

**News & Prayers**

**West U Members:**

**Billy Smith** is seeking employment.  
**Andrea Boney** is seeking employment as an administrative assistant. She also is trying to sell her house.  
**Verne and Norma Ragle** request prayers for strength and guidance for themselves and for their son, Chris.  
**Bernice Whiteside** suffered a fall last weekend. She is improving.

**Expectant Mothers:** Suzanne Bird, Kathryn Gallaway, Kristi Fryer

**Home Bound Members:** Please pray for our home bound family: Marilyn Castles, Elizabeth Barnes, Justine Rivoire, Nancy Taylor, and Mary Broome

**Family & Friends:**

**Brenda Sims' uncle** is on life support in a hospital in Durham, NC.  
**Beverly Dooley** is experiencing rotator cuff problems  
**Amanda Wissman**, sister of T.J. Vera, is pregnant and considered high risk.  
**Dean McKinley**, Mary Lynn Rushing's father, is weak and having breathing problems.  
**Leann Rockwell Taylor**, daughter of Vicki & Rocky Rockwell & friends of the Rushings, has a brain tumor & will have surgery to remove it this week. She had a tumor removed from her brain at age 6 and is now 35.  
**Claire Evelyn Friedrick**, Andrea Boney's niece, came to Houston's Children's Hospital to have her liver transplant but she was too little. Pray that a match can be found soon.  
**Russell Cook** of Knoxville, TN, Calvin Warpula's brother-in-law, is receiving increased dosages of cancer fighting drugs.  
**Madison Tinley**, granddaughter of a sister in Christ, is ill with epilepsy.  
**Mary Lynn Rushing's father** is doing better.  
**Gail Evans**, Bernice Whiteside's daughter-in-law, had surgery for the removal of some lymph nodes on Friday, April 29.

**Cancer Prayers:**

**Jeremy Cotham** is out of the hospital after receiving a round of chemo and doing some tests on an outpatient basis.  
**Pam Allred**, daughter-in-law of Bob and Jean, Pam has finished her chemo and is

waiting for the results.  
**Ronald Russell**, Norma Ragle's brother, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.  
**Reginald DeLoach** of Olive Branch, MS, is receiving chemotherapy treatment at MD Anderson for leukemia and is preparing for a bone marrow transplant.  
**David Gilbert** is battling lung cancer.  
**Sharrolyn Reed**, of Joplin, MO is receiving treatment for leukemia at M.D. Anderson.  
**Mechelle Henderson**, will be starting chemo treatments at MD Anderson.  
**Dori Brown** of Nashville, TN, is staying in one of our church apartments with her husband Jim and her daughter Kathryn, while she gets treatments at M.D. Anderson for leukemia.  
**Gerald Primm**, of Mulberry, AR is receiving treatment for prostate cancer at M.D. Anderson. Gerald and his wife Sandy will be staying in one of the apartments.

**You are invited. . .**

**The Journey: 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Singles Conference**  
 Friday, May 13, through Sunday, May 15  
 Hosted by the Memorial Church of Christ Young Professionals  
 900 Echo Lane, Houston 77024 713-464-0271  
 Explore the adventures and challenges of being a Christ-follower, living life as a single person throughout stages, phases, twists and turns of life.

**Easter Eggs from Last Weeks Sermon Available**

Easter eggs with stories about the resurrection of Jesus are available on the credenza in the foyer. Parents and children, please take as many as you wish.



**May 1, 2011**  
*Discovering and Sharing God's Love*

**Welcome to West U**

*We're glad you're here to join us in worshipping God.*  
 \*Please register on one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering tray. We do not make unannounced visits but we would like to write you and call you to welcome you and answer any questions that you might have.  
 \*Please write your prayer requests on a Prayer Request card and place it in the offering tray.  
 \*For your convenience, we have an attended nursery west of the foyer for babies.  
 \*During the assembly, we invite your children up to the age of eight to participate in a learning time on their level.  
 \*You are invited to attend our Wednesday evening Bible Studies at 6:30.

**Moment of Friendship**

Welcome

#57 Great is Thy Faithfulness  
 #480 Blessed Assurance  
 #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord  
 #129 Amazing Grace

**Prayer**

#383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

**Communion**

All Christians are invited to commune with us.

