



West University
Church of Christ

Discovering and
Sharing God's Love

News & Prayers

West U Members: Chirsty McDonald was in the hospital this past week. Baby is ok.; **Brenda Russell** has been sick with strep throat; **Roy Kohlmann** is not doing well & in a lot of pain. **Mildred** needs prayer as well; **Jim Ledbetter** has been in the hospital this past week but is home now. Please continue to pray for him; **Richard Barnes** had hip surgery and is now in Lexington Rehab Center 1737 North Loop W., Houston, 77008. The center's phone is 713-869-5551; **Jan Fry** had a pet scan done on Oct. 13th. Please continue to pray for her as she waits for the results; Seeking employment: **Billy Smith & Alex Anderson.**

Expectant Mothers: Christy McDonald; Appeal Isimire; Suzanne Bird; Footsteps teachers: Lindsey Crews & Suzanne Opperman.

Home Bound Members: Please pray for our home bound family: Marilyn Castles, Elizabeth Barnes, Justine Rivoire, Mildred Lindhout, Lorene Clark, Nancy Taylor and Mildred & Roy Kohlmann.

Family & Friends: Calvin Warpula's brother-in-law, **Russell Cook**, 56, minister of the West End Church of Christ in Knoxville, TN, had a malignant tumor removed from his brain last week. Russell is recovering but the doctor says that the cancer will grow back and that usually a patient can only expect to live 14 to 24 more months. . .; Kristy Gillentine, who has been visiting with us, asked for prayer for her brother, **Curtis Gillentine**. He is 23 and has had a lifetime of medical problems. He is about to have his 31st brain surgery and is in a lot of pain. He is a member of Midway church in Hitchcock, TX; Ryan McDonald's father, **Glenn McDonald**, is improving. Also, continue to pray for Ryan's family.

Cancer Prayers: **Jeremy Cotham** is in M.D. Anderson receiving a stem cell transplant. His sister, **Amber**, has been here all week to donate her stem cells. Please keep both Jeremy and Amber in you prayers; **Anitra Richardson**, church apartment tenant, a young mother of two who is receiving radiation therapy at MD Anderson to treat breast cancer; **Sharon Burk** of Iowa returned to M.D. Anderson for follow-up testing. Her cancer has returned; New guests in one of our apartments, Jason & Sara Morris and their daughters, Claire & Adah, are missionaries from China. **Adah**, age 6, is receiving treatment for leukemia at Texas Childrens. They have asked for prayer; **Zell Whitaker**, receiving treatment for cancer; **Mrs. Hamby**, is in the Medical Center and is from Independence, Missouri, has asked for prayer; **David Gilbert** is battling lung cancer; Deanne Smith's cousin, **Michael Luellen**, has inoperable cancer; **Luther Bounds**, brother -in- law to Mary Fletcher, has cancer; Bob Reed, who visited with his wife, **Sharrolyn**, has asked for that she be put on our prayer list as she is undergoing a stem cell transplant;

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What is distinctive about the Church of Christ?

Sometimes people ask, "What's the difference in the Church of Christ and all the other churches in town? Why should I consider the Church of Christ when I have so many other options?" Let me try to answer those good questions.

There is only one thing distinctive about the Church of Christ, and that is, there are no distinctions. Everything the Church of Christ believes and practices are things that the entire Christian world agrees is right. We do not have any Church of Christ doctrine, creed, or catechism that separates us from other believers in Jesus. Everything we believe and practice is admitted to be right by generally everyone in the whole world of Christendom. The only distinction we would have is that these universal, non-divisive truths and practices are all brought together in one congregation or local family of believers.

We seek to exalt Jesus as Lord, the Christ of God, and pattern our lives after him as the Holy Spirit produces his fruit in us. We want to emulate Jesus in every respect of our lives. His love, mercy, compassion, kindness, obedience, and faithfulness to God is the model for our lives. No one would argue that to follow Jesus only is denominational, divisive, or wrong.

We follow the Scriptures in all matters of faith and doctrine. We seek the unity of all believers in Christ on the basis of a return to New Testament teachings and practices. We believe the ancient, orthodox Christian truths delivered by the apostles and prophets of Jesus Christ that have guided the church for over nineteen hundred years. Nobody would say that to follow these truths is denominational, divisive or wrong.

We baptize believers. Nobody would say that it is wrong to baptize believers.

We baptize by immersion. Nobody would say that it is wrong to immerse.

We partake of the Lords Supper weekly on Sunday. Nobody would say that it is

We sing a cappella. Nobody would say that it is wrong to sing.

We recognize the freedom and right of every believer to study the Scriptures for themselves and to be free under God to interpret and apply God's word to their own lives. No one would say it is wrong all people to study the Scriptures.

We meet in local, autonomous congregations led by ministers, elders, and deacons selected and approved by the membership. No one would argue that believers who simply meet as Christians and follow simple biblical forms are denominational, divisive, or wrong.

We call ourselves by New Testament terms: "Christians, disciples, saints, brothers and sisters, or believers", and our churches are "the Churches of Christ." Of course, there are other New Testament designations and descriptions for the church that are just as scriptural. These include Church of God, Body of Christ, Bride of Christ, Kingdom of God and Christ, the church, Church of the Firstborn Ones, Church of God in Christ, and Family of God. No one would argue that to simply call ourselves "Christians" or "Church of Christ" is denominational, divisive, or wrong.

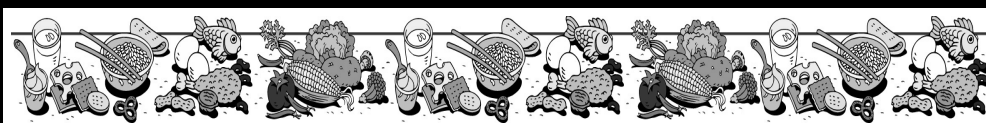
The things that we believe and practice are universally agreed to be right. We believe that this is the way to answer the prayer of Jesus for the unity of all Christians. We can never agree on peculiar, sectarian teachings but we can agree to follow the Scriptures, and nothing but the Scriptures. The only thing distinctive about the Church of Christ is that this fellowship of believers brings together in one church the practice of these biblical, non-divisive teachings. This is a positive, inclusive movement that seeks the unity of all believers in Christ by the practice of New Testament Christianity as revealed in the Scriptures. Anything anyone has ever learned from the Bible will never have to be unlearned. Differing opinions among ourselves on peripheral matters are not allowed to be divisive in the body. We are committed to the truths expressed in the old motto: "In matters of faith, unity; in matters of opinion, liberty; and in all things, love."

**Hilton Merritt and Jim Taylor
Nominated to Serve as Elders**

Last Sunday the congregation continued submitting evaluations of two nominees, Hilton Merritt and Jim Taylor, to serve as elders at West U. Evaluation forms are available on the credenza in the foyer. This is the last day to submit evaluations. If these men are approved by the congregation, they will be ordained next Sunday in the morning service.

**Leaflet Available On
"How to Know That
You Have Eternal Life"**

A teaching leaflet on how anyone can come to know God and enjoy a personal relationship with him through Jesus Christ is enclosed in this bulletin. Additional copies are available in the foyer. All the teaching in this leaflet is taken verbatim from the Bible. This is a useful tool to help you in teaching others the will of God and the way of salvation. Please use as many as you can in sharing the good news of our Lord.



Fish Fry Today!!

Everyone is invited to stay for lunch today in the Fellowship Hall. Randy Bullard will serve fresh, wild-caught Louisiana catfish. Again, everyone is welcome!!

You are also invited to stay for an afternoon service at 12:45 p.m. in the auditorium.

There are no LIFE Group meetings today.



Welcome to West U

We're glad you're here to join us in worshiping 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.

Moment of Friendship

#647 *Soldiers of Christ Arise*
#627 *There's a Royal Banner*
#646 *Onward Christian Soldiers*

Prayer

#313 *The Old Rugged Cross*

Communion

All Christians are invited to commune with us.

Offering

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

(Screen Only) The Church's One Foundation

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

Scripture Readings

Matthew 16:13-19

Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:13-16, 19-22;

3:8-11, 20-21; 4:1-6; 5:25-27

Message

"The Church: God's People"

#381 *Years I Spent in Vanity*

Shepherd's Prayer and Benediction - Ralph Arnold

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."
I Thessalonians 5:28

#23 *Our God He is Alive*

COMING EVENTS AT WEST U

Footsteps Sponsors Flu Clinics

Footsteps will be sponsoring Flu Clinics this fall. The scheduled dates are:

◆ **Today** from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon

◆ **Oct. 19th** from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Injections are \$25 cash & will contain BOTH seasonal and H1N1 vaccines.
Nasal Mist is \$35 cash.

