

Women are invited to walk 10@10 (10 laps at 10am one Saturday a month). Meet at West Side's parking lot near the ball diamond at 10am on June 20 and July 18. One lap on the outer edge of the parking lot is approximately .5 miles.

COMMUNITY CARE

Stephen Ministers are committed to pray for, listen to and offer Christian love and support to their assigned care receiver. If you believe you have attributes that would enable you to become a Stephen Minister or have more questions about this ministry, contact Stephanie Dugan at stephanied@wschurch.org or call the church office at 217-793-2800.

Single Parent Family Ministry ABF: Are you a single mother/father and you are looking for a place to study God's word with other single parents? The Single Parent Family Ministry meets every Sunday morning at 9:30am in Conference Room West for a time of study, prayer and encouragement. For questions about the Single Parent Family Ministry, please contact Stephanie Dugan at stephanied@wschurch.org or call the church office at 217-793-2800. Please join us!

Broken Promise Leaders Needed: Broken Promise, a divorce recovery program for children and their custodial parent, is in need of volunteers to serve as leaders during our fall session. The fall session will be held August 18 – November 24. No experience with divorce is necessary, the only requirement is that you love working with children. All leaders will be trained prior to the fall session starting. If you would like more information about this impactful serving opportunity, please contact the church office at 217-793-2800 or you can email Faith at brokenpromise@wschurch.org.

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. Items needed this week include boxed cereal, corn, canned pasta,

STATISTICS

June 7, 2009 AM Worship – 1920 (2167 avg)
Offering – \$78,168.67 (\$80,692.74 avg)

June 14, 2009 AM Worship – 2042 (2163 avg)
Offering – \$71,063.46 (\$80,291.53 avg)

New Members: June 7-14, 2009

By Baptism: Adam Droege, Ashley Green, Elizabeth Spilman

By Transfer: Rod Lane, Curt & Cathy Moffitt

soup (cream, tomato or noodle), peanut butter, jelly, tuna helper, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes. These items may be left in the large black bins under the staircase near the Main Entrance or at the church office.

MISSIONS

Pasta for Polska: A pasta dinner to support the Poland Mission Trip will be held Sunday, June 28, 11:00am – 1:00pm in West Side's Gym/Cafeteria. Pasta will be served following the 9:30 and 11:00am services, with both dine-in and take-out available. Dine-In and take-out tickets will be available in the concourse on June 21 and at the door on June 28. There is no charge for the meal, but donations towards the mission trip are welcome.

FOR OUR GUESTS

New to West Side? Visit 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 gift.

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

THIS 'N THAT

Thank You Note: We are so thankful for our family of friends at West Side. The many acts of kindness shown us during the loss of Dave's father made all the difference during this difficult time. Dave & Sally Beck

New Baby: Congratulations to Don & Pam Payton on the birth of their daughter, MacKenzie Morgan, born June 2, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz.! MacKenzie's big sister is Paige (age 1).

Church-Wide Garage Sale: Our Jr. High students will be hosting a church-wide garage sale on Saturday, July 18, to raise money and provide electrical power for a Jr. High school in Kenya. We will begin accepting donations on 6/28 and will accept most items that are in good condition (not adult clothes). Visit www.JustAddPower.org for more details about how you can help. Free Car-Wash-A-Thon: Visit the K-mart on Wabash on 6/27 from 10am-2pm for a free car wash to help us raise money for our Just Add Power project. Monical's: On 6/29, Monical's Pizza will donate funds to our Just Add Power effort. Visit www.JustAddPower.org, print out a flyer and 20% of your purchase will go to help Jr. High students in Kenya.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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NEW TEACHING SERIES

Around the Word in 80 Days

West Side's summer teaching series will be an adventure of biblical proportions! Around the Word in 80 Days will guide us through the Bible on an exploration of its major personalities and themes. Whether you need to develop a basic understanding of the Bible, or add to what you know, our summer series will help. The journey begins June 28th!

NEW! Around the Word in 80 Days Group Experience

If you are newer to West Side and have not yet tried a small group, join us for the Around the WORD in 80 Days Group Experience, held Sunday evenings this summer. No Bible experience necessary and don't worry about missing a night due to vacations and other summer plans. Our time together will be both casual and meaningful.

We'll kick off THIS Sunday, June 21, 6:30 – 7:30pm by giving you a brief overview of our summer plans. Dessert and childcare are provided. Stop by the concourse counter this Sunday to learn more, or contact Kira Mulvany or Andrew Fitzgibbon.

VOLUNTEERS

VIP Volunteers—Do you enjoy doing behind-the-scenes work that makes a huge impact? From cleaning handrails to vacuuming the carpets, ONE chore done ONE time each month does indeed make a big difference. We have dozens of new people enter our building each and every week. By giving God our best and keeping our building neat and clean, we communicate to those new folks that they matter to God, and we are ready and excited for them to visit us. To learn more about the team that makes this happen, contact WSCC Building Manager, Jim Dille.

Video Camera Operators Needed—We're going LIVE! This summer, West Side's Technical Arts & Media Ministry is launching IMAG – a technology that allows our entire service to be displayed on the large screens as well as in other areas throughout the building. Several camera operators will be needed each and every week. Both stationary and mobile cameras will be used. This is an exciting new opportunity. We need your help. No camera experience? No problem. Gabe Rutledge will provide

hands on training beginning this Spring. If you are ready to plug in, or need additional information, contact Gabe.

Parking Area Greeters offer parking assistance to new guests, help point them 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. To join us, or for more information, contact Jonathan & Tammy Lackland at 793-9532.

Elementary Sunday School Volunteers are needed to teach and assist in various elementary Sunday school classes. To learn more about this exciting opportunity to serve please contact Missy Farley at missyf@wschurch.org.

