

Leaders in Worship December 2015

Morning Worship

Date	Dec. 6th	Dec. 13th	Dec. 20th	Dec. 27th
Announcements	Jerry Hoyt	Todd Stults	Bill Winemiller	Larry Reynolds
Song Leader	Gary Reynolds	Cliff Nicks	Jerry Hoyt	Don Allison
Opening Prayer	Jimmy Clark	Richard Messer	Bill Smith	Richard Messer
Scripture Reading	Carl Gilstrap	Volker Jaromin	Steve Gors	Joe Reed
Closing Prayer	Rick Cox	Bill Smith	Larry Reynolds	Cliff Nicks
Sound Room	Lowell Huffman	Jimmy Clark	Lowell Huffman	Gary Reynolds

Communion Table

West Side	Outside	Rex Harper	Jacob Harper	Adam Gors	Rick Cox
	Inside	Bill Winemiller	Rick Cox	Volker Jaromin	Jerry Hoyt
East Side	Inside	Adam Gors	Jim Clark	Rex Harper	Jay Kellow
	Outside	Justin Hummel	Jay Kellow	Justin Hummel	Rick Cox

Evening Worship

Announcements	Jerry Hoyt	Todd Stults	Bill Winemiller	Larry Reynolds
Song Leader	Gary Reynolds	Cliff Nicks	Jerry Hoyt	Don Allison
Opening Prayer	Volker Jaromin	Volker Jaromin	Gary Reynolds	Jim Clark
Scripture Reading	Cliff Nicks	Rex Harper	Richard Messer	Carl Gilstrap
Communion Table	Todd Stults	Bill Winemiller	Rex Harper	Adam Gors
Closing Prayer	Larry Reynolds	Richard Messer	Adam Gors	Larry Reynolds
Sound Room	Lowell Huffman	Jimmy Clark	Lowell Huffman	Gary Reynolds

Wednesday Night

Date	Dec. 2nd	Dec. 9th	Dec. 16th	Dec. 23rd	Dec. 30th
Devotional	Lowell Huffman	Mike Gors	Don Allison	Richard Messer	Adam Gors
Song Leader	Adam Gors	Jimmy Clark	Jerry Hoyt	Don Allison	Jimmy Clark
Prayer	Joe Reed	Lowell Huffman	Richard Messer	Bill Winemiller	Jim Clark

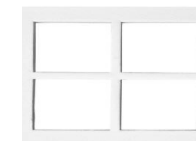
Men, the Elders request that you dress appropriately when leading in worship.



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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

When It's Hard to Say "I Love You"

By A. Hudson

"I was wrong." Those three words feel like fire and ash coming out of our mouths. When we speak those words, they really bring us back to reality and off the ivory tower we have placed our pride upon. They remind us we are human. They remind us of humility and of grace. They remind us we are growing. As I reflect on the difficulty we all face in conceding these words, I have found that, yes, these words leak strenuously from our mouths, but there is another phrase that we tend to find even more abhorrent.

I love you.

Admitting we are wrong is said because we need to make a change that we alone can control. The confession of wrongdoing is hard, but most sane people can muster out apologies. Saying "I love you" is even more of a challenge. We can't control the people we choose to love. Choosing to say these words leave our hearts vulnerable. We have no control over what that person will do with our love.

Try to say "I love you" **to a rebellious and defiant child who says he hates you.**

Try to say "I love you" **to the man who viciously raped your daughter.**

Try to say "I love you" **to the radicals who want to destroy your country.**

Try to say "I love you" **to the person who is slandering your name, values and character.**

Try to say "I love you" **to the minister who sexually abused your son.**

Try to say "I love you" **to your unfaithful spouse.**

In these instances, you have no control. Deep down, you yearn for an apology but for most, it simply isn't given. Saying, "I love you" is choosing to move on and continue to be a blessing to those who hurt us whether amends are made or not. That is hard! "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

1 John 4:10-11 The Omnipotent God of the universe made His love unconditional. He made His love vulnerable and open to manipulation. Oh, how we manipulated it. Regardless, God pulls us in really close and whispers through his son's sacrifice, "I love you this much. You go and love like-wise." I do not want to love like this. I fight it. I hate to admit it. Most of you do, too. The demand of the cross is steep. People are delusional when they tell you following Christ is easy; that following Christ is safe. Choosing to love the unlovable isn't safe; isn't natural even, but it is good. Choosing to imitate God's unconditional love is far, far from safe but it is good. God is good. God is love (1 John 4:16). He personifies love. You and I are not love. We can try to love but we cannot do this perfectly. How do we carry the responsibility of love? Jesus. We cannot love like Jesus if we are not pursuing Jesus. When we cling to Jesus, his power within us loves others through us. In the parable of the vine and the branches, (John 15:1-10), Jesus says, "Apart from me, you can do nothing". Saying "I love you" isn't safe but it is good. Saying, "I love you" to those who don't deserve it isn't logical. Its not natural. But that's the point. We follow and imitate the supernatural. It is good because we have an opportunity to rip completely open the hearts and blow the minds of stubborn unbelievers leaving them vulnerable to the greatest love they will ever know. Jesus living in us, makes this possible. The struggle between the natural (flesh) and the supernatural (spirit) is a lifelong confrontation but it's so worth the fight. Work on saying, "I love you".

