

News & Prayers

West U Members:

Ingrid Drugan is continuing to recover. Please continue to pray for her.
Jim Ledbetter is at Open Door Mission and will be there another 5 months. The address is 5803 Harrisburg Blvd. Houston, 77011-4323.
Minister Search, please pray for the search for an associate minister.
Melissa Deaver is pregnant and is considered high risk.
Justine Rivoire is very ill and in hospice care.

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Deaver

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

Family & Friends:

Rachel Gonzales, Aryssa Gonzales' grandmother, is in the hospital.
Benigno Pena, Estela Rivera's father, 83, is in hospice care in Corpus Christi.
Norris, Verne Ragle's brother, is facing serious medical problems. He lives in Abilene.

Cancer Prayers:

Peggy Haynes asked for prayer for her daughter, Pam Haynes. She has cancer and is here at MD Anderson.
Carnell Whitley asked for prayer as she goes through a difficult time with her illness at MD Anderson.
Jeremy Cotham has had a set back with his testing numbers. The doctors are not sure why. Please continue to pray for Jeremy. He is also facing surgery on his eyes around February.
Mechelle Henderson asked for prayer for "no cancer soon."
Barbara Hill has been coming to MD Anderson for 2 1/2 years. The cancer has returned as inflammatory breast cancer.

Church Apartment Tenants:

Bobby McWilliams and his wife Peggy from Helena, AR. Bobby will be receiving a bone marrow transplant at MD Anderson for treatment of his leukemia.
Cherie King of W. Monroe, LA is receiving treatment for leukemia. She is staying in one of the church apartments during this time.
Christie Franklin, of Huntsville, AL, has lymphoma and will be receiving a bone marrow transplant at MD Anderson.

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Coming Events

January 1 - New Year's Day
 January 2 - Office Closed
 January 8 - Church-Wide "Happy New Year" Fellowship Meal
 February 14 - Valentine's Day
 March 11 - Church-wide Fellowship Meal
 April 6 - 8 - LTC
 April 8 - Easter Sunday

Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 108 Contribution - \$17,819.00 Coins for Christ - \$18.35

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SERVICES TIMES

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Classes for All Ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		No Life Groups Tonight
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Mid-Week Service



West University Church of Christ

January 1, 2012

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.

Welcome & Call to Worship

#508 *A Wonderful Savior*
 #417 *Where He Leads Me I Will Follow*
 #681 *More Holiness Give Me*

Prayer

#332 *Lead Me to Calvary*

Communion

All Christians are invited to commune with us.

Offering

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

#722 *Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me*
(Children are dismissed to Little Lambs or God's Flock during this song)

Scripture

Ruth 1:3-10, 14-18, 22

Message

"God's Big Story: He Works in Our Lives"

#662 *All to Jesus I Surrender*

Shepherd's Prayer & Benediction - Kelly Rushing

""The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.""
 Numbers 6:24-26

#778 *Be With Me Lord*



Welcome 2012

"A Morning Wish"

W.R. Hunt

"The sun is just rising on the morning of another day, the first day of the new year. What can I wish that this day, that this year, may bring to me?"

Nothing that shall make the world of others poorer, nothing at the expense of others; but just those few things which in their coming do not stop with me but touch me rather, as they pass and gather strength:

- A few friends who understand me, and yet remain my friends.
- A work to do which has real value without which the world would feel the poorer.
- A return for such work small enough not to tax unduly anyone who pays.
- A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed.
- An understanding heart.
- A sight of the eternal hills and un-belting sea, and of something beautiful the individual hand has made.
- A sense of humor and the power to laugh.
- A little leisure with nothing to do.
- A few moments of quiet, silent meditation. The sense of the presence of God.
- And the patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to know them when they come."

Guide words: *An Anthology of Inspiration and Humor*, p. 13



No Life Groups Meet This Week

Schedule for New Year's Day, January 1st

On January 1st, we will have our regular program and Bible classes at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 10:30 a.m. Verne Ragle will lead the singing and Calvin will preach. The church office will be closed on Monday the 2nd.



