

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 was admitted to the hospital last Monday. She had a blocked artery and the doctors discovered problems with her previous bypass surgery. She has gone home but will need further treatment.
Jo Ann Clopton will have a heart catheterization on Tuesday.

Expectant Mothers: 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:

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.
Russell Cook of Knoxville, TN, Calvin Warpula's brother-in-law, is receiving increased dosages of cancer fighting drugs.
Jo Brod will have brain surgery on Friday in Dallas.
Roy Ward has leukemia and doctors are deciding on what procedures will be done. He lives in Dallas.

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.
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.
Bob Hayes, a patient at MD Anderson, is awaiting a stem cell transplant. He and his wife, Darlene, are from Cabot, AR.



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 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.

You are invited. . .
The Journey: 2011 2nd 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.



May 8, 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.

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Proverbs 31:28-31

Happy Mother's Day

Moment of Friendship

Welcome

#162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
 #669 Take My Life and Let It Be
 #682 Purer Yet and Purer

Prayer

#678 More About 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

Children's Sermon

#671 Purer in Heart, O God
 (Children are dismissed to Little Lambs or God's Flock during this song)

Scripture

Psalm 24:1-6; Matthew 15:1-2, 10-20; Titus 2:11-14

Message

"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"

#666 I Am Thine, O Lord

Shepherd's Prayer & Benediction - Jim Taylor

Doxology
 To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. Jude 24-25

#452 Standing On the Promises

Coming Events

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 Hall
 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

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Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 152 Contribution - \$10,092.25 Coins for Christ - \$229.55

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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



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, Meeting at the church building until further notice.
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, 2638 Coopers Post Ln., Sugar Land, 77478 281-265-7602
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

Do We Love Our Enemies or Cheer Their Death?

The death of Osama bin Laden presents a moral dilemma for Christ followers. Do we celebrate his death or do we mourn his passing into a Christ-less eternity?

On one hand, we do not cheer the death of anyone who dies without a relationship to Jesus Christ. God has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked” (Ezekiel 33:11). The Lord desires that “all people be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth” (I Timothy 2:4). God “does not want anyone to perish but to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). God loves all people, no matter what they have done, and offers them forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ “who gave himself a ransom for all men” (I Timothy 2:5; John 3:16). The gospel, the message of Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection, is God's “power unto salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). The New Testament records the conversions of the worst of sinners like the murderers of Jesus, Saul who killed Christians, and some of the Corinthians who were formerly drunkards, homosexuals, adulterers, and thieves (Acts 2:36-41; 9:1-19; I Corinthians 6:9-11). However, sinners who do not obey the gospel will suffer a God-less, Christ-less, hopeless eternal destruction because they rejected God's way of salvation through Jesus Christ (John 3:18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).

On the other hand, the Bible teaches that God hates sin and it is his will that evildoers be punished. Our ideas of justice and fairness come from a holy God who decrees that it is right to take the lives of those that murder the innocent (Genesis 9:6). It is appropriate to celebrate the death of those that rob, plunder, and murder because that means that justice has finally been done, that they will no longer do these evil acts, and that the innocent can once more live their lives without fear of them.

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Conclusion: We are saddened when any person, even our enemies, dies without Christ and goes to eternal destruction. We rejoice when God, using legal authorities, punishes those who plot and perpetuate evil (Romans 13:3-4). Since Osama bin Laden was responsible for the death of thousands and would not repent of his sins and continued to promote horrendous evils, we celebrate his death because justice prevailed and it is the end of the terrible misery he masterminded.

-Calvin Warpula



Men's Bible Study Starting Soon

All men are invited to a new Men's Bible Study, led by Hilton Merritt, 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.

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



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 if you have any questions.



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.

Vacation Bible School 2011



Register Today!!

VBS registration is now open. You may register on line at the West U website, www.westchurch.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. *Items are needed now, so please bring them ASAP.* More items will be added as needed, so if you don't get one this time, keep checking.

We now have plenty of tissue boxes. Thank you for your contributions!!

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 come 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.



Youth Group News



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.