

# WELCOME


Welcome! We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope your experience with us will be warm and relaxing.

## FOR OUR KIDS

Dear parents, we encourage you to take advantage of our children's ministry opportunities for your kids. We offer age-specific opportunities from birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during our service to help your children grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. If you are interested, one of our greeters can direct you to our children's locations.



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### West Side Church of Christ

625 Hart Rd., Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
p: 513-932-3045 | Office Hours: M-F 9-3 P.M.

#### Service Times

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 A.M.

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 A.M.

Youth Group Sunday's at 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday Night Bible Study 1:00 P.M. & 6:30 P.M. | Worship Team Practice 7:00 P.M.

Thursday Online Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

### Staff

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### What We Believe

The West Side Church of Christ exists to love and lead people to a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ. We place our complete faith and trust in Jesus Christ. We believe Jesus was born of a virgin, died for our sins in an expression of God's love, and rose from the grave. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and it has authority over our lives. We hold on to no human creed and have no church government beyond our local elders. We have no creed but Christ and no book but the Bible. We teach the divine plan for salvation: Faith (Mk. 16:16), Repentance (Acts2:38), Confession (Matt. 10:32,33), Believers Immersion (Gal. 3:27), and Holy Living (1 Cor. 6:11). Finally, we believe we are Christians only, not the only Christians.



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## December 17, 2023 | Sermon Notes

Footsteps to the Christmas Promise  
The Next Steps: The Promise of the Messiah  
Luke 2:22-35 (Page 1027 in the Pew Bible)

- Simeon was \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of seeing the consolation of Israel. – Genesis 3:15, Genesis 15:13-14, Isaiah 51:3
  - The Greek word translated as consolation could also be translated as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.
- Simeon understood that Jesus was the answer to the \_\_\_\_\_, the provider of \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ for all, including the Gentiles.
- When I know Jesus as Lord, I get to reside in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ age. – Jeremiah 43:1b-3a

# West Side News and Notes

**West Side Connection Cards** ~ In the cardholders in the pews are connection cards. If you are a first-time guest or a returning guest, please take time to fill out this card so we can get to know you better. If you have a prayer concern, please write it on the back of a connection card. All cards can be placed in the Giving Box just outside the Sanctuary.

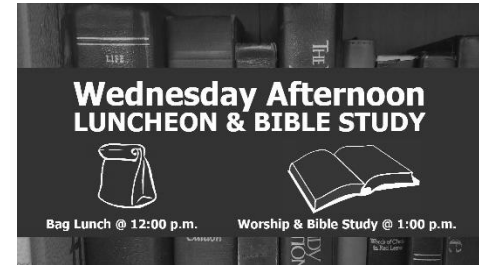
**Christmas Eve Services** ~ You are invited to join us Christmas Eve for two distinct services. On Christmas Eve morning we will have our typical Sunday morning worship service at 10:00 AM. In the evening, we will have our annual Candlelight service at 6:00 PM. Start praying today about someone you can invite to one or both of these services.

**West Side Family Christmas Tree** ~ You are invited to add an ornament to our Family Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary. You can do so between now and Christmas Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Please place an ornament you do not want back and write your family's name and the year on it. Hooks are available near the tree.

**Happy Birthday, Jesus!** ~ All children, ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us downstairs during Christmas Eve morning service to celebrate the birth of our King! There will be games, crafts, and of course, CAKE!!

**West Side Christmas Cards** ~ Don't forget to check your folder for Christmas cards in The Hub!

**Wednesday Bible's Studies** ~ Join us on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 PM, with a brown bag lunch for Bible Study. If you cannot make Wednesday afternoons, join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM.



**Sunday School** ~ Please join us Sunday mornings prior to our 10:00 service for Sunday School starting at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. Jon McCann and Eric Meilstrup are currently leading the sessions so please feel free to ask either of them any questions you may have.

**Lebanon Food Pantry** ~ For many years we have had a team serve on the second Wednesday morning of each month at the Lebanon Food Pantry. Our last team has decided to step away and a new team is currently being sought to start in January. If you would like to help fill this gap, please see Michael Dawson. If we are unable to fill a new team, we will have to give up our timeslot.

**LifeWise Support** ~ Every Friday, LifeWise Academy meets in our Fellowship Hall to teach 30+ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students from Bowman Primary God's Word. The cost to operate each month is close to \$5,000 per school building. This covers the pay of the director and teachers as well as teaching materials, insurance, and any resources used. LifeWise is looking for ongoing monthly donors who will commit to a monthly gift of \$30.00. If you would like to support this ministry personally, please pick up a donation card from the information center in The HUB. If you have any questions, please see Michael.

**Attention Westside Kid Min Volunteers** ~ Volunteers, please plan on joining the children and Crystal Dawson on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall for training and worship at 10 AM. We look forward to sharing worship with you!

**2024 Communion Preparation and Cleanup** ~ It is time again to sign up to help with communion preparation and clean-up for the upcoming year. Sign up for a month at a time. The sign-up sheet is in The Hub.

**2024 Tithing Envelopes** ~ There are Tithing envelopes for 2024 in The Hub for those who would like them. Please sign the paper with the box number and your name. Thank you for your generosity.

**Renew in the Smokies** (formerly Senior Saints in the Smokies) ~ Seniors, make plans to attend this fun-filled week down at Johnson University in Knoxville, TN. West Side goes the second week (May 27 – May 31, 2024). Brochures are in The Hub. Questions? Talk to Cheryl or Mike Fox.

**Lunch Bunch** ~ Friday, January 5, 2024 at the Frisch's in Lebanon at 12:00 PM is the next gathering of ladies for lunch. Hope to see you there.

**Church Budget Affirmation** – On Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> we held a congregational meeting to affirm the church budget. The budget was overwhelming affirmed for 2024. Thank you for affirming it and your willingness to help us meet that budget.



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## 2023 Bible Reading Plan

12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23
Philippians 1-4	1 Timothy 1-6	Titus 1-3	1 Peter 1-5	Hebrews 1-6	Hebrews 7-10	Hebrews 11-13

## Financial Report

General Fund		Building & Capital Improvements Fund	Attendance Last Week 96
Weekly Budget Need	\$4,511.65	Previous Week Offering	
Previous Week Offering	\$3,921.75	\$0.00	
Year to Date Offering	\$292,518.98	Building Fund Balance \$40,086.14	
Year to Date Budget	\$225,582.50		



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