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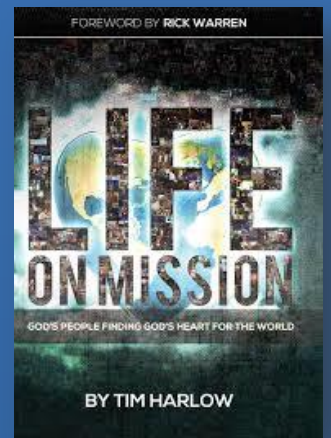


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LIFE ON MISSION

Could you define your life as a life on mission? Do you know what your living for and why? Many of us who know and follow Jesus would claim we want a life on mission but were not quite sure exactly what that looks like. We invite you to join us in 2015 as we spend the year learning what it means to live "Life on Mission." We also encourage you to pick up Tim Harlow's book of the same name *Life on Mission: God's people finding God's heart for the world.* This resource will be a companion throughout the course of the year. We will begin our journey with Life on Mission Sunday January 4, 2015.



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2014 saw many physical projects around the church tackled and completed. Thank you to everyone who helped make these projects a reality.

• **Major Projects**

- Roof Replacement
- Hallway, Office, Nursery, and Conference room carpet replacement
- Parking lot water control problems corrected
- Problems in Basement Fixed
 - Drywall removed by licensed company
 - Exposed block wall painted
 - Outside channel filled with rock to direct water to retention pond

• **Minor Projects**

- Trim painted in Conference Room
- Window Sills in Sanctuary painted
- Basement classrooms painted
- Offices and Nursery painted
- New office furniture for Ministers office purchased
- New Thermostats installed in Sanctuary
- Landscaping cleaned up and damaged plants removed
- All florescent light bulbs were replaced and repaired
- Door closer replaced or repaired
- Installation of two 40" LED TV's in the Junior Church and Youth rooms
- Sounds system equipment enhancements

• **Projects Underway**

- Removal of tile floor in basement and new floor treatment
- Replacing trim work from work in basement
- Parking lot lights timer adjustments and bulb replacement

Quote of the Month

"We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God."
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer ~



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Youth Group News

We would like to invite all grades 7th -12th to join us on Sunday nights at 5:30 p.m. for Youth Group! You will experience a great night of fun, fellowship, great devotion, games, and so much more. We hope to see you and your friends there!



TCTC 2015

We are so excited to go to TCTC 2015 this year! It is just around the corner and we have officially started the count down! TCTC is held annually in Gatlinburg, Tn. from January 9th -11th. We will be meeting at the church on January 8th at 4:30 p.m. to begin our travels to Tn. If you have not yet signed up, but want to go it's not too late! Registration is \$70 until January 4th and then will go up to \$80 at the door.

Parents Please Take Note

The majority of the trip has been paid for, but you will still need to make sure your child has enough money for 5 meals. We will provide breakfast each morning and will have one lunch together that the kids will not have to pay for. They are also more than welcome to pack personal snacks for the weekend. Your child will also need money for any extra events they may want to do during free time. If you need any assistance with this please let us know and we can work out accommodations on a case by case basis.

Each child will also need a permission slip packet filled out before departure. These forms will be provided to you by Emily Parks. We will also provide you with a school excuse for the Friday they will be missing.

TCTC Checklist:

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Notepad and Pen
- ☐ Money for meals
- ☐ Money for souvenirs
- ☐ Phone or tablet
- ☐ Clothes for 3 days
- ☐ Coat, hat, gloves
- ☐ Bathroom items
 - Toothbrush & toothpaste
 - Soap/Shampoo/Conditioner
- ☐ Bathing suit (one-piece for girls)
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Pillow and blanket
- ☐ Snacks

For more information please check out our newsletter on our youth's Facebook page. If you have any addition questions please see Emily and Jeremy Bosdell or Emily Parks. Thanks!

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Some Food For Thought

This past year was a remarkable year in the history of the West Side Church of Christ. We began 2014 with a leadership change from Marty Egelston to me as the Senior Minister. I cannot begin to thank Marty enough for his ministry and care over our congregation the past twenty years. His ministry laid a beautiful foundation upon which I will work to build.

