

Now That He's an Elder

Now that he's an elder,
he is still A husband;
he needs to spend time with his wife.



A father—
he needs to spend time with his children.

He may still be employed,
working eight or more hours a day,
five or more days a week.



he is still a Christian—
no more or less than you and me.

A servant—
why should we expect more of him or his family
than we do of ourselves?

a man with weaknesses and faults—
not perfect, not sinless;
he makes mistakes, too.



A brother—
he needs our support,
encouragement and prayers.
he hasn't changed that much,
now that he's an elder.

By Brenda Terrell, Christian Woman

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Around and About

—Nov 1, 2014, Church of Christ at Aug-lailize County, Annual Lectureship. Topic: "Who is to Have Your Heart?". 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 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. 9, Area singing at South Side Church of Christ in Portland at 2:30pm. Snacks & fellowship to follow.

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

Bee Aware:
Good Samaritans
On the Move

The good Samaritans will be meeting on the second Sunday of each month. After morning service they will have lunch and a different service project each month. Parents are welcome to help. All Good Samaritans strive to show that they have a servant's heart and they will work to prove it. See Ki-sta if you have any questions.



WEST SIDE WINDOW

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The Wisdom of Accountability Measures

If a person wants to be wicked, there is no stopping him. There are not enough accountability measures to put in place to stop a free moral agent from willfully choosing to sin. A parent could go so far as to lock up a teenager in an empty room in hopes of keeping him from sinning against God, but even then the teen could **think** and **say** wicked things. Even though Adam and Eve lived in a sinless world at one time; even though they were surrounded by good things (Genesis 1:31); even though they were able to walk and talk with God, live in the midst of the tree of life, and freely eat of every tree of the garden with the exception of one (Genesis 3:8; 2:9,16-17), they eventually chose the one thing that God forbade.

Generally speaking, however, Christians do not want to sin. Rather, we desperately desire to live in **accordance** with God's will. The reason we call ourselves Christians is because we **want** to be Christ-like. That said, we are not perfect. More than we like to admit, we give in to "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 John 2:16). For this reason, (1) we pray that we are not led into temptation, but instead are delivered from it (Matthew 6:13), and (2) lest we fall, we "take heed" (1 Corinthians 10:12) and walk carefully (Ephesians 5:15).

One area in which all Christians in the 21st century need to walk carefully is the World Wide Web. With one or two clicks of a button, a Christian can find himself "walking" in the filthiest places on Earth. More evil can be discovered more quickly on the Internet **than anywhere in world history**. In 1996, the U.S. Department of Justice argued, "Never before in the history of telecommunications media in the United States has **so much** indecent (and obscene) material been **so easily** accessible by **so many** minors in **so many** American homes with **so few** restrictions" (1996, emp. added). Literally, in just a few seconds, with merely a few clicks of a mouse, or by typing in only three or four words in a search engine, men and women, boys and girls, can view almost any wicked thing imaginable.

What proactive steps can Christians take to shield ourselves and our families from the many dangers on the Internet? Some Christians may think that they and their children are strong enough to withstand whatever temptation comes their way over the Internet. Such an attitude is seen to be very unwise in light of the apostle Paul's admonitions to Christians. Not only did he warn the Corinthians to "let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall," he also wrote to the churches of Galatia, saying, "For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself" (Galatians 6:3). Admittedly, we will never be able to put so many safety measures in place that the possibility of sinning is removed. But, there is much wisdom in being "careful" to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness," including those "shameful" things "done...in secret" (Ephesians 5:11-15).

Every Christian family that uses the Internet, seriously needs to consider filtering and accountability software. Filtering software, such as that offered by OpenDNS[®] or Safe Eyes[®] (among others), can block a myriad of different kinds of sinful sites that we might be tempted to visit. Though filtering software is not effective 100% of the time at blocking immoral sites, it can be a great safety measure most of the time. (Cont. on page 3)

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

Russia & India
Mark Reynolds

Memphis School of Preaching
Armand Wine
Ronnie Gootam

New Hampshire
Laconia Church of Christ
The Belanger family

WORSHIP FOR November 2, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Gary Reynolds
 Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
 1st Prayer: Kendall Clark
 Scripture: Danny Odle
Luke 9: 57-62
 Sermon: Mike Gors
“Put Your Hand to the Plow”
 Closing Prayer: Rex Harper
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

COMMUNION SERVERS

Prayer: Bill Winemiller
 West Side— Outside: Larry Terrell
 Inside: Jimmy Clark
 East Side— Inside: Brett Allison
 Outside: Adam Gors

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
 1st Prayer: Jonah Stults
 Scripture: Gary Reynolds
 Sermon: Mike Gors
 Communion Table: Don Allison
 Closing Prayer: Larry Reynolds
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

GROUP TWO NOV. 2ND & 5TH

Greeters & Building Lock-up: Kendall & Jane
Communion Clean-up: Sue
Communion Prep for Nov.—Janet
 Group two responsible for all activities this week.

