

adults face regarding issues of sexuality; singles and young adults are encouraged to attend.

Ladies' Night Out (Valentine's dinner) is Saturday, February 14, 6:00pm. Sign up at Singles ABF or call the church office; please indicate childcare needs.

Creative Day at China Towne: Ladies, here's your second opportunity to paint ceramics with our group. If you don't work Monday, February 16 (Presidents' Day), why not join us at 10am at China Towne for a little creative fun? (Located at West White Oaks Dr.)

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The next **GROW** is Friday, February 20, 7:00pm, at 2043 Briarcliff Drive, home of John & Becky Minick. GROW is a monthly opportunity for young adults to grow deeper in their faith. For more information, contact John Minick at johnm@wschurch.org.

COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRIES

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.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Needs: Green beans, corn, cream corn, peas, mixed vegetables, pork & beans, baked beans, tomato sauce, chunky soup, macaroni, beef stew, Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, chili, tomato soup, jelly, peanut butter, cereal, pudding, Complete Meals, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce, shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, toothbrushes, deodorant. These items may be left in the large green bins under the staircase near the Main Entrance or at the church office.

STATISTICS

January 25, 2009: AM Worship – 1910 (2140 avg)
Offering - \$64,260.08 (\$77,091.05 avg)

February 1, 2009: AM Worship – 2129 (2138 avg)
Offering - \$79,741.60 (77,621.16 avg)

New Members

January 25-February 1, 2009:

Payton McDonald (B)
Sara Yoder (B)
John Gulley (T)

B=Baptism T=Transfer

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men of West Side, It's time to Man-Up! All men are invited to participate in a 7-week Bible study entitled **Man-up! How the Fruit of the Spirit Can Make You a New Man.** Co-taught by Eddie and Fitz (West Side's new Men's Minister), the study will begin with a kick-off breakfast on February 12, 6:30-7:30am. **SIGN UP IN THE CONCOURSE THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8,** for the kickoff breakfast, which will help us estimate food preparation. The study will continue to meet each Thursday thereafter through March 26. On the following Thursdays, come and fellowship with coffee and donuts at 6:30am and stay for the study from 6:45am-7:30am.

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

Upward Concessions: Please bring your donations to the church office. Donation cards are available at the Upward counter in the Concourse on Sundays.

New Baby: Ryan & Jennifer Keith proudly announce the birth of their son, EWAN HARRISON, who was born January 25, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. Ewan's big sister is Lauren (age 7).

Springfield Christian School: Catch the Vision 2009 event, hosted by SCS/PTF, will be held February 20 at the Crowne Plaza. Auction donations are currently being accepted. For auction donation and ticket information, please contact Stacey Bredemeyer at 787-5413 or 971-5504.

Christian Day Care Center summer registration begins February 23 for SCS/WSCC families, March 2 for Christian Church families, and open registration will begin March 9.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE
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WEST SIDE 101

Attending West Side 101 is the best way to become familiar with our personality, purpose and beliefs. Led by Senior Minister Eddie Lowen, West Side 101 is ideal for people who want to know what WSCC is all about, and a great way to gain a clearer understanding of baptism, church membership, and what it means to be a Christ-follower. The next West Side 101 will be held Sunday, February 15, 4:00-6:30pm, in the All Purpose Room. A light dinner will be provided and childcare is available upon request. To register, sign up on the back of your Communication Card this Sunday, February 8, or call the church office at 793-2800.

NEW WORSHIP SERIES

One Month To Live

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 as you engage fully in each day.

Beginning February 8, 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

One Month to Live – 30 Day Calendars

We have created a 30 day desktop calendar to accompany this worship series. Each day has a thought, Scripture, or challenge that will help the Sunday morning themes to be a part of your day throughout the week. The calendars are available at the tables at the front of the Worship Center; a \$1 suggested donation is appreciated.

