

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.
Jim Ledbetter asked for prayer that he can find a job. He needs to take care of his housing, insurance, and support.
Olga Gonzales is scheduled for surgery on May 23rd. Pray that it goes well.
Lou Ann Taylor is home and being treated with medication for now. Pray that it works to heal her heart.
 Alicia Hinrichs gives a prayer of thanksgiving for all those who helped at VBS workday. Our servants at West U are truly amazing.

Expectant Mothers: Kathryn Gallaway, Kristi Fryer

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

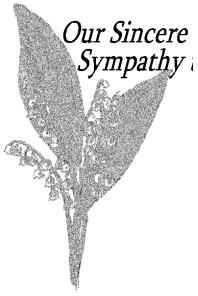
Family & Friends:

Amanda Wissman, sister of T.J. Vera, is pregnant and considered high risk.
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.
Roy Ward has leukemia and doctors are deciding on what procedures will be done. He lives in Dallas.
Tom Henry, Jo Ann Clopton's brother, has experienced strokes and seizures after his 5 bypass heart surgery. He is hospitalized in San Antonio.
Patty Giesecke, the Arnold's daughter-in-law's mother, was diagnosed with colon cancer this past week. Please pray for the family.
Diego, Jo Ann Clopton's friend's, Norma, grandson, is waiting for a heart transplant. He is 10 years old.

Cancer Prayers:

Jeremy Cotham is continuing to receive follow up tests. The doctors are considering radiation treatments.

Pam Allred, daughter-in-law of Bob and Jean, will have another PET scan on May 23.
Mechelle Henderson, taking chemo treatments at MD Anderson.
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.
 Bob Hayes, a patient at MD Anderson, is awaiting a stem cell transplant. He and his wife, Darlene, are from Cabot, AR.
Hsingchih Chang has recently received a bone marrow transplant at MD Anderson for leukemia. She and her husband Zen-Yu Chang will be staying in one of our church apartments.
Alexander Bobet, 20 years old, has been diagnosed with stomach cancer. He is the son of Ruel Bobet, a good friend of the Tans, who is also battling colon cancer.



Our Sincere Sympathy

To the Burk Family

Sharon Burk passed away on Tuesday, May 17th. Sharon and her husband, Ron, visited West U many times during her treatment at M.D. Anderson. If you would like to contact Ron, his email is ronfburk@gmail.com.

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Coming Events

May 29 - Celebration Sunday - Fellowship Hall
 May 30 - Memorial Day Church Office Closed
 June 3 - 4 - Youth Lock-In
 June 4 - Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
 June 5 - VBS Teachers' Meeting
 June 6 - Summer Youth Series at First Colony
 June 9 - Youth Service Project
 June 9 - Youth Activity Night
 June 12 - Youth Room Workday
 June 14 - Youth Activity Night
 June 16 - Youth Service Project
 June 19 - 23 - Vacation Bible School
 June 23 - Youth Service Project
 June 24 - Youth Activity Night
 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
 July 18 - Summer Youth Series at Waters Road
 August 6 - Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
 August 21 - Family Luncheon

Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 147 Contribution - \$5,868.50 Coins for Christ - \$238.90

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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 inside for details.)
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Mid-Week Service



West University Church of Christ

May 22, 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.
 *This evening, attend one of our small groups or meet with us here in the fellowship hall at 5:30 for a light supper and Bible study. Enter from the back parking lot.
 *You are invited to attend our Wednesday evening Bible Studies at 6:30.

Moment of Friendship

Welcome

#540 *O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink*
 #778 *Be With Me Lord*
 #801 *Where No One Stands Alone*

Prayer - Ryan McDonald

#176 *Lamb of God*

Communion Devotional

Communion

All Christians are invited to commune with us.

Offering

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

#754 *Faith of Our Fathers*
(Children are dismissed to Little Lambs or God's Flock during this song)

Scripture - Sam Clark

John 15:17-25

Message

"Persecuted"

#648 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Shepherd's Prayer - Jim Taylor

Short Corporation Meeting

749 *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

Christian Persecution

For the past several weeks, we have been looking at the Beatitudes that Jesus spoke in Matthew 5 during our sermon time. Today, we bring that portion of the Sermon on the Mount to a close.

The Beatitudes build off of one another, culminating in one giant climactic ending, but not an ending that you and I probably would have written. It says "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." After telling us all these ways to be happy, and how to claim the kingdom of God, we end with this idea – be happy if you are persecuted. This is a hard pill to swallow indeed.

