

## Calendar of Events

**Jan. 27, 2010** **Wednesday Night Services**  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
Worship and Praise Service in Auditorium

### Remember in Prayer

**West U Members:** Jan Fry began chemo treatments for her lung cancer. **Bill Turner** is taking treatment for prostate cancer. **Billy Smith** and **Jim Ledbetter** are seeking employment. **Susan Gephart** is looking for work as a caregiver or sitter. If you know any possibilities for her, please contact her at 832-921-1195. **Roger Rue** has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.

**Expectant Mothers:** Kristina Curry, Tiffany Thomas and Melissa Deaver

**Home Bound Members:** Please pray for our home bound family, including Marilyn Castles, Elizabeth Barnes, Justine Rivoire, Mildred Lindhout, Lorene Clark, Nancy Taylor, June Coffman and Mildred & Roy Kohlmann.

**Family & Friends:** Ryan McDonald's father, Glenn McDonald, is still having some serious health issues.

**Cancer Prayers:** Jonathan Barfield, 15, of Little Rock, AR, is scheduled early in February for a bone marrow transplant for leukemia. Jon's father, Mike, who has visited West U two Sundays, says that Jon may be treated here in the medical center for six months. . . . Jim Reyna, preacher for the church in McLean, had a liver transplant in Dallas in October. With all the medical costs and medications beyond his insurance, he is financially overwhelmed. He needs prayers and help. A letter about his needs is posted on the bulletin board near the office.

**Apartment Ministry:** Our resident in #116 is Namier Aldawoodi.  
Our new resident in #167 is Charles Chamberlain.

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## Do We Have the Right to Judgment?

Last week, in my small group the question arose about our relationship to believers in other traditions and church fellowships. Here are some reflections on this question.

1. All accountable persons have sinned. Sin breaks fellowship with God. Because God is holy and just, sin brings condemnation from God.
2. Salvation is by the grace and love of God in Jesus by means of his sacrificial death for us and his resurrection from the dead. Jesus is Lord and Savior of all who will believe him to be the Son of God and commit their lives to him in faith, repentance and baptism. When a believer is immersed to obey biblical teachings, he receives all the blessings of the kingdom, the new birth, forgiveness of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit, is united in fellowship with Jesus' death and resurrection, and is in Christ and his body (the church). Anyone anywhere who has heard or read the gospel of Jesus can and will be saved if he or she will obey that gospel.
3. Every sincere believer wants to please and obey God and will do so to the best of his knowledge. As we are taught better, we will do better.
4. Believers have moral, relational and doctrinal problems, misunderstandings, and weaknesses but Christ and His Spirit are ready to help and assist as we lean on him and seek to obey his will.
5. No one is perfect in all matters of life, interpretation, and doctrine, but we are to be faithful to what we know and understand. We depend on God's mercy to save us initially; we depend on God's mercy to keep us saved.

6. The Churches of Christ in America are a two-hundred-year-old movement seeking to practice primitive Christianity as taught in the New Testament. There have been many such movements in various parts of the earth over nineteen centuries of church history. We do not claim to encompass all the people of God because anybody anywhere can obey God without our knowledge. We are striving to be "Christians only" (that is, without denominational names, divisiveness or sectarian biases). To claim to be the "only Christians" makes us sectarian and speaks beyond our knowledge. Many have accepted Christ in baptism and later have accepted or strayed into systems, practices and beliefs that do not have biblical authorization.

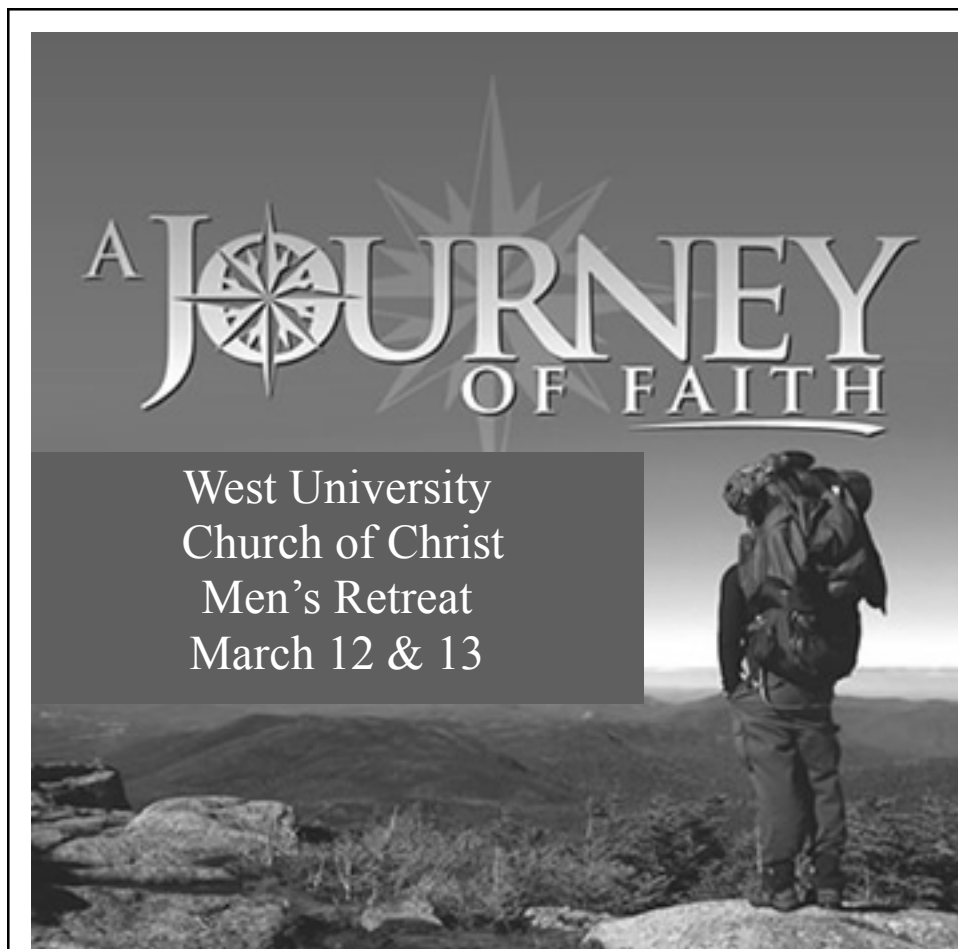
7. At the judgment, God will do what's right with every person. He never errs or makes a mistake. No one will be in heaven or in hell who does not rightfully belong there. Unless God has told us in the Scriptures, we do not know how much sin or error in a person's life God's mercy will cover. God has not given any human the right to pronounce final judgment on any person who has tried to obey and follow Christ to the best of his or her understanding. As the Bible says, God calls us to be "doers of the law," not "judges of others." Our Lord teaches us these truths: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice"; "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy"; and, "Judgment shall be without mercy to him who has shown no mercy." We are do what is right to the best of our knowledge, teach the truth as we understand it to all that we can, and leave all judgment to God.

-Calvin Warpula



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Discovering and  
Sharing God's Love



West University  
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Men's Retreat  
March 12 & 13

Have you ever thought about how you got to where you are in your walk with God? Is it easy for you to look to your past and see how far you've come? Maybe you look to your past and realize that you've slipped off the course.

Where would you like to go in your walk? Are you ready to make the next step in your journey of faith? The West University Church of Christ invites all men to get away on the weekend of March 12 and 13 to our Men's Retreat, simply entitled "A Journey of Faith".

Join us for a Friday and Saturday full of fun, camaraderie, and investment into your spiritual walk with God. Cost will be \$60 per person. There are only 30 spots available, so this will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the office, or contact Terry Scarborough at tescar50@gmail.com or Lane Widick at lanewidick@gmail.com, or you can call the office.

# Worship Service

## Moment of Friendship

### Call to Worship

#396 *No Not One*  
#282 *Oh, Praise the Lord*  
# 791 *On Bended Knee*

### Prayer

Ryan McDonald

#218 *Blessed Jesus*

### Communion

*All Christians are invited to commune with us.*

### Offering

*Guests are not expected to participate in the offering. This is a voluntary offering.*

### Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 3:12-17

#694 *O To Be Like Thee*

*(During this song, children ages 2-Pre K will be dismissed to Little Lambs and K-2nd grade to God's Flock)*

### Message - Calvin Warpula

*"Doctrinal Duties"*

#924 *Just As I Am*

**Shepherd's Prayer - Ralph Arnold**

*Firm Foundation (screen only)*

### Our Theme for 2010

**"Rediscovering Our Focus"**

**This Week: Christ's Example**

**Everyone is invited to meet with any of these LIFE groups. Please call the leader if you would like more information. There are maps to all locations in the foyer.**

