

**News & Prayers**

**West U Members:**

**Lee McKeen** continues to have knee pain and is facing surgery.  
**Bernice Whiteside** is recovering from knee surgery. She hopes to be back in church within a week or so.  
**Kristina Curry** had surgery on her hip last Saturday. She is home but will be on a walker for 2-3 weeks and soft walking for another 2-3 weeks.  
**Jim Ledbetter** was taken by ambulance to St Joseph Hospital Tuesday morning. He is now back in his temporary motel accommodations for two days of bed rest until entering Open Door Ministry.  
**Wayne Hamilton** missed work 3 days with a staph infection.  
**Appeal Isimire** is healing from burn wounds and has started college.  
**Lane Widick** in the start of his new ministry.  
**Minister Search**, please pray for the search for an associate minister.

**Expectant Mothers:**

**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:**

**Ann Urquhart** will have surgery on Wednesday. Ann has been visiting with us.  
**John Adams**, Kristina Curry's grandfather, fell and broke his back in several places. He is receiving at home support and care thru hospice.  
**Elsa Escano**, Michele Escano's sister-in-law, is expecting twins. Pray for a safe delivery.  
**Edward Johnson**, Robert Kline's stepfather, is home recovering from seizures.

**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.  
**Cherie King** of W. Monroe, LA is receiving treatment for leukemia. She is staying in one of the church apartments during this time.

**Jeremy Cotham** came to Houston for a couple of days this past week for testing. His tests results showed that he is slowly getting better. He is continuing his battle with GVHD but the doctors are optimistic that he will get better. He is back in Longview for now.

**Church Apartment Tenants:**

**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.



*The Family of  
 J. Tillman Williams, Jr.  
 Former Minister at West U.*

*J. Tillman Williams, Jr., 86 of Huntsville, AL  
 passed away after a long battle with leukemia.*

*Memorials may be made to Childhaven, P.O. Box  
 2070, Cullman, AL 35056 or a favorite charity.*



*West University  
 Church of Christ*

**September 4, 2011**

*Discovering and  
 Sharing God's Love*



**God Is at Work  
 in Our  
 Spanish Outreach**

Rigo Arguera, our Spanish preacher for the mission Iglesia de Cristo that meets at 5600 Rampart, Houston, 77081, reported this week about how God is working through them in "The Jericho Plan." In the Old Testament book of Joshua, God instructed his people to march around the walls of the city of Jericho once a day for six days, and seven times on the seventh day, and the city walls would fall down.

Rigo adopted that idea and lead the members of his church to drive around a large area surrounding the church meeting place. At 4 a.m. daily for six days, they began driving around the area. They stopped at various corners and prayed, sang hymns and asked God to open the hearts of the people. On the seventh day they drove around the area seven times while praying that God would open doors for the message of Christ. The next day they began knocking on the doors of the apartments they had driven around.

Previously, the residents of these apartments had not responded to the church's invitations. At the first door they knocked, a young woman said she knew she needed God and her mother in Mexico had been encouraging her to find a church. That woman was in church the following Sunday, along with five other first-time visitors.

Rigo said he learned that God will answer prayers for church growth when we pray and earnestly seek the Lord's will. He said he learned that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and works in the lives and hearts of God's people.

West U church supports Rigo through our prayers, a monthly contribution of \$400, and other special contributions and offerings throughout the year. The church now numbers 50-60 people and is growing.

**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**

*#103 He Has Made Me Glad  
 #63 I will Call Upon the Lord  
 #2 We Praise Thee O God  
 #611 Heavenly Sunlight  
 #202 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**Prayer**

*#315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Communion**

*All Christians are invited to commune with us.*

**Offering**

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

*#480 Blessed Assurance  
 (Children are dismissed to Little Lambs  
 or God's Flock during this song)*

**Scripture**

*Matthew 7:13-14*

**Message**

*"Life at the Crossroads"*

*#902 Nothing But the Blood*

**Shepherd's Prayer & Benediction - Hilton Merritt**

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

*#533 I Am a Sheep*

**Elders**

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**Coming Events**

September 5 - Labor Day - Church Office Closed  
 September 10 - Volleyball Night  
 September 10 - Men's Bible Study & Breakfast  
 September 11 - Church-Wide Fellowship & Farewell to the Widicks  
 September 18 - LTC Parent Meeting  
 October 1 - Men's Bible Study & Breakfast  
 October 6 - Ladies Day Out at the Outlet Mall  
 November 13 - Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal  
 November 24 - Thanksgiving  
 November 24 & 25 - Office Closed

**Last Week's Record**

A.M. Worship – 154    Contribution - \$3,990.50    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

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 WEBSITE**



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*(Sermon CDs available through the office.)*

