

ELECTIVES

Next Elective Coming Up (6 weeks) begins Sunday, October 11–November 15, and will be offered at two times: 9:30am in the cafeteria or 11:00am in the All Purpose Room with Dr. James Estep from Lincoln Christian University. The topic will be *From Jerusalem to Springfield, History of the Church*. Register for the class (specify time, if possible) via e-mail: electives@wschurch.org or contact Cindy Lash at cindy@wschurch.org for info.

Elective Synopsis from Dr. Estep: What kind of church is West Side Christian Church? That is a 2000 year-old question. Over the six weeks we will look at the highlights, pivotal points, and influential leaders that shaped the history of God's kingdom throughout history. Finally, we will end in the 19th-21st centuries to discuss what it means to be in the Restoration Movement, the tradition and fellowship to which West Side belongs.

1. The Earliest and Early Church (1-5th centuries AD)
2. The Medieval Church (5-14th centuries AD)
3. Renaissance and Reformations (15-16th centuries AD)
4. Modern (1650-1950)
5. The Roots of the Restoration Movement
6. What are we all about?

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer focus for the month of October is West Side's senior minister, ministry leaders, and staff. Other requests may be submitted to prayer@wschurch.org, by calling the church office, or by leaving a note at www.wschurch.org.

MISSIONS

The National Missionary Convention will be held at the Peoria Civic Center, November 19-22, 2009. This will be the last time in quite awhile that it will be in Illinois; it will be in Lexington, KY in 2010. The convention offers a variety of main sessions and workshops, along with hundreds of displays in the exhibit area. Find detailed info at www.NationalMissionaryConvention.org.

STATISTICS

September 27, 2009 AM Worship – 2035 (2102 avg)
Offering – \$84,434.24 (\$79,292.94 avg)

October 4, 2009 AM Worship – 2315 (2107 avg)
Offering - \$100,607.12 (\$79,825.80 avg)

New Members (September 27 – October 4, 2009):

By Baptism: Ben Biersner; Blake Young

By Transfer: Nancy Hobbs; Floyd Patterson

The West Side Missions Team has registered all of West Side for the convention. Any WSCC member can go to the registration booth, tell them you are a WSCC member and that the church sent in Rapid Registration; a name badge will then be issued and you can enter at no cost.

COMMUNITY CARE

West Side's Food Pantry is almost or entirely out of several canned items: *fruit, tuna, all soups, baked beans, green beans, and corn*. Your generous donations allow West Side to help over 500 local families each year!

Leaf Raking Project: The Lend A Hand ministry will be hosting a leaf raking project during November. If you are elderly, disabled or a single parent and would like assistance raking your yard OR if you would like to help rake yards, please contact Karen Siehr at 793-9409.

Growing Through Grief encourages caring and sharing to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The fall 10-week session is currently meeting on Tuesdays through November 10, 7:00-9:00pm in Conference Room West. For more information, you can contact the church office at 793-2800.

FOR OUR GUESTS

New to West Side? Visit wschurch.org 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 email guestinfo@wschurch.org.

THIS 'N THAT

11th Annual All-Church Golf Outing at The Rail is Monday, October 12; it's not too late to participate! This is an 18-hole scramble with a shotgun start at 8:00am. Cost is \$50 for golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Sign up as a foursome or as an individual. To register, contact Fitz at andrewf@wschurch.org or 793-2800.

The Mulch Project scheduled for Saturday, October 17, has been postponed until next spring, due to upcoming building construction. Questions? Contact Candi Scheuermann at 519-2131 or candi51@gmail.com.

Church Library Memorial: A monetary gift has been received from the U & I Adult Bible Fellowship in memory of one of their class members, Lucile DeBoice. Every resource in our library (3rd level, concourse) is available for your use.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE
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Fall Emphasis: Wiii - The Genius of All of Us

Pronounce it simply: **we**. The Wiii series explores the selfless nature God intended for the church. It casts the vision for West Side becoming such a church in its worship, service and outreach. Join us as we investigate what brings true fulfillment.

Wiii Before Mi Confessional – Throughout the Wiii series, visit the areas near the elevators for a unique opportunity to put "wiii before mi."

Wiii T's are available for purchase in the concourse today; all sizes are \$8. Sporting a Wiii T can be a great conversation starter. When you see other West Siders wearing a Wiii T out and about during the week or on Sundays, talk to them. Get to know people you don't already know. Someone could feel more connected to West Side just by the conversation that took place ... and it all started with a T. Pick up yours today!

Wiii Worship Night – Monday, October 12, 7:00pm in the Worship Center will be a special worship opportunity for the West Side family as a part of our focus on worship. Join us for an interactive experience focusing on loving God and loving people.

VolunTOUR, Sunday, October 18: On Sunday, October 18, get a behind-the-scenes look at some of the places that you can serve. After each worship service, come to the front of the Worship Center to take a VolunTOUR. Anyone who is not currently serving at WSCC is welcome to participate.

Wiinie Roast & Fall Fest, Sunday, October 25: Save the date for our all-church Wiinie Roast & Fall Fest, Sunday, October 25, 4 – 7pm. We'll have food and fun for all ages. This is a perfect event to which you can invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Flyers are available in the Welcome Center on Sundays. **Volunteers Needed:** If you would like to volunteer at this event, during one of two shifts, please contact Lisa West, lisaw@wschurch.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Family Dedication Experience offers parents of infants and young children a formal and public opportunity to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ while promising to model and convey it to their children. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 27. You can pick up an information packet at the

nursery on Sunday morning or go to www.westsidekids.org for more information.

Children's Ministry: There is a lot of great info at www.westsidekids.org to help our families stay connected to opportunities for their child. You can even subscribe to our blog and have the posts sent to you.

K-5th Youth Groups meet Sundays, 4:30-5:30pm in the following locations: Kindergarten, E103/E105; 1st-3rd grades, Cafeteria/Gym; 4th – 5th grades, CH 1 & 2.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL

VELOCITY (Jr. High): Velocity is our new Jr. High event that meets each Sunday for worship, games and interactive teaching at 9:30am in E200. V-Groups meet every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm at the church. If you haven't been before, visit this week and we'll help you get into a small group. For more info on everything happening for Jr. High students, tips for parents, event pictures and videos, visit www.WestSideVelocity.org.

HIGH SCHOOL

FUSION (High School): Fusion meets Sundays at 9:30am in E204. Fuse Groups meet Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, in homes. If you haven't signed up to be a part of this ministry contact josh@wschurch.org.

Get ready for WestFest, a great evening event on Friday, October 16, 6:00-10:30pm, with bands, speakers, food and more. \$5.00 gets you through the gate. Great event to invite friends! Parents/Leaders: We're anticipating a huge night for high school ministry and we'd like to have as many volunteers on hand for this event as possible. If interested in helping out, contact Josh. For any other information, visit westsidefusion.org.

PARENTING MINISTRY

The Parenting Ministry will be hosting several classes this year. Check the Parenting Ministry website for details at www.wschurch.org under Ministries and Activities for Adults to see the 2009-2010 class offerings. Registration forms and additional information are in the Parenting Ministry pamphlet in the acrylic board located inside the Main Entrance or under Links on the website. Questions? Contact Mike or Cindy Gorrell at Parenting@wschurch.org or at 793-2800 ext. 3609.

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Christmas Around the World will be held at West Side on Saturday, December 12. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm, followed by a Christmas concert by The Chosen Ones and The Lesters at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and will be avail-

able in the concourse this Sunday, October 11. After that, the event will be opened to the general public.

Charlie's "Angels" will meet Thursday, October 22, beginning with coffee at 9:30am in Centennial Hall. The program will start at 10:00am in the Chapel with Dr. Jeremy Turner, SIU Department of Audiology. Captain for the day is Bill Bannon; volunteers whose name begins with T, U, V, W, X, Y & Z should be at Centennial Hall no later than 8:30am. Lunch will include BBQ pork sandwiches, potato salad, seasoned green beans, salad, rolls and pies. Tickets (\$6) will be available in the U & I, Beau Knots, and TNT ABFs, as well as the Welcome Center on Sunday, October 11 & 18. Tickets purchased at the door are \$8. If you have a free ticket card, please exchange it for one of this month's color tickets.

