



WEST SIDE WINDOW



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It is our God-given responsibility to provide our children with the proper guidance and instruction that will prevent them from forming bad habits that in essence could turn sinful in later years. Our children might not fully understand the reasons behind these decisions now, but we as parents do. We must guard the souls of our children, even if it means compromising the latest styles.

Different in our Discipline

In a world that shouts political correctness at every turn, we have allowed our minds to become clouded about what is proper in the realm of disciplining our children. We have put our trust in the “experts” and their advice, and in doing so have deserted the first principles outlined in the original parenting guide, the Bible. While there is no controversy that children need discipline in order to drive away the foolishness bound up in their hearts (Proverbs 22:15), the question has arisen of how that discipline should be administered appropriately. The underlying purpose for discipline as outlined in the scriptures is that of training or teaching. In fact, Proverbs 23:14 informs parents that correcting a child with a “rod” will deliver his soul from hell. While it is not the intention of this writer to discuss spanking our children, I would suggest that the physical act of spanking is a biblical concept and is referred to many times throughout Scripture by the word or phrase “rod” or “rod of correction”. What is this “rod of correction”? The word used there generally refers to a stick or limb of a tree. Notice in many verses that the word “rod” is used alongside words like reproof, correction, discipline, and love (Proverbs 13:24; 23:13-14; 29:15). Love? Yes, if we love our children, we will correct them according to the examples given in Scripture. Hand in hand, these things work together to promote wisdom and understanding in our children, and ultimately deliver them from hell (23:14). We are to be their parents first, and their friends later.

Different in our Entertainment Choices

There are many things that the world offers us all in the name of entertainment. We are constantly bombarded with new movies, restaurants, music, games, the Internet, and the list goes on, all of which are supposed to improve our quality of life. The immense number of these entertaining activities has led many children to believe that their sole purpose on Earth is to be entertained. It is overwhelming to the point of absurdity the countless number of extracurricular activities that are offered to our children on a daily basis. Just glance through the latest “Parents” magazine. Parents find themselves fatigued to the point of exhaustion as they leave one activity only to hurry on to the next one. Children are increasingly over stimulated and blasted with a barrage of choices, which could very well explain why many find it hard to concentrate and pay attention. This desire for constant entertainment is unhealthy, as many children will shun any serious type of work ethic in favor of a leisurely life. They want to simply melt into the joys of the world. Have you ever considered that our children don’t need these things in order to have a quality of life? In fact, what they truly need are loving parents that spend time demonstrating their love for them - setting an example of the life skills they will need when they mature. While the thought may not be a popular one, I would even go out on a limb and say that children can grow up to be happy and productive members of society without watching the latest blockbuster (filled with garbage), playing the latest violent video game, or participating in six different after-school activities. What has happened to Christian's being different in our choices for entertainment?

In speaking of the “gray” line mentioned earlier, the area of entertainment is one that I think we are failing as Christian parents. The content of today’s PG rated movies warranted an R rating in years past. Television and the Internet are crawling with pornography and violence. Sin has not only become more acceptable, it has been invited into our homes and has become a fixture, just like that picture hanging over the mantle.

Our hearts and minds have softened to the point of tolerance. Our light that once shone so brightly has been put on a dimmer switch, and is slowly becoming a fading ember. We must reevaluate our choices and be stronger than ever in resisting Satan’s temptations. We must remember that what the world has to offer is only temporary, and we must set our affections on things higher (1 John 2:15-16). We simply cannot blend in with the world around us (Romans 12:2). Yes, we might be ridiculed. Certainly, we will be accused of being radical. But we will be different, just as God commands us to be. Let's dare to be different!

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**From the West Side Archives,
“Holding Grudges”**


One day a visitor leaned on the fence around an old farm and watched an old farmer plowing with a mule. After a while, the visitor said to the farmer, “I’d like to make a suggestion. I don’t want to tell you how to run your business but you could save yourself a lot of work by saying ‘Gee and Haw’ to that mule instead of tugging on those lines all day.”

