

(Cont. from page 1) In biblical history, the same principle holds true. Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden for eating from **one** piece of fruit from **one** tree (Genesis 3). Nadab and Abihu—the right boys, at the right place, at the right time, with the right censers and the right incense—nevertheless were destroyed for incorporating **foreign** fire into their incense offering (Leviticus 10:1-2). Moses was excluded from entrance into the Promised Land because of his **one** mistake at Kadesh—striking a rock instead of speaking to it (Numbers 20:7-12). Saul was deposed as king for sparing the best sheep and cattle, and the life of **one** individual out of an entire nation (1 Samuel 15). Uzziah was struck dead for merely reaching out and steadying the Ark of the Covenant (2 Samuel 6:6-7). God rejected Uzziah because he entered the temple, merely to burn incense (2 Chronicles 26).

Many more examples could be considered. These are no more “technical” or “trivial” than New Testament regulations pertaining to vocal (as opposed to instrumental) music in worship (Ephesians 5:19), unleavened bread and fruit of the vine at the Lord’s Table (Matthew 26:26-29), and the qualifications of elders and deacons (1 Timothy 3:1-13). We must refrain from attempting to second-guess God, or deciding for ourselves what **we** think is important to Him—“that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God” (Luke 16:15). We need to be attentive to “all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27)—even those portions that humans deem unimportant or peripheral. When people are clamoring, “Those matters are not salvation issues,” we need to reaffirm the words of Jesus, “These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone” (Matthew 23:23). [www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org)

### From the Church Archives

#### His One Mistake

He wore his boots when it rained. He brushed his teeth twice a day with nationally known toothbrush. The doctor examined him twice a year. He slept with the windows open. He stuck to a diet with plenty of veggies. He relinquished his tonsils and traded in several worn out glands. He golfed but never more than 18 holes at a time. He got at least eight hours of sleep every night. He never smoked, drank or lost his temper. He was all set to live a hundred years.

The funeral will be next Wednesday. He is survived by eight specialists, three health institutions, two gymnasiums and numerous manufacture of health goods and antiseptics. His one mistake? He forgot God. He lived as if this world was the end of all things. He is now with those who said: “The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved.” Jeremiah 8:20

Please remember the Pantry It needs to be restocked for the upcoming holidays.  
Food item for this week: Canned Meat.

### You are Invited to Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 31, 2014

At West Side parking lot 5 pm—8 pm

.....Then

.....Thereafter

Be prepared to spend the night at West Side’s

**LOCK IN**

Beginning at 8:00 pm

Fun, games, singing, snacks, fellowship

Absolutely No Sleeping Allowed!



West Side Kids Only, Please!

Visitors: We are thankful to have you with us today. Please stay a few minutes after service so we can get acquainted. If you have any questions about what you see or hear here today, we stand ready to talk with you and answer your concerns. If you are in need of prayer, let us know how we can serve you.

# WEST SIDE WINDOW

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## "Technicalities"

“Are you telling me that just because I don’t belong to your church, or just because I haven’t been baptized **into** the remission of sins, or just because I use the instrument when I worship God, or just because I don’t attend **every** worship service, or just because I don’t partake of the Lord’s Supper **every** Sunday—that I can’t make it to heaven? I can’t believe that God would condemn me on a technicality! Besides, that’s legalistic!”

Many, many religious people are characterized by this attitude. Their perceptions of God and His grace serve to minimize the necessity of being overly concerned about strict obedience to every command of God. This attitude is manifested in the idea that arriving at correct doctrine is irrelevant to establishing a right relationship with God. But this is precisely what the Bible teaches. Doctrinal purity does not necessarily guarantee a right relationship with God, but a right relationship with God is impossible without doctrinal purity. **Both** “spirit and truth” (i.e., proper attitude **and** proper adherence to truth—John 4:24) are essential to a right relationship with God. Even if some religious individuals give the impression that they have gone “overboard” on truth, yet with insufficient attention to proper attitude, no solution is achieved by abandoning, compromising, or softening adherence to truth in an effort to accept those who are determined to remain unconforted to truth.

