

ries on this daddy-daughter date. This event is for all dads and their daughters ages 3-83 to enjoy a catered meal and share in interactive activities. Watch upcoming communications for your opportunity to purchase your ticket.

**For those of you men who don't have any daughters** – don't feel left out. We'll need people to serve in a variety of areas that night to make this a fantastic event for the daughters.

## SMALL GROUPS

**First Place 4 Health** 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

**Food Pantry Giving Tree:** Thank you to all those who participated in the Food Pantry Giving Tree. If you still have a tag from our tree that you will be purchasing items for, food items can be dropped off in the food pantry bins under the stairs by the Main Entrance and gift cards can be taken to the church office. We appreciate your willingness to give to those in need during this holiday season!

**Broken Promise Volunteers Needed.** Broken Promise, a divorce recovery program for children and their custodial par-

## STATISTICS

November 22, 2009 AM Worship – 2045 (2102 average)  
Offering – \$77,878.09 (\$80,419.49 avg)

November 29, 2009 AM Worship – 2046 (2101 average)  
Offering – \$81,168.23 (\$80,435.09 avg)

## New Members: November 22-29, 2009

**By Baptism:** Lonnie, Denise & Maddie Brown; Christine Creighton; Steve & Theresa Coblenz; Rich Davis; Matt & Grace Giacometti; Jennifer Muncy; Fred & Bonnie Reeves; Cheryl Western

**By Transfer:** Cindy & Destiny Barricklow; Tammy Brown; Tyler & Susan Cormeny; Kirsten Giacometti; Pat, Jamie & Sara Hulett; Leroy & Sara Jett; Quentin Knobloch; Rex & Linda Langham; Steve & Anne Lawyer; Jason & Dawn May; Steve & DeeDee Opfer; Aleigha Peterson; Sandra Russell; Traci Tylar; Susan Weeks

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

**Single Parent Family Ministry-** SAVE THE DATE! We will ring in the New Year with a *Pizza and Pajama Party* on Friday, January 8, from 6pm – Midnight in the gym at WSCC. Come in your best pajamas to enjoy some time together as a family. For more information, contact Kim at rigney@xandoo.com.

## FOR OUR GUESTS

**New to West Side?** Visit [www.wschurch.org](http://www.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](mailto:guestinfo@wschurch.org).

## THIS 'N THAT

**Thank you so much** for all of your thoughts and prayers for our family at the loss of our dad, Ed Ransford. Special thanks to those who prepared and served the wonderful meal for our family and friends after Dad's funeral. The Ransford Family

**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.

**All-Church Christmas Caroling** to West Side's homebound and nursing homes will be held Tuesday, December 8, 6:30pm. Please meet in Centennial Hall a little before 6:30pm to carpool to the homes. We need people to bring bananas, apples and homemade cookies to Singles ABF on Sunday, December 6, for the baskets we will be giving out.

## TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT

### Christmas Outreach 2009

Many of us take for granted the cozy bed we slip into every night, forgetting that there are people who do not have the comfort of their own bed. Because of this need, this year's Christmas outreach project is entitled *To ALL a Good Night*. Join with us this Christmas as we attempt to provide a good night to children both in Springfield and on the other side of the world in our adopted Kenyan community. Funds for these projects will be collected through West Side's Christmas Eve offering, where 100% of contributions will be used to meet the sleep-related needs. Donations will also be accepted at the *To ALL a Good Night* table in the concourse through December and through the website at [www.wschurch.org/christmas](http://www.wschurch.org/christmas). Gifts are tax-deductible and checks should be made out to West Side Christian Church. Gift Certificates are available at the concourse table through December or at the church office during the week.

## JOY

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 choirs, ensembles, orchestra, handbells, children's choirs, dancers, artists and actors

## CURRENT SERIES—FEAR NOT

Almost every time an angel brought a message to a human being, the conversation began with a word of comfort and calm: Do not be afraid. Fear not. This Christmas we will explore the messages the angels delivered to those who had a role in the Christmas story and hear their encouraging truths about fearless living.