**Offering**

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

(Screen Only) Wonderful Merciful Savior  
 (Children are dismissed to Little Lambs or God's Flock during this song)

**Scripture**

Matthew 18:21-35; 25:31-46

**Message**

"Blessed Are the Merciful"

#381 Years I Spent in Vanity

Shepherd's Prayer - Jim Taylor

#589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

On April 22nd-24th, sixteen children and their families from West U church traveled to Dallas to compete in Leadership Training for Christ. Two other children from West U also competed here in Houston. The purpose of LTC is to plan, organize, promote, and execute programs that assist young Christians to develop their knowledge of the Bible and biblical principles, enhance their communication and leadership skills, and orient their energies and abilities to areas of Christian service. (ntltc.org) Almost 6000 students at three different sites in Dallas competed in areas such as Bible reading, song leading, service challenges, etc. Each year LTC chooses a theme from the Bible and the children must prepare their entries based on that theme. This year it was "Coming Soon" Rev. 22:20.

Our children began preparing last October to compete and they went to Dallas and did a phenomenal job representing our church. A list of the awards they received is on an insert in this bulletin.

We had children in grades K-8th competing. Please take the time to go by let them know how proud we are of them. They were wonderful representatives of Christ and our congregation with their behavior and the time and effort they put into each of their projects this weekend. Special thanks to our coaches as well. We couldn't have done it without you!

**Elders**

Kelly Rushing	kelly.rushing@ubs.com	Ralph Arnold	ralpharnold@pdq.net
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**Coming Events**

May 1 - 5th -12th Grade Taco-n-Talk  
 Parent Meeting  
 May 8 - Mother's Day  
 May 14 - VBS Workday  
 May 15 - Fellowship Meal  
 May 15 - Teen Room Workday  
 May 21 - Family Picture Scavenger Hunt  
 May 29 - Celebration Sunday - Fellowship  
 May 30 - Memorial Day  
 Church Office Closed  
 June 4 - Men's Bible Study & Breakfast  
 June 5 - VBS Teachers' Meeting  
 June 19 - 23 - Vacation Bible School  
 June 19 - 25 - Lake Cisco Sr. Camp  
 7th - 12th  
 June 26 - 30 - Lake Cisco Jr. Camp  
 3rd - 6th  
 July 2 - Men's Bible Study & Breakfast  
 July 4 - Independence Day  
 Church Office Closed

**Last Week's Record**

A.M. Worship – 135 Contribution - \$3,516.32 Coins for Christ - \$223.55

**WEST UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**SERVICES TIMES**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Classes for All Ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Evening		Small Groups Meet (See schedule inside)
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Mid-Week Service

VISIT OUR WEBSITE



We invite you to visit  
[www.westchurch.com](http://www.westchurch.com):  
 ☞ Sermon Transcripts  
 ☞ Sermon Audios

You may also find links to follow us on



(Sermon CDs available through the office.)



**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. North Houston Area meets at 5:00 p.m., led by Jim Taylor/Brad Hinrichs, 1328 Sue Barnett Dr., Houston, TX 77018 713-695-1443
2. West University Area meets at 5:30 p.m., led by Calvin Warpula, Fellowship Hall here at the church building 713-669-0137
3. Pearland/Sugar Land Area meets at 5:30 p.m., led by Lane Widick/Kerry Lackey, 13008 Castlewind Ln., Pearland, 77584 713-436-8821
4. Young Professionals Group meets at 6:00 p.m., led by Curtis Neveu, Holly Hall Apts., 2111 Holly Hall St., Apt. 1609, Houston 77054 918-770-3436



If you haven't completed a Membership Information sheet, please take just a few moments to do so today. There are copies at the Welcome Center. You can also print the form from our web site, [www.westuchurch.com](http://www.westuchurch.com). Please drop it in the box provided in the foyer or place it in the box next to the office door.



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We welcome Raul and Dora back to West U. They have returned to Houston from Fayetteville, NC where they worked for the past eight years. Raul is employed by St. Luke's Hospital.