Today in our lesson, we will examine how persecution is still rampant across the world. We will look at how people have been persecuted in the past, and how it continues today. We will also look at why we are persecuted, and more importantly, how we should respond to persecution.

On the insert this morning, there are 54 different nations listed where Christians are still openly persecuted to this day. Some of these nations outlaw Christianity. Some are just hostile towards Christians. Read over the insert and follow the simple instructions on it. May God bless us as we study this final Beatitude.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE



We invite you to visit www.westchurch.com:
 ☞ Sermon Transcripts
 ☞ Sermon Audios

You may also find links to follow us on



(Sermon CDs available through the office.)



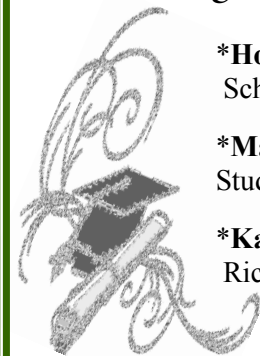
**This evening,
you are invited to meet with any of these LIFE groups.
Please call the leader
if you would like more information.
Maps are in the foyer.**

1. North Houston Area meets at 5:00 p.m., led by Jim Taylor/Brad Hinrichs, 1328 Sue Barnett Dr., Houston, 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, 4131 Knollwick Ct., Houston, 77053 713-413-2264
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



**The Truth Project
Begins June 1st**

We will be showing The Truth Project series on Wednesdays starting on June 1st in the Fellowship Hall starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. Make plans now to join us for this dynamic series.



Congratulations, Graduates!

- ***Hobeen Kim**, Westbury Christian School, 4.0 GPA.
- ***Maria Barta**, B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Houston.
- ***Kathryn Gallaway**, B. A., Philosophy, Rice University.

**Monthly Discovery
Men's Study**

On June 4, all men are invited to a Discovery Bible Study from 7am to 8:30. This will be led by Hilton Merritt. Continuing on the first Saturday of each month for 5 months, we will study key qualities to marking spiritual formation. They will focus on Matthew 5:3-10. We will do these early on Saturday so the men can have the rest of the day to spend with family. Please plan to attend and bring a friend! Contact Terry Scarborough for additional details.



**Vacation Bible School
2011**

Register Today!!

VBS registration is now open. You may register on line at the West U website, www.westuchurch.com or complete a registration form and give it to Christy McDonald. Remember, you must register to have food or a t-shirt, even if you do not have children in VBS. The deadline is Tuesday, May 31st. For questions, call the office at 713-666-3535.

Items Needed for VBS

We have added more maps on the VBS bulletin board with needed supplies for VBS. Please take one or more and drop items in the box provided. *Items are needed now, so please bring them ASAP.*

**VBS Teacher & Volunteer
Meeting**

If you are a VBS teacher or volunteer, please plan to attend a short meeting on Sunday, June 5th immediately following the morning service. We will meet in the fellowship hall. For questions, please contact Christy McDonald at mcdonald.christy@gmail.com.



If you haven't completed a Membership Information sheet, please take just a few moments to do so today. Forms are available at the Welcome Center. You may also print the form from our web site, www.westuchurch.com. Please drop the completed forms in the box provided in the foyer or place it in the box next to the office door.

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



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



Teen Frisbee Golf Today!

Ever had peanut butter?? It's good...but, when you mix it with jelly it's awesome! That's how Frisbee is... it's good to play Frisbee but when mixed with golf (sounds weird) it's great? To make it awesome we need you... Meet at the church building (teen room) at 4:30 p.m. today. We will go play nine rounds and have an awesome time. Make sure to wear some comfortable shoes to walk in and sunscreen. Contact Jay at 402-312-7578 for questions. I will provide transportation home.

Youth Group Lock-In

The end of school is finally here!! Come out and celebrate on the last day of school. Our Summer Kick-Off Lock-in . We will meet Friday, June 3rd at 7 p.m. at the church building and end on Saturday, June 4th at 7 a.m. Come enjoy games, food and fun all night long! Bring your sleeping bag and pillow. If you have any questions call Jay Roberts at 402-312-7578.

Summer Youth Series (SYS)

SYS will only be meeting 3 times this summer. The first one is on June 6, 2011 at First Colony C of C. We will leave our building at 6 p.m. I will provide transportation home afterwards arriving around 10 p.m. For questions, please contact Jay Roberts at 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 though 30th. Please contact Lou Ann Taylor at 713-502-9842 if you are interested in attending.