

News & Prayers

West U Members:

Ralph Arnold has been experiencing severe back pain.
Ingrid Drugan is now at Garden Terrace, 7887 Cambridge St., 77055 for rehab.
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.
Clayton & Kathryn Galloway - We would like to request prayers for our family as we move to Austin to start a new job. The last six years here, you have been a wonderful church family that has been with us through our marriage and first baby. We will miss all of you and we will look forward to visiting you when we are in Houston.

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 Scarbourough, 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 went home this week and will be returning later for evaluation.

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 Herald 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 30, 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.



We Need Each Other

One of the greatest human needs of our time is for closeness and connection with others. God made us this way. He designed us to need each other. In the garden paradise before sin entered the world, God said, "It is not good for man to be alone." All throughout the Bible, men and women have banded together in marriage, families, tribes, communities, and nations. Jesus sent out his disciples "two by two." The apostles traveled with companions who mutually helped and encouraged each other.

As people were saved, God placed them in a community called the church. In this new spiritual family, the believers met together for meals, the Lord's Supper, worship, encouragement, fellowship, ministry and mission. They belonged to one another as members of one body in Christ. For 1,971 years, the disciples of Jesus have met and served together for these same reasons.

We believers have a relationship with God and with one another. Those relationships bring responsibilities. When we love God, we will commune with him in prayer, read and follow his word, repent of our sins, and seek to honor him in every way. When we love one another, we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. We will pray for one another, teach and encourage one another, and help each other grow in the likeness of Jesus.

The world is rapidly changing but we will never outgrow our need for love and connection. High technology intensifies the need for high-touch. Machines and "church on TV" can never replace the warmth, joy, encouragement and love that spring from human contact.

We exist as a church to celebrate our unity in Christ and our community as God's family. Whatever you do, place a very high emphasis on unity and connection with others in Christ. We need each other—we *really* do.

-Calvin Warpula

Moment of Friendship

Welcome

266 Majesty
#243 Our God Reigns
#39 Awesome Power

Prayer

#269 Thomas' 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.

#452 Standing on the Promises

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

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-5; 15:1-5; 17:1-7

Message

"God's Big Story: The Birth of a Nation"

#915 Trust and Obey

Shepherd's Prayer & Benediction - Kelly Rushing

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

#116 God Will Make a Way

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Coming Events

November 12 - Ladies Day Out at the Nutcracker Market

November 13 - Baby Blessing Service & Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal

November 19 - Delonys' 70th Wedding Anniversary Party

November 24 - Thanksgiving

November 24 & 25 - Office Closed

December 10 - Children's Christmas Party

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 26 - Office Closed

Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 129 Contribution - \$3,804.97 Coins for Christ - \$8.00

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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



Upcoming Sunday Morning Sermon Topics:

Today - God's Big Story: The Birth of a Nation
 November 6 - God's Big Story: Joseph
 November 13 - Special Message on Blessing Our Children for God.
 November 20 - God's Big Story: Moses



**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 Field trip to Houston Zoo - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Call Kerry Lackey for more info, 281-380-8552.
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.

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.



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. Tickets are \$12 each. We will meet at the church at 8 a.m. and have breakfast and be at the market by 10 a.m. Please RSVP and have your money to Christy McDonald at mcdonald.christy@gmail.com by Nov. 6th. If enough go, we will rent a van and ride together.

LTC 2012

There is still time to sign up for this year. Drama and puppet scripts will be available by Dec. 18th. See Christy McDonald or Lou Ann Taylor to pick up your scripts. If you have questions, please contact Christy at mcdonald.christy@gmail.com.

Job Fair To Be Held At Fifth Ward Church of Christ

Fifth Ward Church of Christ at 4308 Stonewall, Houston, 77020, will host a job fair on Friday, November 4th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 713-672-2554 or see the flyer on the foyer bulletin board.



"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.



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Fellowship Meal Planned for November 13th



There will be a church-wide fellowship meal on Sunday, November 13th immediately following the Worship Service. Each family is asked to bring a large dish or two to share. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Visitors, please be our guests for lunch.

