

**Canoe Trip** to Meramec State Park, south of Sullivan, MO, is July 17-19. Canoe rental is approximately \$40 per canoe; one person camping is \$8 per person or \$22.50 for a family of 3 or more for 2 nights. Please sign up in Singles ABF and turn in a \$20 deposit to reserve your spot! Questions? Contact Gary Boner at garyboner777@yahoo.com. Information is also available in Singles ABF.

## COMMUNITY CARE

**West Side's Food Pantry Needs:** Did you know that West Side has its own food pantry? Because of congregational donations, West Side is able to help feed 12 families each week. We are currently in need of the following items: *green beans, corn, peas, baked beans, tomato sauce, macaroni, beef stew, Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, tomato soup, jelly, peanut butter, cereal, pudding, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce.* These may be left in the large black bins under the staircase near the Main Entrance or at the church office.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Alive With Christ:** The summer study, *Wising Up* by Beth Moore, begins the week of June 1. This 5-week study is based on the Book of Proverbs. Groups will meet on Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm or Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00am. To register, call the church office at 793-2800. Childcare is provided; please indicate childcare needs when you register.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Summer Kickoff!** The Young Adult Ministry SUMMER KICK-OFF is scheduled for Monday, May 25, 5:00pm. This Memorial Day bash will take place at the home of Paul and Kim Johnson. The highlight of the event will be reuniting with returning college

## STATISTICS

**May 10, 2009** AM Worship – 2140 (2194 avg)  
Offering – \$73,656.01 (\$81,513.52 avg)

**May 17, 2009** AM Worship – 2114 (2190 average)  
Offering – \$73,395.36 (\$81,107.62 avg)

### New Members: May 10-17, 2009

**By Baptism:** Jacob Anderson, Jerilyn Grider, Mason Schaul, William Spilman, Diandra Wilson

**By Transfer:** Elliot & Shirley Allen, Sandra Basket, Sandy Bergen, Kelly Chisam, Della Comeaux, David McDow, David Travis

students and welcoming graduating high school seniors. Watch your e-mail for more details. If you would like to help plan this big event, contact John Minick at johnm@wschurch.org.

**Grow!** The next GROW! is Friday, June 12, 7:00pm, at the home of John & Becky Minick (2043 Briarcliff Drive). GROW! is a monthly opportunity for young adults to grow deeper in their faith. This is a unique time to gather in an interactive environment that is bigger than a small group and more intimate than a Sunday Service. The lesson and discussion time will be informal and will be followed up with dessert and fellowship.

**What can Young Adult Ministry do for you?** For more information, visit [www.wschurch.org/youngadults](http://www.wschurch.org/youngadults). If you don't already receive our e-mails and event reminders, or if you are interested in joining a Young Adult small group, contact John Minick at johnm@wschurch.org.

**Worship and Lunch:** Don't sit in worship alone! Each Sunday, young adults sit together in the first 8 rows on the left hand side of the Worship Center at the 11:00am service. We also go to lunch each week after church. Come join us.

## MISSIONS

**Cookson Hills Christian Ministries** (Oklahoma) has openings for ministry-minded, active Christians with training and experience as teachers and/or house parents. Contact [www.CooksonHills.org](http://www.CooksonHills.org) for more information.

## THIS 'N THAT

**Ladies, join us for "10@10"** (walking 10 laps at 10am one Saturday a month). Meet at West Side's parking lot near the ball diamond at 10am on the following Saturdays: May 23, June 20, and July 18. One lap on the outer edge of the parking lot is approximately .5 miles.

**Lake Springfield Christian Assembly:** West Side's PANTRY PROJECT for the summer camp season is napkins; they use lots! Napkin donations may be left at the Welcome Center or church office.

**Christian Day Care Center** (CDCC) is offering a Summer Play Group on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00-11:30am, 3-5 year olds. If you are interested please call Kim, Linda, or Judy in the CDCC office at 787-7673.

**Congratulations to Joe & Anne Tetzlaff** on the birth of their daughter, **AnnaSophia Gabriella!** AnnaSophia was born April 17, weighing 7 lbs. 14.5 oz. Her older brother is Ean Michael Eugene (age 14 months).