FINANCIAL CLASSES AVAILABLE

Good \$ense Budget Course will meet October 16-17 (Friday, October 16, 6:00-9:30pm; Saturday, October 17, 8:30am – 1:00pm). Registration fee is \$15 for individuals; \$25 for couples. Married couples are highly encouraged to participate together. Childcare is available by reservation only. Register online here or call the church office at 793-2800. (Our 2010 dates will be April 23-24 and October 29-30). **Financial Peace University: 2010 dates are January 10-March 28 (Sundays, 5-7pm).**

WORSHIP & ARTS

Christmas Choir meets Wednesdays, 7:00pm, in the Music Room. All singers ages 12-99 are welcome to join in the Christmas celebration. Those wanting to sing in the program on December 13 need to begin by October 21.

Adult Handbells meet Wednesdays at 8:00pm; rehearsals are in the Music Room. New ringers are welcome.

Christmas Children's Choirs: October/November, meet Sundays, 5:40 - 6:30pm. K-2nd grade is led by Bonnie Latta; 3rd-6th grade is led by Mike Harney. If you would like to sing in the Christmas program on December 13, join us by October 18.

Children's Handbells: This 3rd – 8th grade group meets on Monday afternoon from 3:45 – 4:45pm in the Music Room.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

New Young Adult Small Group Forming: If you are looking to join a Young Adult small group, please attend our Wednesday night gatherings that will run through the month of October. We have fellowship, bible study, and ultimately want to establish and launch one or more new small groups for this Fall. Our study time will align with the church-wide Fall Emphasis called "Wiii before Mi". We will meet at 2043 Briarcliff Drive, Springfield (home of John & Becky Minick). Doors open at 6:40,

formally starting at 7:00. If you want to participate, or have questions, please contact John or Becky Minick at johnm@wschurch.org or beckym@wschurch.org.

SINGLES MINISTRY

Volleyball: Meet us in the gym on Fridays at 7:00pm for volleyball. (There will be no volleyball on October 16 or 23.)

Paintball: Join us in Roodhouse on Saturday, October 17, 2:00-6:00pm, for paintball. Meet at the church at noon to carpool or caravan. Cost is \$20 per person, (includes choice of 6 different fields, gun, mask, CO2, and 200 paintballs).

Wiener Roast & Movie at LSCA: Bring your own lawn chair and whatever you want to roast to the Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Lakeside Lodge on Friday, October 23, 6:00pm. This is a "bring your own" event. Table service will be provided, but please bring your own meat, cooking utensils and drinks. Afterwards, we'll watch a movie inside the lodge.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

6th Annual Women's Conference, "Flawed Women Loved By a Flawless God" is Saturday, October 24, 9:00am – 3:00pm, at West Side Christian Church. Tickets are \$30 (including a catered lunch, morning coffee and snacks) are available in the Concourse on Sundays, online at www.wschurch.org, or at the church office. Registration deadline is October 19. Don't miss LIZ CURTIS HIGGS, international author/speaker, editor, columnist, teacher and VERY funny lady!

Women in Study will have a modified schedule in the fall for 5 weeks from October 14 – November 11. The morning session runs 9-11:00am and the evening session runs 6:30-8:00pm. The study will be from Max Lucado's Life Lessons series: RO-MANS; book donation is \$5.

Aerobics for Women: Ladies, join us for aerobics on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30pm in E205. Bring a water bottle, floor mat or towel. Some hand weights are available. For more information, visit www.wschurch.org/aerobics.

SMALL GROUPS

Small group leaders, the Fall Emphasis Small Group Curriculum is available to be picked up in the concourse on Sundays between services. Each lesson will be available for pick-up at church the week prior to when it will be taught. It will also be available on the blog (<http://smallgroups.wschurch.org/>) for download. You can receive e-mail notifications when the blog is updated by entering your e-mail address in the column on the right and then clicking subscribe.