**Thanks to Contribution Counting Teams**

A big thank-you to last month's contribution counters: Kerry & Melinda Lackey and Brian & Melissa Deaver.

The contribution counting team members for May are Ken & Sheila Sandberg & Olga Gonzales.



**Picture Scavenger Hunt**

Please join us on Sat. May 21st from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Please meet on the

East side of the building near the playground where we will start our picture scavenger hunt. Everyone is invited to attend. All you need is some transportation and be able to meet new people. Please contact Kerry Lackey [kerry\\_lackey@hotmail.com](mailto:kerry_lackey@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.



**Fellowship Meal Planned for May 15th**

Please plan to stay after morning services on Sunday, May 15th and share a fellowship meal in the fellowship hall. Everyone is asked to bring 2 large dishes to share with members and guests. Everyone is invited.

**Next Sunday is Mother's Day**

We love and appreciate all our mothers. We praise God for your righteous lives, love, and holy examples.

.....a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.  
Proverbs 31:30



**Men's Bible Study Starting Soon**

All men are invited to a new Men's Bible Study discussing the sermon on the mount. The study will be held the first Saturday of the month at West U in the fellowship hall beginning June 4th and continuing for 10 months. We will begin at 7 a.m. with breakfast and end at 8:30 a.m. Hilton Merritt will be leading the Bible Study.

**Sunday Classes at 9:30 a.m.**

1. **College/Young Professionals**—Jim Taylor teaches the book of Genesis in the Community Room.
2. **Women's class**—Avanell Merritt is teaching the book of Hebrews in the library.
3. **Fellowship Hall**—A study on the book of James. Taught by various members each month.
4. **Auditorium**—Calvin Warpula teaches "The Book of Romans".

**Wednesday Night Classes at 6:30 p.m.**

*(Please park and enter through the kitchen door.)*

1. New Song Class filled with Praise and Prayer - Lane Widick - Auditorium
2. "Guard the Truth" - Paul's first letter to Timothy - Calvin Warpula - Fellowship Hall

**Vacation Bible School 2011**

**Register Now**

VBS registration is now open. You may register on line at the West U website, [www.westuchurch.com](http://www.westuchurch.com) or complete a registration form and give it to Christy McDonald. For questions, call the office at 713-666-3535.

**Items Needed for VBS**

There are maps on the VBS bulletin board with needed supplies for VBS. Please take one or more and drop items in the box provided by May 1st. More items will be added as needed, so if you don't get one this time, keep checking.

We are still in need of 30 cube type tissue boxes or 8 count Pop Tart boxes. You may place them in the box provided in the hallway.

**VBS Workday**

There will be a VBS workday on Saturday, May 14th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Breakfast will be provided. Please mark your calendar to come and help us get ready for VBS.

For questions or to let us know you are coming please contact Christy McDonald at [mcdonald.christy@gmail.com](mailto:mcdonald.christy@gmail.com).

**Volunteers Still Needed**



Thanks to all who volunteered to teach our children. We really appreciate your response. There are still some opportunities to take part in this most important ministry. To volunteer, please sign up at the bulletin board next to the fellowship hall. Again, thank you.



**Youth Group News**



**5th -12th Grade Taco-n-Talk Parent Meeting, Today, May 1st**

Calling all parents/guardians of 5th - 12th graders. I would like the opportunity to meet and have lunch with you following morning worship service to share the Youth Group's schedule, goals and activities for this summer. Afterwards, the youth group will go play miniature golf (and who knows, maybe a little bumper boats, arcade games and batting cages will be included). Please plan to attend, we will also be filling out medical and permission forms for the youth. Please see Jay Roberts if you have any questions. You can email Jay at [jayroberts86@yahoo.com](mailto:jayroberts86@yahoo.com).

**TEENAGERS: Sign Up for Camp**

Summer Camp applications for Lake Cisco Christian Camp are in. Senior Camp at Lake Cisco Christian Camp for those completing grades 7th through 12th will be held June 19th through June 25th and Junior Camp for those completing grades 3rd through 6th will be held June 26th through 30th. Please contact Lou Ann Taylor at 713-502-9842 if you are interested in attending.