December 6 – Don't Be Afraid to Pray  
December 13 – Don't Be Afraid to Obey  
December 20 – Don't Be Afraid to Believe  
December 27 – Don't Be Afraid to Speak

**Christmas Eve Service Times: 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm**

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

**Family Fun Night: Photo Scavenger Hunt** - Our next Family Fun Night is Friday, December 11, from 6-8:00pm in the AP room. We're planning a holiday-themed photo scavenger hunt to help everyone get in the Christmas spirit. These Family Fun Nights are planned specifically to be great for anyone from families with toddlers to high school students, so bring your whole family! RSVP by December 10 through the church office (793-2800) and bring your digital camera; if you don't have one, just let us know.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** There is a lot of great info at [www.westsidkids.org](http://www.westsidkids.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. Visit the blog and subscribe today.

**K-5th Youth Groups** 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. During groups this week (December 2), join us for **Pillow & PJ Night** as we play some fun games (everyone bring a pillow) and talk about our Christmas Outreach to help those without a place to sleep each night. **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](http://www.WestSideVelocity.org).

**FUSION (HIGH SCHOOL):** **Fusion** meets Sundays at 9:30am in E204. **Fuse Groups** meet Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, in homes. Get ready for the Fuse Group Christmas parties in homes on December 16, from 7:30-9pm. Sign up to be a part of this ministry by contacting [joshr@wschurch.org](mailto:joshr@wschurch.org). **Fusion** will be serving for an upcoming **TNT dinner** the evening of Saturday, December 12. If your student would like to serve for summer trip credit, contact Josh. For any other information: [WestSideFusion.org](http://WestSideFusion.org).

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**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 this Sunday, December 6.

## FINANCIAL CLASS AVAILABLE

**Financial Peace University's** 12-week course will once again be offered at West Side beginning Sunday, January 10, 5:00-7:00pm. Details and online registration are available at [www.wschurch.org](http://www.wschurch.org); the cost is \$99. If you have additional questions, e-mail [joeoettel@teaminfocus.com](mailto: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 the 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](http://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 choirs, ensembles, orchestra, handbells, children's choirs, dancers, artists and actors.

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:

- Dec. 6: noon potluck, 1-3pm rehearsal; children's choirs join at 2pm.
- Dec. 9: Technical rehearsal, 7pm; no children or orchestra
- Dec. 12: Dress rehearsal, 1-3pm
- Dec. 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 that paint to be a part of the Christmas Program ... on stage. Please contact Mike Harney if you would like to be involved.

**Several ushers are needed** for the Joy Christmas concert on Sunday, December 13, 4:00pm & 6:00pm. Brief training is provided; no experience needed. If you would like to volunteer for this outreach event, please contact Cheryl at [cschlehm@prairieheart.com](mailto:cschlehm@prairieheart.com) or call (217)523-4902.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**New Year's Eve Celebration!** Help us ring in the new year by attending the Young Adult Ministry New Year's Eve Celebration. Dan and Amanda Trewartha will be hosting the event in their home at 2206 West Road, Springfield, 62711 from 7:00pm-1:00am. Whether you come for a brief visit, or stay the whole time, we hope you will make this a part of your New Year's Eve activities.

## Want more information about Young Adult Ministry?

Check out pictures, resources, and upcoming events at <http://youngadults.wschurch.org> You are also invited to join the Facebook group ("WS Young Adults"). For more details about any of our young adult activities, events, and small group opportunities please contact John or Becky Minick at [johnm@wschurch.org](mailto:johnm@wschurch.org) or [beckym@wschurch.org](mailto:beckym@wschurch.org).

## SINGLES MINISTRY

**Volleyball:** Join us in the gym on Fridays at 7:00pm; please note there is no volleyball on December 11 or December 25.

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

**Caroling to the Shut-ins:** All-church Christmas caroling to West Side's homebound and nursing homes will be Tuesday, December 8, 6:30pm. Please meet in Centennial Hall a little before 6:30pm to carpool to the homes. We need people to bring bananas, apples and homemade cookies to Singles ABF this Sunday, December 6, for the baskets we will be giving out.

**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.

**Christmas Eve** at the Hauser's, 6pm; soup will be provided. Sign up at Singles ABF on Sundays to bring a dish or something to drink.

**Singles New Years Eve** party 8pm-? in Centennial Hall. Volleyball begins at 10pm. Please bring snacks, soda, and board games to share.

## 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](http://www.wschurch.org/aerobics).

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**Father-Daughter Winter Wonderland Banquet:** Guys, mark your calendars for the evening of Friday, January 22. You won't want to miss the Father-Daughter Winter Wonderland Banquet. Seize the opportunity to spend some intentional time with your daughter(s), have some fun and make some memo-