Those Serving Today NOVEMBER 29, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Gary Reynolds
Song Leader: Don Allison
1st Prayer: Jerry Hoyt
Scripture: Steve Gors

Hebrews 10:35-39

Sermon: Mike Gors

“Be Aware of Backsliding”

Closing Prayer: Howard Goodman

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side— Outside: Rick Cox

Inside: Joe Reed

East Side— Inside: Jay Kellow

Outside: Bill Winemiller

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Don Allison

1st Prayer: Danny Odle

Scripture: Adam Gors

Acts 17:22-31

Sermon: Mike Gors

“Paul’s Message to Athens Stands”

Communion Table: Richard Messer

Closing Prayer: Cliff Nicks

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Group 3 Duties for Dec.

All building duties to be done
by Group Three

Communion Prep for Dec.--Lola & Betty

Remember in Prayer

Amy Brown, Suffered massive heart attack on the way to the hospital. Stable after surgery. Amy is the granddaughter of Martha Gilstrap. Amy lives in Economy, IN and is 37 years old.

Andrew Weyman, Leukemia. Two year old

Angie Reed, MS, Daughter-in-law of Joe and Wanda

Ashley Shaw, Personal issues

Dave Sherfield, Major skin graft to hand which has only 3/4 successful healing. Will be in St Joseph hospital in Fort Wayne for 10 days for re-working of graft.

George Robison, Brother of Margaret, lives in Indianapolis. Critically ill with terminal cancer.

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.

Joyce Popplewell, Remains a patient at BMH

Jim Zachary, cancer. Tom Davis' nephew.

Kathy Harper

Lacey York, Ulcerated Colitis. Scheduled for series of intravenous treatments. Daughter-in-law of Nancy Bateman

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

Margaret Goodman,

Miriam Miessen, Maternal aunt of Delores. Hospitalized with injuries from a fall and for a placement of pacemaker

Marshall Staggs

Mike Bayer, Heart problems

Norma Perry, Doing well after knee surgery.

Skylar Murphy, Foot surgery scheduled for Nov. 25

Virginia Southard, stroke and heart attack. Patient at BMH

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, Dec. 2nd

Speaker: Lowell

Song Leader: Adam

Prayer: Joe

Attendance for Week of

Nov. 22nd

Sun. AM Bible Study 63

Sun. AM Worship 101

Sunday Evening Worship 71

Wed. Bible Study 55

Happy Birthday

Julie A.--Nov. 29

Carl --Nov. 30

John--Dec. 13

Teresa Terrell--Dec. 12

Herb --Dec. 14

Shawna --Dec. 15



“If you want a neighbor to see what Christ can do for him, let him see what Christ has done for you.”

Today on the 29th..

3:00p Girl Song Leaders to Lead at Elmcroft

4:00p Pearls Class at the building

Dec. 1, Men’s Fellowship breakfast at IHOP, 8a

Dec 1, Women’s Fellowship breakfast at IHOP, 10a

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

Dec. 5, Teen Christmas party at Don & Teresa’s home at 6:00p. Bring a \$5 gift for exchange.

Dec. 6, Boys song leading to meet at 5p in building

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

Dec. 13, Elders and Deacons quarterly presentation after evening worship

Dec. 31, All age New Years Eve Party at the building, 7-10. Details forthcoming



--**No** HS & college devo on Dec. 3rd. That class is invited to come to the party at the Allison home on Dec. 5

--Ladies Deep Bible Study will resume in January. **No December class.**

--Pantry items for Dec: canned meats, bathroom tissue and paper towels.

Cleaning Crew

For December, 2015

Auditorium--Richard

Bathrooms--Mike & Jessica

Basement--Good Sams

Classrooms--Tom & Sue

Foyers--Janet

Our hearts are filled with joy with the baptism of Moissa Hummel last Sunday morning. Moissa is 15 years old and a student at Shenandoah High School where she plays in the band. We welcome her into the Lord’s church at West Side and stand ready to love, support and cherish our newest Sister in Christ.