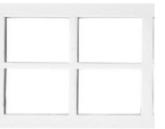


# WEST SIDE WINDOW



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(cont. from page 1) Let me encourage you to change your entire mindset of Christian life. Get out of the Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night mentality and determine to live fulltime on the front line for Christ. Stop viewing church as a social club, but instead consider it to be a body of believers who want nothing more than to honor and praise God in the fashion that He prescribes—and are willing to stand up for those practices. Be a defender of His Kingdom. It would be great if I could simply list five things that would help each of us to become better defenders of God’s Word. But the truth of the matter is that it takes time in the Book—something that my generation has tried to get around. There are no short cuts to learning the Truths found within the pages of God’s Word. You’ve just got to make time for it, and then do it. We have no problem setting aside an hour for our favorite television show or ballgame, so why not set aside time for God?

Does this mean every person has to memorize entire chapters of the Bible? While that would be great, I’m simply encouraging each of us to “up the ante.” If you don’t read your Bible daily, make a commitment to start. If you already do then spend a few extra minutes each day digging deeper into God’s Word. How different would this world be if Christians knew their Bibles as well as they know many television shows?

Another good practice is to surround yourself with people who are strong Christians. Learn from them. Analyze their priorities in relation to your own. Talk about spiritual things with them. One of my greatest pleasures is to “spar” with my close friends regarding biblical questions. By having to defend your position, it forces you to dig deeply into the Book. For those who are older and well-studied in God’s Word allow me to encourage you to become mentors. Consider what Paul did for Timothy, and how he earnestly wanted to see him grow stronger in the faith. You can help young fighters be better prepared for combat.

Let me strongly encourage you to become an active Christian. Cast off any feelings of lethargy and apathy, and get on the front line. You’ll be amazed at how much fruit you can produce for Him. [wwwfocuspress.com](http://www.focuspress.com)

## Defend Your Faith - Brad Harrub, Ph.D.

### You Can’t Defend What You Don’t Know

*“...knowing that I am set for the defense of the Gospel.” Phil. 1:17*

Walking through the Atlanta airport I had the opportunity to walk along-side three individuals dressed in military fatigues. As I often try to do, I smiled at them, and said: “I appreciate what you guys are doing.” They smiled, thanked me, and went on their way. Deep down I recognize that without them doing their job, it would make it much harder for me to do mine. We live in a free country—a country in which the majority of Americans are proud of those who are willing to defend our freedoms. These special men and women hold a place of honor in our hearts, and we even take time out to recognize special holidays for their willingness to defend (and sacrifice for) our freedom.

Sadly, this proud and honorable service of “defense” does not translate over to Christian life. Oftentimes, we simply give lip service to the notion of defending the Bible, the existence of God, or the deity of Christ. In 1 Peter 3:15—a passage that most have read (and heard from the pulpit) countless times, we read: “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a reason for the hope to everyone who asks you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.” As you read these words, ask yourself honestly: Are you ready to defend your beliefs? Consider how many people you personally know who can (and do) stand up and defend God’s Word. Far too often Christians relegate “those duties” to elders, preachers, deacons, or Bible class teachers. Consider the excuse given by an adult who has been a Christian for five-ten years who responds “Well, I’m just a new Christian,”—as though that exempts them from any responsibilities. Or what about the son or daughter of a preacher or elder who relies on his or her parents to provide all of the answers. The excuses are countless—the resulting truth is tragic. For many people, the idea of defending their beliefs is uncomfortable, and something to be avoided. And yet, as Christian soldiers, each and every one of us should be ready and willing to actively defend.

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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**  
Mike Gors  
Gary Reynolds  
Larry Reynolds  
Todd Stults

**DEACONS**  
Don Allison- Advertisement/Communication  
Kendall Clark- Benevolence/Visitation  
Rex Harper- Building & Grounds  
Lowell Huffman- Bible Correspondence Course and Widows/ Widowers  
Volker Jaromin- Education

**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



Hey Kids!  
You are invited for Trunk or Treat on Halloween night from 5p-8p and then get prepared to have a good time at the Halloween lock-in (at the building). Parent allowed as long as they can behave.

