

please contact Michelle Davis at michelled@wschurch.org or call 793-2800 by Thursday, February 18.

Growing Through Grief is currently meeting on Tuesday evenings through April 13 from 7:00-9:00pm in Conference Room West. Call the church office to sign up.

MISSIONS

Myanmar Hope Christian Mission: Palal, Kikim and Solomon Khongsai returned to Myanmar in December 2009 to continue the work of building up the church and expanding God's Kingdom in a land marked by extreme poverty, government brutality, Christian persecution, and overwhelming hopelessness. For an update on their personal situation, as well as their ministry work, please stop by the Myanmar Hope counter in the concourse this Sunday, February 21, and pick up an informative handout. You can also get updates at our new missions' blog at www.missions.wschurch.org

Dominican Republic Mission Trip is April 5-10. Approximate cost (including food) is \$950 or less. The trip will include assisting with a construction project for a new church plant in the La Romana area (laying the foundation), as well as conducting a 3-day VBS in La Romana. For more information, please contact Gary Winkleman at GaryW@wschurch.org or (217)793-2800.

VIP SIGN-UP

VIP SIGN-UP is February 21 and 28. VIP individuals help in many areas to keep our building and grounds in excellent condition. ONE chore, ONE weekend or month for ONE year! Individuals, families and small groups are encouraged to sign up in the concourse on Sunday, February 21 or 28. Questions? Contact Jim Dille, 793-2800, ext. 3415 or JimD@wschurch.org.

INSIDE JOBS: Centennial Hall kitchen, All Purpose kitchen, entry door glass, Guest Central glass, glass in wooden doors, drinking fountains, vacuum main floor concourse, wipe down handrails, clean fire extinguisher cabinets, clean church office windows, clean electri-

STATISTICS

February 7, 2010	AM Worship – 2199 (2160 avg) Offering - \$82,659.19 (\$81,723.99 avg)
February 14, 2010	AM Worship – 2040 (2143 avg) Offering – \$82,187.48 (\$81,790.21 avg)

New Members: February 7 & 14, 2010

By Baptism: Brian Pruessner; Joe Rechner; Anninias Spradlin; Jason Spradlin; Riley Young

By Transfer: Ayo Afolayan; Michael Afolayan; Precious Afolayan; Chad Huss; Charlene Sabatini

cal switch and receptacle plates, dust fire pull stations, dust planters, Worship Center Prep, etc.

OUTSIDE JOBS: mow next to building, mow away from building, help with landscaping.

THIS 'N THAT

Thank you to our church family for your cards, visits, communion and prayer during Bob's recent surgery/hospitalization. We appreciate your many expressions of concern. Bob & Julia Jones

New Baby: Congratulations to Jon & Adrienne Jacobson on the birth of their son, Landon Richard, who was born February 14, weighing 5 lbs. 7 oz.! Proud West Side grandparents are Bruce & Peggy Jacobson.

Seek God for the City 2010 is a 40-day prayer initiative many people will be doing all across America leading into Palm Sunday for spiritual awakening throughout one's community. You are encouraged to participate in this by using a special 60 page booklet equipped with vivid, relevant prayers from promises of scripture. Booklets are available at the church office. Suggested donation for the booklet is \$1; there is a limited number available.

The Church Library is pleased to accept a memorial gift from the Scott & Karla Wilhelm family in memory of **Mark Groesch**. Our librarians invite you to visit us on the third floor and peruse many of the resources made possible by gifts such as this and those of you who faithfully support our Ministry Perks program through Family Christian Bookstore.

A representative from **Lincoln Christian University** will be visiting West Side on Sunday, February 28. Dave Harmon, Director of Secondary Admissions, will have a display at one of the concourse counters with information about the various programs at LCU.

Upward Concession offers the students of West Side an opportunity to raise funds to offset the expense of summer trips. In the past, students have averaged about \$10 an hour toward their trips. If students would like to help with concessions this spring, there are opportunities to sign up at the Upward counter in the Concourse.

Springfield Christian School is hosting a Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, February 18, from 6:30-8:00pm for the 2010-2011 school year. Parents (and incoming kindergarteners) interested in the school are encouraged to attend. For info, call the school office at 698-1933 or visit www.springfieldchristianschool.org.