The very nature of God and truth is at stake in this discussion. Truth, by its very definition, is narrow, specific, fixed, and technical. God is a God of truth Who operates within the parameters of truth. Since He is God, He does not, and cannot, vary from truth and right. Man’s definition of what constitutes a “technicality” rarely matches God’s definition. More often than not, the very items that humans brush aside as unimportant and trivial, are those things upon which God lays great importance. Herein lies the crux of man’s problem. **We** decide what **we** think is important, and then proceed to structure **our** religion around those self-stylized premises, assuming divine sanction and “grace.” Never mind the fact that “it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jeremiah 10:23). Never mind the fact that “the wisdom of this world” is foolish to God (1 Corinthians 1:20). And never mind the fact that such an attitude and approach betrays great arrogance.

In everyday living, we understand very well the principle that those things that appear to be trivial or mere technicalities can be crucial to survival. The incorrect dosage of medicine in a medical emergency—even milligrams—can mean the difference between life and death. One or two miles over the speed limit can secure the offender a ticket. Accidentally putting gasoline into a diesel engine can ruin an automobile. I suppose one could label each of these examples as “technicalities,” but doing so does not alter the magnitude of their importance or the extent to which they impact reality.

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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- Advertisement/Communication  
Kendall Clark- Benevolence/Visitation  
Rex Harper- Building & Grounds  
Lowell Huffman- Bible Correspondence Course and Widows/Widowers  
Volker Jaromin- Education

### MISSION WORKS

Tanzania, Africa  
Christopher Mwakabanje plus two preaching school students  
India  
Scott Richards  
Russia & India  
Mark Reynolds  
Memphis School of Preaching  
Armand Wine

New Hampshire  
Laconia Church of Christ  
The Belanger family

## WORSHIP FOR October 19

### MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Allison  
 Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt  
 1st Prayer: Bill Smith  
 Scripture: Brett Allison  
*Matthew 9:9-13*  
 Sermon: Mike Gors  
*"Jesus, a Friend to sinners"*  
 Closing Prayer: Rick Cox  
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Todd Stults  
 West Side— Outside: Jacob Martin  
 Inside: Rick Cox  
 East Side— Inside: Sean Bobo  
 Outside: Jimmy Clark

### EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt  
 1st Prayer: Chad Bobo  
 Scripture: Howard Goodman  
 Sermon: Mike Gors  
 Communion Table: Volker Jaromin  
 Closing Prayer: Adam Gors  
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman  
 Closing Prayer: Kendall Clark  
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

### GROUP ONE —OCTOBER 19 & 22

**Greeters:** Lela & Howard, Ellen, Joe  
**Building Lock-up:** Todd & Genny  
**Communion Clean-up:** Richard & Janet  
**Communion Prep for October:** Sue

## Remember In Prayer

**Bob Allison**, chemo treatments continue. Father of Don Allison.  
**Linda Bigler**, Diagnosed with cancer of brain. Received the first of chemotherapy treatments this past week.  
**Brett Rutherford**, missionary. Lesions on brain.  
**Herb & Betty Smith**, difficult week  
**Jack Knox**, heart surgery this past Thursday. Jack Had a 95% blockage. Pat Ergle's brother-in-law  
**Judy Schuck**, recently diagnosed with cancer. Charlene's cousin  
**Lynn Hunley**, daughter-in-law of Margaret. Recent surgery  
**Lisa Staggs**  
**Madelyn Cortman**, mother of Debbie Haviland. In hospice care. Lives in Madison, IN.  
**Mrs. Jeffers**, stage one breast cancer. Music teacher for Joey, Heather and Alexis  
**Nancy Shaw**, breast cancer. Doing well. Janet's sister.  
**Richard Mann**, kidney removed in Indianapolis. Had a heart attack immediately afterward but better this past week. Father of Steve Mann (wife, Michelle).  
**Rodney Lawson**, stage four lung cancer. Cousin of Kathy Harper.  
**Sandy Phillips**, cancer. Surgery expected in November. Final determination to be made when medical team is fully assembled.  
**Shawna Schock**, surgery pending.  
**Theresa Coppock**, stomach surgery. Recent Improvement with removal of feeding tube.  
**Wanda Reed**, heart problems. Chemical stress test at Indianapolis last Thursday. Results pending.

