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Matthew Ministries



Over the last several years West Side has developed a strong working partnership with Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash. The mission of Matthew 25: Ministries is to fulfill Matthew 25:34-40 by providing nutritional food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, affordable shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill, and humanitarian supplies to those in need. M25M is also an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization helping the poorest of the poor locally, regionally, nationally and internationally regardless of race, creed or political persuasion. By rescuing and reusing products from major corporations and manufacturers, Matthew 25: Ministries provides basic necessities, nutritional supplements, educational materials, micro-enterprise supplies and disaster relief across the US and worldwide. The people we help are not receiving a handout, but a helping hand.

In 2017 we are growing our partnership with M25M. In their efforts to help the poorest of the poor and disaster victims, M25M has started distributing donation bins throughout the tristate for clothing. We are excited to be the first such bin here in Lebanon. We are asking you to start sharing the location of the bin at the entrance to our parking lot with your friends and family. Please remember and share that this bin is for new and gently used clothing, new underwear and sock, and new and gently used household linens.

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Upcoming Events

Ladies Breakfast Fellowship

Join the Ladies Breakfast Fellowship on Friday, February 3rd at 9:00 A.M. at the Lebanon Frisch's.



Ministry Team Meetings

- The next Involvement Team meeting is Monday, February 13th at 7:00 P.M.
- The Evangelism Team Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00 P.M.

Charity Craft Groups

- The Tuesday Craft Group will meet on February 21st, at 2 P.M.
- The Saturday Craft Group will meet on February 11th & 25th at 10 A.M.



JoyBelles Board Meeting

The JoyBelles board will meet Thursday, February 2nd at 6 P.M. We will be planning the year ahead, discussing time/day changes for meetings. Anyone is welcome to meet with us, or talk to a board member with your suggestions.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. Please make arrangements to attend this meeting.

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Youth & Children's Ministry

WSkids ~ Praisin' Jesus in Pajamas, Sunday, February 12th for all kids. There will be pancakes and lots of fun downstairs.



Dates to Remember

April 2 nd	Eggstravagana Easter Egg Hunt
June 4 th – 8 th	Vacation Bible School
July 16 th – 21 st	Adventure 456

Children's Ministry Teaching Schedule for February 2017

	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26	
9:30 A.M.					
Nursery	Laura Williams	Betty Wright	Laura Williams	Betty Wright	
Toddler-PreK	Allie Fox	Sharon Witt	Allie Fox	Sharon Witt	
K-2 nd	Kristy Meilstrup	Allie Fox	Gina Wright	Allie Fox	
3 rd – 5 th	Melodee Ashby	J.Wright/H.Meilstrup	Melodee Ashby	J. Wright/H. Meilstrup	
11:00 A.M.					
Nursery	C.Dawson/M.Bosdell	D.Jones/J.Philippo	C.Dawson/M.Bosdell	D.Jones/J.Philippo	
Toddler-PreK	Bobbie Vires	J.Hollingsworth/ L.Bowerman	Bobbie Vires	J.Hollingsworth/ L.Bowerman	
Junior Church	Emily Bosdell	Emily Bosdell	Emily Bosdell	Emily Bosdell	

Attention Children Volunteers – If you are going to be gone during this winter, please let Emily Bosdell know. Thank you!



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Missions News



CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

For nearly 20 years, West Side has supported Adrian and Jennifer Fehl as they have partnered with Christian Missionary Fellowship (CMF) to minister to an economically deprived people in the village of Maseru in Western Ethiopia and later oversee organization efforts in the capital city of Addis Ababa. During their time in Ethiopia, the Fehls negotiated an agreement with the regional government which allowed them to begin a Community Health Program focusing on those affected by HIV/AIDS, leprosy and the orphaned and vulnerable children living on the streets. Along with other missionaries, the Fehls also served as teachers and faculty members for Bingham Academy, an international school dedicated to providing students with a high quality Christian education and an opportunity to impact the world for Christ.



In June of 2016 the Fehls completed their ministry in Ethiopia and moved back to the United States with plans to work full time in the CMF offices. During this transition, we as a church continued to support the Fehl family. In the fall it was announced that Adrian and Jennifer would be ending their partnership with CMF at the end of 2016. At the same time, CMF asked supporters to continue support through June of 2017 to help the family transition out of CMF leadership and into whatever is next. Our leadership team agreed to do that.

At this time, we do not know what is next for Adrian, Jennifer and their family. As we learn more we plan to pass it along. Moving forward, our intention as a church is to transition the funds going to the Fehls into a mission trip fund. As we plan long term as a church, one of our goals is the development of short-term mission trips. This is going to require some resources and funds, which we intend to start developing this summer through the reallocation of these funds.

Please continue to keep the Fehl family in your prayers. Thank God for His providence and blessings during their time in Ethiopia. Pray that they would seek God and His wisdom as they continue to develop what is next for their family.