Remember In Prayer

Garrett Henderson, great-grandson of Ellen. Foot surgery with good results.
Bob Allison, chemo treatments continue. Father of Don Allison.
Linda Bigler, brain cancer. Chemo treatments have begun
Brett Rutherford, missionary. Lesions on brain.
Herb & Betty Smith,
Jack Knox, heart surgery . Pat Ergle’s brother-in-law
Judy Schuck, recently diagnosed with cancer. Charlene’s cousin
Lynn Hunley, daughter-in-law of Margaret Goodman. Recent surgery
Lisa Staggs
Mrs. Jeffers, stage one breast cancer. Music teacher for Joey, Heather and Alexis
Nancy Shaw, breast cancer. Doing well. Janet’s sister.
Rodney Lawson, stage four lung cancer. Cousin of Kathy Harper.
Sandy Phillips, cancer. Surgery expected in November.
Shawna Schock, surgery pending.
Theresa Coppock, progress after stomach surgery
Wanda Reed, will be seeing a lung specialist on Monday, Nov. 3rd. Heart problem has been ruled out.
Zade Kennedy, Seizures of unknown origin. Granddaughter of Dorothy Potter

Prayer requested for the Mike & Debby Haviland Family. Debbie’s mother, Madelyn Cortman, passed away this past Tuesday in Madison, IN. Mike & Debbie are former members of West Side and Mike served as an elder at this congregation.

Our hearts are saddened by the death of Ashley Myer, grandson of Norma Haffner. Please keep this family in your prayers as they have suffered three recent losses of family members.

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 26, 2014

Sunday Bible Study	82
Sunday Worship am	110
Sunday Worship pm	72
Wed. Bible Study	60

Wednesday Devotions November 5th

Devotions	Kendall
Song Leader	Jimmy
Prayer	Mike

Today After Morning Worship

Nov. 2, Teacher’s meeting in large classroom directly after morning service. Gary will be meeting with all current teachers or those who want to teach next quarter.

Nov. 2, 2:00 p, Bethel Pointe Devotions with Mike. Everyone is invited to sing and hear a lesson from God’s Word. Come and make new friends with the residents of the health center.

Nov. 2, Girls’ Year Round Song Leading, 4:30 pm at the building.

Looking Ahead

Nov. 4, Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8a at IHOP

Nov. 4, Ladies Breakfast, 10a at IHOP

Nov. 6, Chronological Bible Reading at the building, 10a-12n.

Nov. 6, College & High School Devo, Towne Acres at 7p

Nov. 8, Blood Drive. 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Nov. 8, Bible Bowl at the building at 7 p—8:30 p

Please remember the pantry items for this week: Canned meat or canned fruit. Just a few weeks until the Thanksgiving baskets will be delivered. Work day for this project will be on November 22nd. See Kendall if you wish to help monetarily or with the work of filling or delivering the baskets.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jim C—Nov 2
 MaryAnn—Nov 6
 Jennifer C—Nov 6
 Lonnie—Nov 7
 Evelyn—Nov 12
 Connie—Nov 15

BLOOD DRIVE

At West Side on November 8, 2014

9:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m.

Every blood donor will receive a free pumpkin pie



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Perhaps an even better (or additional) line of defense for Christians is accountability software such as that provided by Covenant Eyes®. This software tracks every site you visit and every search you make, whether on a computer, a phone, or a tablet. It then passes that information on to an accountability partner of your choosing (e.g., husband, wife, parent, close friend, etc.). For example, a parent can install this software on a teen’s laptop, tablet, or smart phone, and once a week get a report of what web sites the teen has visited or attempted to visit. This enables families to have continual informed and meaningful discussions about how Christians can wisely use the Internet in a Christ-like way.

Most all of us put various kinds of physical safety measures in place in our lives. Whether it is a law or not, many of us wear our seat belts faithfully. We may purchase security systems for our house or apartment in case of break-ins. We teach our children how to escape from their rooms in case there is a fire. Sometimes the physical precautions we put in place seem almost endless. Unfortunately, most people either forget or ignore the need for all of the spiritual defense measures that can help Christians continue walking in the light, rather than be continually tempted to stumble in darkness. It seems to me, two of the best tools that Christians can use in the 21st century are filtering and accountability software. I would encourage you to visit such helpful Web sites as www.safeeyes.com and www.covenanteyes.com.

www.apologeticspress.org