Prayer requested for the Family of Michelle Quirk, secretary at Cowan High School where Taylor & Skylar attend. Michelle passed away of breast cancer. She had three small children.

### Shut-ins

**Bill Gaw-Westminster Village**  
**Evelyn Vannatter -Elmcroft**  
**Forrest Hurst-Elmcroft**  
**Lana Blanchard -AlbanyHealth Care**  
**Vada Zeek -Willowbend**



### Attendance for the Week of October 12, 2014

Sunday Bible Study	77
Sunday Worship am	96
Sunday Worship pm	74
Wed. Bible Study	66

### Wednesday Devotions October 22nd

Devotions	Gary
Song Leader	Chad
Prayer	Jim Clark



**Oct 19**, Ladies Singing at the building, 2:30pm

**Oct. 19, Boys' Year Round Song Leading group has been rescheduled.** Boys will meet at the building each 3rd & 4th Sunday of the month at 3:00pm.

**Oct 21**, Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8a at IHOP

**Oct. 21**, Ladies Breakfast, 10a at IHOP

**October 23**, Chronological Bible Reading at the building, 10a-12n.

**October 23**, High School & College Devo at Towne Acres. p-9p

**Oct. 25**, Ladies Learn-to Class will meet to hear about defense and street safety. 1pm-3pm, at the building

**Oct. 25**, Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes' Bible Bowl will meet each Saturday at the building, 7-8:30 pm. See Todd if you do not have the newest packet. The group will be studying Galatians 1 & 2.

**Oct. 27**, Evangelism Meeting 7p, at the building

**Oct. 30**, Ladies Deep Bible Study at the building, p-9p

**Oct. 31**, Trunk or Treat in church parking lot. 5p-8p

**October 31**, Youth invited to an all-night lock-in at the building after Trunk & Treat. West Side kids only.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Forrest—Oct 23  
 Donna—Oct 25  
 Betty S—Oct 27  
 Todd—Oct 27  
 Colton—Oct 28



## Around and About

**—Nov. 1, 2014, Church of Christ at Auglailize County, Annual Lectureship. Topic: "Who is to Have Your Heart?". Speakers, Jimmy Clark Taylor, Adam Davis, Chris Reno. Our youth traveled to this congregation last year for Vacation Bible School. Posted.**

**—Nov. 2-6, Stop Eleven Road Church of Christ in Indianapolis, 33rd annual Lectureship. The topic is "God Told Us Not to" with various speakers. This is the former Garfield Heights Church of Christ. See info on board. Flyer posted.**

**—Nov. 8, 2014, East Allen County Church of Christ in New Haven Indiana, 6th annual youth rally with Dr. Joe Nichols as guest speaker. Topic: "Metamorphosis". Begins at 9:30 am. RSVP requested. Flyer on bulletin board.**

**—Nov. 16-19, Towne Acres Church of Christ, Gospel Meeting. Speaker, Greg Dismuke. Topic, "The Abundant Life in Christ".**

**See flyer for times each day. Posted.**

"If temptations come to your door,  
don't invite them in for dinner."

In an effort to make the community more aware of West Side and our good location in the Yorktown area, we hope to be using the building in community friendly ways. Our first priority is, of course, as the gathering place for the Lord's Body and second, that the members are able to use the facility as their needs present themselves. To do this, within our ranks and without, we need to know when the building (lower level, kitchen, auditorium, classrooms) will be in use.

Please contact Sue if you want to use the building and the date can be verified with whatever else is happening that particular day and time. We will look forward to using our building to further Godly, useful and helpful projects in the Yorktown community.