### Question has been circulating:

**“Who won the Chili Cook-off at the Anderson home on October 4th?”**

**The Answer, with a question:**

**“Who was the host?”  
Doug Anderson, of course!**

### Please

- Remember the food pantry: item for this week is canned fruit
- Remember the **box tops** for Midwestern Children’s Home
- Remember to donate any loose change for Camp Indogan

**“Your life is a gift from God.**

**Your gift back to God is what you do with your life.” B. Mills**

### Listen.....



All Ladies, all ages will join together in praise to God next Sunday. Add your presence and your voice to our ladies singing at 2:30 on October 19, 2014, at the building. Our young girls will lead us in song and a devotional. Anyone else who wishes to lead will have the opportunity to do so. See you there!

### Prayers for Elders, “Make Right Decisions”

As an elder, I appreciate the fact that members often remember the elders in public prayer. Almost every prayer, however is for the elders to have the wisdom to make right decisions. There is no doubt wisdom is needed and there are important decisions to be made. However, that likely reflects the view of some members, maybe even of some elders that decision making is the elders’ primary task. It is not. Elder’s primary God-given tasks are shepherding, teaching, exhorting, correcting and exemplary leadership. (Acts 20:28, Titus 1:9-10, 1 Peter 5:2-3 & Heb. 13:17). Cecil May via “Preacher Talk”

## WORSHIP FOR October 12

### MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Gary Reynolds  
 Song Leader: Lowell Huffman  
 1st Prayer: Danny Odle  
 Scripture: Steve Gors  
*Matthew 16:13-18*  
 Sermon: Mike Gors  
*"Who is Jesus"*  
 Closing Prayer: Jim Clark  
 Sound Room: Jonah Stults

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Don Allison  
 West Side— Outside: Carl Gilstrap  
 Inside: Sean Bobo  
 East Side— Inside: Chad Bobo  
 Outside: Richard Messer

### EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman  
 1st Prayer: Jimmy Clark  
 Scripture: Rex Harper  
*To be Determined*  
 Sermon: Mike Gors  
*To be Determined*  
 Communion Table: Bill Winemiller  
 Closing Prayer: Todd Stults  
 Sound Room: Jonah Stults

### GROUP ONE —OCTOBER 12 & 15

**Greeters:** Pat Lee, Anna Funk, Joe  
**Building Lock-up:** Joe & Wanda  
**Communion Clean-up:** Danny & Joan  
**Communion Prep for October:** Sue

## Remember In Prayer

**Bob Allison**, chemo treatments continue. Father of Don Allison.  
**Brenda & Gordon Huffman**, relocated to Tennessee  
**Linda Bigler**, Diagnosed with cancer of brain. No surgery scheduled. Has six tumors and is scheduled for chemo and radium therapy.  
**Brett Rutherford**, missionary. Lesions on brain.  
**Herb & Betty Smith**  
**Ira Chambers**, doing well and gaining strength at home  
**Joan Odle**, results of tests at BMH pending  
**Judy Schuck**, recently diagnosed with cancer. Charlene's cousin  
**Lynn Hunley**, daughter-in-law of Margaret. Recent surgery  
**Lisa Staggs**  
**Madelyn Cortman**, mother of Debbie Haviland. In hospice care. Lives in Madison, IN.  
**Mel Botkin**, father of Mindy Reynolds. Surgery for fractured femur  
**Mrs. Jeffers**, stage one breast cancer. Music teacher for Joey, Heather and Alexis  
**Nancy Shaw**, breast cancer. Doing well. Janet's sister.  
**Richard Mann**, removal of cancerous kidney in Indianapolis this last Monday. Heart problems developed after surgery but condition stable.  
**Rodney Lawson**, stage four lung cancer. Cousin of Kathy Harper.  
**Sandy Phillips**, diagnosed with rare form of cancer. Sandy is the Mother of Shawna Schock.  
**Shawna Schock**  
**Tim Caudle**, Tim's father is suffering from Alzheimer's Disease as well as recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. Jonah's friend  
**Theresa Coppock**, stomach surgery. Problems have developed from surgery. Lela's sister .

