

Tuesday for 14 weeks from 6:45-8:00pm. For more information, please check out our website at www.wschurch.org; to register, please contact Diana Grooms at 793-2800.

Growing Through Grief begins Tuesday, February 10, 7:00pm, in Conference Room West. This 10-week class is for adults who have lost a loved one. To sign up, call the church office at 793-2800.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN IN STUDY will begin their winter session on Wednesday, January 28 (either 9:00-11:00am or 6:30-8:00pm) through March 18, 2009.

SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFT NIGHT is February 6, 6:30pm – midnight, Centennial Hall 3. Bring your own supplies and a snack to share. Contact Joni Colle at 787-6246, 725-6715 or jdcolle@gmail.com.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men of West Side, it's time to Man-Up! All men are invited to participate in a morning Bible study entitled *Man-up! How the Fruit of the Spirit Can Make You a New Man* beginning with a kick-off breakfast Thursday, February 12, and running through Thursday, March 26. Coffee and doughnuts are available each week starting at 6:30am. Each 45 minute study begins at 6:45am and ends promptly at 7:30am. This 7-week study will be co-taught by Eddie Lowen and West Side's new Men's Ministry Minister, Andrew Fitzgibbon. Come eat, study, fellowship, and get acquainted with our new man, Fitz!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Grow! The next GROW is Friday, January 23 at 7:00pm. GROW is a monthly opportunity for young adults to grow deeper in their faith. We will meet at 2043 Briarcliff Drive, home of John & Becky Minick. For more information, contact John Minick at johnm@wschurch.org.

Super Bowl Party: Whether you want to watch the big game or just gather with friends, this is the party for you. Patrick Barnthson is hosting the party at 1721 W. Iles Ave. The game starts at 5:00, but guests are welcome any time after 4:00. Due to limited parking, guests are asked to park in the Hobby Lobby parking lot (Iles and Chatham Rd) and call 622-5101 for a ride to the house. Bring a snack and 2-liter of soda to share. For more information contact Patrick at pbarn65@gmail.com.

Small Groups: If you would like to get connected with other young adults, visit the Small Group counter in the Concourse this Sunday, January 25.

MISSIONS

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC short-term mission trip is February 28 – March 7. The team would like to take medicine and summer clothing for children and adults when they go; please leave donations in the bin near the Main Entrance. Monetary contributions may also be made to help purchase needed medicines at wholesale prices. Medicines needed include: *pinworm medication, scabies ointment, medication to treat ringworm and scalp ringworm (a good dandruff shampoo), medication to treat nail fungus, any anti-fungal ointment or cream, antibiotics like Ciprofloxacin, Septra DS or Azithromycin), allergy medications like Claritin, Loratadine, Zyrtec, adult and children's vitamins, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, latex gloves for the physicians, dental items (toothpaste/toothbrushes)*. For more information, please contact Gary Winkleman at 793-2800 or garyw@wschurch.org.

THIS 'N THAT

Food Pantry: Join us on Saturday, January 31 at 10:00am on the third floor. We will be preparing toiletry bags for the entire month of February and we need your help! To sign up, please contact Diana Grooms at dianag@wschurch.org or 793-2800.

Upwards Concessions: Every February and March the students of West Side have an opportunity to raise funds to offset the expense of summer trips by working the Upwards' concession stand on Friday nights and Saturdays. Stop by the Upward counter in the Concourse this Sunday and pick up a card that lists a concession item needed, price, and location where it can be picked up. Thanks for your generosity!

The Single Parents will have a brunch on February 7, 8:30-11:30am in CHI. Bring a friend! Juice and coffee will be provided. Please bring your favorite breakfast/lunch item to share. Childcare is available if notified in advance. Contact Kim Rigney at Rigney@xanadoo.com or 525-2896 for more information.

Please Check Centennial Hall Kitchen by January 31 for leftover casserole dishes, pans, or other items left from funeral dinners, socials, etc.

Lewis Memorial Christian Village is in need of body powder, shampoo, lotion and body wash for the shopping cart. Items may be left at the church office (2nd floor).