Footsteps Book Fair October 17th - 19th & 21st

The annual Footsteps Book Fair will be organized and supplied by Southwest Book Company.

Footsteps will benefit from your purchases. Each teacher will have a Book Wish List posted. The Book Fair schedule is:

Today - Before Sunday School, 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

After Services, 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

October 18th, 19th & 21st - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



The Men's Retreat will be held on Friday, October 22 and Saturday October 23rd. The cost of the retreat is \$60.

Our guest speaker will be Jason Bybee from Huntsville, AL. Our theme for the weekend will be about Kingdom Growth. We will learn how it all starts with ourselves, to our church, and to the world!

We have 20 spots and have 16 men already paid. To sign up for the retreat or if you have any questions, please see Lane Widick or Terry Scarborough.

Communion Volunteers Needed for December

Two communion volunteers for the month of December, one to prepare and one to organize the serving. If you would be willing to assist in this ministry, please see John Fletcher or email him at jrf8729@sbcglobal.net.

West U Ladies Day Planning Committee

A committee is being formed to plan a West U Ladies Day to take place in the spring. This one-day event will be similar to the Sweet Life Cafe retreat we took last February. If you are interested in helping to plan and organize this event, please contact Kristen Widick at 281-890-1824 or kristenwidick@hotmail.com.



Welcome
Our New
Members

Wayne Hamilton, Sr.

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Wayne Hamilton, II and Wife Rhea

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His cell: 713-705-7677 Her cell: 713-775-0707

They have two children, **Jonathan**, Age 5 and **David**, Age 2

WEST UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF CHRIST SERVICES TIMES

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Classes for All Ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	No Evening Service Today
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Mid-Week Service

Wednesday Nights

View and Discuss The Gospel of John

On Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, you are encouraged to see and hear the story of Jesus as told in the very accurate motion picture, "The Gospel of John." This word-for-word account of the life of Jesus portrays all the scenes and events of the Gospel of John. Please park in the back and enter through the kitchen door.

Ladies Class Meeting

Ladies are welcome to join the Wednesday night Ladies Class taught by Alicia Hinrichs. We are doing the study "Becoming a Woman Who Loves" by Cynthia Head. For more information, please see Alicia.

Dr. Jennifer Welch Speaks Wednesday, Oct. 27, on "Protecting Your Children from Sexual Abuse"

Everyone is invited to hear Dr. Jennifer Welch speak on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall on "Protecting Your Children from Sexual Abuse." Dr. Welch earned her Ph.D. from Texas A & M University. She has counseled and worked extensively with clients dealing with these problems. Presently, she works part-time in her own practice.

Four Sunday Morning Bible Class Opportunities Offered

Bible study is enjoyable and a delight to the heart and spirit plus an ideal time to make new friends and connections. On Sunday mornings at 9:30 you have the opportunity to choose from these four adult Bible classes. We encourage you to attend one of these classes.

1. College/Young Professionals—Jim Taylor teaches the book of Revelation in the Community Room.
2. Women's class—Avanell Merritt is teaching the book of Esther in the Library
3. Fellowship Hall—various teachers and topics coordinated by Lane Widick
4. Auditorium—Calvin Warpula teaches the book of Acts

Ladies Day Program Planned on Oct. 30 at Kashmere Gardens

All women are invited to attend the Ladies Day program at the Kashmere Gardens church on Saturday, Oct. 30. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served after the program. The church is located at 4315 Leffingwell at Calvacade, 77226. Contact Pamela Johnson at 281-580-2313 for more information. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

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MANY THANKS
To All Our Volunteers
THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!
**THANKS TO ALL WHO BROUGHT PUMPKINS AND VOLUNTEERED
FOR OUR PUMPKIN PATCH PARTY**
Because of you, it was a great success!!

Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 124
Contribution – \$9,151.40 Coins for Christ \$75.42

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