

shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes, deodorant. These items may be left in the large green bins under the staircase near the Main Entrance or at the church office.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Scrapbooking/Crafts:** Those who enjoy scrapbooking and making other crafts are welcome to participate in a scrapbooking/craft night from 6:30pm– midnight, Centennial Hall 3, on Friday, April 3. Participants bring their own supplies and a snack to share. Questions? Contact Joni Colle at 787-6246, 725-6715 or [jdcolle@gmail.com](mailto:jdcolle@gmail.com).

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### **How the Fruit of the Spirit Can Make You a New Man:**

Co-taught by Eddie and Fitz, the study is currently meeting each Thursday through March 26. Fellowship with coffee and donuts at 6:30am and stay for the study from 6:45am-7:30am.

**Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Equipping Conference** will be held at Springfield First United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 21; cost is \$49. The day will be a great time of fellowship, worship, equipping, and learning how to be a better man with hundreds of men from the Springfield area. You can sign up by contacting Fitz ([andrewf@wschurch.org](mailto:andrewf@wschurch.org) or 793-2800) or register at the door.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Grow!** The next Grow is Friday, March 20, 7:00pm, at the home of John & Becky Minick (2043 Briarcliff Drive). Grow is a monthly opportunity for young adults to grow deeper in their faith. For more information, contact John at [johnm@wschurch.org](mailto:johnm@wschurch.org).

**Connect!** On Saturday, March 21, 5:30pm, the Young Adult Ministry will be joining the TNT Class for a dinner and game night in Centennial Hall. The cost is \$5 per person and provides a catered meal, games, and plenty of entertainment. The theme for the evening is "High School" so guests are asked to bring a senior picture and other high school memorabilia for display. For information, contact Bethany Battles at [bebattles@gmail.com](mailto:bebattles@gmail.com)

## STATISTICS

**March 8, 2009** AM Worship: 1920 (2143 avg)  
Offering: \$57,787.21 (\$77,276.64 avg)

**March 15, 2009** AM Worship: 2188 (2147 avg)  
Offering: \$102,003.38 (\$79,524.52 avg)

### **New Members—March 8-15, 2009**

**By Baptism:** Dylan Hart, Phil Rathbone, Alyssa Bernauer, Michelle Walters, Austyn Laird, Dallas Walters, Lexie Iacono

**By Transfer:** Maureen Brusnighan

or John Minick at [johnm@wschurch.org](mailto:johnm@wschurch.org). This will be a lot of fun and a great way to connect with other Young Adults and other adults who are young at heart!

## MISSIONS

**Mission Trips 2009:** There is still an opportunity to participate in the early August trip to ProEm Ministries in Poland. Please contact [missions@wschurch.org](mailto:missions@wschurch.org) or Barb Sachtleben at [barbs@wschurch.org](mailto:barbs@wschurch.org) for information. The July 6-10 trip to Cookson Hills Christian Mission (open to families as well as individuals) also has space for more. Contact Tami Schroeder or [missions@wschurch.org](mailto:missions@wschurch.org).

**Mission of Hope:** Steve Stewart and Erik Wolle have prepared a one-week presentation of their time on the mission field in Africa and will be sharing good news about West Side's partnership with Mission of Hope as follows: Homebuilders, April 19, 8am, CH1; Beau Knots, April 26, 9:30am, CH2; TLC, May 3, 11:00am, AP; TruthSeekers, May 10, 9:30am, CH1.

**Pennies for Penicillin** is a Bible Fellowship activity coordinated by West Side's mission team that helps provide much needed aid in maintaining the free medical clinics in Indonesia. Canisters will be available in each Bible Fellowship through Sunday, April 5.

**Kenya 2009 Mission Trip:** An opportunity to offer financial support for this mission trip will be provided through a Trivia Night on Saturday, April 4, Centennial Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm. Trivia starts at 7:00pm. Snacks are provided. To register your team of 8-10 people, email [trivianight09@gmail.com](mailto:trivianight09@gmail.com) or call Tim Stewart at 793-2800. Donations for trivia and food are welcome!

## THIS 'N THAT

**College Students:** Occasionally, groups like to send care packages to students as a reminder they are missed at West Side. If you have a student who is away from home attending college, please send his or her contact information to Sally Miller at [sallym@wschurch.org](mailto:sallym@wschurch.org) or 793-2800.