## Sermon on the Mount



### Upcoming Sunday Morning Sermon Topics:

Today - Life at the Crossroads from Matthew 7:13-14  
September 11 - Lane's Final Message and Farewell  
September 18 - Good & Bad Trees from Matthew 7:15-20  
September 25 - Obedience from Matthew 7:21-23



**This evening,  
you are invited to meet with any of these LIFE groups.  
Due to the holiday some groups may not meet.  
Please see below or call the leader to verify meeting.**

1. North Houston Area / Jim Taylor/Brad Hinrichs **will not** be meeting this week.
2. West University Area **will** meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall here at the church building. 713-669-0137
3. Pearland/Sugar Land Area **will not** meet this week.
4. Young Professionals TBA

### Impact Church Night of Celebration

Save the date for the Impact Church Night of Celebration at the Impact Church on Sunday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. The tickets are \$25. For more information you can go to [www.impactdoingchurchdifferently.org](http://www.impactdoingchurchdifferently.org).



### Collection For Sunny Glen Children's Home



Sunny Glen Children's home has asked us for donations of needed items. They are requesting pancake syrup and aluminum foil. Please place your donations in the box provided next to the fellowship hall. Please have your donations here by next Sunday, September 11th.

### NAMI Family to Family Education Program

A free 12 week class is being offered, free of charge, for all family members, partners and significant others of individuals with serious mental illness starting Monday, September 12th from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Community Room at West U. For more information, you may call 832-443-0773. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.



### Welcome Our New Members



**Albert & Estella Rivera**  
Baptized into Christ  
On Wednesday, August 31

3000 Woodland Park #2317  
Houston, TX 77082  
Phone: 361-774-6237 Email: [epr1033@yahoo.com](mailto:epr1033@yahoo.com)

Estella works with Footsteps as a teacher.  
Albert works for Joe V's Smart Shop.



### Thanks to Contribution Counting Teams

A big thank-you to the August contribution counters: Ryan & Christy McDonald and Vesna Scarborough.

The contribution counting team members for September are Tom & Gina Dickens and Thomas Miller.

### 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 is teaching the book of Hebrews in the library.
3. **Fellowship Hall**—New study to be announced.
4. **Auditorium**—Calvin Warpula teaches "The Book of Romans".

### New Wednesday Night Program Starting Sept. 7th

New classes will begin on Wednesday night starting September 7th at 6:30 p.m.. There will be classes for adults, youth and children. Youth and children classes will meet in their usual location. The adult classes are as follows:

- \* Ladies class in the library will be studying "Living Above Worry and Stress". Books are in at a cost of \$6. Please see Alicia Hinrichs to obtain your copy.
- \* Calvin's class in the fellowship hall will be studying the Pastoral Epistles, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy and Titus.



### Men's Discovery Boot Camp Moved to Saturday, Sept. 10th

All men are urged to attend the third in the series **Discovery Bootcamp** for men on **Saturday morning, September 10, 2011 at 7 AM**. We will focus on incorporating four foundational keys for Spiritual Foundation. Our text will be the beatitudes of Jesus from Matthew 5 in the Sermon on the Mount.

Also, we have an opportunity to help our brother Lane Widick load his moving truck after our meeting dismisses at 8:30 a.m. That morning, Lane and a couple of family members will be loading the trucks to move him to Nashville. It would be courteous and neighborly of us if some of us could help him. We would be putting what we have learned about love and service into action. Lane's



### Going Away Party For the Widicks

Kerry & Melinda Lackey invite you to a "Going Away Party" for the Widicks on Saturday, September 10th from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at their home. Their address is 2200 Crystal Reef Ln., Pearland, 77584. They ask that each family bring a covered dish. For questions call 281-703-5813.



### Church Wide Fellowship & Farewell to the Widicks Next Sunday, Sept. 11th

Please plan to stay for a church wide fellowship and say farewell to the Widicks on Sunday, September 11th immediately following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. We will honor Lane and Kristen Widick and their daughter, Josie as this will be their last Sunday with us.

Everyone is asked to bring a large dish or two to share.



### Little Lambs Teachers & Mailbox Suppliers Needed!

Little Lambs is our children's class for ages 2-4 that meets during worship on Sunday Mornings. These sweet children love going to class and we need teachers to help with this ministry! Teachers sign up for one month at a time, and we have several openings throughout the Fall and Winter.

We also have a few spots open for people to fill the children's mailboxes.

If you are able to fill one of these slots, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office.

### LTC Parent Meeting

There will a short meeting on Sunday, September 18th in the fellowship hall for parents of children wishing to attend LTC next year. For questions please call Chirsty McDonald at 281-543-5747.