

can be purchased at Singles ABF on Sunday mornings. A carpool will leave the church parking lot at 9:00am.

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Singles Christmas Party is Sunday, December 20, 5:00pm, in Centennial Hall. Bring snacks and soda to share as well as a "white elephant" gift suitable for either a male or female for a gift exchange.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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. We've added Pilates and Yoga videos for our Monday evening class. For more information, visit www.wschurch.org/aerobics.

SMALL GROUPS

First Place 4 Heath will begin Monday, January 11, E205, 7:00pm and meet weekly for 13 weeks. This Christ-centered weight loss program focuses on all aspects of healthy living: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. For new attendees the cost of the class is approximately \$100, for returning members the cost is \$15. For more information or to register, contact Brenda Reavis at 725-9744 or breavis@fwieng.com.

COMMUNITY CARE

Broken Promise, a divorce recovery program for children and their custodial parent, **is in need of volunteers** to serve as leaders and classroom helpers during our spring session. The spring session will be held February 2–April 27. No experience with divorce is necessary; the only requirement is that you love

STATISTICS

November 8, 2009 AM Worship – 2142 (2102 avg)
Offering – \$87,031.63 (\$80,574.89 avg)

November 15, 2009 AM Worship – 2157 (2103 avg)
Offering - \$75,967.87 (\$80,474.73 avg)

New Members: November 8-15, 2009

By Baptism: Fiona Carrell; Tracy Scarlette; Kristen Smith

By Transfer: Zack & Erin Bromley; Justin & Amber Busching; Todd Carrell; Debbie White

working with children. All leaders and helpers will be trained prior to the spring session starting. For more information about this impactful serving opportunity, contact the church office at 793-2800 or email Faith at brokenpromise@wschurch.org.

Food Pantry Giving Tree: West Side's Food Pantry is completely out of many of our standard items and with winter coming, we are expecting an increased demand for food for families in need. Therefore we need you to help us stock up the pantry. You can do this by participating in our Food Pantry Giving Tree. **There are 3 easy steps:** 1. Come to the concourse counter on November 22 and grab an ornament off the tree. 2. Purchase the item(s) you have listed on your ornament. 3. Return the item(s) to the Food Pantry bins located under the stairs by the Welcome Center.

The Single Parent Family Ministry is hosting a *Single Parent Brunch* from 9am – noon, Saturday, November 21. This will be an adult-only brunch with child care available. We would like to get to know more about YOU and how we can be a blessing in your life and the lives of your children. All food and drink will be provided, however, you are welcome to bring a dish to share. This will be a relaxing and informal gathering. Arrive when you can and leave when you must! RSVP to Kim Rigney at 525-2896 or rigney@xanadoo.com and mention childcare needs.

THIS 'N THAT

Thank you so much for the cards, emails, prayers and support expressed by the staff and family of WSCC during my father's illness and death (Jim Bogle). Words cannot express what your kindness meant to us. —Amy, Rase, Kaytlin & Rase, Jr. Sherwood

Lewis Memorial Christian Village: LMCV Key Lady representative from WSCC, Helen Young, invites us to assist the LMCV Auxiliary in purchasing Christmas gifts for the residents. Envelopes will be distributed in all ABF classes this Sunday, November 22. Envelopes will also be available in the church office for those who do not attend an ABF class.

Christmas Memorials and Honorariums (suggested donation of \$10) may be called in to the church office through Monday, December 14, and will be listed in the Sunday program on December 20.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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DECISION DAY

THIS Sunday, November 22 - Considering baptism or membership? Ready to make Jesus Christ the leader of your life? Dozens of people are making important spiritual decisions this Sunday. If you have questions about what spiritual step is best for you or if you would like to participate in Decision Day, contact our Outreach Team at guestinfo@wschurch.org, or 793-2800.

CURRENT SERIES

Sweet Spot: Finding God's Best For Me

God has a custom design for each human being. While his will involves some baseline standards and common experiences meant for all of us, God views his children as individuals. He understands our uniqueness and never created us for a one-size-fits-all life. This series from Ephesians attempts to guide us toward practices and perspectives that allow us to discover God's personalized plan for each of our lives.

November 22 – How to Aim High

FAREWELL LUNCH FOR KHONGSAI FAMILY

Palal Khongsai is a missionary from Myanmar working with Myanmar Hope Christian Mission. Palal has actively participated at WSCC for the last two years while pursuing a doctorate degree from Lincoln Christian Seminary. Palal, his wife Kikim and their son, Solomon will be returning to their homeland in mid-December 2009 to pursue the Lord's work and calling on their lives.

Please join us for a church-wide, **Farewell Lunch** for the Khongsai family on Sunday, November 29 from 11:00am-1:30pm, in the gymnasium. To register, visit the MyHope table in the concourse this Sunday, November 22, or call the church office at (217) 793-2800. This catered meal is free, but please plan to give generously to the free-will offering, as every dollar will go directly to the Khongsai's ministry in Asia.

BREADLINE SUNDAY

Breadline Sunday for St. John's Breadline is November 22. Loaves of bread, donated by Schnucks, will be available at West

Side main entrances to purchase at a suggested donation of \$3/loaf. 100% of the contributions go directly to support the Breadline. St. John's Breadline is a Community Center, representative of an inter-denominational effort and belief that all people, especially the most vulnerable, have a need to be fed. (Please contact Eric Wiant at wiantfamily@sbcglobal.net or (217) 522-1412 if you can help at the bread tables this Sunday.)

FAMILY MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: K-5th Youth Groups will meet for the last time this year on Sunday, November 22, 4:30-5:30pm; they will resume meeting in January 2010.