The farmer pulled a big handkerchief from his pocket and wiped his brow. Then he said, “I reckon you are right but this animal kicked me five years ago and I ain’t spoke to him since.”

Different, or Not So Different?

It has become increasingly alarming to me how “gray” the line has become between being “of the world” and being “in the world”. Things used to be more black and white, more cut and dry, or so it seemed. It used to be that those who professed to be Christians could be picked out in a crowd by a quick glance or from the words peppering their speech. Every aspect of their lives was different and could be seen as such, from the clothes they wore, to the places they were found on Friday nights. Why is it seemingly more difficult in the world today to find Christians who truly stand out as different? Why are we blending in with the darkness around us instead of being the light of the world that cannot be hidden? (Matthew 5). Why are we so afraid of being different?

Different in our Dress

In the society in which we live, we, as unique individuals, are encouraged to express ourselves in many different ways. All you have to do is turn on your television or stroll through your local mall to see what the world would call individuality and creativity. From adolescents to teens to adults, the media and the public sector would have each of us believe that whatever our unique style might be, that it is okay and perfectly acceptable to express that style. After all, we do enjoy freedom of speech in this great country, and our clothing is just another way to express that freedom. In the world, we would expect to see a wide array of fashion for young and old alike, defined as “style” and “individual expression”. But, in the church, it should be different, right? Shouldn’t there be a noticeable difference in the clothes that are worn by those in the world and by those who wear the name Christian? Yet, all too often, I have passed by young girls in the very halls of a church building who are dressed immodestly. Amazingly, mothers will be following close behind wearing something just as inappropriate. Therein lies the problem. As parents, this simply is one of the easiest things we do for our children. From the time our little ones are born into this world, we dress them and groom them appropriately, laying a foundation of what is and what is not acceptable. These standards should not change, as they grow older. God’s standards do not change with fashion and trends. I will grant that as young children grow into adolescence and become more independent, their need to express themselves and their individuality increases. However, a lot of parents seem to take this opportunity to develop a “hands off” attitude by allowing their children to make their own decisions in all areas of their lives. Shouldn’t we strive to protect their innocence at all costs? Shouldn’t we lead by example and demonstrate that we are to stand out from the world.

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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

ELDERSMike GorsGary ReynoldsLarry ReynoldsTodd Stults**DEACONS**

Don Allison— Fellowship
Kendall Clark- Benevo-
lence
Jim Clark-Visitation
Lowell Huffman-Media
Volker Jaromin— Com-
munication and Ad-
vertising

MISSION WORKS

Russia & India
Mark Reynolds

Memphis School of
Preaching
Armand Wine
Ronnie Gootam

Southeast Institute of
Biblical Studies
Preaching
Caleb Taylor

New Hampshire
Laconia Church of
Christ
The Belanger family

WORSHIP FOR November 30, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Bill Winemiller
Song Leader: Don Allison
1st Prayer: Richard Messer
Scripture: Jonah Stults
Sermon: Larry Reynolds
Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin
Sound Room: Jonah Stults

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Todd Stults
West Side- Outside: Howard Goodman
Inside: Jay Kellow
East Side— Inside: Gary Reynolds
Outside: Jerry Hoyt

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Boys
1st Prayer: Boys
Scripture: Boys
Lesson: Boys
Communion Table: Boys
Closing Prayer: Boys
Sound Room: Jonah Stults

GROUP TWO DUTIES, NOV. 30

Greeters, Building Lock-up & Communion Clean-up: Gary & Kista, Elayna, Case, Lowell & Charlene

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd: Group Three is responsible for lock-up.