Not only did we see a transition in leadership, but our Elders took a step of faith and decided to hire a leadership coach to give guidance and direction as we seek God's plans for our church. David Vaughan has helped us begin the process of bringing clarity and vision to our ministry model. He has taught us some tools to use as we seek to lead God's people where God is leading us

On top of those two big areas of change, we experienced God at work in many wonderful ways. God ended our 3+ years of budget deficits, and as of this writing, we look to finish 2014 at least \$14,000 ahead of our budgeted needs. In this process I believe God taught us to trust Him and not ourselves. Along the lines of trusting God we saw two major projects completed; replacing worn carpet in our hallway and office spaces as well as a complete roof replacement.

While we may not have seen the numerical growth many in the church desire to see, we did baptize 4 people into a life saving relationship with Jesus Christ and welcomed at least 5 new church members. But our growth did not stop with those 9 people ... I was witness to the spiritual growth of many in our congregation. As we finish the year we currently have a small but active Sunday and Wednesday night Bible study groups, as well as an additional five small groups that meet throughout the week. Through our *Not a Fan* and *Weird* series we saw many people look at the way they "follow" Jesus in a whole new light. 2014 has certainly been a year of growth.

This past year has also seen its heartache, pain and suffering. Several families in our church enter the new year mourning the loss of their loved ones. Others have found their bodies ailing, their church attendance slipping, and their life situations changing. Even through this, it has been a pleasure as your minister to watch the church be the church and to see the love you all show for one another. Well done West Side!

As we turn our attention to 2015, as we seek our new theme of Life on Mission, let me challenge you to continue the growth we have seen and experienced in 2014. I hope you are as excited for what God has in store for 2015 as I am!

In Christ's Service ~ Michael Dawson, Senior Minister



Sermon Schedule & Preaching Notes

LIFE ON MISSION

January 4	Life on Mission
January 11	Guest Speaker Tom Moll
January 18	Life on Mission
January 25	Life on Mission

Before Jesus ascended into heaven He gave His disciples a great commission. The book of Matthew records the command to make disciples by going, baptizing and teaching (Matthew 28:19-20). The book Acts records Jesus strategy for doing just that ... "And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8). Life on Mission, our theme for 2015, will teach us how we can intentionally fulfill Jesus' commission.



Missions News

Teen Mission, USA



Teen Mission, USA is an organization dedicated to sharing God's love with teenagers and to lead them to serve Christ through their local churches. Ken Henderson of our congregation began TM USA in 1970 and continues to serve in an advisory capacity. Since its beginning, Teen Mission has sponsored mission trips involving teens under adult supervision. The teens help construct or repair houses, schools and church buildings, assist with Vacation Bible School programs and worship services, and do street witnessing sharing their story as they have opportunity.

TM has taken almost 3000 persons on work, teaching and evangelistic trips to 70 locations in more than 20 countries. West Side partnered with Teen Mission in the summer of 2003 when we sent a group of 12 to work with the Yakama Indians in Washington State.

With the current state of affairs throughout the world, please take a moment now to thank God for the ministry of TM and to pray for continued safety for the mission teams as they travel.



Monthly Recipe

New Year's Dessert: Sparkling Sugared Cranberries

<http://www.yoursouthernpeach.com>

2 cups fresh cranberries, rinsed and patted dry, 1 cup good maple syrup, 1 cup granulated sugar

Rinse and dry cranberries and set aside. Heat maple syrup in a small pan over low heat just until warm. (Important: If the syrup is too hot, the berries will pop!) Pour the warm syrup over cranberries. Allow to cool, then cover and refrigerate overnight. Drain cranberries in a colander for about 15 to 20 minutes. Do not rinse. Add 1/2 cup sugar to a shallow baking dish. Then add 4-5 cranberries at a time and gently toss to coat. Add remaining sugar as needed to coat the remaining cranberries. (By working in small batches with the sugar and cranberries, it allows for an even coat of sugar with minimal clumps.) Place sugared cranberries on a baking sheet, lined with parchment paper. Let cranberries stand until dry. Serve immediately or refrigerate for future use.

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Prime Timers will be getting together on
January 17th at 6:00 p.m.

The ladies fellowship breakfast will meet
at the Frisch's in Lebanon on January 2nd
at 9:00 a.m.



