

West Side Church of Christ

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP FOR: August 3, 2008

9:00 A.M. – sermon – Mike Ireland

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PRAY FOR~

•**Wilma Gibson** was admitted to WCMC after falling and fracturing a vertebra last week. She has been moved to WCMC South Rehab and later will have surgery.

•**Jim Lankford** will have surgery on Friday, August 1st in Baptist Hospital, North Little Rock. Prayer is requested.

•**Herman Spurlock** had his last chemo treatment on Tuesday, July 29th, and is feeling good. He will go back for a bone marrow biopsy in mid-August.

•**Wanda Williams**, [REDACTED] has a herniated disc and will have more tests run before she is scheduled for surgery. Prayer has been requested.

•**Judy Ballinger** has begun a series of radiation treatments, having a treatment each week day. She is doing well.

•**Erika Churchwell's** mother, Marilyn Ford, has been diagnosed with a fast growing, invasive cancer. Prayer has been requested.

•Continue to pray for **Matt Metheny**, **Eddie McAdams**,

Marsha Hendricks, **Becha Nalley** (Byrd Haven), **Pepper Martin** (father of **David Martin**), **Bob Helston**, (Byrd Haven, brother-in-law of **T. R. & Doris Garner**), **Vickie Walton's** father, **Brodie Crouch**, **Mark Brewer** of Des Arc (waiting for liver transplant), **Lester Stallings** in WCMC CCU for several weeks), **Danny Boone** (amputee)

•Prayer has been requested for **Charles Cooper's** grandfather, **Gene Turner** of Possum Grape, AR, who had spinal surgery due to cancer. He is in Methodist Hospital., Memphis, TN.

•Prayer has been requested for **J. C. Roe's** wife, **Mary**, who had a stroke. She has been moved to WCMC South Rehab.

NEW MEMBERS

We are growing and blessed again. Please welcome **Michael, Beth & Matthew Brooks**, also **Beth's** mother, **Reathel McCreary**. They live at [REDACTED] d. The **Brooks** come to us from Nashville, Tennessee, where they worshipped with Granny White Church of Christ. Their phone number will be included in the NewsBriefs on Sunday.

Also, please welcome **Charles Randell Cooper**, [REDACTED] into our West Side Family.

THANK YOU NOTES

◆Dear Members of West Side,

I want to thank you for the calls, the visits, the beautiful cards, the food and the flowers. I appreciated all the prayers that were said on my behalf. You are a most loving church family.

Love, **Betty Lankford**

◆ Thank you for all the prayers, calls and concern for me during my surgery and recovery time. Please continue to pray for me during my series of radiation treatments. **Judy Ballinger**

◆Brothers & Sisters,

I want to thank you for the visits, calls, prayers and cards. These have all lifted my spirits. I really appreciate your actions. We are a blest people because God and Jesus have shown us how to love each other. **Eddie McAdams**

NOTE: This thank you note was received in the second week of July and was printed in the July 13th NewsBriefs; however, I want to also include it in the Family News. (Karolyn)

Upcoming Activities

◆Watermelon Supper / Devo in the Park

Next Wednesday, August 6th at 7:00 P.M. Bring some cold watermelon to Harding Park and share in this time of fellowship and a devotional. Bring your lawn chairs, too.

◆**Congregation Game Night** – Friday, August 29th, 7:00 P.M. Annex Bring snacks and your favorite board game.

◆**Red Cross Blood Draw**, Sunday, August 31st from 10:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Annex

◆**Sandwich & Homemade Ice Cream Supper** - Sunday, August 31st after evening service. (Date change)

◆Silver Dollar City Trip, Branson, MO

October 11-12th Don't forget to mark your calendar for this fun outing. Information/reservation forms are available at the Welcome Center.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Ladies, join us "out on the range" for our next Ladies' Night Out on Tuesday, August 19th at 6 P.M. in the Annex. \$3 will cover the cost of the meal. For more information see **Lyn Blansett or Debra Shelton**. A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center.

PERSONAL CARE KIT BAGS ARE DUE

If you have taken a "personal care kit" bag to be filled for the S.A.M.E. Café, please bring it to the building by Wednesday, August 13th. The S.A.M.E. Café will be on the following Saturday. Thanks for your help.

IN ADDITION TO "BACKPACKS FOR KIDS"

We would like for our West Side Family to provide these items for the Kensett Elementary office so that all children will have what they need to begin the school year. Baskets are set up on the small table in the north foyer to collect these items.