Welcome Center Volunteers interact with guests on a weekly basis and help provide them with a great first experience. If you are a people-person and multi-tasker, consider putting your gifts and abilities to work in this role. Volunteers are needed to serve on the 1st or 3rd Sundays of the month from 11:00 – 12:20 (This is ideal for those who attend the 9:30 worship service.). For more information about this role, contact Kira Mulvany at kiram@wschurch.org.

PowerHouse Small Group Volunteers are Needed! It's as easy as putting on a name tag, picking up an activity bucket, following the directions, and talking to the kids! For more information about serving in Power House at the 11:00 hour, contact Brigitte Green at bridgetteg@wschurch.org.

VBX Volunteers—Over 300 volunteers are needed to make VBX a success! Be sure to volunteer online here.

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FAMILY MINISTRY

VBX 2009 REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY OPEN! Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible eXperience is an exciting week for kids at West Side. This year's VBX is July 19-24, 6:00-8:30pm. Registration is available only online at www.wschurch.org/vbx. Age 3 through Kindergarten have limited openings. Some of our classes are filling very quickly so register soon! **VBX t-shirts** are available to purchase on Sundays in the concourse (\$7 for kids and adults). To find out more about VBX, visit www.wschurch.org/vbx.

STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High): *Implosion* meets each Sunday, 9:30am, E200. **New Website** is now up and running. Check it out at www.StudentExplosion.org to stay up-to-date with everything going on. **Just Add Power** is our summer project to raise over \$10,000 and provide electricity for a Jr. High school in Kenya. Visit www.JustAddPower.org for lots of great ways you can help us reach our goal (i.e. collect pledges and/or visit our Car-Wash-A-Thon on 6/27, donate garage sale items beginning 6/28, take your family to Monical's Pizza on 6/29, etc). **LSCA Summer Camp** for our 6-7th graders is July 5-10. For our 8th graders it is June 21-26. Find out more and register at www.LSCACamp.org.

STUDENT LIFE (High School): *Small Group/Meet Josh Ryder Party:* Saturday, July 11, 6:00-9:00pm at WSCC; come hang out with your small group and meet the new High School Student Minister; there will be food and games. **CIY Move** is July 26-August 1 in Carbondale, IL; balance is due June 28.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Serve! The next Young Adult service project is Saturday, June 20, from 1:00-7:00pm. This event will be an outdoor carnival to bring love and laughter to several families helped by Contact Ministries. Volunteers for set-up and other preparation will meet at the church at 1:00, and should wear their Young Adult "Summer 2009" T-shirt. The Contact Ministries families will arrive at 4:00. Please contact Christi Minick at Christi.Minick@comcast.net if you have questions or want to be involved.

Just For Fun! On Friday, June 26, all young adults are welcome to attend a time of kickball, S'mores, and Capture-the-Flag! Activities begin at 7:00pm on the church property. If it rains, the party will move inside to the gym.

More Summer Fun! Coming up in July there are two fun events that require some advance planning to meet the deadlines. For more details, please contact johnm@wschurch.org.

July 17-19: Missouri Canoe Trip - Deadline for full payment and canoe reservation is July 4.

July 30: Six Flags - Deadline for discount tickets is July 16.

Agers 18-22! A new small group has formed for anyone age 18-22 who is hanging around Springfield for the summer. This "summer only" group meets at 7:00 each Wednesday in June and July. If you would like to participate, contact the co-leaders Elizabeth Wenzel at elizabethw@wschurch.org or Christi Minick at Christi.Minick@comcast.net.

SINGLES MINISTRY

Wednesday night bike rides: meet at 5:30pm by BJ Salon (Robbins Road) on June 17 and July 1; on July 8, begin at the Chatham post office (weather permitting).

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

New Salem Bike Trip/Picnic Potluck is Saturday, June 20. Bikers, meet at the church parking lot at 9:00am. If you want to come just for the picnic, please bring a dish to share and meet in the picnic area at the park at 11:30am.

Summer Study at Washington Park: This 6-session study is entitled *Growing to Be Like Christ*. Meet in front of the carillon at 6:30pm and bring a lawn chair. The next study is Tuesday, June 30. In case of rain, meet under the pavilion.

SALT Dinner is at Kiku Japanese Steak and Seafood House on Tuesday, June 23, 5:30pm. Bring your \$10 deposit to Singles ABF by Sunday, June 21, to reserve your spot.

Knight's Action Park: Singles will meet there on Tuesday, July 7, 6:30pm, for an evening of fun together.

SENIOR ADULTS

Concert by Highest Praise High School Group (Ozark Christian College) is Friday, June 19, 7:00pm; a watermelon fellowship will follow the concert. Highest Praise is a musical group of Christian High School students from all over the country. Everyone is welcome!

Charlie's "Angels" Patriotic Event is Thursday, June 25, 6:00pm, which will include dinner and program by Faithful Men and the Worship Choir; tickets are \$6 (\$8 at the door), and are available June 21 in U & I, TNT and Beau Knot ABFs, and at the Welcome Center. Dinner will include chicken tenders, cheesy potatoes, ambrosia salad, tossed salad, rolls and dessert. Bill Bannon is captain for the day; volunteers whose last name begins with A, B, C, D and E should be at Centennial Hall no later than 5:00pm.

Helpers Needed! VBX Senior Adult help is being recruited and signed up for Tuesdays leading up to the summer program VBX. If you are interested in volunteering your time on Tuesdays, June 23 – July 14, 2-4pm, give Mike or Mary a call at 793-2800. Twelve volunteers are needed each week. Jessica Schildman, our Early Childhood Ministry Director, will be leading the crew and directing your service.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women In Study summer session will meet through July 8 and studying Max Lucado's booklet, *Give It All To Him*.