Congratulations to Shane & Faith Watkins on the birth of their son, **GRIFFIN LYLE**, who was born January 7, weighing 9 lbs. 3 oz.!

Thank you to the West Side staff and friends for their prayers, hospital visits, cards and calls regarding Bud's recent hospitalization. **Bud & Velma Hulbert & Family**

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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PERSONNEL UPDATES

Andrew "Fitz" Fitzgibbon is our new Director of Small Group Ministry and Men's Ministry. Fitz has served on staff at Lincoln Christian College for the past three years, providing leadership for several vital campus life areas. Fitz will graduate from Lincoln Christian Seminary in May of 2009 with a Master of Divinity degree in General Theology. He and his wife, Jen, are the parents of three children -- Abi (4), Lydia (2) and Ethan (6 months).

Stephanie Dugan is our new Director of Community Care and will oversee our support groups, benevolence and care ministries. Stephanie is finishing her Master of Arts degree in Human Development Counseling and comes to us after more than four years on staff at Illinois College in Jacksonville. Stephanie and her husband, Josh, have been members at West Side for the last several years and have served in a number of volunteer roles during that time.

Patrick Barnthson is our new Systems Administrator. Patrick comes to us from Nelson Systems where he was their Trainer and Systems Configuration Specialist. Patrick will be assisting with the IT needs at WSCC, SCS, and CDCC. He is a West Side member and has been faithfully serving in several ministry areas for the past several years.

FOR OUR GUESTS

New to West Side? Visit our website, www.wschurch.org, and click on the "New To West Side" button; you will find up-to-date information that will help you connect to life at West Side.

Welcome Center: Guests are invited to stop by the Welcome Center any Sunday morning to meet some of our staff, grab a gourmet beverage at Guest Perking and receive a gift.

Questions? If you have questions about your faith or WSCC, please contact Robin Pickett at robinp@wschurch.org or 793-2800, ext. 3417.

NEW WORSHIP SERIES

One Month To Live - begins February 8

Are you suffering from "someday" syndrome – always waiting

for some day when your schedule calms down, your finances improve, or your kids grow up so you can begin to live the life you've always dreamed of? Consider how your perspective would change if you found out you had just 30 days to live. After the initial shock, you'd probably resolve to squeeze all you could from the days that remain. You can live this way now, thriving in a life of passion and purpose.

One Month To Live is an invitation to completely alter the rest of your life – however many days that may include. By talking about the importance and urgency of each of our lives, we hope to become people who “seize the day” and “live every moment.” Join us in worship on Sunday mornings as we take this challenge together!

February 8 – Live Passionately

February 15 – Love Completely

February 22 – Learn Continuously

March 1 – Leave Courageously

SMALL GROUPS

READY to CONNECT? Sign up to join one of West Side's many small groups. Groups meet regularly in homes throughout the Springfield area and are the ideal place to live out your faith alongside others from our church family. You can sign up for a group at the Small Group Table in the Concourse THIS Sunday, January 25. Contact Kira Mulvany, Director of Involvement, for more information, kiram@wschurch.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

READY to SERVE? Each week, we take communion to West Side members who are homebound and hospitalized. Several new team members are needed. To learn more about serving as a Homes and Hospital volunteer, our Sunday morning Communion & Offering Team, OR the variety of other ways you can serve, click here.

VIP SIGN-UP is February 8 and 15. VIPs help in many areas to keep our building and grounds in excellent condition. ONE chore, ONE weekend a month for ONE year! Individuals, families and small groups are encouraged to sign up at the counter in the Concourse on February 8 and 15. Questions? Contact Jim Dilly at 793-2800, ext. 3415 or jimd@wschurch.org.

UPCOMING ELECTIVE CLASS

The Joy of Prayer: Larry Lewis will facilitate this 8-week series on prayer that is produced and presented on DVD by Alvin J. VanderGriend. The series will start February 1, 9:30am, in the SCS Library. To register, email betsy1@wschurch.org; all are welcome.

Revelation: Dr. Robert Lowery from Lincoln Christian Seminary will join us for a four-week elective beginning Sunday, February 8, 9:30am, in the Cafeteria. To register for his continued teaching on the Book of Revelation, email electives@wschurch.org and indicate that you are registering for the Revelation class. Attending Dr. Lowery's other classes is not a prerequisite.

Revolutionary Parenting: Raising a spiritual champion takes Revolutionary Parenting. West Side's Parenting Ministry will be leading a four-week elective on George Barna's book beginning February 15, at 11:00am in Centennial Hall. Come and find out what the research shows really works and how other parents have successfully raised thriving adult Christians. Discounted copies of the books will be available for purchase in the Concourse on February 22 and March 1. No registration is required; everyone is welcome.

WORSHIP/ARTS/TECH

Children's Choirs begin Sunday, January 25 through March 22, 4:00pm.

- 4's, 5's, and K in the Music Room
- 1st-3rd grades in the Chapel
- 4th – 5th grades in CH 3

Adult Handbells: Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00pm in the Music Room; **Adult Choir:** Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in the Music Room; **Faithful Men:** Sundays at 4:45pm in the Music Room

Traditional Worship: Interested in participating musically? Call Mike Harney at 793-2800 or mikeh@wschurch.org.

FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Youth Groups for Children, age 3 – 5th grade, begin Sunday, January 25, 4:00-4:45pm.

I am Children's Worship Volunteers Needed! Power House is our weekly worship service for kids, grades K-5th. Interested in sharing God's love with a small group of kids? This is a once-a-month commitment and we need your help. Contact Brigitte at greenboys4@comcast.net for more details.

STUDENT LIFE (High School)

High School Parent Meeting is Sunday, January 25, 6:00-7:00pm, in the AP Room. Hear about the cool things planned for this semester and how to get ready for our summer events.

Super Bowl Party: Come hang out with us, watch some football and eat some food on Sunday, February 1, 5:00pm, in E205.

Upwards Concessions: Every February and March the students of West Side have an opportunity to raise funds to offset the expense of summer trips by working the Upwards' concession stand on Friday nights and Saturdays. In the past, students have averaged about \$15 an hour toward their trips. If students would like to help with concessions this spring, there are opportunities to sign up at the Upwards' counter in the Concourse.

STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High)

Fuel Dodgeball Tournament: Wednesday, February 11 from 6:30-8pm. Invite your friends!

Believe Conference: March 20-21 in St. Louis. Sign up and pay (\$110) by Wednesday, February 18

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Building An Unbreakable Marriage: A Marriage Preparation Course: Want to get your marriage off to a strong start? Join us on Sunday, February 22, for an Introductory Meeting. At this gathering, engaged couples will be given an opportunity to hear more about the course and determine if it is right for them. Gather details at <http://www.wschurch.org/marriage>. Those planning to attend the informational meeting should RSVP to Lance or Mindy Ely at lery@lunarpxl.com.

SINGLES MINISTRY

Singles Volleyball: There is no volleyball January 30 through April 3 due to Upward Basketball.

City Basketball Tournament is Saturday, January 24. Meet at 5:00pm at Fulgenzi's Pizza, then head to the games at the Convention Center or join others for a movie at Showplace 8.

Talk It Over! Join us Friday, January 30, beginning at 6:00pm in Centennial Hall. Andy Morgan will lead the discussion on Relationships & Dating. Sign up in Singles ABF for childcare.

Super Bowl Party: Watch the big game on a widescreen February 1 in the Cafeteria at West Side. We'll begin at 4:00pm. Ladies bring food to share; guys bring chips and soda.

Upcoming DVD Series: On February 6, we'll begin a 6-week video series, *Living Pure in an Impure World* by Dennis Franck. This series will address issues many singles and young adults face regarding issues of sexuality. We highly encourage singles and young adults to attend. We'll meet in E205 at 6:00pm. Please sign up if you need childcare.

COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRIES

Broken Promise is our divorce recovery program for children, 4 years old up to 8th grade, and one of their parents. The next session begins Tuesday, January 27, and meets every