FOR OUR GUESTS

New to West Side? Visit www.wschurch.org, and click on the "New To West Side" button. There, 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 special gift.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ready to Serve? One of the best ways to connect to life at West Side is by finding a place to serve. God uses hundreds of people to accomplish His ministry at West Side, and He has pre-wired you with unique gifts and abilities that can be used for that purpose. Visit www.wschurch.org/serve to check out our Top 5 areas of greatest need, or to explore the dozens of additional ways you can serve. Questions? Contact Kira Mulvany, Director of Involvement, for more information at kiram@wschurch.org

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 VIP counter in the Concourse on February 8 and 15. Questions? Contact Jim Dilley at 793-2800, ext. 3415 or jimd@wschurch.org

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 Green at greenboys4@comcast.net for more details.

ABF ELECTIVES

The Joy of Prayer (by Alvin J. VanderGriend): Larry Lewis is currently facilitating this series on prayer each Sunday through March 22, 9:30am, in the SCS Library. Pre-registration is not

required. (Worship opportunities are at 8:00 or 11:00, if you attend this class.)

Revelation: Dr. Robert Lowery from Lincoln Christian Seminary will join us for a four-week elective beginning this 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. (Worship opportunities are at 8:00 or 11:00, if you attend this class.)

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, 11:00am, Centennial Hall, hosted by BF4C. 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 meet Sundays, 4:00-4:40pm, through March 22 (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, 8:00-9:00pm, in the Music Room; Faithful Men: Sundays, 4:45pm, in the Music Room; Adult Choir: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00pm, Music Room. On Saturday, February 7, the choir will be singing at the Old State Capitol, 1:30pm, and will also participate with several area choirs for a ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb at 2:45pm.

Traditional Worship: We are currently seeking qualified individuals to help lead in our Traditional Worship Service at 8:00am. If you play an instrument (piano, keyboard, organ wind or string instrument), contact Mike Harney at 793-2800 or mikeh@wschurch.org.

3RD ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

Hey Volunteers ... YOU ROCK! SAVE THE DATE for our 2009 Volunteer Celebration: **Friday, April 24, 6:00pm.**

FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Youth Groups for Children, age 3 – 5th grade, meet Sundays at 4:45pm.

For updated information, upcoming events, fun pictures and video, check out the kids' ministry blog at www.westsidekids.org

STUDENT LIFE (High School)

Student Life Connection meets Sundays, 9:30am, E204; Small Groups meet each Wednesday.

Upward Concessions start this week. Please bring your donations to the church office. If you have any questions regarding work times please contact Darrin Clark at 836-0660.

STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High)

Implosion meets Sundays, 9:30am, E200. Fuel Small Groups meet each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm in the Education Wing; new students are always welcome.

Fuel Dodge Ball Tournament – This tournament between all of our small groups will be held during our regular Fuel time (6:30-8:00pm) on Wednesday, February 11. Come dressed in your craziest dodge ball outfit for a chance to win prizes; don't forget to invite your friends!

Believe Conference – On March 20-21 we're going to the Family Arena in St. Louis to join thousands of other Jr. High students for a conference designed just for 6-8th graders. The deadline to sign up and pay (\$110) is February 18. You can get more info about the conference at www.jrhighbelieve.com.

Parent Elective – On Sunday, March 8, 9:30am, Josh LeVeque, our IT Director, will be leading a session on protecting kids online. In a world that is increasingly connected to the internet, come learn some simple ways that you can help guard your students against the dangerous aspects of the internet.

Visit www.studentexplosion.org/events.aspx for detailed Student Explosion information.

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, 1:00-2:30pm in AP, 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. Visit www.wschurch.org/marriage for complete details. Those planning to attend the informational meeting should RSVP to Lance or Mindy Ely at lely@lunarpxl.com.

SINGLES MINISTRY

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

Living Pure in an Impure World (by Dennis Franck): This six-week DVD series will begin Friday, February 6, 6:00pm, in E205. The series will address issues many singles and young