Remember in Prayer

Bob Allison, chemo treatments continue. Father of Don Allison.
Jerry Anderson, Uncle of Doug Anderson. On the waiting list for kidneys and liver transplant.
Linda Bigler, brain cancer. Six more chemo treatments left. Recent test showed that her bone marrow count was good. Vivian's daughter-in-law.
Brett Rutherford, missionary. Lesions on brain.
Herb & Betty Smith
James & Chase Woolums, friends of Alexis Harper. They were injured in a beating and are awaiting reconstructive surgery in Indianapolis
Judy Schuck, Radiation treatment for cancer. Charlene's cousin
Lisa Staggs
Les & Sara Bonham, brother and sister-in-law to Pat Kidd. He has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and she has cancer. They live in Marion. Pat is traveling back & forth.
Rodney Lawson, Stage 4 lung cancer. Remains in BMH. Would appreciate cards. Cousin of Kathy Harper.
Sandy Phillips, Cancer. Surgery scheduled December 3rd. Mother of Shawna Schock.
Shawna Schock, Awaiting second pain relief procedure.
Trey Bland, Complications during shoulder surgery. In critical condition in Indianapolis. Trey is the son of Terry Bland who is an acquaintance of Jim Clark.
Kennedy Zade, Seizures of unknown cause
Our sympathy is extended to Connie Reynolds on the loss of her nephew, Jason Floyd who died this past week. A memorial service was held this past Friday in Michigan.

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 November 23, 20

Sunday Bible Study 91
Sunday Worship am 131
Sunday Worship pm 68
Wed. Bible Study 60

Tuesday Bible Study December 3rd

Devotions Mike
Song Leader Jimmy C.
Prayer Larry

How to be Quiet Within

The person, who has learned to be content in whatever circumstances he finds himself, is the one who knows how to live at peace with himself (Phil 4:10-11). Such an individual is not upset because he does not win every contest. Rather, he finds satisfaction in playing the game simply for the joy of playing, not focusing on victory alone. Such a person has thought through his sense of godly values so that the fulfillment of his desires brings inner satisfaction and peace of mind rather than unrest and remorse (1 Tim. 6:6, 1 Tim 4:7-8).

True peace is as often found in resisting passions as in satisfying them (Col. 3:1-15). The danger lies not so much in what we want as in wanting something simply to satisfy an unworthy desire (James 4:1-4, Psalm 66:18)

The individual who is content with himself knows how to be quiet within.

Mike Riley
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“There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

Happy Birthday!

Carl Gilstrap—Nov. 30th

Teresa Terrell—Dec. 12

John Schock—Dec. 13

Herb Smith—Dec. 14



Looking Ahead

- Nov. 30**, Boys' Song Leading today at 3:00 p.m. At the building.
- Nov. 30**, Girls to lead songs at Elmcroft. 2:00
- Nov. 30**, Young men in "Lads to Leaders" will lead in worship tonight for this evening's service
- Dec. 2**, Men's Fellowship Breakfast at IHOP. 8:00a
- Dec. 2**, Women's breakfast at IHOP. 10:00a
- Dec. 3**, Midweek Bible Study: Men & women will meet together in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be "Evangelism".
- Dec. 4**, College and High School Devo at Towne Acres. 7:00, p.m.
- Dec. 4**, Ladies Deep Bible Study to meet at the building. 7-9 p.m. This has been re-scheduled from November. Due to the holidays, December's meeting is scheduled for January.
- Dec. 5**, Christmas party for SHO kids and their foster parents. At the building, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 6**, Christmas party at the Don & Teresa Allison home for junior high, high school and college age youth. If you plan to attend, please take a \$5.00 gift to exchange. Prior to the party, the group will travel to Westminster Village to carol to the residents. Time of these activities will be announced.
- Dec. 7**, The new Foundations Class will meet for the first time at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Bible truths will be studied. The class will meet in the new "Foundations Classroom" and Gary Reynolds will teach.
- Dec. 13**, Elder and Deacon Meeting at the building, 10:00 a.m.

For Your Information

- The Chronological Reading Class which met on Thursday has completed its study.
- Reminder that the Midweek Bible Study, prior to Christmas day, will meet on Tuesday, December 23.
- The pantry needs to be restocked before the Christmas basket give-a-way. Please bring any item that you wish, bearing in mind that larger sizes will be appreciated for larger families.