

## News and Notes

...The food items needed for this month are your choices of: pancake mix, syrup, cake mix, toilet tissue and paper towels.

...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.

--On the Missions Board: Please see the newest letter from Scott Pfettscher, student at the Florida School of Preaching

--Reminder: If you wish to give money for hats and gloves to include in food packs for Yorktown Elementary children, please see Genny. The items will be given out by Nov. 30th.

--Volunteers are needed for preparing communion for the year 2016. See sign-up sheet on the board.

--If you are willing to help clean the building in 2016, please consider signing up. There is a sheet for January 2016 through June 2016 on the board. There are five different areas to be covered so you can have your choice if you sign up early. The Elders wish to convey their great appreciation for your cooperation in this ongoing work.

--Notice the newest calendar on the red bulletin board which will show church and school and extra curriculum events of the youth of our congregation. If you have any info pertaining to your child's special events, please see Sue to have it added. Would you be so kind as to bring the latest school pictures of your school children or college age children to be used on this board. These are needed as soon as possible. Thank you for taking part.

--Melinda Sheffield is aware of a family who lost their complete home in a fire. They are a family of three and are in need of pots and pans and silverware. If you have any old or used items to give, please leave them in a box placed in the east foyer.

## Tobogganing Trip

Don't miss the opportunity to travel to Pokagon State Park to sled and enjoy the cold of the season and the warmth of good company. Cost is \$8 which will include your admittance and your sled. Lunch at McDonalds and hot chocolate at the park will be extra. All youth under the sixth grade must be accompanied by an adult. The van will leave West Side at 8a and will return by 4p. Please sign up if you are interested in going and see Todd or Genny if you have questions.



## SHO (simply helping other) KIDS

**is on the move...**

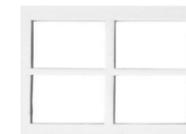
**This service project is currently under way for the holiday season. It is a service project that provides gifts (coats, hats, presents) to foster children and their families. A party on Dec. 11th at 6p will culminate the effort. If you would like to take part, please consider a monetary gift to be given to Kista Reynolds by Nov. 29th. She will see to the purchases and all the arrangements. If you wish to provide a gift already purchased, please see Kista. All are welcome to attend the party and get acquainted with these children and their foster families.**



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## Traditions

### Part 4

Any complete Biblical study of the topic of traditions will reveal contrasts. First, the Old Covenant commanded many traditions, especially in worship. They were inherently part of the Law of Moses and a part of everyday life. In the New Covenant, Jesus was often locked in a struggle with the Pharisees and Chief Priests over traditions. They were often a hindrance to God's will.

Secondly, traditions are often categorized into two types and these two are treated very differently by the scriptures. There are the "traditions of men" and the "traditions of the apostles/prophets". It might seem contradictory at first reading, but that is exactly why we need to understand more fully why God sees them so differently. Failing to discriminate between the types could lead to serious error.

In 1 Cor. 11:2, Paul praises the Christians in Corinth for remembering the traditions (or teachings in some versions) that he had passed onto them. To the Thessalonian Christians, he commanded that they "Hold to the teachings (traditions) we passed on", 2 Thess. 2:1, and to "avoid those who would not live according to the traditions (2 Thess. 3:6). Each of these scripture references often have one of those two words (tradition or teaching) with footnote giving the other as a possible correct translation. The connotation is that of an unwritten, but spoken tradition handed from church to church and generation to generation.

Contrast those to the teachings regarding the traditions of men. The same apostle tells us that they are "rules based on human commands and traditions". They have an appearance of wisdom but lack any value. In Col. 2:28, He warns us not to be "taken captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ". The distinguishing characteristic is the source of the tradition. Did these traditions come from one who had legitimate authority from God, or just some religious leader. In Mark 7, Jesus contended with the Pharisees and teachers over the "traditions of the elders". He said, "They worship me in vain: their teachings are but rules taught by men (v 7). He also told them, "You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men" (v 8). Those traditions were a part of empty, vain worship (v 6-8).

