

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.
Friend of Nancy Rue, whose 14 year old son was seriously injured in a bike accident. The family are members of the College Park church in Conroe.
Friend of Daniel Tan has colon cancer. His friend's 21 year old son has terminal stomach cancer.

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 good results from his first tests of this year. 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:
Christie Franklin, of Huntsville, AL, has lymphoma and will be receiving a bone marrow transplant at MD Anderson.
Onis & Tammie Ellis of Abilene, Texas. Onis is receiving treatment at MD Anderson.

CONGRATULATIONS



to
New
Grandparents!

Kelly & Mary Lynn Rushing
New Grandchild, Radley Vernon Rushing
Born January 3rd, Weighed 8lb. 6oz.

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Coming Events

January 8 - Church-Wide "Happy New Year" Fellowship Meal

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 24-25 - Youth Event - Soul Link

March 11 - Church-wide Fellowship Meal

April 6 - 8 - LTC

April 8 - Easter Sunday

May 5 - VBS Workday

May 13 - Mother's Day Fellowship Meal

May 28 - Memorial Day

Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 112 Contribution - \$5,390.00 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



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

#647 *Soldiers of Christ Arise*
 #957 *This World Is Not My Home*
 #595 *I Come to the Garden Alone*

Prayer

#350 *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

Communion

All Christians are invited to commune with us.

Offering

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

#450 *Give Me the Bible*
(Children are dismissed to Little Lambs or God's Flock during this song)

Scripture

I Samuel 8:1-9, 19-21

Message

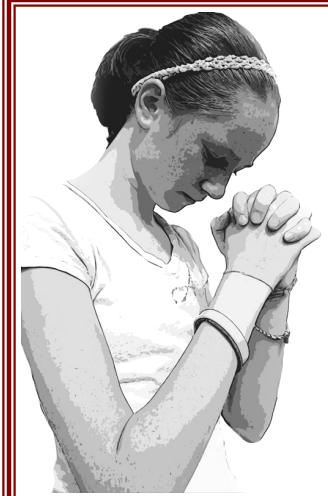
"God's Big Story: The King Thing"

#915 *Trust and Obey*

Shepherd's Prayer & Benediction - Kelly Rushing
 "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6

#753 *Farther Along*

January 8, 2012
*Discovering and
 Sharing God's Love*



**FALLING ASLEEP
 IN THE ARMS
 OF GOD**
 By Evelyn Knowles

Ours is a "high and lofty" God (Isa 57:15a). When approaching Him in prayer, Jesus taught His disciples that they should be aware of God's place and name. "Our father who art in heaven, *hallowed* be thy name" (Matt6:9 KJV).

Revering the Father's exalted status reminds us of our own humble and needy position before Him. God, through Isaiah, continues, "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite" (Isa 57:15b).

So we know God is perfect and holy. He knows our weaknesses. *So why do we feel guilty when we occasionally fall asleep in the middle of our prayers?* "As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust" (Psa 103:13-14). When our son Lincoln was a little guy, I would lie down with him at nap time. He would twist his hair with his finger while we sang songs and talked. Often in his chattering, however, he would drop off to sleep in mid-sentence. Did I ever think what showed a lack of respect for me, his mother, or that he was not sincere in what he was talking to me about? No! I knew my little son was worn out, yet he had chosen to communicate with me, tired as he was.

I do a lot of praying in the night, in bed, when I'm weary. I treasure this uninterrupted time with my God. I come to Him in the name of Jesus, actually planning to fall asleep that way, because I don't want to say "Good night" to Him. So I keep on praying until I fall asleep in the arms of my Heavenly Father. I really don't think He minds. Sometimes I wonder: does He kiss my forehead and pull up the cover?

(This article was written by the wife of a friend of mine, Victor Knowles, and published in The Knowlesletter, January, 2012. ...Calvin.)

God's Big Story



Upcoming Sunday Morning Sermon Topics:

Today - God's Big Story: The King Thing
January 15 - God's Big Story: David
January 22 0 God's Big Story: David's Son
January 29 - Daniel McGraw is here.
February 5 - God's Big Story: Soloman



No Life Groups Meet This Week



Church-wide Luncheon Today, January 8th

We want everyone to for our church-wide luncheon today, 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. We are indebted to our Sunday morning Women's Bible Class for hosting our church-wide luncheons.



Come and Meet Daniel McGraw

Daniel McGraw and his wife, Meghan, will be here at West U to interview for the Associate Minister's position on the weekend of January 29th. He will teach a class and preach for us that day. Everyone is encouraged to be here that Sunday to meet them and give them a big West U welcome.

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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, taught by Alicia Hinrichs.
- * **Fellowship Hall Class** - Is studying 1 Timothy, taught by Calvin Warpula.



Congratulations to Jim Ledbetter

We want to congratulate Jim on his receiving a "Blue Dog Award" from Open Door Mission. Jim was recognized for his diligence, extra work and care for his fellow students. Keep up the good work, Jim.



VBS 2012 SIGN UP NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 15TH

Please stop by the table in the foyer after services January 15th to sign up to help with VBS. There are many ways to serve (not just in the classroom) so please take a moment to volunteer for this great outreach. We need YOU to make VBS a success!



**THANKS FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY**

WE DOUBLED OUR GOAL!!

You are truly a giving church. Our goal for the holiday food drive was **500 food items** for Impact Church of Christ food bank. We **DOUBLED** that goal and the final count is **1,123**. Thanks to all who contributed food and made monetary donations for the purchase of food. You are true models of giving to our youth.

With the
merciful
you will show yourself
merciful.
2 Samuel 22:26