**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 September 28, 2014

Sunday Bible Study	79
Sunday Worship am	119
Sunday Worship pm	67
Wed. Bible Study	56

### Wednesday Devotions October 15th

Devotions	Adam
Song Leader	Lowell
Prayer	Howard

## Looking Ahead



**Oct. 12**, Girls' Year Round Song Leading to lead at Elmcroft. This is where Forrest resides. 2:00

**Oct. 12**, Boys' Year Round Song Leading. 3:00, at the building

**Oct. 13**, Evangelism Committee to meet. At the building, 7:00 pm

**Oct 14**, Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8a at IHOP

**Oct. 14**, Ladies Breakfast, 10a at IHOP

**October 16**, Chronological Bible Reading at the building, 10a-12n.

**October 16**, High School & College Devo at Towne Acres. 7p-9p

**Oct. 19**, Ladies Singing at West Side. 2:30p

**Oct 26**, 3:00 pm. Boys All Year Round Song Leading

**Oct. 30**, Ladies Deep Bible Study at the building, 7p-9p

**Oct. 31**, Trunk or Treat in church parking lot. 5p-8p

**October 31**, Youth invited to an all - night lock-in at the building after Trunk & Treat. West Side kids only.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Kristy—Oct 18

Forrest—Oct 23

Donna—Oct 25

Betty S—Oct 27

Todd—Oct 27

## Elders' Quarterly Review

July-October, 2014

Sunday 5, 2014

### Todd Stults: Financial Overview

**Gary Reynolds, International Missionary Works:** Gary explained that current mission work overseas has been evaluated and two bodies of work has been re-directed. West Side will be overseeing a preaching school in the area of Telengana, India with completion by 2016. Ronnie Gootam will be supported at Memphis School of Preaching in that interim time. Lord willing, Ronnie will direct that school which will be located in Cumanjara, India. Other congregations will also be invited to be a part of this financial endeavor, both for the school and for support of Ronnie Gootam.

**Mike Gors, Mission Work Stateside:** Mike spoke of West Side's financial commitment to oversee the Laconia Church of Christ in Laconia, New Hampshire. Shane Belanger and his family is working as the preacher in that congregation and West Side hopes to establish close loving ties and spiritual support to all in the number at Laconia. Upcoming plan in 2015 is for West Side youth and adults to travel there in the summer to help with Vacation Bible School. Mike also stated that West Side continues with the Food Pack Program at Yorktown Elementary and will be open to evaluation of other community needs.

**Larry Reynolds, Community Evangelism:** Larry reported the outcome of a recent Evangelism Committee Meeting in October, 2014. One priority focuses on Ball State and tapping in on the students who are looking for a church away from home and also new converts. In general, West Side will make its presence known on campus. Also, a college age class at West Side is needed. Other points:

--Importance of setting goals in attendance: Average weekly attendance now at 122 with a new goal of 200 in five years. This would involve converting 16 souls per year. Also, house to house mailings as well as direct mailings of events and West Side activities. Also, evaluation of Bible Correspondence program to be done. Also mentioned:

--Providing a New Convert's class at West Side

--Booths to be set up at fairs and other community gatherings, and making use of businesses such as funeral homes, the Yorktown library, and the school corporation.

--Inviting area businesses and leaders to West Side via lunch to get acquainted

--Make use of our building in ways that enhance our usefulness and desire to be of service to the community.

--Make full use of advertising in the local papers