

News & Prayers

West U Members:

Melinda Lackey asked for prayer for her family as they mourn the loss of her aunt, Gloria Myers. She was 68 years old and such a wonderful spirit in the world.
Bryn Vera and her mom, Tammy Poland, as they travel in Europe for the next 2 weeks.
Ralph Arnold has been experiencing severe back pain.
Ingrid Drugan is now back at her apartment at Belmont at 2929 Holcombe Blvd. #223, Houston, 77025.
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 until Nov. 5th.
Melissa Deaver is pregnant and is considered high risk.

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 received very good news this week. His white cell count is normal. He is continuing his physical therapy in Longview. Pray for the family as they are dealing with the loss of an aunt and an uncle.

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.

*Please pray for
the Turner Family*

*Bill Turner's mother,
Bessie Turner, age 96,
Passed away this past week.
The funeral was held in Victoria.*



West University
Church of Christ

November 6, 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.

Welcome

294 *You're the One*
#968 *Oh, They Tell Me of a Home*
#550 *I Walk with the King*

Prayer

#490 *It Is Well With My Soul*

Communion

All Christians are invited to commune with us.

Offering

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

#134 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

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

Scripture

Genesis 45:1-11

Message

"God's Big Story: God Builds a Nation"

#945 *Kneel at the Cross*

Shepherd's Prayer & Benediction - Jim Taylor

"Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith—to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen."
Romans 16:25-27

#628 *Will You Not Tell It Today*

**Reach Up, Reach In,
Reach Out**

Until just a few years ago, Starbucks was slowly unraveling like the threads of a sweater. The core values of the company had been replaced by decisions based on profits. A new CEO, Howard Schultz, took the helm and turned the company around. Schultz described his philosophy in his book, Onward: How Starbucks Fought for Its Life without Losing Its Soul (2011). He wrote, "Everybody is hungering for community. People think that we are a coffee company that serves people but we really are a people company that serves coffee."

Churches could learn some vital lessons from Starbucks. Attention to people and their feelings is one of the most valuable resources we have. We get so distracted in our A.D.D. culture by cell phones, internet, texting, TVs, radios and our own interests that we slight the importance of authentic relationships.

People matter to God. Jesus came into the world to serve and save people. The church is people in community in Christ.

We can do three things to keep our priorities right.

1. **Reach Up to God** (John 15:1-11). We first get our heart in tune with the heart of God. The greatest command is to "love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength." Reaching up to God develops through prayer, Bible reading, meditation on the word, and solitude. This primary relationship gives us spiritual energy to live for God and reach out to others. Passion for God produces compassion for people.

2. **Reach In to Other Believers** (John 15:12-17). The second greatest command is to "love one another." The believers of the first century were bound together by their love and care for each other. We see Jesus in each other. The Jesus in me seeks unity with the Jesus in you.

3. **Reach Out to the World** (John 15:18-21). Jesus sends his church out into the world. Because we love Jesus and want to glorify him, we put Jesus in front of people. In doing so, we are probably most effective when we are more like drip irrigation than an open fire hydrant. We are polite, we care, and we share.

"God, help us to genuinely and authentically love you, each other, and the world."

-Calvin Warpula

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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 – 128 Contribution - \$5,190.00 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: Joseph
 November 13 - Special Message on Blessing Our Children for God.
 November 20 - God's Big Story: Moses
 November 27 - God's Big Story—The Law



**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.**

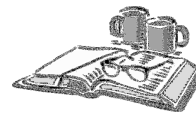
1. North Houston Area meets at 5:00 p.m., led by Jim Taylor/Brad Hinrichs, 1328 Sue Barnett Dr., Houston, 77018 713-695-1443
2. West University Area meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall here at the church building. 713-669-0137
3. Pearland/South Houston Area meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Lackey's home, 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.



Fellowship Meal Planned for November 13th



There will be a church-wide fellowship meal next 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



"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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 ☞ Sermon Audios

You may also find links to
 follow us on  
 (Sermon CDs available through the office.)



Welcome Our New Members



Allan & Elaine Jenkins

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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.



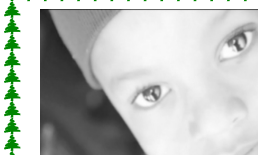
Ladies Day Out At the Nutcracker Market



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.



Medina Children's Home Christmas Project

It's that time of year again - Please help us support the children and mothers at Arms of Hope, Medina Children's Home, in the Annual Christmas Gift Giving Project. As we have for the last few years, the congregation has the opportunity to provide mothers and their children with several gifts during the Christmas season.

Life Groups have been asked to take several families and the remaining mothers and children available for "adoption" are on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall.

Please choose one or more individuals, take their personal sheet (there is additional information on the back) and indicate on the sign up sheet whom you will be buying for this year. This is a great opportunity to teach your family about service to Jesus and the importance of giving during the usually materialistic holiday season.

Please note that the gifts must be at the church building, wrapped and labeled (the preferred labels are also available on the bulletin board) by Sunday, December 4th for prompt delivery to Medina by December 9th.

Please contact Melinda Lackey at melinda_lackey@hotmail.com for any questions or concerns



Teachers Needed

Teachers are needed for the following classes on Sunday mornings. If you can help, please sign-up on the bulletin board next to the fellowship hall. For questions, please contact Melinda Lackey at melinda_lackey@hotmail.com.

- * Babies (0-18 mths), Sunday Morning - Winter Quarter (December - February)
- * Toddlers (19-35 mths), Sunday Morning - Winter Quarter (December - February)



Thanks to Contribution Counting Teams

A big thank-you to the October contribution counters: Roger & Nancy Rue and Herb & Karen Wright.

The contribution counting team members for November are Clyde Russell and Billy & Deanne Smith.