

Welcome to Susan...



We welcome Susan Shirel to the family at West Side and rejoice in her presence and her enthusiasm. Susan is a native of Evansville and has been a resident of Searcy, Arkansas for the last four years where she has taught for Harding University. She is presently studying at BSU for her Doctorate in Arts and Music with preference in Music Education and Vocal Performance and will be at BSU for three years. We look forward to worshipping and working and studying with Susan while she is in this area and hope to be her family away from her family.

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Birthday: 6/12

This and That

...The food items needed for this month are pancake mix, syrup and cake mix

...Reminder: The time is quickly approaching when we will be assembling and delivering Thanksgiving baskets for those in the community. If you know of anyone needing a basket, or if you wish to donate money for this project, please see Kendall. Work day begins at 8a on November 21st.

--Please pick up corrected version of the Hummel Family directory insert on the table.



Take Time

Take time for all things....

The day is too long

Without joy and laughter,

Without a song.

Take time for all things....

Share the gift of work and play,

Weave the golden thread of love

Into the fabric of each day.

Take time for all things....

Give thanks to Him who sends

The benediction of His love,

And the fellowship of friends.

Your Help is Needed

The food packs given to Yorktown Elementary students continue on a weekly basis. Your help would be greatly appreciated in an effort to give the children hats and gloves for the cold winter months, to be included in their food packs. If you are willing to help, please give your monetary gift to Genny Stults. The items will be purchased and given away by Nov. 30th.

Thanks to all for your generous spirit of giving.



"The only difference between big-headed people and pig-headed people is one letter."



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November 8, 2015

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 Pfettscher

New Hampshire

Laconia Church of
Christ

Shane Belanger

Traditions

Part 3

Saul presumed to do *better* than what God had commanded when he did not completely destroy all the animals of the Amalekites, but kept the best, saying he was going to sacrifice them to the Lord. He was sternly rebuked for his sin and then rejected as king (1 Sam. 15).

An important lesson should be learned from Num. 22-24 that applies to when we find ourselves tempted to “go beyond” God’s commands, such as Saul’s presumption, or ours, when we bind or loosen where God has not. Balaam gave answer to Balak, king of Moab, when Balak was not pleased with Balaam’s words, “Even if Balak gave me his palace filled with silver and gold, I could not do anything of my own accord, good or bad, to go beyond the command of the Lord—and I only say what the Lord says.” Balaam knew proper authority. Paul knew the same when he told the Christians in Corinth, “learn from us the meaning of the saying, ‘Do not go beyond what is written’” (1 Cor. 4:6).

As discussed in two previous articles, traditions often add to the observance of some events. But, when we bind them on people as a part of Christianity, we are adding to God’s word. Perhaps, it is so subtle, we do not recognize it as such. These new rules, which seem old to us, become part of our oral tradition, which we hand down to the next generation. Human reason replaces God’s will and God’s will fades into the background.

When scriptural basis is asked, those who hold to the traditions may accuse them of challenging the old ways, or question their motives. Some respond just as the Pharisees did, digging in their heels and vowing never to change their minds. Thus, schisms grow. Perhaps churches even split. Is it because we are not mature enough to disagree agreeably? Prov. 27:17 says, “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” We need to heed the wisdom literature of the Bible. Iron sharpens iron by the friction of one piece rubbing against the other. A wise person is grateful for correction (Prov. 9:9).

Embrace the fact that we don’t all see things alike as an opportunity for growth. Especially, we need to listen to each other or we grow dull, ...dull in understanding, dull in knowledge of God, a dull tool in His service.

Paul also told the Christians of the first century to resist the mindset of believing we already know all truth in Rom 12:2. Instead, we are to keep studying the Word and reviewing our judgments and changing as needed. He said, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then, you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is--- his good, pleasing and perfect will.” If we do this, we can keep ourselves from letting New Testament Christianity deteriorate into “That old time religion.”