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading: Registration forms will be available in the concourse through Sunday, December 6. We are looking forward to another great season!

VELOCITY (JR. HIGH SCHOOL): 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. **Groups will NOT meet on November 25. Food for People** is our November food drive to help replenish the extremely low WSCC food pantry. We're competing with the high school ministry to see who can bring the most. Help out by bringing donations to E200 this month. We're specifically trying to collect: *bag/box potatoes or rice, ramen/noodle mix, macaroni & cheese, bag/box pasta, canned pasta, box cereal, oatmeal, and soup.* **Parent Elective** taught by Chris Sandel & Josh Ryder will be THIS Sunday, November 22, 11:00am, in the cafeteria and will cover the topic, *The Social Media Revolution* (Facebook, YouTube, etc). **For more info** on everything happening for Jr. High students, tips for parents, event pictures and videos, visit our new website at www.WestSideVelocity.org.

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 joshr@wschurch.org. Visit WestSideFusion.org for any other information. **Food for People:** consider helping out with our November Food Drive against the Jr. High Ministry to benefit our Food Ministry. We're specifically looking for *Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, and single boxes of Jell-O and Pudding*. Collection bins are in E204 for the month of November.

PARENTING MINISTRY

Growing Kids God's Way class: Interested in helping your child become a spiritual champion? Eager to improve your parenting? The *Growing Kids God's Way* Parenting Class begins

Monday, November 23 at 7:00pm, and will meet every Monday through December 14. The class will break for Christmas and resume meeting Monday, January 4, 7:00pm, for another 14 weeks. Cost is \$40 per couple or \$20 for a single parent family. Register for the class online at www.wschurch.org/parenting or email Parenting@wschurch.org. Registration forms are available at church office or you can print one out from the webpage by clicking on the Parenting Ministry Pamphlet link.

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Charlie's "Angels" will meet Thursday, November 19, beginning with coffee at 9:30am in Centennial Hall. The program will start at 10:00am in Centennial Hall with "Three's Company" (a ladies' trio). Barb Wheeler is the captain for the day; volunteers whose last name begins with A and B should be at Centennial Hall by 8:30am. Lunch will be turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and pie. Tickets at the door are (\$8).

The December meeting of Charlie's "Angels", along with the TNT Class, will be a special Christmas dinner and concert on Saturday, December 12, by The Chosen Ones and The Lesters. Dinner is at 6:00pm. and the concert at 7:00pm. Tickets for the dinner and concert are \$20 per person and the tickets for the concert only are \$10 per person. Tickets are available in the Concourse on Sundays.

FINANCIAL CLASS AVAILABLE

Financial Peace University's 12-week course will be offered at West Side beginning Sunday, January 10, 5:00-7:00pm. Details and online registration are available at www.wschurch.org; the cost is \$99. Questions? e-mail joeoettel@teaminfocus.com or call 793-2800.

A one-week elective class will be offered at 11:00am on December 6 or December 13 in our SCS Library, second floor; to learn more about the 2010 Financial Peace University class. Dave Ramsey's website is especially helpful if you are new to Financial Peace University: www.daveramsey.com

WORSHIP & ARTS

JOY (a Christmas program) will be presented Sunday, December 13, 4:00 and 6:00pm, by the West Side Arts Ministry. The program will involve the 50-voice choir, 20-piece orchestra, hand bells, children's choirs, dance and artists.

Rehearsal reminders:

- **Children:** Sunday, November 22, 5:40-6:30pm (all children in the Music Room)
- **Choir:** Wednesday, November 25, 7-8:15pm

- **Children:** Sunday, November 29, 4:30-5:15pm (all children in the Music Room)

Parents are needed to assist with one presentation to watch the children and be ready for them to enter at the right time. Please contact Mike to assist.

Important Rehearsals for all Christmas participants:

- **December 6:** noon potluck, 1-3pm rehearsal; children's choirs join at 2pm.
- **December 9:** Technical rehearsal, 7pm; no children or orchestra
- **December 12:** Dress rehearsal, 1-3pm
- **December 13:** Program day; adults at 3pm, children at 3:30pm

Artists/Painters: we need 10 people who want to paint by number ... really! We are looking for those who paint to be a part of the Christmas Program ... on stage. Please contact Mike Harney if you would like to be involved.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The next GROW! is at a NEW LOCATION this month! Friday, November 20, 6:40pm, we will be meeting at the home of Dan and Amanda Trewartha, 2206 West Road Drive, Springfield, IL 62711. 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 enjoyable.

CONNECT! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 28; you won't want to miss the "DiSH"... the Digital Scavenger Hunt. The action starts in Centennial Hall at 6:00pm, but where you will end up is anyone's guess. Watch for more details coming your way soon.

SINGLES MINISTRY

Volleyball: Join us in the gym each Friday at 7:00pm. There will be no volleyball November 27 or December 11.

Thanksgiving at the Winkelman's: Singles are invited to join them on Thursday, November 26, 12:00-4:00pm (dinner at 1:00pm). Turkey, ham and dressing will be furnished; please bring a side dish or dessert and something to drink. Sign up at Singles ABF this Sunday if you plan to attend.

Singles Christmas Ice Cream Social at the Mary Bryant Home for the Blind is Tuesday, December 1, 6:30pm. Please sign up in Singles ABF to bring Ice cream or let us know that you will be attending to help with serving the residents.

Christmas in the Chapel: Join us for our annual trip to Lincoln Christian University for a performance of Christmas in the Chapel on Saturday, December 5, 10:00am. Tickets are \$10 and