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Women's Ministry

- ❖ Thank you to everyone who took part during the Christmas season! It was a great 2014 year for our Women's Ministry program! Make sure that you are always keeping up to date in our weekly bulletin with new events and actives that may be happening! We hope to see even a bigger turn out throughout 2015!
- ❖ All Ladies are invited to join us, here at the church, for our monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m.! Our program for the evening will be brought to us by the Rape Crisis Center. Hostess will be Laura Williams.
- ❖ We are making and donating Love Pillows to the women's shelter. This is an ongoing project and we will be actively collecting items for the pillows. We need the following items to put in the pillowcases; hair brushes, combs, training pants, coloring books, crayons, books, barrettes, toys, cars, trucks, and white socks of all sizes. Thank you for your donations!
- ❖ Mark your calendars for Sunday February 1st for The Year End Banquet/5 S Dinner. More details to come!

Mission Project Elizabeth New Life Center

During the month of January we will be focusing on the Elizabeth New Life Center. This center is one of the largest pregnancy resource centers in the country serving the Dayton metro region and Southwest Ohio. This center assists thousands of clients annually through their interventions, preventions, education, and support services. Long ago, they made it their mission to empower individuals to choose life by showing them the compassion and love of Christ. They then designed and implemented core programs to affirm life and to strengthen fragile families. They are saving babies and changing lives. One of our greatest ways that we can take part, as the West Side Women's Ministry, in this amazing center is by collecting change in premade baby bottles throughout the year. These Baby bottles are located in the foyer at church and are not collected till the end of the year! We also do other activates to help out, so always keep your eyes opened for more details on how to take part!

Women's Ministry: JoyBelles Officers

❖ President: **Melodee Ashby**

❖ Treasurer: **Charlotte Peek**

❖ V. President: **Debbie VanHarlingen**

❖ Devotions: **Kay Weisbrodt**

❖ Secretary: **Laura Williams**

❖ Publication Secretary: **Jan Hollingsworth**

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Matthew Ministries

Update from Laura Williams

On December 5th we had a great time volunteering at Matthew 25 Ministries. Our volunteers were Carl Hager, Luther Stevens, and Laura Williams. Within this group we had West Siders who have been volunteering for years and “new bees!” Carl has been personally volunteering with Matthew 25 Ministries for eight years and it was a blessing to see him and a first timer Luther working side by side! Both have great stories to share with you. I would encourage you to ask Carl and Luther about their experiences with Matthew 25 Ministries and make sure to ask Luther about his personal tour of the global village. During our volunteering session we were given the privilege to sort through personal clothing donations which were donated by the public. I was also able to take a large bag of gallon jugs and pill bottles with me that you (West Siders) donated! Thank you so much for these donations! It has been a blessing to the ministry and we would love to continue to donate. If you would like to donate pill bottles and gallon jugs please bring these items to church and I will make sure they get to Matthew 25 Ministries. Thank you again to everyone who is donating to and volunteering at Matthew 25 Ministries!

A Personal Thank You from Matthew 25 Ministries

Matthew 25: Ministries is especially thankful this time of year for each person who is involved in our ministry, whether through volunteering your time or the giving of funds or products. Together we are making a big difference throughout the world. This year alone we have shipped over 700 containers of product, helping over 17 million people worldwide. In addition to our ongoing shipments of aid, M25M has recently distributed winter clothing to students in Appalachia and helped orphans in Haiti. Thank you for helping us care for a needy world throughout the year!



Our next visit to Matthew 25 will be Saturday February 7th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. With the holidays over this will be a great time for you and your family to get involved. Any questions please see Laura or Scott Williams.

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College Student Prayer Partners



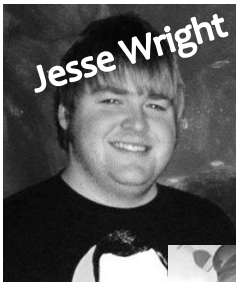
Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to be a prayer partner to a college student this school year. All of the college students have been paired with at least one West Side Christian who is dedicated to praying. It is never too late to become involved. If you haven't signed up, but would like to, please contact the church office or Kristy (eric-kristy@go-concepts.com or 513-932-1818). We are excited to share with you that we will be highlighting a college student's current life each month!

Our College Student of the Month...

Dear **W**est **S**ide **C**hristians,

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Our College Kids!



