Results of biopsy still pending. Cancer suspected.
Larry White, Stepfather of Sally. Echocardiogram performed with signs of heart issues.
Laura Spaulding, Breast cancer. Co-worker of Genny Stults
Linda Bigler, Brain cancer
Marshall Staggs, Hospitalized for pneumonia at BMH for the second time in two weeks. Released to go home last Monday. Cards would be appreciated.
Mike Bayer, Heart problems
Sandra Crawford, Cancer. Wife of Kendal Clark’s friend
Sandra Mincey, Aortic valve replacement. Released to go home from rehab.

Our Shut-ins: Remember with prayer, cards & visits

Evelyn Vannatter—Elmcroft
 Forrest Hurst—Elmcroft
 Jim & Marylou Witty—At home
 Lana Blanchard—Albany Health Care
 Ralph Zeek—Willow Bend
 Vada Zeek—Willow Bend

Attendance for the Week of September 27th

Sun. AM Bible Study	73
Sun. AM Worship	90
Sun. PM Worship	70
Midweek Bible Study	55

Midweek Service, Oct. 7th

Speaker: Kendall Clark
 Song Leader: Adam Gors
 Prayer: Joe Reed

Happy Birthday

Anna Funk—Oct. 4
Julia Clark—Oct. 7
Kathy Murphy—Oct. 8
Angie Dick—Oct. 8
Kristy Burch—Oct. 18
Forrest Hurst—Oct. 23
Donna Qualkenbush—Oct. 25

Today on Oct. 4th...

Girls Year Round Song Leaders will lead singing at Willow Bend Nursing Home at 2p. Ladies of West Side are invited to attend. This is the residence of Ralph and Vada Zeek

Looking Ahead

October 3-4, Sermon Series, “Live Like Jesus”, New Palestine Church of Christ. Time of lessons can be found on flyer which is posted on board

Oct. 6, Men’s fellowship Breakfast at IHOP. 8a

Oct. 6, Women’s fellowship breakfast at IHOP. 10a

Oct.8. 2:00, Bible Study at Elmcroft. This group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday each month.

Oct. 10, West Side elders are hosting a **Ladies Breakfast and Discussion** in the lower level at 9:00a. Ladies will be served by the elders who will cook and clean up

Oct. 11, Devotions at Bethel Pointe at 2:15. Girls Year Round Song Leaders, please be there at 2p

Oct. 22, Bible Study at Elmcroft, 2p

Oct. 24, Rachel Hoyt will be the speaker for a ladies Devotional and lunch. She will speak on “Hiking the Appalachian Trail and Walking the Christian Walk” 10:00 AM. Lunch served at 11:30a

October 25-28, “Re-energizing the Church in Troublesome Times,” at Greenfield church of Christ. Flyer posted

October 31, Youth Bon Fire and Supper over the Coals at the Stults Home beginning at 7p.

Nov. 7, 20th Annual Lectureship at Church of Christ of Auglaize County in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Flyer is posted on board.

We are sad to learn of the passing of Mary O’Hara who was the great-grandmother of Joey and Alexis. Final Service was held on Tuesday and both Joey and Alexis had the honor of singing at Mary’s funeral. Our love & sincerest sympathy to the Harper Girls.