SCS/PTF Dinner Auction is Friday, March 12, at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Silent Auction begins at 5:30pm; dinner is served at 6:45pm. Tickets (\$30/person) are available online at www.springfieldchristianschool.org or by calling the SCS Office at 698-1933. Donation items for the auction are still needed. Contact Candi Scheuermann at 519-2131 or candi51@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

A Bi-monthly Publication of West Side Christian Church

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MESSAGE SERIES – What Would Jesus Hate?

Jesus possessed the full range of human and divine emotion. There were occasions when Jesus was "full of joy." But Jesus also revealed negative emotions that might surprise those who are not familiar with his life. It's not too much to say that there are some things that Jesus hated. If there are actions or attitudes that Jesus hates, you and I should be sure to avoid them.

February 21 – Ignoring the Needy

NEW MESSAGE SERIES BEGINS FEB. 28

THE SURGE: A Bold Vision for West Side's Future

February 28	Where Are We Going?
March 7	Who Will Lead Us?
March 14	How Can I Help?
March 21	What Are the Risks?
March 28	Why Does It Matter?

WEST SIDE VOLUNTEERS, SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, April 30, 2010 ... the West Side Staff is going to let you "OFF THE HOOK" for a night with our 2010 pirate-inspired Volunteer Celebration! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Arrgghhhh!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Four Service Transition Meeting for all current elementary ministry volunteers is THIS Sunday, February 21, from 12:15-1:30pm in the Cafeteria with childcare available. Come find out how you can get involved as we kick off new programming and transition to four services. RSVP to RebekahS@wschurch.org for food and childcare by Wednesday, February 17.

J.A.M. Class (Jesus and Me) for children considering baptism will be hosted on Sunday, March 14, at 11:00am in the cafeteria. If you'd like to attend with your child, RSVP to rebekahs@wschurch.org.

Elementary 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.

VELOCITY (Jr. High): Velocity is our Jr. High event that meets each Sunday for worship, games and interactive teaching at 9:30 in

E200. **V-Groups** meet in the Gym each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm. Don't miss our **V-Group Pancake night** on February 17 or **Dodgeball Tournament** on February 24. For more info, visit westsidevelocity.com

FUSION (High School) meets each Sunday at 9:30am in E204; make hanging out and worshiping with friends part of your week. **Fuse Groups** meet every Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm for fellowship and snacks. Email josh@wschurch.org to get plugged in. Wake up for our next **Morning Mojo**, March 4. For more info, check out www.WestSideFusion.org.

PARENTING MINISTRY: The Toddlerhood Transitions: This Thursday night parenting class at West Side addresses children 18 to 36 months of age and covers specific toddler issues that will help your child be ready for moral, social and intellectual achievement. The nine-week session begins February 25, 6:30-8:30pm, and concludes April 29 with a week off for Easter break. Cost is \$30 per couple or \$15 for single parent family. Register for the class online and contact the church office to reserve childcare. Questions? Email us at Parenting@wschurch.org.

A-I-M ~ ADULTS IN MINISTRY 60

Charlie's "Angels" will meet Thursday, February 25, 9:30am for coffee, 10:00am for the program (Pat Schneider from LMCV and a Hymn Sing), and 11:30am for lunch (chicken tenders, mashed potatoes & gravy, ambrosia salad, rolls, and cake). Captain for the day is Charlotte Brewer; volunteers whose last name begins with F, G, H, I, J, K and L should be at Centennial Hall no later than 8:30am. Tickets are \$6.00 and will be available to purchase on February 21 in U & I, TNT or Beau Knot ABFs, as well as Guest Central or at the church office during regular business hours (no later than Monday, February 22, 4:00pm).

AIM Trivia Night with Chris & Melissa Sandel is Thursday, March 11, 6:30pm, in the Music Room. Recruit your team of 6-8 and come ready for some great trivia, great prizes and great fun! Send your reservation to maryf@wschurch.org or call Mary at 793-2800, ext. 3435.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

GROW! is Saturday, February 20, 6:40pm, at the home of John & Becky Minick (2043 Briarcliff Drive). Our guest teacher will be Andrew "Fitz" Fitzgibbon, speaking on the topic "Dealing With Difficult People". GROW! is a monthly opportunity for young adults to grow deeper in their faith.

SINGLES MINISTRY

There will be **NO VOLLEYBALL** during Upward Basketball.

Simple Cooking 101: Learn how to make quick, simple and delicious recipes on Friday, February 19, 6pm, in CHI. This class is great

for men and women who are inexperienced in the kitchen or who want to get some great, simple cooking ideas.