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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 Pfettscher

New Hampshire

Laconia Church of  
Christ

Shane Belanger

## Those Serving Today

### MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Bill Winemiller

Song Leader: Cliff Nicks

1st Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture: Danny Odle

*Matthew 16:24-27*

Sermon: Mike Gors

*“Two Piercing Questions from Jesus”*

Closing Prayer: Larry Reynolds

Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

### COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side- Outside: Sean Bobo

Inside: Volker Jaromin

East Side— Inside: Rex Harper

Outside: Steve Gors

### EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Bill Winemiller

Song Leader: Cliff Nicks

1st Prayer: Gary Reynolds

Scripture: Richard Messer

*Colossians 4:6-13*

Sermon: Mike Gors

*“Friends of Paul”*

Communion Table: Rex Harper

Closing Prayer: Adam Gors

Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

## 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

Angie Reed, Muscular Dystrophy, Daughter in law of Joe and Wanda

Ashley Bobo, Sister of Chad. Ashley is a patient at Memphis Hospital in Memphis, TN and is having medical problems as yet undiagnosed. The doctors have ruled out cancer and MS. She resides in Mississippi

Ashley Shaw, Personal issues

Brett Rutherford, Missionary. Cyst on spine

George Robison, Brother of Margaret. Multiple cancers

Herb & Betty Smith

Holly Chambers

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. Jim has had his feeding tube removed and is recovering his appetite

Kathy Harper, pneumonia. Released from BMH and is recuperating at home. Results of tests were positive.

Larry White, Stepfather of Sally. Heart issues.

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

Margaret Goodman, Successful vascular surgery in Indianapolis on Nov. 9th.

Marshall Staggs, Enjoys cards

Mike Bayer, Heart problems

Norma Perry, Knee surgery scheduled at BMH for Nov.16th

*Our sympathy is extended to the family of Betty Moran, who passed away in Virginia-Beach, Va. this past week. She was the aunt of Becky Hummel.*

### 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. 18th

Speaker: Don

Song Leader: Jerry

Prayer: Richard

Our sister in Christ, Katie Clingman, has made known her desire to be a part of the West Side family in working for and serving the Lord. We welcome her with loving arms and look forward to many years together of doing the will of our Savior. She comes to us from Brownsburg Church of Christ and has in the last few years relocated to this area.

**Katie Clingman**

**1821 South Patriot Drive**

**Yorktown, IN 47396**

**317-407-8327**

### Happy Birthday

Connie Nov. 15

Steve Gors--Nov. 15

Ann W.--Nov. 18

Delores --Nov. 25

Rachel C.--Nov. 27

Julie A.--Nov. 29

Carl --Nov. 30



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## Today on Nov. 15th...

**3:00p Boys Year Round Song Leading will meet at the building to begin their song leading program**

**5:00p Girls Year Round Song Leaders will meet in the large classroom**

Nov. 17, Men's Fellowship breakfast at IHOP. 8a

Nov. 17, Women's Fellowship breakfast at IHOP. 10a

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

Nov. 24, Bible Study at 7p

Dec. 5, Group trip to Pocono State Park. All ages welcome to join. Sign up sheet is on bulletin board. See further info on back page.

Dec. 5, Teen Christmas party at Don & Teresa's home. Time to be determined

Dec. 11, SHO KIDS Party for foster children & foster family parents, 6p



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In the second century, after the apostles had all passed away from the earth, the leaders of the church began to take upon themselves the authority to rule on disputed matters. They began to bind or loosen where the scriptures were not doing so. They viewed church history and traditions authoritative, putting their understanding in a position of great power. Their views then became law for Christians. The opposite teaching was "solo scriptura", Latin for "scripture alone". It is the doctrine that the Bible is the supreme authority in matters of doctrine and practice. As church leaders assumed more authority for themselves, they slowly drifted further from the pattern set by the apostles and prophets that were now gone. They evolved into the Roman Catholic Church and many more traditions (teachings) were added. Traditionalism is Neo-Catholicism. Today, we might have different traditions, but if we bind where God's word does not, we are following their example and the church will repeat the apostasy. Don Allison