

This and That...

—**Pantry item for September: any packaged potato product**

—**For Your Use: recent additions to our directory can be found on the table.**

—**Be sure to take time to read the latest letters from Ronnie Gootam and Scott Pfettcher on the Missions Board.**

—**On Thursday, September 24th, The Ladies Deep Bible Study group will begin a new study on “Persecution for Righteousness Sake.” All ladies, all ages are welcome to join in.**

—**All classes have began the new quarter with the study of “Giving” on Wednesday nights. On Sunday, The adult class is studying “Faith Building Answers.”**

—**From the Elders: “A big thank you to all the men and women who are working and cleaning in the building throughout the month. Your pride in our building is wonderful to see.”**

FYI

When a donation is offered to West Side on behalf of a loved one or a friend who has passed on, the information is passed on to the pertinent family member involved. They will then be aware of the donation and can acknowledge their thanks to the donor.

The Church

The church is never a place, but always a people; never a fold but always a flock; never a building but always a believing assembly. A structure of brick or marble can no more be a church than your clothes of silk or satin can be you.



Ladies Association of Camp Indogan (LACI)

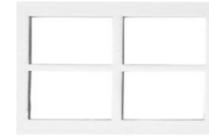
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Pleased to host their 3rd Annual Ladies Day on September 26, 2015 with speaker, Tracy Lazzarine

Cost is \$10 and all money is used for Camp Improvement under the direction of the Board of Directors. For more information, see the bulletin board.

—**“He who is full of himself is likely to be quite empty.”**

—**“Leave your ego at the door every morning and just do some truly great work. Few things will make you feel better than a job brilliantly done.”**



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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 Pfettcher

New Hampshire

Laconia Church of
Christ

Shane Belanger

West Side Window

September 20, 2015

What Do We Have in Common?

I found myself once again getting worked up by the political rhetoric, various news stories and the respective opinions that go along with those new stories and political banter on Facebook. I think folks are tired and frustrated and need a place to vent those frustration before they lose their minds. Oh, I have my opinions too but I generally keep them to myself. I am growing very weary of the constant fighting, anger and hate that goes on. It seems to me that America is more divided now (race, gender, socio-economics, guns and religion etc.) than it has been in my lifetime. It also seems to me that it is has become nearly impossible to have meaningful conversation in pursuit of understanding those with whom we disagree, or resolving issues, or finding truth. I am not so naïve as to think that everyone is going to agree on everything. I don't believe there are two people who believe the same thing on everything, let alone trying to get 300 million people to be on the same page, but can we at least find some common ground? Let's focus on some things we do have in common. Notice what the Bible says all men have in common.

1. A Common Beginning--Created by God. God is the creator and sustainer of life Acts 17:28. We bear His image (Genesis 1:26). Though we may be housed in flesh with different genders and skin tone, we all bear the image of God. That is to say we are spirit just like the one who created us is spirit, “God is a spirit...” (John 4:24).
2. A Common End--Death and Judgment. Death is no respecter of persons. Those who have lots of money and those without money will die. Also, of gender and race, men and women of every skin tone will die. All democrats, republicans, and libertarians will die. Those who live a homosexual lifestyle and those who are against that lifestyle will die. All, those who believe in God and those who don't believe there is a god, will die and face the judgement (Eccl. 9:5; Hebrews 9:27, Romans 5:12).
3. A Common Need--Forgiveness of Sin. Most all of humanity, Christian and non-Christian are keenly aware of the flaws and imperfections of humanity. Except the most prideful person, most people can tell personal stories of failures, mistakes and shortcomings, and seek after making their wrongs right. Most know the need of forgiveness. All have fallen short of God's glory and are in need of forgiveness (Romans 3:23) and the only one to provide true forgiveness is Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:3-7).
4. A Common Savior--Jesus Christ. Jesus is humanity's only hope, (1 Timothy 1:1). He is our only hope for having our sins removed (John 1:29), our only hope of seeing the Father (John 14:6), our only hope for everlasting life (John 3:16).

