

News & Prayers

West U Members:
Ingrid Drugan is continuing to recover. Please continue to pray for her.
Jim Ledbetter is at Open Door Mission and will be there another 3 months. The address is 5803 Harrisburg Blvd. Houston, 77011-4323.
Minister Search, please pray for the search for an associate minister.
Melissa Deaver is pregnant and is considered high risk.
Justine Rivoire is very ill and in hospice care.
Kristi Curry asked for prayer for her travels back home to deal with family matters. Her grandfather, John Adams, is very ill.
Raul De La Garza asked for prayers regarding his job. His job may be eliminated. Pray for Raul & Dora as they go through this transition.

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Deaver
Home Bound Members: Please pray for our home bound family: **Elizabeth Barnes, Justine Rivoire, Nancy Taylor, Mary Broome, and Richard Barnes.**

Family & Friends:
Benigno Pena, Estela Rivera's father, 83, is in hospice care in Corpus Christi.
Norris, Verne Ragle's brother, is facing serious medical problems. He lives in Abilene.
Friend of Daniel Tan has colon cancer. His friend's 21 year old son has terminal stomach cancer.
Charles Siburt, professor at Abilene Christian University, is undergoing treatment in Dallas for melanoma. At this point, the prognosis is not good.
Susan Gephart's surgery was successful. Pray for a full recovery.
Abi Herrera, grandmother of Caleb, Chloe, & Ethan, fell and broke her hip recently. Healing is complicated due to Abi's rheumatoid arthritis. She was moved to a rehab center. Abi is 83 years old.
Greg Akins, Tim Warpula's father-in-law, of Midland, has prostate cancer. Tim is Calvin and Judy's son.
Sheila James, one of our Footsteps teachers, needs prayer for strength and healing. She was diagnosed a while back with a tumor on her pituitary gland and is having severe headaches.
Jon, son of Jo Ann Clopton, is having severe headaches again.
April, Susan Gephart's sister, is in a McKinney hospital with blood clots in her lungs and legs.

Cancer Prayers:
Carnell Whitley asked for prayer as she goes through a difficult time with her illness at MD Anderson.
Jeremy Cotham had surgery on his eye on Wednesday of last week. Surgery was successful but continue to pray for his eyesight to improve.
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.
Mary, a mom at Mark Twain Elementary, needs prayer for healing and perseverance.
Gail, Mildred Coleman's daughter, has lung cancer.

Church Apartment Tenants:
Christie Franklin, of Huntsville, AL, has lymphoma and will be receiving a bone marrow transplant at MD Anderson.
Onis & Tommie Ellis of Abilene, Texas. Onis is doing well. The transplant went well, so far, so good. He is at MD Anderson.

Communion Volunteers Needed

Thanks to all the men and women that have prepared the communion and arranged for serving the communion during worship. I am asking for additional volunteers to prepare communion (takes about 20 minutes before class on Sunday morning) for the months of March and April. Also men are needed for the months of September, November and December to arrange for the serving of the communion. If you would be able to serve please contact John Fletcher by phone 713-409-5765 or e-mail jrf8729@sbcglobal.net. Your service is much appreciated.



West University
Church of Christ

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 & Call to Worship

#230 *Worthy Art Thou*
 #158 *The Sweetest Name*
 #68 *Give Thanks*

Prayer

#376 *He Paid a Debt*

Communion

All Christians are invited to commune with us.

Offering

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

#718 *We Shall Assemble*

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

Scripture

I Kings 11:29-38

Message

"God's Big Story: The Kingdom Divides"

#907 *Hark the Gentle Voice*

Shepherd's Prayer & Benediction - Jim Taylor
 "Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love."
 Ephesians 6:23-24

#989 *Soon and Very Soon*

Coming Events

- February 12 - Date Night Challenge
- February 24 - Ladies Night Out
- February 14 - Valentine's Day
- February 24-25 - Youth Event - Soul Link
- March 18 - LTC Sunday & Church-wide Fellowship Meal
- April 6 - 8 - LTC
- April 8 - Easter Sunday
- May 5 - VBS Workday
- May 13 - Mother's Day Fellowship Meal
- May 28 - Memorial Day Church Office Closed

Elders

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Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 142 Contribution - \$5,740.12 Coins for Christ - \$19.35

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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

February 5, 2012

Discovering and Sharing God's Love



Sunday, Feb. 12

5-7 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

A special web cast of comedy, music, and inspirational teaching presented by Focus on the Family

Childcare and food provided

No charge. All couples invited. Bring guests.

This special presentation is provided by Kerry and Melinda Lackey for the pleasure and benefit of all single and married persons interested in relationships. For more information, contact Melinda Lackey at 281-703-5813 (melinda_lackey@hotmail.com)





Upcoming Sunday Morning Sermon Topics:

Today - God's Big Story: The Kingdom Divides



**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.

Spanish Ministry Requests Your Help

Our Spanish ministry which meets in a rented warehouse near Ramparts and West Park has some needs for additional supplies and equipment.

