



# West Side Family News

A publication of the West Side Church of Christ  
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## ***Welcome to West Side!***

We're glad to have you with us today. Let's glorify God and encourage one another as we worship together! *Please take a moment to fill out one of the attendance cards on the back of the pew in front of you. There are also Prayer Request cards available if there are any needs you would like to share with our elders or our prayer ministry.* If you're visiting, we hope you will worship with us again soon.

### **Children's Bible Classes**

Lambs (0-18 months) – Edu. Bldg., Nursery  
Ducks (18-24 months) – Edu. Bldg., Room 11  
Bunnies (Twos & Threes) – Edu. Bldg., Room 7  
Frogs (Threes & Fours) – Edu. Bldg., Room 6  
Fours, Fives, & Kindergarten – Edu. Bldg., Room 9  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Edu. Bldg., Room 5  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Edu. Bldg., Room 4  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Edu. Bldg., Room 3  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Edu. Bldg., Room 201  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Edu. Bldg., Room 203  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Edu. Bldg., Room 204  
7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Annex 201  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Annex 203 & 204

### **Adult Bible Classes** (Through Nov. 8, 2009)

#### **Sundays at 8:00 AM**

##### **Chapel: Intergenerational Adult**

Teacher: Keith Schramm  
Topic: Galatians

#### **Sundays at 10:30 AM**

##### **Annex 101: Ladies Class**

Teacher: Various ladies  
Topic: Learning from Our Brethren

##### **Main Annex: Intergenerational**

Teacher: Patrick Barber  
Topic: Living like Christ (studies in Luke)

##### **Annex 103: Home Builders (30s & 40s)**

Teacher: Michael Brooks  
Topic: Ephesians

##### **Annex 104: Intergenerational**

Teacher: Ken Hammes  
Topic: Job

##### **Annex 202: Roundtable Discussion**

Teacher: Si Tilton  
Topic: Difficult Passages in Scripture

##### **Auditorium: Intergenerational**

Teacher: Wyatt Jones  
Topic: 1 & 2 Thessalonians

##### **Edu. Bldg. Room 2: Young Adults (20s)**

Teacher: Mike Ireland  
Topic: The Life of David

##### **Chapel: College**

Teacher: James Anderson  
Topic: Beautiful Feet

***September 20, 2009***

## ***Morning Worship***

Welcome

Song Leader – Brandon Ragsdale

Song – 43 “All Things Praise Thee”

Song – 322 “In Heavenly Love Abiding”

Prayer – Don Sanders

Song – 26 “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

Lord's Supper

Song – 117 “God Is the Fountain Whence”

Contribution

Song – 226 “O Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**Sermon: “Our Spiritual Matrix: *Blue or Red Pill?*”**

Mike Ireland

Song – 927 “Why Keep Jesus Waiting?”

Announcements

Song – 227 “On Zion's Glorious Summit”

*Attendance Cards*

Prayer – G.E. Baggett (*Alt. Matthew Brooks*)

Elder in Charge – Ken Hammes

Deacons in Charge – Dan Dawson; Phil Miller

## ***Evening Worship***

Announcements

Song Leader – Nate McCoy

Song – 15 “Step by Step”

Song – 71 “As the Deer”

Song – 577 “We Bow Down”

Prayer – Brad Haddix (*Alt. Luke Tillett*)

Song – 508 “A Wonderful Savior”

Song – 23 “Our God, He Is Alive”

**Sermon – “Disciples That Finish”**

Mike Ireland

Song – 934 “Softly and Tenderly”

Song – 414 “Anywhere with Jesus”

Closing Prayer – Jim Dexter (*Alt. Charles Pittman*)

Elder in Charge – Mike Kiihnl

Deacon in Charge – Wiley Blansett

*The Lord's Supper is prepared in the chapel for those who were unable to commune this morning.*

## ABANDONMENT

We just keep losing things: wives, husbands, friends, health, the dreams and security of the past. Nothing stays the way it was. Nobody wants to be abandoned.

Typically, those who consider themselves abandoned were deserted by something or someone they needed. A wife comes home to find a note on the refrigerator: "I'm leaving you." An employee of twenty years walks into his boss's office to be told he is being laid off that day. A young woman undergoes a mastectomy and wonders if she will ever stop crying. These people had counted on a spouse or a career or at least their health. One day these things are gone, and life will never again be the same.

In the course of life, we expect to suffer some necessary losses. Children grow up and leave home. A new job in a different town forces us to say goodbye to friends and family in the place we have to leave.

Eventually, one aged spouse places the other in the arms of God. Some abandonments we can count on, but that does not mean they are less painful.