- Pkgs. #2 lead pencils & colored pencils
- Large boxes of Kleenex & hand sanitizer
- Wide Ruled** spiral notebooks
- Wide Ruled** Loose leaf paper
- Paper folders w/ brads and pockets
- Box of 24 Crayola Crayons
- Erasers - block & caps
- 4 oz. bottle of School glue & glue sticks
- Qt. Ziplock bags & gal. Ziplock bags

"He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates those friends." Proverbs 17:9

PRAYER LIST

Family and Friends

Gene Simmons	Nadine Hansel (Brenda Spurlock's mother)
Hermina Moser	Martina Peacock (daughter of John & Charlene Prock)
James Watkins	Andy Winn (cousin of Barbara Haynie) pancreatic cancer
Johanna Stanford	Linda Paulsen (aunt of Patrick Barber)
Jim Lankford	Valerie Louks (friend of Preston & Barbara Haynie)
Louise Patterson	Bobby Gooding (uncle of Barbara Haynie)
Frances Horton	Lynn Jones (niece of Fred & Marveta Foutch) cancer
Sarah Rogers	Reed Oliver (friend of Terry Williams)
Bill Hickmon	Emmelene Rhoden (cousin of Jo Ann Clay)
Dean Walls	Melva English (Cliff Roberts' cousin)
J.H. Wylie	Willigean Holland (grandmother of Deana Bruce)
John Prock	Suzanne Fant & Joseph (Dennis Fant's sister)
Natalie Clark	Taylor Gregory (niece of Andy & Kathaleen Miller)
Matthew Metheny	Eileen Madden (friend of Barbara Martin)
Dorothy Thompson	Cassy Beckett (cancer; friend of Henry & Karolyn Terrill)
Alene Moon	Michael McQuarrie (brother of Dawn Slough)
Becha Nalley	Samuel Adams (father of Glen Adams)
Mary Jones	Johnny Walker (son-in-law of Lester & Mary Allen)
Brenda Spurlock	Maribeth Figgins (cousin of Pat Keichline)
Marsha Hendricks	James & Aster Johnston (friends of Kathy McAdams)
Herman Spurlock	Jimmy Nelson (brother in law of Dick & Joyce Johnson)
Elliot Copeland	Brooke Hubbell (niece of Cliff & Jan Roberts)
Cecil Adams	Steve Gregory (father of Mark Gregory)
	Geneva Elam (mother of Tom Slough)
	Don Spradling (friend of Jan Roberts)
	Wayne Arnold (husband of Pat Keichline's cousin)
	Madeline Phipps (mother of Hilda Clay)
	Laurie Kendrick (niece of Rodney & Wanda Gooden)
	Dot Williams (neighbor of Linda Benton)

Our Military

Joel Ward (son of Roger and Robin Coker)
Marshall Sexson (husband of Amy Sexson)
 Tracy Oliver (son of Don & Pat Oliver)
 Mickey Paone (son-in-law of Ron & Rachel Gibbs)
 Joe Jernigan (grandson of Helen Harris)
 David Hansell (brother of Brenda Spurlock)
 James Wylie (son of Randy & Melinda Wylie)
 Shawn Ware (grandson of Cecil & Sue Adams)
 Nathan Hounsel (former member)
 Jake Miller (son of Andy & Kathaleen Miller)
 Randy Davis (nephew of Harold & Jane Morrow)

BRIDAL RECEPTION

All women and men are invited to a bridal reception honoring the forthcoming marriage of **ERIK SCHRAMM**, son of **Dr. & Mrs. Keith Schramm**, and **APRIL WYANT** on Sunday evening, August 17th at 6:15 P.M. in the annex. *Selections: Wal-Mart and Dillard's*


♥ WEDDING INVITATION ♥

▫ *Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Wyant and Dr. and Mrs. Keith Alan Schramm request the honor of your presence at the marriage uniting their children, April Marie and Erik Benjamin, on Friday, August 22nd, at 7:00 P.M. in the Gardens of the American Rose Center, 887 Jefferson-Paige Road, Shreveport, Louisiana. Please respond by Friday, August 1st to awyant@harding.edu if you wish to attend.*

BABY SHOWER- April Fatula will be honored with a baby shower on Saturday, August 2nd from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the home of Beth Davis [REDACTED]. *Selections: Everett; Wal-Mart; and Babies-R-Us.*

THE TWO PIZZA GROUPS will meet Sunday after evening service. **The Pizza Inn Group** will gather at Pizza Inn and **"Those in the Middle"** will meet at Pizza Pro. (*Definition: your children are gone / or almost gone from home, but you are not old enough for Golden Years.*)

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8



WEST SIDE YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Sunday Night – There will be a devotional this Sunday night for grades 7 – 12 after our evening worship at the **Lewis' home**, 1305 Rehoboth.. Please bring \$2.00 to help with the cost of supper. We will finish by 8:00.