We will be going to Matthew 25 on February 4th, from 10 - 12. Please sign up in the hallway, and let Laura know if you need a ride. This is a great opportunity to serve, and anyone can participate. We recently received a clothing collection box from Matthew 25. Please bring your gently used clothes and put them in the box. Matthew 25 will sort the items (that is one of the things we do there) and will send the clothing where it is needed. We are also still collecting medicine bottles for them to use. There are many ways to get involved even if you can't join us on a Saturday. Call Laura Williams at 513-398-3723 if you have questions.



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Evangelism Team

The Evangelism team is set to again meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Church. New members to the committee are welcome and if you have an interest in finding out more about the team you can contact Eric Meilstrup, Bobbie Vires, Nate Bidlack or Alaina Bidlack. We also encourage you to come to a meeting as a guest. In February, we will be meeting with the West Side staff on how we can help them in 2017. The Evangelism team again will coordinate serving community meals on any fifth Thursday throughout the year. If anyone has any evangelistic type ideas or projects feel free to talk to anyone mentioned above with your idea and thoughts.

AND NOW, A NOTE FROM AN ELDER...ROB WRIGHT

Dear Church Family,

A few months ago, as you drove down Hart Road from Bowman Primary, you might have been surprised to actually SEE the building with all of the honeysuckle bushes gone. Have you seen the playground? If you haven't had a chance, walk up the hill and see how well it turned out. As you walked into the sanctuary a few months ago, you probably noticed that there were 2 pews missing and a new sound/visual aid booth was emerging. This is something that has been needed for many years to help with the sound control in the building and to increase space for visual aid. I want to thank those who had their seats moved! This is just the beginning!

Our goal is to make the building more inviting without taking away the character. The sanctuary was built 20 years ago and hasn't had any changes or updates since then. The Elders/Design Team hired an interior designer to look at the building and give us some suggestions on how we can make it more inviting and utilize areas better. We have asked the designer to give us fresh ideas that we can review and then decide what needs to be done, if anything. I want to thank everyone that has been involved with the Property Team. We have a big year ahead of us and a lot to do! We will have a Property Team meeting in late February to share all of the exciting changes that will be happening to West Side. Watch the bulletin for details and how you can get involved with this exciting change.

Elder of Property Team,
Rob Wright

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Some Food For Thought

Southeast Christian Church, in Louisville, Kentucky, has been the largest or one of the largest churches in our fellowship for several decades. In 2015 Southeast averaged 22,927 people on the weekends and celebrated 1,654 baptisms. We should celebrate their ministry and their kingdom impact. They truly have a remarkable ministry that has led many to a life changing relationships with Jesus.



However, if they are like us, and many other churches, on any given Sunday, they have countless Southeast Christians who are not present for worship. For some they may have disconnected from the church and drifted away. For others, they may have moved away, and no “official” transfer of membership took place. For others, perhaps they are sick or homebound or out enjoying a beautiful morning on the golf course.

While their attendances numbers averaged nearly 23,000 each weekend, there is no doubt that on their membership books were the names of thirty to forty thousand individual’s, if not more (My own personal guess with no official confirmation reported). Sometimes “mega churches” get a bad rap. Some say they are soft. Others say they do not require anything of their members. Others lobby that large churches are where people go to blend in and ride the bench. Southeast knows that and has heard all the labels. But that is not who they want to be. Recognizing they have many who claim Southeast as home, but occasionally attend, they took action.

In November of 2015 Southeast did something remarkable. They started the weekend of November 7/8th, with zero members. What that means is they completely cleared their membership rosters. Not even the senior minister or the elders of the church were members anymore. That weekend they asked their members to declare “I’m In.” When I listened to the weekend message and when I listened to the reasons, I was impressed. The leadership decided they wanted membership at Southeast to mean something. They wanted people to declare that they are on board with the vision and the direction of the church. They wanted people to declare that they were not there to ride the bench but to actively serve. Needless to say, I was moved.

For the past year, I have been praying about this idea and dreaming about what it could mean for West Side. On February 12th, we are going to ask you to make a similar a commitment. Now, we are not going to wipe our membership roster clean but we are going to ask you to declare that you are “All In.” There are three areas we asking you to make this declaration; in your worship, in your study, and in your service. We are asking each West Side Christian to at the minimum each week worship, study, and serve, one hour each a week. As we prepare for February 12th, I ask that you please pray and ask God to move your heart.

In Christ’s Service ~ Michael

Sermon Schedule & Preaching Notes

I’m All In

Feb 5	I Will Study 1 Hour
Feb 12	I’m All In
Feb 19	7 Churches of Revelation Intro
Feb 26	A Careless Church

I’m All In. That is our rallying cry as we start this new year. On Sunday February 12th, we are asking each West Side Christian to declare their commitment to the West Side Church of Christ. Once we do that, we will begin a new series looking at Jesus’ warning to seven churches in the book of revelation. To a few churches Jesus had praise. To others He came at them with a very corrective tone. If we are going to be all in, we must examine if we have any of the pitfalls that Jesus directs criticism toward in these seven churches.