However it comes, abandonment can always be embraced as the opportunity to receive new life. A devastated widow can outlive her grief. Hurt and disappointed, one eventually picks up the broken pieces after divorce and begins again. A lost job can become the beginning of a new vocation.

Making the choice to accept abandonment as the opportunity to discover a new life is hard. It is as great a challenge as life ever presents us. Yet this is an absolutely central dynamic to the Christian life.

If we are planning on spending very much time following Jesus Christ, we can count on a great deal of abandonment. He kept trying to tell that to his disciples. Jesus was constantly saying things like "Only those who lose their lives will find them."

We have a name for this process in the Christian church. We call it conversion.

from WHEN GOD INTERRUPTS,  
by M. Craig Barnes

*Mike Ireland's sermon CD's are available to you at no charge. Contact the church office or leave a message at the Welcome Center.*



### ♥ 50+ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ♥

Congratulations to **Harry & Rhea Raney** who were married on September 21, 1947, 62 years ago. May they enjoy many more years together.

## MEN TO SERVE – September 20th

**LORD'S SUPPER:** Rick Pratt; David Bearden; Sean Birdwell; Zack Kirby; Kim Metheny; Jake Tribble; Joe Goldman; John Howell

**ALTERNATES:** Caleb Kiihnl; Nathan McCoy; Daniel Cofer; Rodney Gooden; Clay Kiihnl; Jerry Wells; Larry Oliver; Tim Kirby

**ATTENDANCE CARDS (young men):** Daniel Burley; Bryan Ireland; Landon Stalnaker; Gregory Stewart

**LORD'S TABLE (evening):** Ryan Nix; Damon Harris

**ALTERNATES:** Dick Johnson; Roger Coker

**USHERS:** Bart Jennings; Matthew Brooks; Doyce Shumate

## PRAYER HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR THESE LOVED ONES

- **Lena Dell Vines** broke her ankle this week and is currently in WCMC South Rehab.
- **James "Doc" Watkins**, in Hospice Care, has been moved to Oakdale Nursing Home, Judsonia.
- **Nelson James** is home now after having hip replacement surgery.
- **Brenda Spurlock** is at her parent's home in Foristell, Missouri, recovering from surgery and waiting for test results. Her mother is improving slowly.
- **Sarah Blansett's** surgery will be rescheduled at a later date due to some problems with blood work.
- **Charles Holden** has not been released from Baptist Hospital Rehab. At some point plans are to move him to Spring Creek Living Center in Cabot.
- **Conner Maples**, 11 year old 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Southwest Middle school, has been in Children's Hospital, Little Rock, due to double pneumonia. Conner is **J. C. & Winifred Franks'** great nephew.

### Our Church Family in Need of Prayer

Gene Simmons; J.H. Wylie; John Prock; Natalie Clark; Ed Sanders; Dr. Robert Brown; Gregory & McKenzie Stewart; Shirley McDonald; Janie Butler; George Schraudt; Dot Thompson; Becha Nalley

### Unable to Attend Worship Service

James Watkins; Dorothy Reaves; Bill & Ruth Hickmon; John Prock; Johanna Stanford; Frances Horton; Sarah Rogers; Hermina Moser

### Pray for these Family and Friends

Reed Oliver (friend of **Terry Williams**); Jim Harris (**Helen Harris'** son); Freda Jones (mother of **Tam Caple**) lymphoma; Donald Richards (brother of **Jo Ann McAdams**); Pat Larue (friend of **Johnny & Patti Ferguson**) cancer Kay Pruitt (friend of **Johnny & Patti Ferguson**) stroke; Diane Atkins (friend of **Johnny & Patti Ferguson**) cancer; Nancy Ratliff (daughter of **Dick & Joyce Johnson**); Ada Abbott (mother of **Diane Garrison**); Emma Boyd (mother of **Judy Glenn**); Glaydene Gooden (mother of **Rodney Gooden**); Brooke Hubbell (niece of **Cliff & Jan Roberts**); Michael Post (grandson of **Wyatt & Iris Jones**); LaVon Napier (daughter of Sarge Napier); Linda Perero (mother of **Joseph Perero**); Dorothy Nichols (mother of **Charles Holloway**)

### Our Military

Casey Cochran; David Hansell (brother of **Brenda Spurlock**); James Wylie (son of **Randy & Melinda Wylie**); Jake Miller (son of **Andy & Kathaleen Miller**); Travis Eddleman (son of **Terry & Stephanie**); Mickey Paone (son-in-law of **Ron & Rachel Gibbs**); Joe Jernigan (grandson of **Helen Harris**); Tracy Oliver (son of **Don & Pat Oliver**)

## IN SYMPATHY

† Tyler Parten, cousin of **Terry Eddleman**, was killed in Afghanistan recently. Our sympathy is extended to **Terry & Stephanie Eddleman** and Tyler's family. His sister, Anna Laura, is attending Harding University this semester.