Summer Movie Nights – There will a movie night on **Thursday, August 7**, at 7:00 P.M. There is no cost for this event. We will be done by 9:00.

Memphis Back 2 School Trip – Our annual day trip to Memphis will be Saturday, August 9th. We will leave at 8:15 a.m. and return by around 11:30 p.m. We will start the day at Putt Putt of Memphis, where there will be miniature golf, go carts, bumper boats, batting cages, an arcade and laser tag. Then we will move on to the Wolfchase Galleria mall for shopping. We will finish the day at the Memphis Redbirds game. The cost for the day is \$20.00 per person. You will also need to bring money for meals. The deadline to sign up and pay is Sunday, August 3rd. This event and all future events are open to our incoming 7th grade class.

GREAT GRANDPARENTS AGAIN

Derrel & Zella Holden and **Doyle & Opal Pasley** (former members) are great grandparents of Kaci Jordan Reynolds, born on Friday, July 25th, daughter of Robert & Stephanie Reynolds. Grand parents are Wayne & Cindy Holden (former members).

M.O.P.S IS BEGINNING

The annual MOPS kickoff will be held at Downtown Church of Christ on August 14th from 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a group for all moms of infants to kindergarteners, providing an opportunity to meet other moms and encourage each other. The kickoff will be a time to meet other MOPS members, get registered for the fall semester, and let the kids play. Dues for the fall semester are \$40 (scholarships are available). Contacts: **Laura Whitlow** [REDACTED] or **Chris Spear** [REDACTED].

NURSERY WORKERS - Sunday services:

9:00 A.M. Angela Adams; Joy Haddix; Joetta Martin
 5:00 P.M. Jennifer Varner & Kerry Pitt

For Week of July 27, 2008

Bible Class.....517	This Week's Contribution.....\$ 13,797.95
9:00 A.M Worship.....711	2008 Weekly Budget.....\$ 14,260.00
5:00 P.M Worship.....452	Contributions to date.....\$ 435,428.79
Christian Soldiers.....47	Harvest Sunday.....\$ 912.50
Total P.M.....499	



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When It Is Hard to Pray

Prayer does not always come easy for us. For those of us who sometimes struggle with prayer, it can feel like a heavy burden. At various times in my life, here are some of the reasons why my prayer life didn't have a very strong pulse:

1. I was so caught up in getting everything done, I just felt too busy, and I often simply forgot to pray.
2. I felt so ashamed of myself because of my sins, that I didn't feel worthy to talk to God.
3. I was afraid of not doing it right. What if I said too much, what if I wasn't respectful enough, what if I was being selfish in my requests, what if I fell asleep before finishing? Sometimes I still don't know what to say.
4. I believed that God wasn't listening, didn't care, or was working against me, because I couldn't see any evidence of my prayers being answered.
5. I felt like I couldn't match up to the examples of great people of faith and the way they prayed.
6. I was angry with God and thought I'd show Him by cutting off communication.
7. I told myself that God knew what was going on without my telling Him, so I thought it was just a waste of time.

Thanks to God's grace, I also have a more encouraging list. I have a list that helps me overcome my worries and negative thoughts about prayer. It helps me remember that prayer is not a chore or a burden. Maybe these counter-thoughts will help you in your prayer life, too:

1. Martin Luther once said that he was too busy not to pray. It's when life is most chaotic that we need to take some time back for one-on-one time with God.
2. Sin is shameful, but God can wash us clean. He wants to hear our confession and free us from our burdens. Sin shouldn't keep us away from God. It should make us run to God as fast as we can.
3. Instead of worrying about perfection, we need to just talk to God about what's going on in our life. God deserves our reverence, but He also desires the outpouring of our heart. His Spirit helps us so that God hears what we can't communicate on our own.
4. Prayer is not a magic formula for getting what we want. God always knows best, and He's the one who hears us. Even when we don't get it right, He does.
5. Time in prayer shouldn't be thought of as a competition. Our prayers may not be as polished, as long, as concise, or as inclusive as the prayers others might pray, but God is still listening. He wants to hear us.
6. Ignoring my need to talk to God doesn't make things easier. It's better to tell God how we feel. The psalmists and the prophets didn't always speak gentle prayers, and God still accepted them.
7. The time we spend in prayer is not for God's benefit; it's for our benefit. It helps us think, and it brings us closer to our loving God. It can give us a needed sense of relief.

