

MISSIONS

Mission Interns: Three of our WSCC members are doing mission internships; check out their blogs and pray for them.

- **Mary Ellis** is interning with New Mission Systems, International in Leicester, England for about 6 months. See www.EllisInEngland.blogspot.com.
- **Rebekah Stewart** is interning with Christian Missionary Fellowship, International in Indianapolis this summer. Check out www.WhereYouLead-Rebekah.blogspot.com.

• **LeAnn Theivagt** is interning with Grand Avenue Christian Church in Carbondale this summer in preparation for a leadership role in campus ministry at SIU-C this fall.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY allows West Side members and friends to purchase Christmas gifts for our missionaries and demonstrates our love and support in a personal way. There will be gift tags, bearing missionary names, requests, and instructions, available at concourse counters on Sunday, July 12 & 19, or by contacting missions@wschurch.org or seeing Steve Stewart. There are also tags for postage expense; money for postage can be placed in the basket on the table.

Very important; please note! When taking a tag, please cut off the bottom portion and leave it at the counter. This provides the Missions Ministry Team with important documentation for each gift. Keep the top of the tag and the instruction sheet for future reference.

Please follow the instructions carefully, as each tag is slightly different. For example, U.S. gifts may be wrapped, but overseas gifts must NOT be wrapped. Also, check-writing directions vary depending on the missionary. Gifts should be returned by July 26 or August 2 to the church office (second level) on Sundays or throughout the week. It takes several months for the packages to reach the missionaries and we want to make sure they arrive in time for Christmas.

STATISTICS

June 21, 2009 AM Worship: 1958 (2155 average)
Offering: \$74,462.15 (\$80,051.15 average)

June 28, 2009 AM Worship: 2058 (2152 average)
Offering – \$65,915.61 (\$79,507.48 average)

July 5, 2009 AM Worship: 1775 (2138 average)
Offering: \$79,152.59 (\$79,494.33 average)

New Members: June 21-July 5, 2009

By Baptism: Jacob Beard, Chance Coelho, Costa Cox, Shannon Doyle, Eric Leonard

By Transfer: Chris Stroisch

ELECTIVES

The Foundations of a Biblical Worldview is currently being hosted by the TLC Adult Bible Fellowship and led by Chuck Cherry on Sundays through August 2, 11:00am, All Purpose Room. Chuck will offer the same course on Sundays at 8:00am in Centennial Hall beginning July 19 – August 23, hosted by Homebuilders' ABF. Everyone is welcome to attend. This elective series will give you a solid foundation on how to understand what's happening in our world today regarding the culture's view of biblical Christianity.

Bible Basics (3 weeks) August 2, 9, 16, 9:30am, SCS Library with Melissa Sandel

Caring Like Christ- an introduction to Stephen Ministry (6 weeks) August 2-September 6, 11:00am, CHI with Shirley Henninger.

Beyond Bible Basics (3 weeks) August 23, 30 and September 6, 9:30am, SCS Library with Patrick Barnthson

THIS 'N THAT

Congratulations to Josh & Stephanie Dugan on the birth of their daughter, **GREYLEIGH ADELLE**, who was born June 16 weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. Proud West Side grandparents are Mark Arnold and Janet Western. Stephanie serves on West Side's Ministry Staff as Director of Community Care.

David & Kristina Williams are the proud parents of a daughter, **EMALYN GRACE**, who was born June 24, weighing 7 lbs 15.6 oz. Emalyn's big sister is Mikaela (age 5)!

Bruce & Peggy Jacobson announce the birth of their granddaughter, **ANNIE ELIZABETH**, who was born to Kevin & Jenny (Jacobson) Elliott on June 30. Annie weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz., and joins siblings Emma and Isaac.

Thank you for your cards, visits, prayers and other expressions of concern at the recent passing of Gladys Bentley. Special thanks to those who prepared and served the delicious meal following the service. – LaRue & Dolores Turley and the Bentley Family

Church-Wide Garage Sale: Saturday, July 18, 8:00am - 1:00pm in the gym/cafeteria. Jr. High will raise money and provide electrical power for a Jr. High school in Kenya. Items in good condition (not adult clothes) will be accepted and donations can be made anytime in at the table in the concourse.

Pizza Hut: Visit the Chatham Road Pizza Hut on Sunday, July 12, and they will make donation 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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CURRENT TEACHING SERIES

West Side's summer teaching series is an adventure of biblical proportions! **Around the Word in 80 Days** is guiding 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.

Get Connected! 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.

Bible Reading Plans. Pick up a passport reading plan at the resource table in the concourse.

Twitter Us! If you're going on the journey, tweet your progress with hashtag #WSATW to let us know where you are! You can also follow WSAroundtheWord for updates.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VIP Volunteers: From cleaning handrails to vacuuming the carpets, ONE chore done ONE time each month does indeed make a big difference. To learn more about this team, contact WSCC Building Manager, Jim Dilley (jimd@wschurch.org).

Video Camera Operators Needed! The 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. No camera experience needed. Gabe Rutledge will provide hands on training beginning this Spring. If you are ready to plug in, or need additional information, contact Gabe at gaber@wschurch.org.

Stephen Ministers Needed: Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one ministry to those who are experiencing a crisis and need someone to meet with once a week for encouragement and prayer. To learn more about becoming a trained Stephen Minister, contact the church office at 793-2800.

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 infor-

mational 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. 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 are needed to serve on the 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,

PowerHouse Small Group Volunteers: Spend time with our kids one Sunday per month in PowerHouse, our worship service for elementary kids. For more information about serving in PowerHouse at the 11:00 hour, contact Brigette Green at brigetteg@wschurch.org.