**Christian Day Care Center (CDCC)** fall registration dates are April 20 for SCS/WSCC families, April 27 for Christian Church families, and open registration will begin May 4.

**Springfield Christian School** is hosting an Informational Open House on Thursday, March 26, from 6:30 to 8:00pm to celebrate this year's accomplishments and to provide information for prospective families for the 2009-2010 school year. For information, call the school office between 8am and 4pm at 698-1933 ext. 3450 or visit [www.springfieldchristianschool.org](http://www.springfieldchristianschool.org).

**Thank You Note:** I appreciate your love and support through prayers, cards, phone calls and those who came to the visitation during the illness and passing of my brother, Dennis Suhling. I'm thankful for a loving church family. —Diane Suhling

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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## CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES

### Famous Last Words

Jesus was the most intentional person ever. Nothing he did or said was incidental or arbitrary. Many of us have owned Bibles in which the words of Jesus were printed in red to highlight them. While it's tough to identify the most important words spoken by Jesus, some of his most compelling words are those spoken as he died. This series will explore those "famous last words" and attempt to deepen their impact on our lives. Join us as we study the words of Jesus, spoken from the cross.

### March 22 – A Word of Devotion

### March 29 – A Word of Humanity

### April 5 – A Word of Despair

### April 12 – A Word of Finality

## EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 12

7:45am – Traditional

9:00am, 10:15am, 11:30am – Contemporary

**Children's Programming** during all worship services; there will be no ABFs on Easter Sunday.

**Easter Invite:** Send an electronic invitation via our website at [www.wschurch.org](http://www.wschurch.org).

**Easter Memorials/Honorariums** (\$10) may be given to honor loved ones during the Easter season. Memorials and honorariums may be called in to the church office by Wednesday, April 8; they will be listed in the Easter Sunday program.

## FOR OUR GUESTS

**New to West Side?** Visit our website, [www.wschurch.org](http://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 special gift.

**Questions?** If you have questions about your faith or WSCC, contact Robin Pickett at [robinp@wschurch.org](mailto:robinp@wschurch.org) or 793-2800, ext. 3417.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### West Side's 60+ Senior Adult Ministry

#### RENEW Senior Adult Ministry Kickoff

Thursday, April 2, 6:00pm

Enjoy a free catered meal served at 6:00pm while getting to know the Ministry Staff. Eddie Lowen and Mike Harney will speak about ways to serve and current opportunities the Senior Adult Ministry has to offer. Register by March 26 at 793-2800 (church office) or on the back of your communication card March 22.

**Charlie's Angels** will meet Thursday, March 26, beginning with coffee at 9:30am in Centennial Hall. The program will start at 10:00am in the Chapel with Sara Anglin from Wild Birds Unlimited. Alice Beck is captain for the day; volunteers whose last name begins with S, T, U, V, W, X, Y & Z should be at Centennial Hall by 8:30am. Lunch will include stuffed pork chops, green beans, ambrosia salad, rolls and dessert. Tickets (\$6) are available in the U & I, Beau Knots and TNT ABFs, as well as the Welcome Center on Sunday, March 22. Tickets at the door are \$8. Please note: there will be no program in April. The first evening program of the year will be Thursday, May 7, 7:00pm, as The Chosen Ones present a concert in the Worship Center; there will be no dinner. A free will offering will be received.

## UPCOMING ELECTIVES

**Steve Siler** from *Music for the Soul* will be presenting an elective class on Sunday, March 22, 9:30am, in the Cafeteria, focusing on the documentary, *Somebody's Daughter*, which addresses the issues of purity and pornography. Men, women, husbands, wives, parents, and high school students are encouraged to attend.

**Our Prayer Ministry Team** will host their quarterly one-week Prayer Intercessors' elective on Sunday, March 29, 11:00am, SCS Library. No registration is required. If you would like to learn more about how to take that next step to becoming a prayer intercessor, this 1-week class is for you!

**Becoming A Contagious Christian** (4 weeks) will meet in the Cafeteria, 9:30am, beginning April 19. Register at [Contagious@wschurch.org](mailto:Contagious@wschurch.org). This class is offered 2-3 times per year and is one of our core elective classes highly recommended for those newer members or anyone who simply wants to discover their personal style of sharing their faith with others.

