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Ice Cream Social

Once a month during the summer months, the Thursday Night Bible study that meets at the church is sponsoring an ice cream social following Sunday evening services. We invite all West Side Christians to join us for service as we continue to study *The Story* and the fellowship with ice cream. The next social will be Sunday night August 18th.



School Supply Drive

Starting Sunday August 4th we will be collecting school supply items for Bowman Primary. We will collect these items through the month of August. You can bring your items to the church and they will be delivered Monday September 9th.

Area Men's Christian Fellowship

The next MCF event for area men and boys will be at Armco Park for a Picnic. It is on Saturday, August 3rd. We will meet at Shelter #20, starting at 2:00 pm. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Everyone bring a side dish. Activities include fishing, hiking, and yard games . . . lots of good fellowship! Mark your calendars now!



Newsletter Announcement ~ The August Issue of the Newsletter is noticeably smaller. With vacations, camp, and many other summer activities we decided to remove two pages. The missing articles will return next month.

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Evangelism News

By: Eric Meilstrup

The Evangelism Team would like to share what we have been doing so far in 2013 and what we are currently working on but first things first, let us tell you when we meet and who we are. The Evangelism team meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the church. Church members that are part of the team or have been to our meetings in the last year include Courtney Parks, Emily Parks, Jeremy Bosdell, Bill Murvay, Joy Murvay, Jane Johnson and Eric Meilstrup.

As you may have read in the last few bulletins, the team encourages anyone who wants to be involved to come to the meetings at any time. If you do not want to participate in the meetings then please contact any of the names listed above and give us feedback on anything related to evangelism. Our main goal is to define our team membership as anyone who comes to or is associated with West Side. Imagine the impact if we all can play a part in evangelizing to each other, our community and outside our community.

So far in 2013 we had many discussions about listing things we should be doing and prioritizing ourselves. So spending this time organizing ourselves has been useful and should start producing some results. To date we have created some business cards with the church service times on them to hand out to various people asking them to come visit West Side. The team offered to pay for guests to the Valentine's Dinner for any member who asked a guest to the event. We helped advertised VBS by using yard signs placed in various locations around Lebanon. The hope was to not only promote VBS but to let people know our church name and where we are located. Finally we also paid and worked the Friday evening of VBS which was an ice cream social for the kids and their families and friend who came the last night. The hope was to create a fellowship event that allowed members and guest to hang around the church and learn more about the week. We were very encouraged in how many people stayed and participated that evening.

Here are the items we are currently working on:

- How we should communicate with guest while they are at church and after they have left.
- Informational packets for guests and members.
- Gifts for guests
- Update of the website
- General Postcard with Church information on it that can be used for mailings
- Fellowship events for young adults to further connect them into the church
- Specific ways to evangelize to each other and to all ages
- Developing recommendations for the church lobby.

So everyone is invited to join us or talk to us. It has been a fun group to be a part of and we are just beginning.

Quote of the Week

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the "present." -Kung-Fu-Pando-

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Some Food For Thought

Dominating the news coverage the past couple of weeks has been the coverage and the fall out of the verdict from the Trayvon Martin Case. The predominant discussion from the very beginning has tied in with the racial tensions that exist in our country. Regardless of the verdict, regardless of what happened that night in Florida, as Christians we should be deeply concerned that racism is still alive and well in twenty-first century America.

The more I read the life and words of Christ, the more I am convinced he hates racism. Jesus entire ministry was about crossing the cultural barriers and lines. The Pharisees in Jesus day would not talk to sinners let alone eat in their homes. But what do we find Jesus doing, eating in the home of Zacheaus. Jesus told those murmuring that *"The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."* (Luke 19:10 NIV) The contemporaries of Jesus wanted nothing to do with the Samaritans. They were a half breeds; have Jews and half various races. To steer clear of them, when traveling they would walk all the way around their territory. Jesus did not. He cut through the heart of Samaria and even had a conversation with a woman at the well. Not only did he talk to a Samaritan, he talked to a woman. Jesus broke two cultural and racial barriers in one conversation. (John 4). Those are just two examples from the gospels.

We can leave the gospels and go into the writings of the Apostles. Paul in his epistles wrote often about how when we belong to Christ all racial and societal barriers are broken. Paul wrote, *"Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all."* (Colossians 3:11 NIV) That is not the only place Paul wrote such words, he also wrote, *"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* (Galatians 3:28 NIV)

I shared on social media recently these words, "The more I read the stories of Jesus the more I'm positive that he hates sexism and racism. He does not see skin color or gender he sees lost people." Friends, I firmly believe that. I hope and pray as Christians we see things the way Jesus saw things. He was willing to eat with sinners. He was willing to converse with people shunned by his religion. Jesus' followers learned this lesson. When people belong to Christ all that they saw were Christians, not the societal labels put on them by others.

Is racism alive in our country? Absolutely, and that is very saddening. As Christians we should not be adding fuel to that fire. We should see what I believe Jesus sees ... lost people in need of a savior. I pray that as a church we never notice the color of skin, the sin in ones life, or even their gender and deem them unworthy of the gospel message. Jesus died for them as much as he died for you. It is my prayer that this is the heart that drives us to love and lead people to a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ. With more of that going around, maybe the racial divisions in our world would near an end. Let's pray that it does.

In Christ's Service,
Michael Dawson ~ Associate Minister

Sermon Schedule & Preaching Notes

The Story		Everything in the Old Testament story has prepared us, pointed us to, the one defining moment in HIStory when God fulfills His ancient promises of a coming Redeemer. God will continue to work towards His goal of doing life with us through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Messiah. This month we begin to see how it all unfolds.
August 4	The Birth of the King	
August 11	Jesus' Ministry Begins	
August 18	No Ordinary Man	
August 25	Jesus, the Son of God	

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Prime Timers will be taking a break for the month of August.

The Ladies Fellowship Breakfast will be Friday August 2nd, at 9:00 a.m. at the Bob Evens in Middletown.

Matthew25 Ministry

Matthew25 Ministry is there when disaster strikes. In 2012 Matthew25 Ministry shipped 3,514,903 pounds of products to disaster areas throughout the United States. These products are outdated, slightly distressed, or overstock inventory from corporations, organizations, and or individuals in the United States. On Saturday July 6th, Eight people from West Side went to Matthew25Ministries in Blue Ash for two hours of volunteer work. Our West Side Members who went were Scott and Laura Williams, Jim and Charlene Fries, Barb and Bob Worthington and their granddaughter Delaney, and Diana Jones. This month we worked sorting and counting blankets, comforters, pillows and linens. Bob and Jim worked very hard filling the bins and sending them down the line to the rest of us for sorting. It was a blessed event and life changing experience for serving others. If you would like any more information please contact one of our West Side volunteers. Our next visit is Saturday September 7th starting at 10:00 a.m. We would love for you to join us and changing lives for Christ!

JoyBelles News and Activities

- All women are invited to our annual "Kick Off Brunch" on August 24th at 10:00 a.m. You will receive information about the coming year and enjoy a fabulous brunch! We would love to see you there and get you involved in the coming year! Please sign-up in the hall way if you would like to attend!
- Nursing Home Birthday Cake & Ice Cream is the 2nd Monday of each month. Responsible August is Melodee Ashby & Eleanor Davis.
- Rosemary Egelston will be heading up our "shut-ins" ministry. If you are interested in helping please contact Rosemary at 513-228-2544 or Jan Hollingsworth at 513-405-4418.
- Meals to Heal ~ If a West Side Christian has experienced time in the hospital we try to provide meals during time of recovery. Emily Parks will be coordinating the meals. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or are in need of a meal, please contact Emily 513-267-7951 or at emilyerin424@gmail.com or any officer.
- Officers:
 - ~**President:** Melodee Ashby 932-7943 ~**Vice President:** Debbie Van Harlingen 932-4147
 - ~**Secretary:** Laura Williams 398-3723 ~**Treasurer:** Charlotte Peek 937-866-0410
 - ~**Devotions:** Barb Worthington 933-0915

Service Times

Sunday:			Wednesday:		
Worship	9:00	AM	WORD (6-12 Grades)	6:30	PM
Bible School	10:15	AM	Bible Study	6:30	PM
Worship	11:00	AM	Choir Practice	7:45	PM
Evening Worship	6:00	PM			