## NEW MEMBER

Please welcome **Erica Strate**, a junior at Harding University from El Dorado, AR, majoring in medical technology. **Erica** has attended faithfully for some time and now is being formally welcomed into our West Side Family.

## THANK YOU NOTES

•Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful birthday cards. I appreciate each and every one. God has truly blessed me.

**Daisy Walls**

*(Sister Walls was 94 years old last Sunday.)*

•Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Harvy and I have had multiple health problems for a month. You have blessed us with calls, cards, offers to help and prayers. We are able to attend worship service on Sunday evening here at Harding Place.

Please keep us in your prayers that we may cope with this glitch in our life in a way to glorify God. Thank you for caring.

In Christian love, **Amy & Harvy Robins**

## WEDDING SHOWER

Men and women are invited to a wedding shower for **CHRISTINE HARRISON**, daughter of **Larry & Deborah Harrison**, on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 to 8:00 P.M. in the home of [REDACTED]. *(This will be the only wedding shower given at Christine's request.)*

Harding University Lectureship begins next Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and continues through Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Eternity in our Hearts: Studies in Ecclesiastes". Look for more information at: [www.harding.edu/lectureship](http://www.harding.edu/lectureship)

## Ladies' Bible Class

Ladies' Bible Class will not meet on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, during the Harding Lectureship. The ladies are encouraged to attend a lectureship class.

The Bible class will resume the next Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

## HOMEcoming AT CHILDREN'S HOME

You are invited to their Homecoming festivities on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on the main campus in Paragould. Fried catfish, chicken and all the fixin's will be provided for you at lunch. Dessert is provided at one of the nine cottages as you tour campus after lunch.

This day is their official collection of the Change for Children coin banks. *(West Side has been turning in coin banks for several months, at least 20 banks. Those banks were delivered by Martin Industrial Supply who regularly delivers paper goods to the Children's Home. More recently, Fred and Syble Picker have taken about 25-30 banks with them.)*



## WEST SIDE YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Fall Sunday Night Devotionals** – Parents, if you would like to host our group in your home or help a host family on a Sunday night this fall, please sign up in the annex stairwell.

**Sunday Night** – There will be a devotional at the home of Samuel Bearden. Please bring \$2.00 to help with the cost of supper. We will be back at West Side by 8:00.



We are tempted to pursue the right thing the wrong way. Temptation doesn't always have to be about doing something bad. In fact, sometimes it's not the end result that's not necessarily a bad thing, but how we plan to get there. It's the shortcut, the path, the compromise. And in this fight, this struggle with temptation, sometimes the punches we throw and the ones thrown at us are simply about pursuing the right things but in the wrong way.

## **NURSERY WORKERS** Sunday services:

9:00 A.M. Debbie Harrison; Cindy Hunter; Rita Fant  
5:00 P.M. Mark & Cherrisse Gregory

## Fellowship Opportunities

•**Zone 3 Potluck** – Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> after evening service in the annex. Bring sandwiches, chips, desserts, and drinks. *College students are encouraged to come as their guests.*

•**Congregational Movie Night** – Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the annex. Movie: Disney's "Bolt"

### •**Branson / Silver Dollar City Weekend**

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> You'll find information at the Welcome Center. If you have further questions, call **Daniel Dawson 230-6489**  
*Deadline to turn in your reservation is this Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

### •**West Side Ladies' Retreat**

Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to be at Wyldewood.

**ZONE LEADERS NEEDED** for next quarter: **zones 4, 5, & 6.** If you would like to help with this contact **Terri Camp.**

♦**Church of Christ Singles Fall Retreat** - Brookland Church of Christ will host a singles retreat at Crowley's Ridge Youth Camp on September 27<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>. Cost for the weekend will be \$50 which includes lodging for two nights and all meals. Some activities in the past have included horseback riding, the zip line, the ropes course (both high and low) and hiking. Contact Bill Moore, phone 870-335-5757 or email [bmoore\\_laughandsing@yahoo.com](mailto:bmoore_laughandsing@yahoo.com) if interested.

♦**Camp Wyldewood Teens & Preteens Retreat** for ages 8 through 18, 5:30 P.M. Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> through 11:00 A.M. Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The theme: "Rise and Walk" studying the healing properties of the blood of Jesus. Contact info: phone 501-305-3000 or email [office@campwyldewood.org](mailto:office@campwyldewood.org). Cost is \$40 which includes all meals, and activities.