If nothing else, let's remember that prayer is a gift from God. Prayer is a blessing. Prayer is a shoulder to cry on and an ear to hear us without interruption or condemnation. It's time to dump the excuses and experience the blessings of prayer. There is no time like this time, so let's stop—even if just for a moment—and pray.

~Patrick Barber



Teachers Searcy, AR

~ MEN TO SERVE ~

August 10, 2008

9:00 A.M.

Elder in Charge Ken Hammes
Deacon in Charge Bill Harrison & Preston Haynie
Announcements Ken Hammes
Song Leader Don Yates
Opening Prayer Vernon Wallace
Closing Prayer Freddie Foutch

Lord's Table Matt Lewis Harvy Robins
 D. M. Shumate Dwight Street
 Eric Tice Art Wells
 Don Yates Eric Camp
Alternates Terry Craig Stu Varner
 Jim Walton Donnie Clay
 Harold Ford Brett Walton
 Phil Blansett Rick Short

Pick Up Cards Billy Walker Caleb Roberts
 Kyle Pinkley Jonathan Choate

Ushers Terry Eddleman David Mitchell

Searcy Healthcare Song Leader – Daniel Adams

5:00 P.M.

Elder in Charge Dennis Fant
Deacon in Charge Jay James
Announcements Dennis Fant
Song Leader Mark Pruitt
Opening Prayer Phil Miller
Closing Prayer Preston Haynie

Lord's Table Stephen Martin & Spencer May

Alternate Tim Pitt & Don Sanders

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August 3, 2008

9:00 A.M.

Elder in Charge Ken Hammes
Deacons in Charge Bill Harrison & Preston Haynie
Announcements Ken Hammes
Song Leader Charles Martin
Opening Prayer G. E. Baggett
Closing Prayer Rodney Gooden

Lord's Table Robert Benton Johnny Brown
 Jay Bruce Caleb Burley
 Casey Cochran Jonathan Edwards
 Jacob Martin Eric Franz
Alternates Mark Gregory Roy Handy
 David Harvey Lanny Hillis
 John Howell Zach Kirby
 Mitchell Kiihnl Tyler Curtis

Pick Up Cards Bryan Ireland Mack Kiihnl
 Blair Varner Austin Varner

Ushers Bob Davis Maurice Moon

Searcy Healthcare Song Leader – Lester Allen

5:00 P.M.

Elder in Charge Dennis Fant
Deacon in Charge Jay James
Announcements Dennis Fant
Song Leader David Harvey
Opening Prayer Gene Martin
Closing Prayer Bob Davis

Lord's Table Eric Schol; Trent Dodds

Alternates: Walt Epperson

August 3, 2008 Greeters: Pat & Rachel Stegall; Paul & Mary Schildknecht; Si & Boni Tilton

August 10, 2008 Greeters: Jim & Vickie Walton; Don & Doris Yates; Kent & Mary Lou Rollmann

August 17, 2008 Greeters: Cecil & Sue Adams; Mark & Angela Adams; G. E. & Jeannette Baggett

August 24, 2008 Greeters: Ralph & Becky Bennett; Jim & Jean Blansett; Ken & Jim & Dorothy Fielder

AUGUST 2008 VIDEO AND SOUND OPERATORS

	<u>Video</u>	<u>Sound</u>		<u>Video</u>	<u>Sound</u>
9:00 A.M. Worship	Dutch Hoggatt	Tony Young	5:00 P.M. Worship	Dutch Hoggatt	Tony Young

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Schedule of Services Sunday

Morning Worship 9:00 A.M.
Bible Classes..... 10:30 A.M.
 Searcy Healthcare Worship.....9:30 A.M.
 Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.
 Christian Soldiers (2 yrs. – 3rd grade) 5:00 P.M.
 Lads to Leaders (3rd grade – college).....Fall-Spring..4:45 P.M.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Class 9:30 A.M.
 Bible Studies..... 7:00 P.M.

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