For teaching materials for children and youth, they request crayons, pencils, note books, Christian videos, Spanish language Bibles, and English Bibles for youth.

For the nursery, they need toys, cribs, sheets and pillows, mats, and interactive games (0 to five years old).

For the worship services, they need wireless microphones, video projector, ceiling or wall fans, furniture for the youth classroom, tables for fellowship, and bookshelves for a small library.

If you can help finance any of these requests, please make your checks payable to "West University Church of Christ" and give them to Calvin or the elders. If you can donate or furnish any of these items, please talk with Calvin and he will get in touch with Rigo Arguera, the minister, to pick them up.

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Sermon CDs available through the office.)*



LTC 2012

Our Children to Attend LTC

On April 6-8, 17 of our children, their families and coaches will be participating in Leadership Training for Christ. A few will compete here in Houston, but most will travel to Dallas. They will compete in Bible reading, drama, art, Christian writing, service project challenges and more. LTC is designed to train young children to grow up and be leaders in their church communities.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they practice in the coming weeks.

On Sunday, March 18th you will have the opportunity to watch each of them as they practice in front of our congregation on LTC Sunday. Please plan to attend and see how great they are doing. You may also prayerfully consider sponsoring one or more of these children for their trip. The cost is \$230 per child for registration and hotel. Give them some encouraging words and let them know how proud you are of them in the next few weeks and thank you for your continued support of our children.



Thanks to Contribution Counting Teams

A big thank-you to the January contribution counters: Brad & Alicia Hinrichs and Terry & Vesna Scarborough.

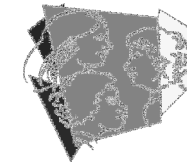
The contribution counting team members for February are Jim & Lou Ann Taylor, Linda Borne, and Oscar Herrera.

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**—Avanell Merritt teaches the Gospel of John in the Library.
3. **Fellowship Hall**—Kerry Lackey leads an "Adult Bible Study Discussion Class"
4. **Auditorium**—Calvin Warpula teaches "The Book of Romans".

Wednesday Night Classes at 6:30 p.m.

- * **Ladies Class** - The Book of Philippians, taught by Alicia Hinrichs.
- * **Fellowship Hall Class** - The Bible in 90 Days, taught by Calvin Warpula.



Ladies Night Out

Ladies - you are invited to February's Ladies' Night Out on Friday, February 24th! We will attend a special presentation by Abby Rike at the First Baptist Church, Houston. She is a prior "The Biggest Loser" contestant on NBC, and if you watch that show, you know she has a touching, devastating story from which she depended on God to rise out of! It should be very motivating and a great time together.

We will meet at the building for those that want to carpool at 5:45pm to drive over to the campus together. For further details, see <http://houstonfirst.org/abbyrike>, or contact Melinda Lackey at melinda_lackey@hotmail.com or 281-703-5813.

Melinda has pre-bought some tickets (\$10 ea) so please RSVP to her in case we need more and also if you need/want to carpool! Dinner isn't being served so please plan accordingly.



Donations Needed for Valentine's Day Care Packages

Please help us show our much-loved shut-in and special needs members that we care for them by donating items to fill special Valentine's Day care packages!

We are looking for small items, including small, purse-size (or travel size) packages of Kleenex, first-aid kits, lotion (not strongly scented); small picture frames; small

journals and pens. Our goal is create 15-20 such packages and any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you would rather make a monetary donation, that is helpful as well. Please see Melinda Lackey if you have any questions or want to make a monetary donation. Other donations can be placed in the box in the foyer by **February 12**. Thank you for helping us share the love of Christ on this "love-ly" holiday!

Daniel McGraw Considers West U Ministry

Daniel and Megan McGraw flew back to Argentina on Wednesday. We had a very productive weekend with them and have received nothing but positive comments. Daniel is by far the best minister candidate we have yet seen. Everyone seemed to like them and I know I was impressed during Daniel's class and sermon. We believe that Daniel and Megan would be a very good fit with us. It is unfortunate that they have commitments in Argentina until the beginning of August. But, it is at least comforting to know that they are serious about honoring their commitments and the elders believe that they would be worth waiting for. We have extended an offer to Daniel. As Daniel told us at the potluck on Sunday, they will be very deliberative in their decision, and I do not expect an answer for several weeks.

We suspect that other churches may show an interest in Daniel and we would hate to lose out to "the competition." So, now is our opportunity to influence his decision. Set out below is Daniel's email. I encourage all who are willing to write a personal email to Daniel and Megan telling them how much you enjoyed meeting them and how much you would love to see them join our family at West University.

Daniel's email address is -- quickdrawd@hotmail.com.

- Jim Taylor



Soul Link

Soul Link is a youth rally hosted by the Bammel Rd. Church of Christ; youth from all over Houston and many areas throughout the region attend. It is a fun time of fellowship and worship that the youth get to experience with nearly 1,400 of their peers. We will attend on Friday and Saturday, February 24th and 25th.

Please contact me at 713-256-6315 or jayroberts86@yahoo.com if you would like to attend or if you have any questions. - Jay R.