Church Office Hours - Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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If you notice a mistake in a birthday please let the office know. We are continually trying to correct information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Isaiah 64-66	2 Women's Fellowship Breakfast 9 a.m. 2 Kgs. 20-21	3 Area Men Fellowship at Armco Park 2:00 p.m. Birthday: Charlene Fries Pauline Hill June Pieper 2 Chr. 32-33
4 Board Meeting 4:30 p.m. Birthday: Ryan Land Nahum 1-3	5 Birthday: Jenny Parsons Isaiah Wright Emily Reese Louise Collins 2 Kgs. 122-23 2 Chr. 34-35	6 Zeph. 1-3	7 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m. Bible Study & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Birthday: Jennifer Philippo Carrie Martin Jer. 1-3	8 Art Class 10:00 a.m. Bowerman FH & San. Birthday: Janelle Rainey Jer. 4-6	9 Bowerman FH & San. Birthday: Lydia VanHarlingen Jer. 7-9	10 Bowerman FH & San. Birthday: Tommy Williams Jer. 10-13
11 Jer. 14-17	12 Birthday: Rosalie Jones Jer. 18-22	13 Birthday: Hannah Meilstrup Jer. 23-25	14 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m. Bible Study & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Jer. 26-29	15 Art Class 10:00 a.m. Jer. 30-31	16 Jer. 32-34	17 Dan & Artie Florida Wedding Renewal 3:00 p.m. Birthday: John Hawkins Jer. 35-37
18 Ice-Cream Social 7:00 p.m. Birthday: Bill Strain Brent Wright Jim Cox Jer. 38-40 Ps. 74,79	19 2 Kgs. 24 2 Chr. 36	20 Birthday: Mike Fox Jenny Tennyson Hab. 1-3	21 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m. Bible Study & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Birthday: Jer. 41-45	22 Art Class 10:00 a.m. Jer. 46-48	23 Jer. 49-50	24 JoyBelles Kick Off Brunch 10:00 a.m. Jer. 51-52
25 Special Speaker for Sunday Night Service Lam. 1-2	26 Lam. 3-5	27 Ez. 1-4	28 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m. Bible Study & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Ez. 5-8	29 Birthday: Lew Rainey Ez. 9-12	30 Ez. 13-15	31 Ez. 16-17

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August Serving List

Position	08/04/2013	08/11/2013	08/18/2013	08/25/2013
11:00 a.m. Worship Serving				
Communion Meditation	Tim Coriell	Tim Hill	Jim Ashby	Larry Peek
Communion Prayer	Scott Williams	Lew Rainey	George VanHarlingen	Rob Wright
Offering Med/Prayer	Jim Ashby	Don Tennyson	Eric Meilstrup	Lew Rainey
	Mike Kinsworthy	Bob Worthington	Mike Fox	Jim Fries
	Greg Fisher	Bill Murvay	Tim Hill	Tim Coriell
Basement Prayer	Barry Whalen	Jim Fries	Scott Williams	George VanHarlingen
	Mike Fox	Greg Fisher	Larry Peek	Barry Whalen
	Bill Murvay	Rob Wright	Don Tennyson	Eric Meilstrup
Benediction	Scott Williams	Lew Rainey	Mike Fox	Rob Wright
Home Communion	Scott Williams Don Land	Rob Wright Tim Hill	Eric Meilstrup Courtney Parks	Lew Rainey Jeremy Bosdell
Elder on Call	Rob Wright	Scott Williams	Eric Meilstrup	Lew Rainey
Special Music		Tim Hill and Cheryl Fox	Sound of Joy	
Greeters 9:00 A.M.				
Greeters 11:00 A.M.			Sandra Howard Kathleen Fries	Louise Collins
Sound 9:00 A.M.	Rob Wright	Rob Wright	Mike Kinsworthy	Mike Kinsworthy
Computer 9:00 A.M.	Emily Parks	Emily Parks	Emily Parks	Michael Dawson
Sound 11:00 A.M.	Marilyn Walls	Bud Baker	Marilyn Walls	Mike Kinsworthy
Computer 11:00 A.M.	Crystal Dawson	Michael Dawson	Crystal Dawson	Michael Dawson
Song Leader ~ Pianist ~ Organist ~ Praise Team ~ Tim Hill, Diane McRoberts, Arretta Rainey, Greg Fisher, Cheryl Fox				
Communion Preparation ~				
9:00 a.m. & 11:00a.m. Nursery & Extended Worship Workers				
Nursery				
• 9:00 A.M.	Gina Wright	Laura Williams	Betty Wright	Jim Ashby
• Sunday School	Gina Wright	Laura Williams	Betty Wright	Jim Ashby
• 11:00 A.M.	Lori and Emily Reese	Jan Hollingsworth Jean Christy	Kathy Weatherwax Emily Parks	Laura Williams Jean Christy
Extended Session Leaders 9:00 A.M.	Amy Land	Amy Land	Amy Land	Amy Land
Asst. 9:00 A.M.	Laura Williams	Kathy Weatherwax	Kim Baker	Laura Williams
Extended Session Leader 11:00 A.M.	Amy Land	Amy Land	Amy Land	Amy Land
Asst. 11:00 A.M.	Barb Worthington	Diana Jones	Debbie VanHarlingen	Jeanne Philipppo

As we journey through *The Story* this year we want to remind West Side Christians that this is not a replacement for your Bible. While *The Story* is the very words of God, it is not the entire Word of God. Reading *The Story* will give you a great understanding of the overall story told in the Bible, but you will be missing many great details. Because we believe daily Bible reading is essential to spiritual growth, we have created a Bible reading plan that will chronologically take you through the entire Bible in one year. You will find a reading plan listed in the calendar portion of this newsletter and can find daily thoughts from Michael Dawson on his blog www.michaeldawsononline.com. You can also pick up an entire year calendar in the stacks in the foyer.