Card Night is Saturday, February 20, 6pm, at the home of Gerry Delano (408 W. Chestnut, Chatham); bring snacks and soda to share.

Marriage Roundtable Discussion is Sunday, February 21, 1pm; bring your lunch and meet in E205 to watch a video sermon from Mark Driscoll, the preaching and speaking pastor for Mars Hill in Seattle. The first sermon is entitled *Marriage for Women*. The other video, *Marriage for Men*, will be viewed March 21.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women in Study is currently meeting (Romans) through March 17 (Wednesdays, 9-11am or 6:30-8pm) in the All Purpose Room. Questions? Email WIS@wschurch.org.

Alive With Christ will begin a new Bible study the week of March 8, *Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl* by Lysa TerKeurst (Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm or Tuesdays, 9-11am). Cost of the book and workbook combined is \$18. To register, call 793-2800. Childcare is provided; indicate childcare needs when you register. Questions? Email AWC@wschurch.org.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference is coming back to Springfield again this year. It will be hosted by First United Methodist church on Saturday, March 13, from 8am-5pm, with Dan Erickson and Stu Weber headlining the event. Cost is \$39/person, \$29/student ages 13-22, if you register before March 3. Sign up in the concourse on Sunday, February 21 or 28. You can also register at the Thursday morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study.

Thursday Morning Breakfast and Bible Study: On February 18, 6:15-7:30am, we'll begin a consecutive 5-week study of *The Heart of a Godly Man*.

SMALL GROUPS

Small Group Leaders Luncheon is Sunday, February 21, 12:00-1:30pm, in Centennial Hall. The training topic is *Shepherding Amongst Wolves*. The single most important aspect of small group leadership is shepherding and caring for group members. The world provides a number of challenges to our role as shepherds. In this training luncheon we'll explore some technology available to help us better care for our people by staying in better communication with one another. Josh LeVeque will be our guest presenter for this event; he'll be training us on the use of the Small Group Leader's Toolbox. You won't want to miss this. Lunch and childcare will be provided by RSVP. Contact Elizabeth Wenzel at ElizabethW@wschurch.org to confirm your RSVP by Wednesday, February 17.

Small Group EXTRAVAGANZA is Thursday, March 11, 7:00-9:00pm, in Centennial Hall. This is a night of fierce competition and fun, where small groups compete to determine which is the zaniest, most creative, and most knowledgeable of useless facts. The bulk of the night will consist of trivia competitions, but points will also be given for uniforms and other creative competitions to be announced soon. Come enjoy a night of hilarity with your group. And who knows, you may just win a prize.

WORSHIP & ARTS

Dinner Theatre, February 26-28, featuring the West Side Christian Church Drama Team: "Madam's Been Murdered, Tea Will Be Late." A tempting meal of Parmesan Chicken, Fettuccini Alfredo, Italian Green Beans, Roll, Salad and Dessert will be served at 6:30pm on Friday and Saturday nights. A vegetarian option is also available. The Sunday matinee at 4pm features delectable desserts. Tickets are \$15 for the dinner shows and \$8 for the dessert matinee.

The dinner theatre will be held at Knights of Columbus on West Iles Ave. Doors open 30 minutes prior to meal time. For tickets, call the church office at 793-2800 between 8am and 4pm, Monday through Friday, or stop by the ticket counter in the concourse this Sunday. Last Day to purchase tickets is February 21.

Spring Choir begins Wednesday, March 10; all singers age 12-99 are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in the Music Room. Childcare is provided (make reservations in advance).

Adult Handbells begin Wednesday, March 10; new ringers are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm in the Music Room. Childcare is provided (make reservations in advance).

Faithful Men meet and rehearse on Sundays from 4:30-5:30pm in the Music Room.

COMMUNITY CARE

There are times when God's love is especially precious to us. Times like when we lose a loved one, or when life becomes so confusing that we do not know where to turn. At times like these, it is very important to have someone who cares. That someone is a Stephen Minister. Please call Stephanie, Director of Community Care, 793-2800 for any questions you might have.

Be a part of West Side's new Nursing Home Ministry! West Side is currently in the process of developing a formal Nursing Home Ministry. Through these future efforts, West Siders receiving nursing home care will receive one-on-one visits from volunteer leaders. Interested in assisting with this ministry? Contact Stephanie Dugan at stephanied@wschurch.org or call the church office.

Toiletry Saturday is February 20, 10:00am, on the 3rd floor of the church. If you would like to help fill bags with toiletry items,