

**News & Prayers**

**West U Members: Congratulations, Dr. Deaver.** Congratulations to Melissa Deaver on earning the Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Houston. She begins work for M. D. Anderson Hospital; **Ray Grice** is having some heart issues. He will go to the doctor this week; We continue to pray for the **Lane Widick family**; We praise God that **Ralph Arnold's** PSA count dropped 10 points; We praise God for **Hilton Merritt's** successful mission trip to Nairobi. He returned home last Sunday afternoon; **Ryan McDonald** for healing from Bell's Palsy; **Maxine Hatcher** is dealing with treatments for melanoma in her leg; **Bernice Whiteside** was recently ill with food poisoning; **Jan Fry** for recovery after chemo treatment; **Billy Smith** and **Jim Ledbetter** are seeking employment.

**Expectant Mothers:** **Tiffany Thomas, Christy McDonald**

**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:** Allen Melton of Port Neches requests prayers for **Roselba Becerra Leah** in processing custom forms to allow shipment into Mexico of \$20,000 worth of biblical materials representing 3,500 hours of labor. The materials are now in a warehouse at the border. Alicia Hinrich's mother, Alice Mays of Nederland, works with Allen in preparing this material; **Barbara Sommers**, good friend of the Coulsons, has just been diagnosed with breast cancer; **Gabrelle Lombrage** is here for a lung transplant. She is 10 months old and has never been home. Pray for her and here parents, Jasmine & Angel Lombrage; Deanne Smith's cousin, **Michael Luellen**, is having difficulty eating. He is on a list for testing that is needed before he starts chemo; Jan Fry's good friend, **Mike Huddle**, fell in Atlanta, GA, remains in a coma; Michelle Escano's cousin, Rebekah, has a four year old daughter, **Maddie**, who has been sick with a rare chronic inflammatory disease. She has had some setbacks. Please continue to pray; 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:** **Sylvia Horn** is in MD Anderson with stomach cancer; **David Gilbert** is battling lung cancer; **Edward Saenz**, new tenant at the Brompton, had stem cell surgery for lymphoma and is expected to be here about 100 days. He and his wife Michelle are from Dallas; **Jon Barfield**, 22, is in M.D. Anderson with a re-occurrence of cancer; Clyde Russell's brother, **Gerald**, of Pflugerville, TX, is taking treatment for leukemia; **Rigo Arguera**, Spanish minister in Houston and brother-in-law to Olga Gonzales, is in remission from lymphoma.

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**Sermon Notes**

**The biblical basis for the Trinity: five propositions**

- 1. There is one, and only one, God.**  
Deut. 4:35, 39; 6:4; 32:39; 2 Sam. 7:22; Ps. 86:10; Isa. 43:10; 44:6-8; 46:9; John 5:44; 17:3; Rom. 3:29-30; 16:27; 1Cor. 8:4; Gal. 3:20; Eph. 4:6; 1 Thess. 1:9; 1 Tim. 1:17; 2:5; James 2:19; 1 John 5:20-21; Jude 25.
- 2. The person of the Father is God.**  
John 6:27; Eph. 4:6; Col. 1:2-3; 2 Pet. 1:17
- 3. The person of the Son is God**  
John 1:1; 5:17; 8:58; 10:30; 20:28; Phil. 2:6; Col. 2:9; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:8; 2 Pet. 1:1.
- 4. The person of the Holy Spirit is God**  
Gen. 1:2; John 14:26; Acts 5:3-4; 13:2, 4; 28:25; Rom 8:11; Eph. 4:30.
- 5. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct and simultaneously distinguishable persons.**  
Matt. 28:19; Luke 3:22; John 15:26; 16:13-15; 2 Cor. 13:14