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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## PERSONNEL UPDATE

We're excited to announce that Josh Ryder has accepted our invitation to serve as West Side's next Director of High School Student Ministry. Josh is a graduate of Illinois College and received a Master of Divinity degree in Youth Ministry from Lincoln Christian Seminary in 2007. For the past two years, Josh has served as the Youth Pastor of First Baptist Church in Princeton, Illinois, where he has equipped a committed team of volunteers, developed compelling student outreach opportunities and created a powerful small group strategy that helped students grow deeper in their faith. Josh, his wife, Allyn, and their daughter, Finley Grace (4 months) look forward to moving back to Springfield this summer. (Allyn grew up at WSCC and Josh served as a high capacity volunteer leader here while attending LCS.) Josh will begin serving on staff on Monday, July 6.

## CURRENT MESSAGE SERIES

### All in One

In a world where we are inundated with misleading offers and deceptive appeals, how shall we evaluate the claims of Jesus? The Gospel makes bold assertions about the identity and sufficiency of Christ – claims which could be captured by some of the overused advertising language we've heard over the years. The New Testament letter of *Colossians* is a defense of the legitimacy and value of Jesus Christ. He is everything we need in a Savior. He is the authentic **All in One**.

### Weekly themes:

May 24 – It Costs More, But It's Worth It

May 31 – Beware Cheap Imitations

June 7 – Keep the Change

June 14 – Something for the Entire Family

June 21 – Tell All Your Friends

**Weekly Scripture Text Messages** – Visit West Side's website ([www.wschurch.org/text](http://www.wschurch.org/text)) to sign up to receive a weekly Scripture verse via text message during the All in One worship series (6 weeks).

## FOR OUR GUESTS

**New to West Side?** Visit [www.wschurch.org](http://www.wschurch.org) and click on the "New to West Side" button. There, you will find up-to-date information that will help you connect to life at West Side.

**Welcome Center:** Guests are invited to stop by the Welcome Center any Sunday morning to meet some of our staff, grab a gourmet beverage at Guest Perking and receive a special gift.

Questions? If you have questions about your faith or WSCC, please contact Robin Pickett at [robinp@wschurch.org](mailto:robinp@wschurch.org) or 793-2800, ext. 3417.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

As our nation struggles with the current economic situation and significant division in governing this country, let us focus prayer during the month of May for "Revival and Spiritual Awakening of our Nation". 2 Chronicles 7:14: "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

**Global Day of Prayer:** Millions of Christians world-wide will join together in prayer for repentance and unity on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. In preparation for this, a 10-Day Prayer Guide is available in the church office during the week and at a designated counter in the Concourse on Sunday, May 24.

**The Prayer Ministry** will host a special prayer service in the Chapel on Sunday, May 31, 6:00pm, for the Global Day of Prayer. All Christians throughout the community are invited and welcome to participate.

## ELECTIVES

The **TLC** Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) is currently studying the book of Hebrews with Don VanHouten. TLC meets Sundays, 11:00am, in the All Purpose Room and welcomes newcomers.

**Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No, To Take Control of Your Life** – In this 9-week video study, authors Cloud and Townsend show readers how to set reasonable boundaries in order to follow the true path of Christianity. The study started on May 17 and will continue through July 12, 9:30am, in the Cafeteria. Participant guides (\$8) are available for purchase. It's not too late to participate! To register or if you would like more information, you can contact the church office at 793-2800.

**Good \$ense Budget Class** (in a new format) will meet on Sunday mornings for 6 weeks from May 31 through July 5 (same fee, \$25/couple; \$15/single); pre-work is strongly suggested (see downloads available on our website). The class will be taught by

Joe Oettel and will be at 9:30 a.m. in the SCS Library. For more information, call Cindy at 793-2800 or register online.

## VOLUNTEERS

**Serve With Us!** To learn more about the variety of volunteer opportunities available, visit [www.wschurch.org/serve](http://www.wschurch.org/serve) or contact Kira Mulvany, Director of Involvement, at [kiram@wschurch.org](mailto:kiram@wschurch.org) or 793-2800.

**Toiletry Saturday:** Would you like to volunteer once a month for 45 minutes of your time to help the Food Pantry? With each food basket we give away, we also include a bag of personal hygiene items. These bags are prepared on a monthly basis on the last Saturday of each month. Our next Toiletry Saturday will be held Saturday, May 30, 10:00am, on the 3rd level of the Concourse. If you would like to help, contact Michelle Davis at [michelled@wschurch.org](mailto:michelled@wschurch.org) or call 793-2800 by Thursday, May 28.

**Children's Guest Center Volunteers:** Some exciting changes are coming to the children's guest center. We are currently looking to increase our team. We need volunteers who are friendly, dependable, and willing to go the extra mile to help a new family connect to our West Side family. Please contact Jessica at [jessicas@wschurch.org](mailto:jessicas@wschurch.org) or 793-2800 ext 3427 if this sounds like a good fit for you.

**The Early Childhood Ministry** is looking for an adult or high school student who has a really fun spirit to help with a new puppet element in West Side's preschool worship environment. If you have a desire to help our preschoolers get to know God and have a silly or animated personality, contact Jessica at [jessicas@wschurch.org](mailto:jessicas@wschurch.org) or 793-2800 for more information.

**VIP Sign-up:** VIPs help in many areas to keep our building and grounds in excellent condition. Individuals, families and small groups are encouraged to sign up for ONE chore, ONE weekend a month, for ONE year! To sign up, contact Jim Dille, Building Manager at [jimd@wschurch.org](mailto:jimd@wschurch.org) or 793-2800, ext. 3415.

**Parking Area Greeters:** Whether it's snowing, raining, or the hottest day of the year, Parking Area Greeters have a great opportunity to offer parking assistance to new guests. Stationed in the parking areas, greeters help point guests in the right direction, offer an informational brochure and greet them warmly. PA Greeters serve one Sunday a month for the few minutes leading up to the 9:30 & 11:00 services. 1st & 2nd Sundays of each month are available. For information, contact Jonathan & Tammy Lackland at [TammyLackland@neuhoffmedia.com](mailto:TammyLackland@neuhoffmedia.com), or 793-9532.

## FAMILY MINISTRY

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** Save our blog to your list of favorite links! There's lots of up-to-date information for parents,

kids and volunteers at [www.wschurch.org](http://www.wschurch.org). If you are on Twitter, follow [westsidedkids](https://twitter.com/westsidedkids) to stay connected and be the first to know what's coming next!

**VBX 2009:** Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible eXperience is an exciting week for kids at West Side. This year's VBX is July 19-24th from 6:00-8:30pm. We'll begin registering kids in June, but if you are a grown-up who knows where they want to serve, feel free to volunteer now to ensure that you get the volunteer role that you want!. Contact Jessica ([jessicas@wschurch.org](mailto:jessicas@wschurch.org)), and a director would be happy to sign you to their team.

**STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High):** *Just Add Power* is our emphasis this summer. We'll be shooting to raise at least \$10,000 to provide electricity for a Jr. High boarding school in Kenya. We will kick it all off on Friday, June 5 with an overnighter here at the church. Visit [JustAddPower.org](http://JustAddPower.org) for more info on this great project. *CIY Move Conference* is a great trip for our graduating 8th graders on July 26-August 1. The deadline to register has passed but there may still be room if you register ASAP. *LSCA Summer Camp* for our 6-7th graders is July 5-10. For our 8th graders it is June 21-26. Register at [www.LSCACamp.org](http://www.LSCACamp.org). Register by May 30 for the early bird discount.

**STUDENT LIFE (High School):** *Senior Recognition Luncheon*, Sunday, May 31, 12:30pm-2:30pm. Seniors: Return your bio information form, pictures, and reservations to the church office (Attn: Ruby Scherpinsky) immediately. *Juniors & Parents:* We are in need of potato salad, chips, and veggie trays for the Senior Recognition Luncheon. Please contact Ruby at [rubys@wschurch.org](mailto:rubys@wschurch.org) or 793-2800 as soon as possible. *CIY MOVE* is July 26-August 1 in Carbondale, IL. *Student Life Serve (SLS)* is June 13, 8:00am-4:00pm. If you are looking for ways to raise support for CIY MOVE, this is your chance. *Seniors: Young Adult Summer Kickoff* is Monday, May 25, 5:00pm, at Paul & Kim Johnson's house. Cookout, games and pool; join us!

## SINGLES MINISTRY

**Singles Volleyball** meets Fridays, 7:00pm, in the Gym.

**Annual Memorial Day Potluck** is at West Side, so please don't show up at Gary's old house (or new house). Meat will be furnished; just bring \$2 plus side dishes and soda to share and a lawn chair to relax in. We'll set up a volleyball net, but bring any outdoor games that would be fun for everyone. We will eat at 1:00pm.

**Class A Peoria Chiefs vs. the Cardinal's** class A farm club Sunday, June 14, in Peoria. Game time is 2:00pm so plan on car pooling right after third service. Box seat tickets are \$10 each, see Gary Winkleman for a ticket.