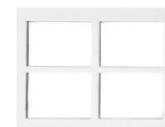


WEST SIDE WINDOW



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(Cont. from page 1) Going back to the time of the Civil war, the music that came out of the death and destruction was some of the most heart rendering music ever written. One song that comes to mind says in the fourth stanza: "On winter nights I'll teach them all that I learned in school, to love our country, keep her laws, obey the saviors rule." Since this song was written this country has come through many more wars, dying, and torment. We have been fortunate to win many of the wars and skirmishes that we have come head to head against, but the war we are losing now, is the war of faith and the battle to keep God in this country's laws and our daily lives.

Could you imagine if our country still held true to these values? What an encouraging thought! As a group of people who follow the Lord and live by his principles, some of the ways to bring god back into our country, and bring back these mighty values are:

1. Invite God back into our homes and into the daily lives of our families (Deut. 6:7).
2. Bring God back into our government from local offices all the way to the white house (Rom. 13:1) (2nd Chr. 1:10).
3. Welcome god back into our schools (1st Tim. 4:9-16).
4. Regain the courage of our forefathers to take the word to the world and not just be defenders of it. (Ephesians 6:10-18).
5. Finally, do not be afraid to show our godliness (Heb. 11:1-6)

If we as Christians will all come together as one nation under god and un-divided, we can do great things for our Lord. I encourage each and everyone of us to band together and take a stand for our Lord and his word. If this is achieved, we will once again become a great Christian nation.

Are you Busy Enough? When God called Moses: he was busy with his flock. When God called Gideon: he was busy thrashing wheat. When God called Saul: he was busy searching for his father's lost sheep. When God called Elisha: he was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen. When God called Nehemiah: he was busy as the King's cupbearer. When God called James and John: they were busy mending fishing nets. When he called Matthew: he was busy collecting customs. Are you busy enough for God to use?

What Media Means to West Side

All at West Side find ourselves in the grip of electronic wonders and gadgets that defy the imagination. How can we as a congregation make these electronics work for us as we try to get the attention of the world around us? Our aim is to spread the word of God and to convert as many people as we can to Christ. One way the West Side Elders have chosen to do this is to use the media tools that are accessible to us in our building, home to home, and right in front of our building, on the highway. As a deacon, Lowell Huffman has assumed the work of the media. The elders have purchased a new projector that will bring brightness and clarity to the messages each Sunday. Lowell will be using new material that will welcome Sunday worshipers with greetings and pertinent info on the overhead screen. He will send weekly e-mails to all including "thoughts for the day" and updates of the sick and bereaved. The elders have also sanctioned podcasts of Mike's sermons and Lowell will manage that as well as continuing to burn CD's of each Sunday's lessons. We are hopeful of taking every advantage the world of communication has to offer us in the fight for souls to Christ. There is no greater challenge that lies before us than to spread the Word to the sinner and to nurture and feed those within our own church family.

The Reduction of Christian Values and the Steps to Fix It

By Jonah Stults

When this country was founded, it was founded on one main principle, Christian values. These values include, worshiping the Lord as our creator, taking care of family, going to church EVERY time it convened, helping your neighbor, no cheating, lying, or stealing, paying your bills and to respect and obey your parents. How many of these values are thrown away these days, and viewed as obsolete? Most people of that time came to the new world for religious freedom. That value was recognized in our new government by putting God in our currency, courtrooms, constitution, and in writing the laws that would rule this nation for years to come. When did we get off track? When did we start to lose the will to revere God as our creator, and choose to stop using him as a foundation for the laws we create and follow? What can we do to keep God as our focus? Four points come to mind right away:

1. Think, study and pray about the men we bring to office and be aware of the laws that are created.
2. Be responsible for yourself and your own (family and friends).
3. Marry into the church so that you are equally yoked (2 cor. 6:14).
4. Raise your children to be god fearing and to follow scripture (Pro. 1:7) (Pro. 22:6).

Action begins with number one; ourselves. If each of us commits our lives and our actions every day to this cause, we can make a difference. Multiplied by the people with whom we live, work, play and worship and the effect could be great. Every day, we influence others and do not even realize it. Let's all make a concentrated effort to influence others in Godly ways.