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**For Week of September 13, 2009**

9:00 A.M. Worship.....760	This Week's Contribution.....\$ 14,226.20
Bible Class.....492	2009 Weekly Budget.....\$ 15,302.00
5:00 P.M. Worship..... 342	Contributions to date.....\$ 562,759.45
Christian Soldiers.....33	
Lads to Leaders......60	
Total P.M. ....435	

**~ MEN TO SERVE ~  
Sunday, September 27, 2009  
9:00 A.M.**

**Elder in Charge** Ken Hammes

**Deacons in Charge** Dan Dawson; Phil Miller

**Song Leader** Brian Lewis

**Opening Prayer** – Lester Allen (*Alt. Michael Brooks*)

**Closing Prayer** – Jared Dockery (*Alt. Eric Camp*)

<b>Lord's Table</b>	<b>Justin Smith</b>	<b>Jay Bruce</b>
	<b>Tyler Curtis</b>	<b>Rob Schmittou</b>
	<b>Ron Ware</b>	<b>Roy Handy</b>
	<b>Charles Martin</b>	<b>Eric Schol</b>

<b>Alternates</b>	<b>Dwight Street</b>	<b>Fred Foutch</b>
	<b>Gail Mote</b>	<b>Art Wells</b>
	<b>David Martin</b>	<b>Stu Varner</b>
	<b>Tim Dawson</b>	<b>Pat Stegall</b>

<b>Pick Up Cards</b>	<b>Nathan Lewis</b>	<b>David Lewis</b>
	<b>Joshua Toye</b>	<b>Brad Bruce</b>

**Ushers:** Bart Jennings; Matthew Mauney; Gene Martin  
Searcy Healthcare Song Leader – Nate McCoy

**5:00 P.M.**

**Elder in Charge** Mike Kiihnl

**Deacon in Charge** Wiley Blansett

**Song Leader** Mark Pruitt

**Opening Prayer** Joel Pritchett (*Alt. Ralph Bennett*)

**Closing Prayer** Mike Graul (*Alt. Don Yates*)

**Lord's Table** **Sam Keichline; Bobby Nix**

**Alternates:** *Maurice Moon; Lanny Hillis*

**Men, if you are unable to serve at your appointed time, please contact the church office 268-2951 (if during the week) or the Deacon in Charge (if contacting on the weekend)**

**September 20th Medical Personnel:** Tim Pitt; Judy Glenn; Deborah Ireland; Kelly Caple; Robert Benton

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**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday Morning Worship .....9:00 A.M.**

**Sunday Bible Classes** 8:00 a.m. (no children's classes) and 10:30 A.M. for all Sunday Searcy Healthcare Worship.....9:30 A.M.

**Sunday Evening Worship ..... 5:00 P.M.**

Sunday Christian Soldiers (2 yrs. – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) ..... 5:00 P.M.

Lads to Leaders (3rd grade – college).....Fall-Spring.....5:00 P.M.

(Tuesday) Golden Years (55+, Sept.– May)..... 10:30 A.M.

**Wednesday**

Ladies Bible Class .....September – April ... 10:00 A.M.

Bible Studies.....4:00 & 7:00 P.M.

**Elders**

Daniel Adams  
Glen Adams  
Stan Bratcher  
Jeff Cavitt

Mike Chance  
Dennis Fant  
Stan Glover  
Ken Hammes

Mike Kiihnl  
Jim May  
Scott Ragsdale  
Keith Schramm

**Ministers**

**Pulpit**

Mike Ireland

**Associate**

James Anderson

**Education & Involvement**

Patrick Barber

**Youth**

Brian Lewis

**Missions**

· Isaac Mensah; Paul Oti;  
Nil Jackson; Ghana

· Roy Merritt-Zambia, Africa  
· 2 families in China  
· S. Williamsport, PA  
· Jesse Drayton  
W. Pleasure Church of Christ

· Iglesia de Cristo  
2992 N. Woods Lane  
Rogers, AR 72756

· S. Burlington Church of Christ  
330 Dorset St.  
S. Burlington, VT 05403



WBS Teachers  
Searcy, AR

**September 20, 2009 Greeters:**

**September 27, 2009 Greeters:**

**October 4, 2009 Greeters:**

**October 11, 2009 Greeters:**

Daniel & Andrea Cofer; Terry & Jenny Craig; Tim & Kacy Dawson

Trent & Debbie Dodds; Walt & Sarah Epperson; Henry & Carolyn Terrill

Freddie & Marveta Foutch; J.C. & Winifred Franks; Joe & Lynda Goldman

Rodney & Wanda Gooden; Mike & Patty Graul; Mark & Cherrisse Gregory

**OCTOBER 2009 VIDEO AND SOUND OPERATORS**

9:00 A.M. Worship

Video  
Keith Schramm

Sound  
Tony Young

5:00 P.M. Worship

Video  
Don Yates

Sound  
Tony Young