

News & Prayers

West U Members:

Ingrid Drugan is now at Garden Terrace, 7887 Cambridge St., 77055.
Jim Ledbetter is now at Open Door Mission and will be there another nine months. He would like to receive cards or letters. The address is 5803 Harrisburg Blvd. Houston, 77011-4323.
Joan Galvan is suffering from multiple sclerosis.
Minister Search, please pray for the search for an associate minister.
Hilton & Avanel Merritt while they minister in Kenya over the next 2 months.
Melissa Deaver is pregnant and is considered high risk.
Marilyn Castles has moved to an extended care center. Her address is the same, just a new apartment. Her address is 7400 Clarewood, E.C.C. #311, Houston, TX 77036.

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Deaver

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:

Patrick Andrus, brother of Dawn Tristin, has been re-deployed again for another year. Please pray for his safety.
Nga Maurer, friend of Vesna Scarborough, is expecting twins. She had a high risk surgery to save them and her husband is currently in China picking up their daughter they adopted. They have a lot going on!
John Adams, Kristina Curry's grandfather, fell and broke his back in several places. He is receiving at home support and care thru hospice.
Kory, a friend of Debbie Laster, is 12 years old and has cancer. His chemo has failed and the prognosis is poor. He and his family live in Lake Charles and attend the Enterprise Blvd. Church of Christ.

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 received good results from his recent tests. No leukemia showed up! He is continuing his physical therapy in Longview.

Bruce Adams is now taking daily treatments for his cancer.
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:

Beth Smith and her husband Herold of Colmesneil, TX. Beth recently received a Lung Transplant at Methodist Hospital.
Young Park and her husband, Joon, from Arlington, TX. Young was receiving treatment for head and neck cancer at MD Anderson, but was sent home for hospice care. Please pray for the Park family during this difficult time.
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.



West University
Church of Christ

October 16, 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 Life Groups. For more information see the graphic inside this bulletin.
- *You are invited to attend our Wednesday evening Bible Studies at 6:30.

The Most Important Thing

In the late 1970's, a Texan by the name of Carl McCunn moved to Alaska because he loved the great outdoors. At the age of 35, Carl embarked on an expedition for five months in the wild. He had meticulously planned the wilderness journey for a year. He checked all the details, he sought advice, and he loaded up with plenty of supplies. In March, 1981, he had a bush pilot drop him at a remote lake near the Coleen River seventy miles northeast of Fort Yukon. He took with him two rifles, a shotgun, plenty of ammunition, fourteen hundred pounds of provisions, and five hundred rolls of film.

Carl set up his tent and began taking beautiful pictures of the wild animals and the landscape. Carl was enjoying the adventure of a lifetime. He kept a one hundred-page diary of all his exciting events, his pictures, and his thoughts. He was totally isolated and having the time of his life.

In August, Carl realized that he had forgotten the most important detail: he had made no arrangements for anyone to come pick him up. His diary tells his story. It was impossible to hike out. His only hope was that someone would notice his absence. By October, his supplies were nearly gone. The snow piled up, the lake was frozen, temperatures were around zero. Frostbite attacked his toes and fingers. By late November, Carl was out of food, strength, and optimism. He was trapped with no rescue, no exit, nothing to do but wait for death.

In February, the Alaskan state troopers found his body. In his diary, he had written, "I think I should have used more foresight about arranging my departure."

The most important detail about living is preparing for our exit. We are all dying moment by moment. Seventy or eighty years of life on earth are infinitesimally small compared to the immensity of eternity. In Jesus Christ, we know that God loves us and has made it possible for us to be with him forever when this life is over. When we believe in Jesus and follow him we are guaranteed eternal life with God in a far better world than this. Our exit plans are secure.

In all your living, make sure that you don't forget the most important detail: your exit plans.