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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

Mike Gors
Gary Reynolds
Larry Reynolds
Todd Stults

DEACONS

Don Allison— Fellow-
ship
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 December 7, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Todd Stults
 Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
 1st Prayer: Bill Winemiller
 Scripture: Jimmy Clark
 “ **“2 Corinthians 6:7-13”**
 Sermon: Mike Gors
“A Sermon About Nothing”
 Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin
 Sound Room: Don Allison

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Jerry Hoyt
 West Side— Outside: Sean Bobo
 Inside: Jimmy Clark
 East Side— Inside: Brett Allison
 Outside: Adam Gors

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Boys
 1st Prayer: Scripture: Boys
 Lesson: Boys
 Communion Table: Boys
 Closing Prayer: Boys
 Sound Room: Don Allison

GROUP 3 DUTIES, DEC. 7 & 10

Greeters: Annex, Vivian & Dana;
Front Door: Ira & Holly;
East Entrance, Debby & Nancy.
Building Lock-up: Larry & Connie
Communion Clean-up: Sue

Communion Prep: Genny Stults

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. Ongoing chemo treatments
Brett Rutherford, missionary. Lesions on brain.
Herb & Betty Smith
Judy Schuck, Radiation treatment for cancer. Charlene’s cousin
Laura Hudson, radical leg surgery in Indianapolis. Niece of Marjorie Hickey of Muncie. Requested prayer.
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, 7 hour Cancer surgery on Dec. 3rd in Indianapolis. In intensive care. Did well during surgery but pain management is problematic.
Shawna Schock, Awaiting second pain relief procedure.
Teresa Allison, Scheduled for surgery on Dec. 15th at BMH.
Kennedy Zade, Seizures of unknown cause

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 Nov. 30, 2014

Sunday Bible Study 73
 Sunday Worship am 92
 Sunday Worship pm 57
 Wed. Bible Study 56

Wednesday Bible Study December 10th

Devotions Joe
 Song Leader Adam
 Prayer Bill W.

For Your Information

The Chronological Reading Class which met on Thursday has completed its study.

Please Reminder:

- Midweek Bible Study, prior to Christmas day, will meet on Tuesday, December 23
- Midweek Bible Study, prior to New Years Day, will be held at 7:00 on Dec. 30th.

Communion Prep for 2015 is on the board. Please sign up if you are willing to help.

198 CD’s of Cliff Goodwin’s lessons were burned and delivered to members of the West Side congregation and brothers and sisters in Christ from afar.

From Volker: 531 box tops were delivered to the Mid-Western Children’s Home. They will be redeemed as cash and the money will be used for supplies.

Thank You’s from children at Yorktown for their weekend food packs:

- From **Ezekiel**, “You guys are the best church. I love you”
- From **Adriana**, “Thank you very much for the food you give us. My family is thankful.”
- From **Jack**, “Thank you very much for all the food.”



Happy Birthday!

Teresa Terrell—Dec. 12

John Schock—Dec. 13

Herb Smith—Dec. 14

Shawna Schock—Dec. 15

Looking Ahead

Dec. 7, The new Foundations Class will meet for the first time at 9:30a on Sunday morning. Bible truths will be studied. The class will meet in the new Foundations Classroom and Gary Reynolds will teach.

Dec. 7, Bethel Pointe Devotional at 2:00 p.m. The girls will lead songs of praise. All ladies welcome to come. Help spread the Good News, make some new friends and support the young ladies.

Dec. 7, boys in Lads to Leaders will lead the service this evening.

Dec. 9, Men’s Fellowship Breakfast at IHOP. 8:00a

Dec. 9, Women’s breakfast at IHOP. 10:00a

Dec. 13, Elder and Deacon Meeting at the building, 10:00a

Dec. 13, Bible Bowl. 7-8-30p

****College & High School Devotions, held at Towne Acres, is now meeting on alternate weeks. Next scheduled devo will be held on Dec. 18th.**

Please.....

When you shop for yourself this week, please remember the pantry needs to be restocked for Christmas basket give-a-ways. Any items that you might purchase will be greatly appreciated. Bearing in mind, some families have several members to be counted, also, larger sizes are very helpful.