VBX Volunteers: Over 300 volunteers are needed to make VBX a success! Be sure to volunteer at www.wschurch.org/vbx.

Broken Promise Leaders are needed to serve during our fall session (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. For more information about this impactful serving opportunity, contact the church office at 217-793-2800 or you can email Faith at brokenpromise@wschurch.org.

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. Our age 4s/5s class is now full. Contact Jessica if you would like to have your child added to the waiting list. To find out more about VBX, visit www.wschurch.org/vbx.

VBX Volunteer Meetings are this week! To make our week a success, we need all our volunteers for VBX to come to one of the following meetings: Wednesday, July 8, 6:30-8:00pm, or Sunday, July 12, 12:30pm.

VBX Decorating begins Sunday, July 12 from 2:00-7:00pm, Tuesday, July 14, from 6:00-9:00pm, and Thursday, July 16, from 6:00-9:00pm. We'll have all the supplies, we just need the extra hands to get the decorations up and looking great!

STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High): *Implosion* meets each Sunday, 9:30am, E200. *St Louis Mission Trip* is July 23-25. Space is limited so sign up and turn in your \$75 right away. Deadline

to sign up is July 12. **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. donate garage sale items, take your family to Pizza Hut on July 12, etc).

STUDENT LIFE (High School): *Connection* meets Sundays at 9:30am in E204. **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 Carbon-dale, IL. **CIY Move Mandatory Prep Day** is July 25, WSCC gym, 4:00-6:00pm, parents are required to attend the first half hour.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Six Flags! West Side Young Adults will be carpooling to St. Louis on Thursday, July 30, for a full day of wild rides and fun times. Deadline for purchasing discount tickets is July 23. Contact chris.stroisch@hotmail.com for tickets and trip information.

Agers 18-22! This "summer only" group meets at 7:00 each Wednesday through the rest of July. 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 at the Chatham Post Office (weather permitting). On Saturdays, the group meets at 10:30am behind Sonic on Wabash.

Singles Volleyball meets Fridays, 7:00pm, in the Gym. There is no volleyball July 17 and 31.

Singles and VBX: Help feed the VBX parents and volunteers (approximately 250) on Tuesday, July 21, 5:00-5:40pm, in Centennial Hall. The time commitment is short; we will need help setting up at 4:30pm, serving at 5:00pm, and cleaning up at 5:45pm. Sign up at Singles ABF to help set up, serve and clean up or to bring cookies.

Summer Study at Washington Park: Meet in front of the carillon at 6:30pm and bring a lawn chair. The studies in July are Tuesday, July 21 – *Personal Time with God*, and Tuesday, July 28 – *Entering God's Presence*.

Single Men's Small Group is Saturday, July 25, at Ron Gentry's house, starting with breakfast at 9:00am. Contact Mike Wilhelm at mfw2101@yahoo.com for details and directions.

Holy Ground Cookout: Singles will be grilling hot dogs to serve at Holy Ground Coffee House on Saturday, July 25, 11:00am – 4:00pm. There will be music, food, games and prizes! Sign up in Singles ABF to bring soda, chips, cookies, cake, or

brownies. Holy Ground is located at 306 ½ - 304 W. Allen (grilling will take place in the rear parking lot).

Ski or Canoe at LSCA: Meet at Lake Springfield Christian Assembly for an afternoon of water skiing or canoeing, beginning at 1:30pm on Sunday, July 26. LSCA is located off Iron Bridge Road, just off Woodside Road. Rental fees will apply.

Cookout at Washington Park is Friday, July 31, 6:30pm at the pavilion by the playground. Meat will be provided, just bring a side dish and soda to share, as well as a lawn chair or blanket. Bring your bike, walking shoes, or a Frisbee or other games.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Scrapbooking/Craft night is Friday, July 10, 6:30pm – midnight in Centennial Hall 3. Bring your own supplies and a snack to share. Questions? Contact Joni Colle at jdcolle@gmail.com.

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 this Saturday (July 11). One lap on the outer edge of the parking lots is approximately .5 miles.

SENIOR ADULTS

VBX Senior Adult Helpers Needed! If you can volunteer your time on Tuesday, July 14, 2:00-3:30pm, give Mike or Mary a call at 793-2800. Jessica Schildman, our Early Childhood Ministry Director, will be leading the crew and directing your service.

Charlie's "Angels" will meet Thursday, July 16, in Centennial Hall beginning with dinner at 6:00pm and program at 7:00pm. The program will be a concert by *The Salty Strings*, a husband and wife playing 15 acoustic folk music instruments; selections will be traditional, ancient and contemporary. Volunteers whose last name begins with F, G, H, I, J, K, L should be at Centennial Hall no later than 5:00pm; captain for the day is Barb Wheeler. Dinner menu is lasagna, pasta salad, tossed salad, breadsticks and dessert. Tickets (\$6) will be available in the U & I, Beau Knots and TNT Adult Bible Fellowships this Sunday, July 12. Tickets purchased at the door are \$8.

COMMUNITY CARE

Stephen Ministers Needed: Interested persons should attend *Caring Like Christ - An Introduction to Stephen Ministry* (August 2 - September 6). An informational meeting will be, Sunday, September 13, following 3rd service. A light lunch will be served.

West Side's Food Pantry Needs: boxed cereal, cream corn, tuna, canned pasta, cream or chunky soup, peanut butter, jelly, tuna helper, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes.