

Sermon Notes



West University
Church of Christ

Discovering and
Sharing God's Love

Remember in Prayer

West U Members: Jimmie Lee Heldridge had surgery on Thursday at M.D. Anderson; **Eight of our families** are competing in LTC. Pray for the children participating and for safe travel; **Jan Fry** for recovery after chemo treatment; **Bill Turner** is taking treatment for prostate cancer. **John Fletcher, Billy Smith** and **Jim Ledbetter** are seeking employment.

Expectant Mothers: Tiffany Thomas

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

Family & Friends: Krishea Curry's sister, **Sonia Bailey**, during her transition to a new home in Germany. Also pray for her mom during this 3 year separation; **Robert Rayl**, five year old friend of Christy McDonald, is having tests for an autoimmune disease. He is also an insulin dependant diabetic; **Janie Jenkins**, Alicia Hinrichs' aunt for upcoming heart surgery; **Brad Arnold**, 42, son of Ralph and Beverly Arnold, is recovering from a heart attack. He is now home in Washington, D.C.; **Mildred Chandler** of Mustang, OK, is in an Alzheimer's unit care facility. She is Wanda Ledbetter's mother; **Jay Nyquist**, 16, of Oklahoma City, had intestinal surgery on Monday, 3/22. He is a quadriplegic as a result of meningitis at age 3. He is the grand son of Wanda Ledbetter; Michelle Escano's cousin, Rebekah, has a four year old daughter, **Maddie**, who has been sick with a rare chronic inflammatory disease. A new medicine seems to be helping; Ryan McDonald's father, **Glenn McDonald**, is improving but please continue to pray; **Michael Luellen** has inoperable cancer; Linda Borne's great niece, **Adele Litchfield**, three months old, has just been diagnosed with leukemia. She is in St. Jude's in Memphis.

Cancer Prayers: **Sharon Burk**, of Iowa, hopes to go home this week; Clyde Russell's brother, **Gerald**, of Phlugerville, TX, is taking treatment for leukemia; **Candice Porter**, 63, of Las Cruces, NM, has cancer. She began chemo on Wed. 3/24. She is staying in the church's apartment on Brompton; **Jonathan Barfield**, 22, of Little Rock, AR, is out of the hospital and seeing a doctor daily; **Ken Stone**, formerly an elder with the Eldridge Rd. church in Sugar Land and now living in Ft. Worth, is in Houston taking treatments for blood cancer; **Rigo Arguera**, Spanish minister in Houston and brother-in-law to Olga Gonzales, is in remission from lymphoma.

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Calendar of Events

April 5, 2010 Monday In-depth Bible Classes, Fellowship Hall
6:20 p.m. "The Gospel of Matthew"
7:40 p.m. "Survey of the New Testament"
April 7, 2010 Wednesday Night Services
6:30 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Worship and Praise Class in Auditorium

Belmont Village Services

This Week: No Service Next Week: Ryan McDonald

Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 137
Contribution –\$ 5,401.52 Coins for Christ Total-\$ 60.11

Alleluia!
HE IS ALIVE!

Why I Believe
in the Resurrection

The resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the tomb is the most fundamental and cardinal doctrine of the Christian faith. Everything Christians believe hangs on the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest miracle in the Bible. Forty per cent of the gospel documents are about the last week of Jesus' life (his death and resurrection) and the events that followed. Twenty-three of the twenty-seven New Testament books affirm the resurrection of Jesus.

Here are some witnesses to the credibility of the resurrection:

1. Jesus said several times that he would be raised from the dead following his crucifixion (for example, see Matt. 16:21). If he was not raised from the dead, then either he is a liar who conjured up fraudulent, deceptive claims or he is a sadly mistaken teacher whose life ended at the grave. In either case, he is unbelievable and not worthy of our allegiance. He is also not a good man for good men do not tell lies and deceive people. The character and person of Jesus then are witnesses to the reliability of the resurrection.

2. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples for over forty days on ten separate occasions, in various locations, and to large and small groups (Acts 1:3). These appearances are recorded in the gospels, Acts, and I Corinthians 15. During this time, the disciples ate and drank with Jesus, they touched him, and they conversed with him.

3. Three days after his death and burial, the tomb of Jesus was empty. The disciples examined the empty tomb. It was a public place and accessible to all, including Jesus' enemies, who never denied that the tomb was empty. What happened to the body of Jesus? The disciples did not want it nor did they have it. They gave their lives for Jesus and no one deliberately dies for what they know is a lie. The enemies did not have the body of Jesus or they would have produced it on Pentecost and the church would have died on its birthday. The only reasonable explanation for the empty tomb is that Jesus was raised from the dead.

4. The apostles' lives were radically transformed by the resurrection. At Jesus' death and during the next three days, the disciples were joyless, fearful, in hiding, skeptical and severely disappointed. After the resurrection, they were bold, powerful, believing, joyful, and committed to preaching the good news of Jesus. The only thing that could transform them so radically was that Jesus was in deed alive and resurrected from the dead.

5. The church came into existence through the preaching of the resurrection. The church began in the very city where Jesus was condemned and crucified. Many, like Jesus' fleshly brothers who did not believe previously, were brought to faith by the news of the resurrection (John 7:5; Acts 1:14; I Cor. 15:7).

6. The Jewish disciples, who were strict monotheists, were convinced by the resurrection that Jesus was the son of God, that he had come from God, that he was one with God, and that he returned to God to be Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36; Rom. 1:4).

7. The day of worship was changed from the Sabbath (Saturday) to the first day of the week (Sunday). The Jews had kept the Sabbath for 1,400 years but now they saw the new creation in Jesus Christ and that the day of his resurrection was really now "the Lord's day" and a day to worship him (Rev. 1:10; Acts 20:7). Only the fact of the resurrection could affect such a change.