1. Spring/1960/Cypress Area meets at 5:30 p.m., led by Hilton Merritt  
11818 Park Creek Dr., Houston, TX 77070 281-370-4109
2. North Houston Area meets at 5:00 p.m., led by Jim Taylor/Brad Hinrichs  
1328 Sue Barnett, Houston, TX 77018 713-695-1443
3. Sugar Land Area meets at 5:30 p.m., led by Kerry Lackey/Lane Widick  
2638 Coopers Post Lane, Sugar Land, TX 77478 281-265-7602
4. West University Area meets at 5:30 p.m., led by Calvin Warpula/John Fletcher  
Fellowship Hall here at the church building 713-669-0137
5. Pearland Area meets at 6:00 p.m., led by Tim Thompson/Ken Sandberg  
3731 Nathaniel Springs Drive, Manvel, TX 77578 281-489-4652

### Nominations for Deacons Due Today

Please write the names of your nominations for deacons on the enclosed form and give it to one of the elders or staff today. For the next two weeks, the elders will be interviewing the nominees who have sufficient support in the congregation.

### Haiti Donations Totaled \$3527

Last Sunday's special contribution for Haitian relief work totaled \$3527. The money is being sent to Healing Hands International [hhi.org] for use in Haiti. Thank God for your love and generosity.

### You're Invited to a Baby Shower

On Saturday, January 30th, at 10:30 a.m., we will be hosting a baby shower for Kristina Curry. She is expecting a boy in very early March. Kristina is registered at Target and Babies R' Us. Please make plans to join us and welcome our newest addition. See Diana Thompson or email her at [dianathompson@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dianathompson@cfl.rr.com) for more details. Kristina is asking that if diapers and clothes are bought to please purchase them in the larger sizes.

### Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon Today

Today immediately following services, in the fellowship hall, anyone who has taught Bible class or VBS this last year is invited to our annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Please bring your families and enjoy this time of fellowship while we say "Thank You" for all of your hard work and dedication.



*Today is  
Teachers'  
Appreciation  
Sunday*

*Take Time to Hug Our  
Teachers Today and Thank  
Them for Their Hard Work*

### In-depth Bible Classes Offered Here on Mondays

On Monday nights through May 10, Calvin Warpula is teaching two in-depth Bible classes in the fellowship hall. These classes are open to anyone interested in a deeper study of the Bible. You can register for the free classes at the web site [shbi.org], by filling out a registration form in the foyer and giving it to Calvin, or by showing up at the class.

The two classes and their times are as follows:

- "The Gospel of Matthew" 6:20-7:30 p.m.
- "New Testament Survey" 7:40-8:50 p.m.

### LTC Practice Schedule for Today

8 a.m. Drama (upstairs in main area)  
1 p.m. Chorus (upstairs in main area)  
5p.m. Puppets (Taylor family's home-1328 Sue Barnett Dr.)

### Time to Volunteer for VBS

On Sunday, February 21st, during our fellowship meal there will be a table set up for you to volunteer to help with VBS. This year's theme is "Survivor". Please mark these three dates on your calendar and then volunteer in any way that you can to make this year's VBS a huge success. Thank you so much for your hard work each year toward this event. See Christy McDonald ([cmcdonald@gmail.com](mailto:cmcdonald@gmail.com)) or Alicia Hinrichs ([jabb1@peoplepc.com](mailto:jabb1@peoplepc.com)) for more information.

- ♦ Saturday, May 8th-VBS Workday
- ♦ Sunday, June 6th-VBS Teachers' Meeting
- ♦ Sunday, June 20th thru Thurs. June, 24th-VBS Week

### Assistance Still Needed in Mission Effort

Lord Willing, in May of 2010, our Associate and Worship Minister Lane Widick will be taking a mission trip to China. Donations would be appreciated. Lane is still about \$700 short of what he needs. -*Ralph Arnold and Kelly Rushing*

### West University Athletics

Our men's basketball team began play last Thursday. Please talk to Lane Widick or Kerry Lackey if you are interested in playing any other sports. We are looking into a co-ed volleyball league that starts soon.

### Free Classes on Mental Health Begin Here Tomorrow Night

The Houston Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will offer its free twelve-week educational course to families dealing with the entire spectrum of mental illnesses beginning January 25 here in our community room. Please call Susan Raffle (713) 529 - 5446 and/or Shelly Green (832) 443 - 0773 for more information.

### Office Help Needed

After discussion with her husband and midwife, our present secretary, Kristina Curry, has left the office for home bound rest. Her baby is due in March. Anyone interested in working or helping in the office approximately ten to twenty hours per week is asked to contact Calvin Warpula (713-666-3535, ext. 201; [cwarpula@westchurch.com](mailto:cwarpula@westchurch.com)).