

News & Prayers

West U Members:

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.

Janet Curry will have knee surgery on Sept. 26.

Joan Galvan is suffering from multiple sclerosis.

Minister Search, please pray for the search for an associate minister.

Lane and Kristen as they start their new ministry.

Hilton & Avanel Merritt while they minister in Kenya over the next 2 months.

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!

Camille Kelley, 36, friend of Christy McDonald, for a full recovery from a stroke after routine surgery. Pray for her husband and 2 young daughters.

Peggy Driskell, Norma Ragle's life long friend, suffered a massive heart attack in Florida. Pray for a full recover.

Oscar Herrea's father has been diagnosed with terminal leukemia.

John Adams, Kristina Curry's grandfather, fell and broke his back in several places. He is receiving at home support and care thru hospice.

Wanda Watkins is asking for prayer for her job as a teacher in HISD. Please pray for strength.

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 traveled to Houston this past week for routine tests. If his tests results continue to improve he will be able to stay longer at home in Longview.

Bruce Adams is now taking daily treatments for his cancer.

Mechelle Henderson asked for prayer for "no cancer soon."

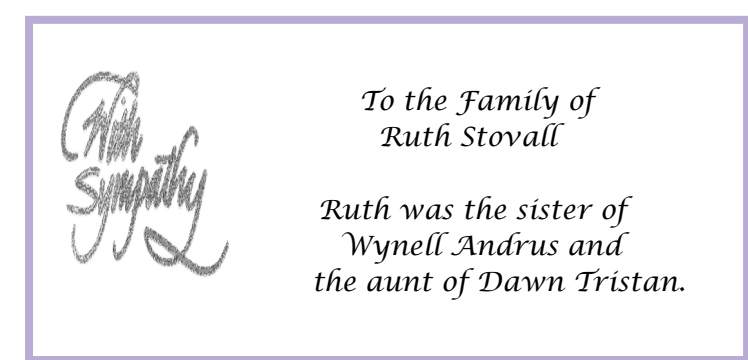
Church Apartment Tenants:

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.



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| Coming Events |
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| October 8 - Ladies Day Out at the Outlet Mall |
| November 13 - Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal |
| November 24 - Thanksgiving |
| November 24 & 25 - Office Closed |
| December 25 - Christmas Day |

Last Week's Record

A.M. Worship – 149 Contribution - \$7,707.62 Coins for Christ - \$5.00

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| SERVICES TIMES | | |
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| 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 |



September 25, 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.

Moment of Friendship

Welcome

#294 *You're the One*
 #647 *Soldiers of Christ Arise*
 #406 *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

Prayer

#876 *Where He Leads Me I Will Follow*

Communion

All Christians are invited to commune with us.

Offering

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

#429 *Oh, To Be Like Thee*
(Children are dismissed to Little Lambs or God's Flock during this song)

Scripture

Matthew 7:13-27

Message

"False Profession and True Obedience"

#674 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Ordination of Raul De La Garza

Shepherd's Prayer & Benediction - Jim Taylor
³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and ³⁴ knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! ³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:33, 36

#753 *Farther Along*

Bad News - Good News

A farmer goes to his banker and says, "I have some bad news and some good news. The loan on my land, I can't pay the principal or my interest. The loan on the equipment, I can't pay that. The loan on my seed and fertilizer, I can't pay that either." The banker responds, "Well, that is bad news. What's the good news?" The farmer replies "I plan to continue to do business with your bank."

Two baseball-loving friends agree whichever one dies first will come back and let the other know if there is baseball in heaven. First one dies. He comes back. "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that there is baseball in heaven." The friend asks, "What's the bad news?" The friend responds, "You're scheduled to pitch on Saturday."

We might preface the book of Romans - bad news-good news. First some good news. Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." There is a **power** available to all in the gospel.

The bad news - we have a **problem**. It is sin. Romans 3:9, "Jews and Gentiles alike are under sin." Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Next consider the **penalty**. Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 5:8 is some of the best news in the Bible. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us."