Jesus is Lord of life and death and that makes all the difference in time and eternity.

-Calvin Warpula

Morning Assembly

Moment of Friendship

Call to Worship

#342 *We Saw Thee Not*

#344 *Low in the Grave He Lay*

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Prayer

#162 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Scripture Reading

John 20:24-31

#353 *One Day*

#346 *He Lives*

Message

#337 *Hallelujah! What a Savior*

Offering

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

#361 *Nailed to the Cross*

Communion

All Christians are invited to commune with us.

#180 *Jesus Is Lord*

Shepherd's Prayer - Kelly Rushing

#470 *Victory in Jesus*

Our Theme for 2010

“Rediscovering Our Focus”

This Week: Dealing with doubt and evidences for believing.

Next Week: What is the communion and what does it mean?

This evening, you are invited to meet with any of these LIFE groups. Please call the leader if you would like more information. Maps are 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
Will not meet this week. 713-695-1443
3. Sugar Land Area meets at 5:30 p.m., led by Kerry Lackey/Lane Widick
2220 Crystal Reef Lane Pearland 77584 713-447-6065
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
6. 20 Somethings Group at 6:00 p.m., led by Clayton Gallaway
5738 Newport Street, Houston, TX 77023 713-553-4428

Christian Camps Scheduled for June

Camp dates for Lake Cisco Christian Camp will be June 20th through June 26th for teenagers who have completed the 7th through the 12th grade and June 27th through July 1st for those who have completed 3rd through 6th grades. For more information, contact Lou Ann Taylor, 713-502-9842.

Family Movie Outing to See "Letters to God" on April 18

Tentatively, we are planning on going to see the movie "Letters to God" with all our families with children, or anyone else who would like to join us. This will be especially good for children in second grade and up. This movie is done by the same people who did Fireproof and Facing the Giants. If there are some young families with children younger than second grade that would like to go, we want to offer babysitting. Please contact Vesna Scarborough at 713-805-8938 or at terry55569@hotmail.com for more information.

Volunteers Needed for Footsteps Dinner

Footsteps will have their annual spring program and bi-annual auction on Saturday, April 17th. Volunteers are needed to help serve food at the dinner that evening. Please see Christy McDonald (cmcdonald@gmail.com) if you can help with this.

Annual Family Camping Trip to Brazos Bend Coming Soon

On Friday, April 23rd thru Sunday, April 25th we will take our annual camping trip to Brazos Bend park. If you would like to join us this year for a great time of fellowship, please see Lou Ann Taylor (jimktaylor@juno.com) by April 18th. to reserve your lot.

Susan Gephart Moves to Iowa

Last Sunday, the church honored Susan Gephart with a going-away reception. In a freewill love offering, members donated \$320 to help Susan. She will be living with relatives in Des Moines, Iowa. Her new address is 1613 E. Glenwood Dr., Des Moines, IA 50320-1149.

Thanks to Contribution Counting Teams

A big thank-you to the March contribution counters: Cameron & Suzanne Bird and Olga Gonzales. The contribution counting team members for April are Kerry & Melinda Lackey and Brian & Melissa Deaver.

Items Needed for VBS

We are in need of 250 toilet paper and 125 paper towel rolls for VBS. Please bring any that you may have before April 25th and drop them in the cardboard box in the hallway outside the fellowship hall so that we can prepare them for VBS workday. Additional needed items are posted as well on the bulletin board. Please take one or more palm trees from the bulletin and drop the items in the box provided below the board. Items will continue to be added so if you do not get a palm tree this time please continue to check the board to see if there is something you can help with. Monetary donations are also being accepted to purchase needed items. If you would like to help in this way please see Christy McDonald (mcdonald.christy@gmail.com).

Southwest Central Invites Us

to Join Their Tour to the San Antonio Area April 19-22

The Southwest Central Church of Christ invites anyone interested to join them on their Spring tour to the San Antonio area Monday through Wednesday, April 19-21. Brochures with the travel plans and details are available on the "News and Notes" bulletin board near the office entrance.

“Families With Young Kids” Day &

Babies Classroom Workday Scheduled April 10

We will be having a time for our families with young kids (3 years and younger) to get together, on Saturday, April 10th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food will be provided. We will be eating lunch, singing songs, playing games and discussing church activities. As a bonus, several families will be meeting after lunch to work on one of several upcoming projects to decorate the church's classrooms. We encourage you to stay for this as we will be doing some decorating to the new babies classroom. For more information, please contact Kerry Lackey at kerry_lackey@hotmail.com.

Rummage Sale to Benefit

Children's Classrooms Scheduled August 1

Many of you are beginning to think about, or may have begun, your spring cleaning and have been purging unneeded items from your home. Please save those gently used unwanted items for an upcoming rummage sale scheduled for August 1, 2010. This rummage sale will help fund a large children's classroom upgrade project currently being planned. We will update toys, furniture, teacher supplies, storage and paint the walls in classrooms downstairs in the baby/toddler rooms as well as the older classrooms upstairs. Murals will be painted on the walls in the main room upstairs and in some of the classrooms. A children's worship area will be created as well as a recreation center in the main area upstairs. This is a large project that will make our children's area more usable, effective and appealing to our members and possible future members.

For more information or to make a donation to this project, please see Christy McDonald (mcdonald.christy@gmail.com).

Men's Movie Night

All men are welcome to join us for dinner and a movie on Friday, April 30th at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Food will be provided. For more information you may contact Terry Scarborough at tescar50@gmail.com.