**The Trinity in the Gospel of John**

Father and Word (Son) are together in fellowship from eternity (1:1)  
 Father and Word (Son) are distinct persons but both divine (1:1)  
 Father creates the world through the Son (1:3)  
 Father sends the Son into the world (14:24)  
 Son becomes incarnate (1:14)  
 Son is equal to the Father (5:18)  
 Son is the great I AM (8:58)  
 Father and Son are one (10:30)  
 Son shares glory with the Father (17:5)  
 Son is the way and the truth and the life (14:6)  
 Knowing the Son is knowing the Father (14:7)  
 Seeing the Son is seeing the Father (14:9)  
 Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son (14:10)  
 Son's words are the Father's words (14:10)  
 To hate the Son is to hate the Father (15:23)  
 He who loves the Son loves the Father (14:21)  
 Son brings glory to the Father (14:13)  
 Son prays for the coming of the Spirit (14:16)  
 Spirit is another Counselor like the Son (14:16; see 1 John 2:1)  
 Son goes away in order to send the Spirit (16:7)  
 Son returns to the Father (16:28)  
 Son will send the Spirit from the Father (15:26)  
 Father sends the Spirit (14:16)  
 Father sends the Spirit in the Son's name (14:26)  
 Spirit of truth guides us into all truth (16:13)  
 The Spirit's ministry is a continuation of that of the Son (16:13-14)  
 Spirit brings glory to the Son (16:14)  
 Spirit bears witness to the Son (15:26)  
 All that belongs to the Father is the Son's (16:15)

**Biblical support for deity of the three persons**

- All three persons are referred to as God:**  
 Father (1 Pet. 1:2), Son (Heb. 1:8), Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3-4)
- All three persons possess divine attributes or qualities:**  
 Self-existence: Father (Acts 17:25), Son (John 5:26), Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:2)  
 Eternal existence: Father (Ps. 90:2), Son (John 8:58), Holy Spirit (Heb. 9:14)  
 Immutability: Father (James 1:17), Son (Heb. 13:8), Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:18)  
 Omnipresence: Father (Jer. 23:23-24), Son (Matt. 28:20), Holy Spirit (Ps.139:7)  
 Omniscience: Father (Isa. 40:28), Son (Col. 2:3), Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:10)  
 Omnipotence: Father (Jer. 32:17), Son (Col. 1:16-17), Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:10-11)  
 Truth: Father (John 7:28), Son (John 14:6), Holy Spirit (1 John 5:6)  
 Holiness: Father (Lev. 11:44), Son (Act 3:14), Holy Spirit (John 16:7-8)  
 Wisdom: Father (Ps. 104:24), Son (Col. 2:3), Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:10-11)
- All three persons are engaged in the works of God:**  
 Creation of the world: Father (Gen. 2:7), Son (John 1:3), Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:2)  
 Incarnation of Jesus Christ: Father (Heb. 10:5), Son (Heb. 2:14), Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35)  
 Resurrection of Jesus: Father (Acts 2:32), Son (John 2:19), Holy Spirit (Rom. 1:4)



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Discovering and  
Sharing God's Love

**Our Triune God**

**Three persons distinguished,  
yet linked together in unity and apparent equality**

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19)

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14)

**Three persons linked together in unity  
in the work of redeeming mankind**

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’” (Matthew 3:16-17)

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect. . . chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood” (I Peter 1:1-2)

**Three persons united and coequal**

“I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and testify that this is the Son of God.” (John 1:32-34)

“This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God. . . We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.” (I John 4:2, 13-14)

God cannot be ultimately comprehended by the finite mind but he can be apprehended and discussed in a meaningful way. The way that God is one (essence or being, the “what”) is not the same way that he is three (subsistence or personhood, the “how”), and vice versa. The Trinity may range above reason but it is not against reason. It may be called a paradox but not a contradiction.

**(For more on the Trinity, see “Sermon Notes” in this bulletin)**

## 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.

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

#### Songs

John 1:1-18

#### Song

### Prayer

John 3:13-18

#### Song

*(Children are dismissed to Little Lambs or God's Flock during this song)*

### Message

“How Can God Be Three and One?”

#### Song

### Communion

*All Christians are invited to commune with us.*

### Offering

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

#### Song

**Shepherd's Prayer - Ralph Arnold**

#### Song

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You may also find links to follow us on

Sermon CDs also available  
through the church 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. 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 Dr., Houston, TX 77018 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

### Calendar of Events

**May 26, 2010 Wednesday Night Services**  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

### 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.

### Teachers' Meeting & Luncheon Today

A teachers' meeting will be held today for all who are interested in teaching our children's classes for the summer and/or fall quarters beginning in June and September. Teachers are still needed in some classes for the summer quarter beginning in June. Lunch will be provided.