## GOOD \$ENSE BUDGET COURSE

Good \$ense Budget Course will be held April 17-18, in the All Purpose Room. Register online ([wschurch.org](http://wschurch.org)) or at the church office (793-2800). Sessions 1-2 are Friday, April 17, 6:00-9:30pm; Sessions 3-6 are Saturday, April 18, 8:30-1:00pm. Cost is \$25/couple or \$15/single; pre-work is recommended (download online or pick up a copy at the church office).

## VOLUNTEERS

**We need YOU!** If you are looking for a place to serve, we have just the place. In fact, we have several! To view the variety of positions available, visit [www.wschurch.org/serve](http://www.wschurch.org/serve) or contact Kira Mulvany, Director of Involvement, at [kiram@wschurch.org](mailto:kiram@wschurch.org), 793-2800.

**Hey Volunteers, YOU ROCK!** Save the date for our 3rd annual Volunteer Celebration on Friday, April 24, 6:00pm. Taylor Mason, a talented comedian, ventriloquist and musician will join us for an evening of laughter and entertainment. Childcare and pizza will be provided for birth - age 12, by reservation only. If you're a volunteer at West Side, you're invited to join us for all the fun. Register online at [www.wschurch.org/volunteersRock](http://www.wschurch.org/volunteersRock); if you don't have internet access, register by calling the church office, 793-2800. Registration deadline is April 20.

**Toiletry Saturday:** Would you like to volunteer 45 minutes to an hour of your time to help in the Food Pantry? Join us on Saturday, March 28, 10:00am, 3rd floor as we prepare toiletry bags for the entire month of April. To sign up, contact Diana Grooms at [dianag@wschurch.org](mailto:dianag@wschurch.org) or 793-2800.

**The Early Childhood Ministry** is looking for an adult or high school student who has a really fun spirit to help with a new puppet element in West Side's preschool worship environment. If you have a desire to help our preschoolers get to know God and have a silly or animated personality, contact Jessica Schildman at [jessicas@wschurch.org](mailto:jessicas@wschurch.org) to find out more about this opportunity.

**VIP Sign-up:** VIPs help in many areas to keep our building and grounds in excellent condition. Individuals, families and small groups are encouraged to sign up for ONE chore, ONE weekend a month, for ONE year! To sign up, contact Jim Dille, Building Manager at [jimd@wschurch.org](mailto:jimd@wschurch.org) or 793-2800, ext. 3415.

## FAMILY MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

This month is a 5-Sunday month; 1st Sunday Volunteers, it's your turn to serve! We'll see you on March 29 ... a special treat will be waiting for you in your rooms!

**GOD'S TEAM SILLY SUPPER** (Grades 4 & 5) is Sunday, March 22, 4:45-6:00pm in Centennial Hall; don't wear good clothes!

**SAVE OUR BLOG** to your list of favorite links. There's lots of up-to-date information for parents, kids and volunteers at [www.westsidkids.org](http://www.westsidkids.org).

### STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High):

**Implosion** meets each Sunday, 9:30 a.m., E200; **Fuel Small Groups** meet each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm in the Education Wing; new students are always welcome. **Fool Fest** is a

big outreach we're doing out at LSCA Camp on April 1. Make sure your friends know about it too!

### STUDENT LIFE (High School):

**Connection** meets Sundays at 9:30am in E204. No Small Group this week because of Spring Break. **Spring Break Service Project at Refuge Ranch:** Week #2, April 7-8; cost is \$25, sign up in Connection. **The SPOT Road Rally** is March 28; cost is \$5.00. Contact Tim Stewart at 793-2800 or [tims@wschurch.org](mailto:tims@wschurch.org) if you are a parent and interested in driving for the Road Rally (Springfield). **Upward Concessions:** bring your donations to the church office. Questions? Contact Darrin Clark at 836-0660.

## SINGLES MINISTRY

**Singles Volleyball** will resume Friday, April 3, 7:00pm.

**March 27-Talk It Over:** Andy Morgan is coming back to speak with our group on Friday, March 27, 6:30pm, in Centennial Hall on *Call it Love or Call it Quits*. This roundtable discussion will deal with recognizing red flags, defining your deal breakers and the importance of seeking godly characteristics in your future or current mate. Child care and light snacks are provided.

**March 28-Volleyball at Lincoln:** Saturday, March 28, 4:00-6:30pm, at the YMCA (no charge!). Carpool from the church parking lot at 3pm; sign up in Singles ABF.

**April 4-Singles Paintball** is Saturday, April 4 in Roodhouse, 2-6pm; carpool from church at noon. