



West Side Window



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From Your West Side Family...

Our love and prayers go out to Brett Allison as he embarks on his commitment to the Army National Guard. He will be leaving on October 26 for training in Oklahoma and thereafter will be stationed in Texas. He will be gone until late December. God Speed to you, Brett

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thess. 5:23

Church of Christ Hockey Friday Outing

Friday, October 30th, 2015

Indiana Farmers Coliseum

(Indiana State Fairgrounds) Puck Drops at 7:35

The Indy Fuel is graciously holding seats for us in section 205 so we can all sit together. Use the link below to place your ticket order. Tickets are \$21.00 each for all ages. When you order your tickets through the link, you will not be able to choose your seats. The ticket director will assign seats when he prints the tickets the day before the game. All tickets will need to be picked up at Will Call the day of the game. If anyone has any special seat requests, leave a note on your order.

<https://tickets.indyfuelhockey.com/order/group/WestSideCoC/>

Thought for This Week: Let every silent thought, every spoken word, every deed be motivated by the will to do good.

November 2015 Clean-up Crew

Auditorium: Pat Ergle & Taylor
Bathrooms: Mike &

Jessica

Basement: Lola

Foyers: Joe & Wanda



If you are committed to the CYC Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN this coming February, or still considering, please let Todd Stults know your intentions. The lodgings are said to fill up quickly and by using a group rate, and reserving a cabin early, the cost to all will be less.

Remember: the cost of lodging, food for the weekend and your admittance to the youth retreat will all be included in one price. It will be savings to all if we can commit early and be together for this kids' weekend in the Lord.

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Traditions sometimes supplant the purpose they are meant to enhance. Jesus said in the previously cited example, "They worship me in vain, their teachings are but rules taught by men" (Mark 7:7). The Pharisees meant to build into their culture a failsafe that would ensure pleasing God but God was displeased. Jesus did not like their synthetic (man made) way of worshipping him. These rule makers assumed they knew God's mind well enough to make His teaching more complete, adding specifics He had left out. Even if their intended purpose was right, their actions were not.

Let us not overvalue our own traditions. We keep God in His proper place when we leave to him the specifics of our observances. When we attempt to enforce our traditions into God's teaching, we do wrong.

Don Allison

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

Traditions 1

Man's Law Replacing God's Law

Tradition can be very rewarding. They enhance our experience of many events. They can make them more fun or more solemn. They can emphasize importance or add meaning.

In my family, we joke about our traditional Christmas Eve dinner. We did not typically have a big meal on Christmas Eve, probably because the next day was such a big deal. On December 24th, my Dad decided to open a can of oyster stew. It was just a quick, easy meal. At 11 or 12 years old, I was not a fan, though I remember our family cat sure was. In fact, I think my oldest brother was the only family member who joined Dad in sharing that stew.

The next year, in about the same situation, Dad did the same thing. It became a standing joke that this is our traditional Christmas Eve Dinner. We laugh at it, but every once in a while, some of us actually have it for that reason. It is just fun. It reminds us of a good time. We can get attached to our traditions. Perhaps, that is the main danger there is when we speak of our religions traditions. They can grow so important to us that they overshadow the underlying purpose.

In Jesus' time, the Pharisees created ceremonies as a way to follow God's teaching on washing before eating. Jesus told them, they "let go" of the commands of God to hold on to their traditions that they had been handed down (Mark 7:8). It is ironic and sad that traditions that were developed to ensure that God's will was followed ended up doing the exact opposite. Meant to keep God's children from disobeying Him, Jesus said they were replacing God's commands.

Sometimes around the Christmas season, I see examples of this. Gift-giving, a tradition traced back to the wise men, has led our culture to a very commercialized observance of this event. Have you ever felt increased tension made by the demands of the season instead of the peace and good will?

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Those Serving Today, Oct. 25

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Allison
Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
1st Prayer: Chad Bobo
Scripture: Joe Reed

Act 3: 6-10

Sermon: Mike Gors

“The Church: Changing Lives”

Closing Prayer: Cliff Nicks
Sound Room: Gary Reynolds

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side– Outside: Justin Hummel
 Inside: Jerry Hoyt
East Side— Inside: Danny Odle
 Outside: Rick Cox

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Allison
Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
1st Prayer: Jim Clark
Scripture: Carl Gilstrap

Heb. 10:26-29

Sermon: Mike Gors

“We Have Knowledge”

Communion Table: Kendall Clark
Closing Prayer: Sean Bobo
Sound Room: Gary Reynolds

Group One Duties Oct. 2015

Door Greeters: Richard, Janet, Sally
Communion Clean-up: Sue/Nancy
Lock-up: Chad
Communion Prep for Oct: Sue
Communion Prep for Nov: Genny

Remember In Prayer

Andrew Weyman, Leukemia. Two year old toddler

Ashley Shaw, Dealing with personal issues in her life. Requesting prayer

Ben Sherfield, Sustained broken neck in fall. He is the father of David Sherfield who is very active in work for Camp Indogan

Brett Rutherford, Missionary. Cyst on spine

Donald Aldridge, Step father of Scott Hummel. At home and doing better

George Robison, Brother of Margaret. Multiple cancers

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 are welcome.

Jim Zachary, cancer. Tom Davis' nephew

Kinley Hessel, 20 months. Successful surgery at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital for displacement of hips. Doing well with casts on both legs with therapy regimen ahead. Great Granddaughter of Betty Kellow

Larry White, Stepfather of Sally. Heart issues.

Laura Spaulding, Breast cancer. Co-worker of Genny Stults

Margaret Goodman, Surgery pending on Nov. 9th

Marshall Staggs, Recovering At home

Mary Terry, Heart attack, Mother of Nick Breitung who is Jennifer Clark's brother in law

Mike Bayer, Heart problems

Phil Rogers, Friend of the Hummel Family. Injured in an auto accident in the Fort Wayne area



Please Remember our Shut-ins

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

Midweek Service, Oct. 28th

Speaker: Sean Bobo
Song Leader: Don Allison
Prayer: Bill Winemiller

Happy Birthday

Donna Qualkenbush—Oct. 25

Betty Smith—Oct. 27

Todd Stults—Oct. 27

Colton Hale—Oct. 28

Lindsey Daunhauer—Oct. 29



Items for the Pantry

Soup, pancake mix, maple syrup, pork & beans

--Read the latest letter from Laconia Church of Christ in NH and notice the photos showing recent baptisms

--Kids, don't miss the Bonfire party at the Stults this coming Saturday, Oct. 31. Treats, singing and games, 7-9p

What is Happening Today?

--Teachers' Meeting after Morning Worship

--5:30 Girls Year Round Song Leading at the building

--Oct. 25-28, Columbus Ave. Church of Christ, Gospel Meeting with speaker, AJ Cox. Pitch-in dinner at midday. See flyer.

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

Oct. 27, Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP. 8a

Oct. 27, Women's fellowship breakfast at IHOP. 10a

Oct. 22, High School & College age Devo, Towne Acres, 7p

October 30, Youth Bon Fire and Supper over the Coals at the Stults Home, 7-10p. Singing, games, treats

October 31, L2L Bible Bowl at the building. 7-9p

Nov. 1-5, Stop Eleven Road Church of Christ, 34th Annual Lectureship. See flyer on bulletin board

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

Attendance for Week of Oct. 18, 2015

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Reminder; Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour on October 31st.. See you at worship on time .