Don Allison

Those Serving Today

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Todd Stults
 Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
 1st Prayer: Richard Messer
 Scripture: Volker Jaromin
Hebrews 11:1-3
 Sermon: Mike Gors
"Faith is....."
 Closing Prayer: Danny Odle
 Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side- Outside: Jacob Harper
 Inside: Rick Cox
 East Side— Inside: Jim Clark
 Outside: Jay Kellow

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Todd Stults
 Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
 1st Prayer: Bill Smith
 Scripture: Rex Harper
Acts 4:32-37
 Sermon: Mike Gors
"Being a Barnabas"
 Communion Table: Bill Winemiller
 Closing Prayer: Howard Goodman
 Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Group Two Duties for Nov.
All building duties to be done
by Group Two
 Communion Prep for Nov.--Genny

Remember in Prayer

Andrew Weyman, Leukemia. Two year old
Ashley Shaw, Personal issues
Betty Moran, Terminal cancer. Aunt of Becky Hummel. Mrs. Moran lives in Virginia Beach, Va.
Brett Rutherford, Missionary. Cyst on spine
George Robison, Brother of Margaret. Multiple cancers
Herb & Betty Smith
Holly Chambers
Janice Grile, Surgery for Aortic aneurism. Doing well at home. Janice is the sister-in-law of Pat Lee's son-in-law.
Janie Miller, Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Mike's aunt and Marty's sister.
Jeremy Fortner, Advanced colon cancer. Nephew of Kendall
Jerry Winsor, Aggressive cancer. Brother-in-law of Pat Ergle.
Jim Zachary, cancer. Tom Davis' nephew
Kathy Harper, pneumonia. Release from BMH expected this past Friday. Much improved.
Larry White, Stepfather of Sally. Heart issues.
Laura Spaulding, Breast cancer. Co-worker of Genny Stults
Margaret Goodman, Surgery pending on Nov. 9th at Indianapolis
Marshall Staggs, Enjoys cards
Mike Bayer, Heart problems

Do not let yourself become unduly enthusiastic concerning any man: for the best of men have failings. Do not let yourself become too critical or severe toward any man: for the worst of men have good qualities. When we place our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, our attitude toward all men will be the correct one."

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

Bible Study, Nov. 11th

Speaker: Mike
 Song Leader: Jimmy
 Prayer: Howard

"Self respect cannot be hunted. It cannot be purchased. It is never for sale. It cannot be fabricated. It comes to us when we are alone, in quiet moments, in quiet places, when we suddenly realize that, knowing the good, we have done it. Knowing the beautiful, we have served it; knowing the truth, we have spoken it." A. W. Griswold

Happy Birthday

Lonnie Ergle--Nov. 7
 Jennifer Clark--Nov. 11
 Evelyn Vannatter--Nov. 12
 Connie Reynolds--Nov. 15
 Steve Gors--Nov. 15
 Ann Witty--Nov. 18



Today on November 8th...

2:15 Bethel Pointe Devotions. All ladies welcome.
 Girl Song Leaders will lead

Nov. 10, Men's Fellowship breakfast at IHOP. 8a
 Nov. 10, Women's Fellowship breakfast at IHOP. 10a
 Nov. 12, Bible Study at Elmcroft, 2p
 Nov. 19, Ladies Deep Bible Study, 7p
 Nov. 19, High School & College Devo at Towne Acres, 7p
 Nov. 19, Support Group, "Grafted In", 7p
 Nov. 21, Thanksgiving Basket assembly and delivery beginning at 8a

Reminder

During Thanksgiving week, we will meet on Tuesday evening at 7p for mid-week Bible Study



Twelve Things to Remember

1. The value of time
2. The success of perseverance
3. The pleasure of working
4. The dignity of simplicity
5. The worth of character
6. The power of kindness
7. The influence of example
8. The obligation of duty
9. The wisdom of economy
10. The virtue of patience
11. The improvement of talent
12. The joy of originating

Eccl. 9:10
"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might"