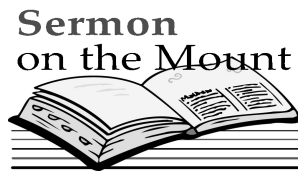
And the **price** paid. Look at Romans 5:9, "Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him."

What is the **process** by which we contact the blood? Romans 5:1, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

And finally the **proof** of our faith. Romans 6:3-4, "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

That is indeed good news!

Allan Eldridge
 Mobile, Alabama



Upcoming Sunday Morning Sermon Topics:

Today - False Profession and True Obedience from Matthew 7:21-23
October 2 - The Two Houses from Matthew 7:24-29



**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. They will assemble and then leave to attend the Celebration at Impact. 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.

Lifeline Chaplaincy Benefit Dinner

Lifeline Chaplaincy, a ministry of the Churches of Christ, announces its Annual Benefit Dinner in Houston to be held at The Westin Galleria Houston, 5060 West Alabama, Tuesday, October 4th from 6 to 9:00 p.m. The featured speaker will be Brad McCoy, Athletic Director for the Flippen Group and father of Longhorn Great, Colt McCoy. Individual tickets for the evening are \$100. Sponsor tables are available at various levels. For tickets, please call Lifeline Chaplaincy, 713-524-1055.

Arms of Hope Houston Benefit Gala & Silent Auction

This event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6th. See the bulletin board in the foyer for more details.

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.

Impact Church

“Night of Celebration” Tonight

The Impact Church Night of Celebration is tonight at 6. Calvin has free tickets for anyone who wishes to attend. The small group that meets at the building will be attending this event. You are welcome to go with us. Meet in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m.



Ladies Day Out at the Outlet Mall



On Saturday, October 8, all ladies are invited to meet at the church building at 7:30 am to go to the 290 Outlet Mall. We will leave at 8 am, have breakfast at McDonald's and then head to the mall. Also, plan to eat lunch near the mall as well. We will head back to the church at 4 pm. We plan to rent a van so everyone can ride together. Please let us know you are coming by Oct. 2nd. Contact Christy McDonald at mcdonald.christy@gmail.com.

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www.westchurch.com:

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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**—New study to be announced.
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.



Pass
It On!

New Class on “Reaching Others with the Gospel” Begins Oct. 2

Everyone is invited to attend a new class beginning Sunday, October 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Raul de la Garza will be teaching a short series of lessons on how to connect with our friends and neighbors with the good news of Jesus.

Letter from Ken and Sheila Sandberg

Howdy from TN! I was reminiscing a bit this morning and viewing the West U website. We send everyone our love. We miss you all so much.

I also wanted to let you all know that we had the privilege of hearing Lane speak for the first time at the Granny White church this past Sunday! It was so good to see Lane, Kristen & Josie, and to share that experience with them. The church welcomed them very warmly by closing with "A Common Love" with everyone gathering in the middle of the auditorium to surround them with love. The GW church is only about a 45-50 minute drive for us, so I'm sure we will be visiting them often.

We have not officially placed membership with a congregation in town, but are leaning toward Madison St. Please pray that we will find a church home where we can be of great service to the Lord. Ken is doing well at his new practice, but is searching for ways to build-up the business since they are not accustomed to having two dentists.

Kate is enjoying her first experience with public school. We are fortunate that she is in "the best" school in town, Rossvie elementary. We signed her up for girl scouts, and are looking for someone to teach her guitar lessons. Should be able to find someone, since we are in TN, right?

Austin also is in school, as of 2 weeks ago, and has become quite interested in baseball. He throws and bats with his left hand, yet will eat and write with his right. Maybe he will be a switch hitter someday!

I will soon be back at work. I was initially selected for a clinical pain management position at Ft. Campbell, working with injured soldiers, but soon found out the program was placed on hold due to lack of funding. So, in the mean time, I will be staffing, getting to know the other pharmacy staff and learning how the pharmacy operates. I worked for the Army when we lived in Hawaii, then went back to the VA system, and am now looking forward to working with active duty again. Variety adds spice to life!

We have almost completed our unpacking and organizing, and have plenty of room for visitors! Please come by if ever you are in this part of TN! We have the same email addresses and cell phone numbers as previously listed in the directory.

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