-Calvin Warpula

Moment of Friendship

Welcome

*Song
Song
Song*

Prayer

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

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

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Message

"God's Big Story: The Creation"

Song

Shepherd's Prayer & Benediction - Kelly Rushing

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

Song

Elders

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Coming Events

- October 16 - Elders & Deacons Luncheon
- October 23 - Warpula Small Group Luncheon
- November 13 - Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal
- November 19 - 70th Wedding Anniversary Party for the Delonys.
- November 24 - Thanksgiving
- November 24 & 25 - Office Closed
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- December 26 - Office Closed

Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 149 Contribution - \$29,906.28 Coins for Christ - \$7.00

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SERVICES TIMES

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Classes for All Ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	Evening	Life Groups Meet
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Mid-Week Service

“God’s Big Story” Begins Sunday

“God’s Big Story,” from beginning to end, from Genesis to Revelation, will be the focus of Calvin’s new series of sermons beginning this Sunday, October 16. The messages will give a summary of the big themes of the Old Testament and New Testament in the events and in the people who lived them. These messages will tell the stories and make relevant applications to our lives now.

By knowing God’s story, we will be able to love, serve and glorify him better. The messages will give us a comprehension and understanding of God’s work in his people and his will for our lives.



Today - God’s Big Story: The Creation (Genesis 1-2)
 October 23 - God’s Big Story: The Fall (Genesis 3-5)
 October 30 - God’s Big Story: Noah (Genesis 6-9)
 November 6 - God’s Big Story: Abraham (Genesis 12-25)



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

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. in the Fellowship Hall here at the church building. 713-669-0137
3. Pearland/South Houston Area meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Lackey’s home, 2220 Crystal Reef Ln, Pearland, TX 77584 . 281-380-8552 What you need to bring?: Bible, \$10 per family for food (or \$5 if you are by yourself) .
4. Young Professionals meets at 6 p.m., led by Curtis Neveu, 2111 Holly Hall, apartment 1609. The access code is 1208. Curtis’ cell phone is 918-770-3436.

Leading Thinkers Discuss

“Creation: Biblical Options” on Oct. 28-29

On October 28-29 a gracious dialogue featuring leading thinkers and theologians on the interpretation of Genesis 1-2 will be conducted at the Sugar Creek Baptist Church in Sugar Land. All the information about the program and registration is on the web site: www.vibrantdance.org. Calvin plans to attend and invites others to attend with him.

Global Missions Conference

October 19-22

This conference will be held at Legacy Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas. Many activities are planned. Learn more about this opportunity by viewing the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the foyer or go to www.globalmissionsconference.org .

“The Point” Open House At U of H Today

“The Point”, Church of Christ Campus Ministry, will have an open house today, Oct. 16th from 1-4 p.m. Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the foyer to learn more about this opportunity or go to www.thepoint.uh.com.

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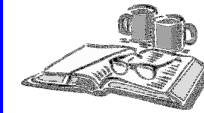
Sunday Classes at 9:30 a.m.

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** - in the library studying "Living Above Worry and Stress". Taught by Alicia Hinrichs.
- * **Calvin’s Class** - in the fellowship hall is studying 1 Timothy.

"Evidences for God" Class Meets on Monday Nights



On Monday nights, Calvin Warpula is teaching a class on "The Evidences and Attributes of God." The class, offered under the auspices of South Houston Bible Institute, is open to all interested persons. You may enroll online at shbi.org or by completing a registration form that is in the foyer. The class meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Donations Needed



Footsteps is in need of small pie pumpkins for the children’s pumpkin patch. You may bring donations anytime and leave them in the box provided outside the fellowship hall. Deadline for donations is Sunday, October 23rd.

Elders and Deacons Luncheon Today



An elders and deacons luncheon will be held today, October 16th, after church in the fellowship hall. Families are bringing salads and vegetables. The meat will be provided.

Warpula Care Group To Meet for Lunch



The Warpula Care group will meet for a covered dish lunch on Sunday, October 23rd, immediately following the morning service in the fellowship hall. Visitors and guests are welcome.

Ladies Day Out At the Nutcracker Market



Ladies, mark your calendar for a day of Christmas shopping at the Nutcracker Market on Saturday, November 12th. More details will follow. Contact Christy McDonald at mcdonald.christy@gmail.com for more information.

*The children
 of
 David and Addell Delony
 request your presence
 for a celebration honoring
 their parents on the occasion
 of their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary
 Saturday, the nineteenth of November
 Two thousand and eleven
 three to five o'clock in the afternoon
 West University Church of Christ
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