### Area-Wide Gospel Campaign July 31-August 3 Scheduled for George Brown Convention Center

The Sugar Land church is coordinating an area-wide gospel campaign for July 31-August 3 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Jack Evans, Jr., of Terrell will be the speaker. A campaign rally is scheduled for today at 3 p.m. at the Third Ward Church of Christ, 2721 McIlhenny St., 77004. On June 12-16, an evangelism workshop will be hosted by South Union church, 7427 Ardmore, 77054. You can read more about the campaign at [www.houstoncampaignforchrist.com](http://www.houstoncampaignforchrist.com).

### Wednesday Night Summer Series Begins June 2

Steve Sandifer of the Southwest Central church will be our first speaker in our summer series on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Mike McAlister of the campus ministry at the University of Houston speaks on June 9. David Duncan from the Memorial church speaks on June 16. David Crawford, who will be teaching an adult class Sunday through Wednesday in our VBS, will be the speaker on June 23. Other speakers are now being confirmed for the following weeks.

### Dr. David Crawford Teaches on Family Life During Our VBS

Dr. David Crawford, personal and family counselor, will teach an adult class on life in today's family during our VBS June 20-24. David and his wife, Gayla, and daughters, Kristen and Hillary, have visited our church several times. David received his Ph.D. from the University of Houston. He is a school counselor with the Alvin ISD. Everyone is invited to hear these vital presentations.

### Items Needed for VBS

Grab a palm tree or two from the bulletin board if you are able to help with supplies for VBS. Monetary donations are also being accepted to purchase needed items.

Other items needed for loan only are:

- ♦ Potted palm trees (sego palms or similar size) or potted tropical flowering plants
- ♦ Small balance beam that sits a few inches off the ground if at all
- ♦ A small trunk

If you would if you can help please see Christy McDonald ([mcdonald.christy@gmail.com](mailto:mcdonald.christy@gmail.com)).

### Registration Now for VBS

There are registration forms on the buffet in the foyer and you can also register online at [westuchurch.com](http://westuchurch.com). Deadline for t-shirt orders is May 26th. Unfortunately there cannot be any exceptions because of the time needed to get the shirts from the factory. **Remember you need to register for meals and t-shirts even if you do not have any children attending VBS.**

### Tuesday Summer

### Children's Outings Schedule



A flyer with our children's summer outing schedule & cost is available in the foyer. All children ages 4 and up are invited to join us on these trips. Children under the age of 4 may attend some of the outings that are appropriate for them but must be accompanied by a parent. See Christy McDonald ([cmcdonald@westuchurch.com](mailto:cmcdonald@westuchurch.com)) or Melinda Tan for more information.

### West U Hosting Summer Youth Series

On June 14th, West U will host the Summer Youth Series. Donations of the following items are needed:

- ♦ 12 pack Canned Drinks
- ♦ Individual Size Chips
- ♦ Individual Size Cookies

Please bring donation by June 13th and leave in the hallway outside the church office. For questions, please see Lane Widick ([lanewidick@yahoo.com](mailto:lanewidick@yahoo.com)).

### Small Groups End Today;

### Church-wide Sunday Night Meetings Begin Next Week

Today is the last day that our small groups will meet for this term. New groups will be formed in late August or early September. Starting next Sunday, May 30, and continuing through the summer, we will have evening services in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m.

### Welcome New Members

### Baptized into Christ

On Friday evening, May 14th, Roger & Carol Hinrich confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized here by their son, Brad Hinrich. We rejoice in their decision and welcome them to our church family. The Hinrichs' contact information is:

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Houston, TX 77057

Carol's Cell: 713-249-5434  
Roger's Cell: 713-249-3462

### Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 140

Contribution –\$ 4,505.50 Coins for Christ Total-\$ 92.48 A.M.