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WORSHIP FOR September 20, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Bill Winemiller
Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
1st Prayer: Bill Smith
Scripture: Joe Reed
Sermon: Mike Gors
Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow
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: Gary Reynolds
Prayer: Cliff Nicks
Scripture: Richard Messer
Sermon: Mike Gors
Communion Table: Rex Harper
Closing Prayer: Adam Gors
Sound Room: Jerry Hoyt

Group Three Duties- Sept. 20th

Door Greeters: Bill & Pam, Lela & Howard, Don & Teresa
Lock-up: Don & Teresa
Communion Clean-up: Todd & Emily
Communion Prep for September: Betty C. & Lola

Remember In Prayer

Andrew Weyman, Leukemia. Two year old, Andrew, and his parents attend Waynedale Church of Christ

Brenda Huffman, Lung cancer. Sister-in-law of Delores

George Robison, Margaret Goodman's brother who lives in Indianapolis. Cancer in multiple organs

Herb & Betty Smith

Janie Miller, Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Janie is Mike's aunt & his mother, Marty's, sister. Condition still guarded after surgery

Jeremy Fortner, Advanced colon cancer. Nephew of Kendall

Jerry Winsor, Aggressive cancer. Under treatment and currently holding his own. Brother-in-law to Pat Ergle. Jerry and wife, Charlene, live in TN

Jim Zachary, cancer, Tom Davis' nephew

Kameron Graddy, Friend of Justin. Kameron has a 5 inch tumor on leg which doctors fear is cancerous.

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

Linda Bigler, Return of tumors to brain

Molly Mertz, In BMH for tests. Cousin of Maria

Mike Bayer, Mike had a heart procedure last week to clear blockage. Stable at this time..

Ralph Zeek, Willow Bend Nursing Facility

Sandra Crawford, Cancer. Wife of Kendal Clark's friend

Sandra Mincey, Aortic valve replacement. Doing good. Is in rehab and headed home. Aunt of Jessica Gors.

Sharon Adams, Up and walking now and doing better. Co-worker of Genny

We are sorry to hear of the death of Kay Wall's brother, Keith Pope . His services were held on Thursday in Midland, IN. Our hearts are filled with love and sympathy for Kay and her family.

Our Shut-ins: Remember with prayer, cards & visits

Evelyn Vannatter—Elmcroft
Forrest Hurst—Elmcroft
Jim & Marylou Witty—At home
Lana Blanchard—Albany Health Care
Vada Zeek—Willow Bend

Attendance for the Week of September 13th

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| Sun. AM Bible Study | 62 |
| Sun. AM Worship | 98 |
| Sun. PM Worship | 74 |
| Midweek Bible Study | 62 |

Midweek Service, Sept. 23rd

Speaker: Adam Gors
Song Leader: Sean Bobo
Prayer: Jim Clark

Happy Birthday

Marjorie Smith—Sept. 20

Melinda Sheffield—Sept. 24

Nicholas Hummel—Sept. 25

Elayna Reynolds —Sept. 25

Sylvia Carroll—Sept. 25

Don Allison—Sept. 25

Kay Wall—Sept. 26



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...And Looking Ahead



Sept. 23, Men's Breakfast at IHOP, 8 a

Sept. 23 Women's Breakfast at IHOP, 10a

Sept. 24, High School & College Age Devo at Towne Acres, 7p

Sept. 24, Bible Study at Elmcroft with Larry at 2:00p.

This study group will meet each 2nd & 4th Thursday monthly. This is the residence of Forrest Hurst. All welcome.

Sept. 24, Ladies Deep Bible Studies, 7p

Sept 25, Bible Series, "Keeping Congregations Viable in 21st Century Culture" at Washington Ave. Church of Christ in Evansville. See flyer.

Sept. 26 "Canoeing and Devo" in the Woods at Turkey Run State Park for all youth. See sign up sheet.

Sept. 26, LACI Ladies Day at Camp Indogan. See flyer.

October 25-28, "Re-energizing the Church in Troublesome Times," at Greenfield church of Christ . Flyer posted

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What is ironic is that I know that as I write this article not everyone is going to believe the same about creation, God, or Jesus. What my true hope and prayer is, is that we can somehow find the humanity to look for the things we do have in common and begin to have conversation and meaningful dialogue with people who have different beliefs and lifestyles. We must return to having respect for each other and regain some civility in our society, as we are all made in the image of God. May the church lead the way on being civil when we encounter those with whom we may strongly disagree and ask ourselves this question about our 'opponent'; "What do we have in common?"

MJG