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast @ Racetrack	2 6 P.M. JoyBelles Board Meeting 7 P.M Small Group 7:30 P.M. Band Exodus 10-12	3 9 A.M. Ladies Fellowship Breakfast at Frisch's Carol Hager Exodus 13-15	4 Exodus 16-18
5 5-S Luncheon No evening Services Stephen Burnside Exodus 19-21	6 Exodus 22-24	7 12:30 P.M. Small Group 7 Evangelism Team Exodus 25-27	8 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast @ Racetrack 6:30 P.M. Small Groups 7:45 P.M. Choir Exodus 28-29	9 7 P.M Small Group 7 P.M. Band Practice Exodus 30-32	10 Madison King Kristy Meilstrup Exodus 33-35	11 10 A.M. Craft Group 12 P.M. Reese/Duff Fellowship Hall Exodus 36-38
12  Love Sunday 4 P.M. Board Meeting 5:30 P.M. Youth Group 6 P.M Evening Service Kim Baker Exodus 39-40	13 7 P.M. Involvement Team Lev. 1-4	14  12:30 P.M. Small Group Rosemary Egelston Caroline Moeller Shawn Retherford Lev. 5-7	15 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast @ Racetrack 6:30 P.M. Small Groups 7:45 P.M. Choir Ginger Harris Lev. 8-10	16 7 P.M Small Group 7 P.M. Band Practice Lev. 11-13	17 Lev. 14-15	18 Lev. 16-18
19 5:30 P.M. Youth Group 6 P.M. Evening service Lev. 19-21	20 Tim Stewart Lev. 22-23	21 12:30 P.M. Small Group 2 P.M. Craft Group Rob Wright Lev. 24-25	22 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast @ Racetrack 6:30 P.M. Small Groups 7:45 P.M. Choir Lev. 26-27	23 7 P.M. Small Group 7 P.M. Band Practice Numbers 1-2	24 Cheryl Fox Numbers 3-4	25 10 A.M. Craft Group Numbers 5-6
26 5:30 P.M. Youth Group 6 P.M. Evening service Numbers 7	27 Jaron Land Tyler Land Numbers 8-10	28 12:30 Small Group Pete Ream Numbers 11-13				

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FEBRUARY 2017 SERVING SCHEDULE

Position	2/5/17	2/12/17	2/19/17	2/26/17	
9:30 A.M. Serving Schedule					
Greeters	Meilstrup Family	Bobbie Vires	Russ & Arlene Moore	Bobbie Vires	
Communion	Mike Fox	Jeremy Bosdell	Brent Wright	Rob Wright	
Offering	Mike Fox	Jeremy Bosdell	Brent Wright	Rob Wright	
11 A.M. Serving Schedule					
Greeters	Betty Wright	Nancy Weltz	Louise Collins	Nancy Weltz	
Communion	Rob Wright	Lew Rainey	Scott Williams	Jim Ashby	
Meditation/Prayer					
Offering Med./Prayer	Mike Fox	Tim Coriell	Jeremy Bosdell	Les Spence	
	Brent Wright	Bob Worthington	Mickey Witt	Scott Williams	
	George Van Harlingen	Don Tennyson	Shawn Retherford		
	Tim Hill	Kevin Conley	Greg Fisher	Nate Bidlack	
	Jim Ashby	Nate Bidlack	Kevin Conley	Tim Coriell	
	Greg Fisher	Jim Fries	Mike Fox	Shawn Retherford	
Basement Prayer	Lew Rainey	George Van Harlingen	Tim Hill	Jim Fries	
Benediction	Jim Ashby	Scott Williams	Lew Rainey	Rob Wright	
Home Communion	Lew Rainey/ Larry Peek	Scott Williams	Rob Wright	Eric Meilstrup	
Elder on Call	Scott Williams	Rob Wright	Eric Meilstrup	Lew Rainey	
Special Music		West Side Choir		West Side Choir	
Sound 9:00 A.M.					
Computer 9:00 A.M.	Gina Wright	Allie Fox	Crystal Dawson	Gina Wright	
Sound 11:00 A.M.	Cheryl Fox	Rob Wright	Brent Wright	Jeremy Bosdell	
Computer 11:00 A.M.	Jeremy Bosdell	Gina Wright	Cheryl Fox	Crystal Dawson	
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Toddler-PreK	Bobbie Vires	J.Hollingsworth/ L.Bowerman	Bobbie Vires	J.Hollingsworth/ L.Bowerman	
Junior Church	Emily Bosdell	Crystal Dawson	Emily Bosdell	Emily Bosdell	

Service Times

Sunday:

Contemporary Worship 9:30 A.M.
 Bible School 9:30 A.M.
 Traditional Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Jr./Sr. High Youth 5:30 P.M.
 Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Study 6:30 P.M.
 Bible Study 6:30 P.M.
 Choir Practice (Sept.-May) 7:45 P.M.

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

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