

News & Prayers

West U Members:

Ingrid Drugan is now in a rehab center recovering from surgery.
Jim Ledbetter is now at Open Door Mission and will be there another nine months. He would like to receive cards or letters. Jim was able to come to church last Sunday and brought a couple of guests with him. 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:

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 will be coming to Houston soon for major testing. Please pray for good results.

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.

Thank You

Ann & Jimmy Urquhart send their many thanks for the welcome they received while here for Ann's surgery. They send their appreciation for all the thoughts, concern and prayers offered on Ann's behalf.



West University
Church of Christ

October 9, 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.



Change for God's Sake

Wednesday night after church I turned on the television and my wife's previously-watched channel, "Food Network," came on. While I surfed around the channels, the program "Restaurant: Impossible" show was playing. I found this show fascinating so I watched it for a hour. It's the story of a super chef who goes to restaurants that are going under and spends two days and \$10,000 reviving the business. He takes charge. He changes the décor, the furniture, the seating arrangements, the carpet, the wall paint, the table cloths and decorations, the menus, re-trains the kitchen and wait staff, and goes out in to the community with free food samples. When the public tastes his food, he says, "Come eat with us tonight and bring your plastic fork and you'll receive a free appetizer." The main objective is to rebuild the customer base. He tells all the owners, "You must change in order to get younger people in here if your business is to survive." The restaurant's older clientele are dying or moving away, and the younger families are not attracted to the 70's and 80's restaurants clinging to the past. After the super chef makes major changes, many new customers are attracted and the once-dying businesses begin to thrive.

I kept saying to myself while I watched the super chef in operation, "That's the way we need to be thinking in the church. We need to be made aware of what's happening in our churches, make some changes in the way we do things, be open and flexible to what attracts and ministers to people today, and be willing to make changes in ourselves and our methods in order to grow the congregations."

The apostle Paul spoke of the "renewing of our minds that transforms us into the likeness of Christ" (Rom. 12:2). This radical change at the center of our consciousness strikes hard at any who are stagnant, complacent, proud, or defend human, closed-minded traditions. Like Paul, we can support unchangeable truth while "becoming all things to all people in order to save some" (I Cor. 9:23).

"God, help us to change the things that need to be changed, to accept and obey your unchangeable truth, and give us the wisdom to know the difference."

-Calvin Warpula

Moment of Friendship

Welcome

- #291 *The Great Physician*
- #230 *Worthy Art Thou*
- #564 *I Must Tell Jesus*

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.

- #488 *Into the Heart of Jesus*

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

Scripture

Matthew 7:21-29; 28:18-20

Message

"Who Is This Preacher?"

- #552 *Have Thine Own Way*

Shepherd's Prayer & Benediction - Kelly Rushing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters! Amen. Galatians 6:18 NRSV

- #356 *I Believe in Jesus*

Elders

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Coming Events

- October 16 - Elders & Deacons Luncheon
- October 23 - Warpula Small Group Luncheon
- November 13 - Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal
- November 24 - Thanksgiving
- November 24 & 25 - Office Closed
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- December 26 - Office Closed

Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 154 Contribution - \$11,840.37 Coins for Christ - \$5.00

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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



**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.

Foster's Home for Children Houston Golf Tournament

This golf tournament will be held on Monday, Oct. 17th. For more details, see the bulletin board in the foyer.

Kashmere Garden Church To Hold Gospel Meeting

Kashmere Gardens Church of Christ will hold their annual Gospel Meeting October 16 - 20. For more information, please see the bulletin board in the foyer.



Welcome the Morrisetts

We are pleased to have Lance and Jennifer Morrisett and son, Cullen, this weekend. Lance is here interviewing for the Associate Minister position. He will teach a Bible class Sunday morning in the Community Room. Lance's resume is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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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.

CPR/First Aid Class Available

Footsteps will be sponsoring a CPR/First Aid certification class on Wednesday, October 12th at 9 a.m. Anyone can attend. The cost is \$30. If you would like to attend, please contact Reni Burns at 713-409-7364.



Elders and Deacons Luncheon Scheduled

An elders and deacons luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 16th, after church in the fellowship hall. Food will be provided.



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.



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.

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