Jesse Wright



Ambra Prescott



Lexi Parsons



Jacob Wolf



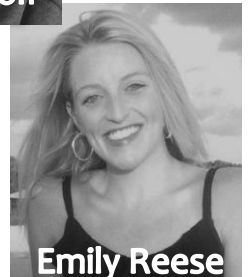
Jessica Mink



Allie Fox



Jennifer Philippo



Emily Reese

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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 Birthday Ron Weisbrodt	2 Ladies Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 a.m.	3
4 Fellowship Breakfast 10:15 a.m.	5	6 12:30 Lew's Small Group FH	7 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Bible Study 6:30pm	8 Teens Leave for TCTC	9 TCTC in Gatlinburg Birthday Courtney Parks Bill Woodrum	10 TCTC in Gatlinburg
12 TCTC in Gatlinburg Birthday Lydia Bastin	13 JoyBelles Women's Ministry 7 pm	14 12:30 Lew's Small Group FH	15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Bible Study 6:30pm	16	17	18 Prime Timers 6:00 pm Birthday Lexi Parsons
19	20 Birthday Kennedi Conley	21 12:30 Lew's Small Group FH	22 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Bible Study 6:30pm Birthday Brendon Nerenberg Rebecca Bosdell	23	24 Birthday Amy Land	25
26	27 Birthday Kathy Weatherwax	28 12:30 Lew's Small Group FH	29 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Bible Study 6:30pm	30 Birthday Marvin Humphreys	31	

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January Serving List

Position	1/04/14	1/11/14	1/18/14	1/25/14
9:00 a.m. Communion and Offering Schedule				
Communion	Jeremy Bosdell	Bud Baker	Eric Meilstrup	Courtney Parks
Offering	Eric Meilstrup	Lew Rainey	Don Land	Rob Wright
11:00 a.m. Communion and Offering Schedule				
Communion	Jim Ashby	Tim Coriell	Eric Meilstrup	Tim Hill
Meditation/Prayer				
Offering Med/Prayer	George VanHarlingen	Lew Rainey	Scott Williams	Rob Wright
	Greg Fisher	Brian Hill	Tim Hill	Bill Murvay
	Lew Rainey	George VanHarlingen	Barry Whalen	Scott Williams
	Bob Worthington	Don Tennyson	Marty Egelston	Pete Reams
	Brian Hill	Jim Fries	Jim Ashby	Tim Coriell
	Tim Hill	Bill Murvay	Lew Rainey	Kevin Conley
	Rob Wright	Marty Egelston	Pete Reams	Don Tennyson
Basement Prayer	Barry Whalen	Scott Williams	Jim Fries	Eric Meilstrup
Benediction	Jim Ashby	Marty Egelston	Scott Williams	Tim Hill
Home Communion	Lew Rainey Don Land	Eric Meilstrup Bud Baker	Rob Wright Tim Hill	Rob Wright Larry Peek
Elder on Call	Scott Williams	Eric Meilstrup	Rob Wright	Lew Rainey
Special Music				
Greeters 9:00 A.M.				
Greeters 11:00 A.M.				
Sound 9:00 A.M.	Rob Wright	Mike Kinsworthy	Rob Wright	Mike Kinsworthy
Computer 9:00 A.M.	Cheryl Fox	Emily Parks	Jeremy Bosdell	Gina Wright
Sound 11:00 A.M.	Bud Baker	Bud Baker	Rob Wright	Cheryl Fox
Computer 11:00 A.M.	Crystal Dawson	Cheryl Fox	Gina Wright	Crystal Dawson
Communion Preparation ~				
Song Leader ~ Larry Peek, Charlotte Peek, Debbie VanHarlingen, Lexie Kinsworthy				
9:00 a.m. & 11:00a.m. Nursery & Extended Worship Team Members				
Nursery				
• 9:00 A.M.	Betty Wright	Jim Ashby	Kathy Weatherwax	Kim Baker
• Sunday School	Betty Wright	Jim Ashby	Kathy Weatherwax	Kim Baker
• 11:00 A.M.	Laura Williams	Betty Wright	Jan Hollingsworth	Lori Reese
Extended Session Crew Members 9:00 A.M.	Gina Wright Kim Baker	Laura Williams Kathy Weatherwax	Halee Wright Jaron Land	Amy Land Tracy Conley
Extended Session Crew Member 11:00 A.M.	Barb Worthington	Diana Jones	Laura Williams	Kathy Weatherwax

Service Times

Sunday:

Contemporary Worship 9:00 AM
 Bible School 10:15 AM
 Traditional Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30 PM
 Choir Practice 7:45 PM

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

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