Would you like to know the story of the Bible? How about making a commitment with us to read all the Bible? To help us get to know God and his word and the exciting adventures of how God works, on January 18 we will start a program of reading through the Bible in 90 days. By reading 12 pages a day, you can read through the Bible in 90 days.

The sheet that explains all the details is available on the credenza in the foyer. If you are willing to make this commitment, please mark the sheet and place it in the box.

We'll get started on January 18 and finish by April 18. On Wednesday nights, we'll meet and discuss what we have read. A marked Bible, a participant's guide, and a beautifully-illustrated Bible companion are available if you wish to order them.

Of course, we want everyone to read the Bible, whether you read it in this program or not. If you wish to work on your own and would like a guide, please pick up a bookmark at the Welcome Center in the foyer and begin whenever you wish.

The value of making a commitment and being a part of a group is the teaching and encouragement we share with one another. We invite you to join us for this journey with God. If you would like some motivation and want to know what will be in store for you, read over Psalm 119, the longest psalm in the Bible. Every one of its 176 verses speak of the beauty, power, and value of God's word.


- ### Sunday Classes at 9:30 a.m.
1. **College/Young Professionals**—Jim Taylor teaches the book of Exodus in the Community Room.
 2. **Women's class**—Beverly Arnold is teaching the book of Revelation in the library.
 3. **Fellowship Hall**—Raul De La Garza teaches "Reaching Others with the Gospel".
 4. **Auditorium**—Calvin Warpula teaches "The Book of Romans".

- ### Wednesday Night Classes at 6:30 p.m.
- * **Ladies Class** - A new study on the Book of Philippians begins January 4th, taught by Alicia Hinrichs.
 - * **Fellowship Hall Class** - Is studying 1 Timothy, Taught by Calvin Warpula.



Church-wide Luncheon Planned for January 8th


We want everyone to come to our next church-wide luncheon next Sunday, January 8, following our morning worship. This will be a perfect time for us to celebrate our fellowship in Christ as we begin the new year. Please bring a covered dish or two to share. We are indebted to our Sunday morning Women's Bible Class for hosting our church-wide luncheons.



Thanks to Contribution Counting Teams

A big thank-you to the December contribution counters: Robert Jordan, Olga Gonzales, and Randy Bullard.

The contribution counting team members for January are Brad & Alicia Hinrichs, and Terry & Vesna Scarborough.



New Study Begins In Wednesday Ladies Class

A new study on the book of Philippians will begin January 4, 2012. Study books are available. See Alicia Hinrichs for your copy.

Please note that the Wednesday night ladies class will not meet on Wednesday, December 28th.



Holiday Food Drive

Please bring can goods or non-perishable items and place them outside the auditorium doors.

Thanks for your generosity on feeding the hungry this holiday season. I know this is a crazy time of year and there's much to be done so, if you would like the teens to go purchase items for you, see Jay Roberts about giving a tax-deductible donation for the holiday food drive. Please make sure the items you purchase will not expire in the next 60 days; the food distribution center at Impact cannot give out food item beyond their expiration date.

I have been asked what type of items are needed so, I got this list of things that are in high demand right now. Please understand that all non-perishable, non-expired food items are needed; this list is just some of the items that move quickly:

- ◆ Protein Items (canned tuna or chicken - packed in water)
- ◆ Peanut butter
- ◆ Canned fruits (in light syrup)
- ◆ Juice (single served cans or boxes)
- ◆ Canned vegetables and tomato sauces
- ◆ Canned soups (with meat and/or beans)
- ◆ Bags of pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, noodles)

- Jay Roberts

For surely
I KNOW THE plans
I have for
YOU,
 says the *Lord...*
TO GIVE YOU A future
 WITH *Hope.*
 Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV



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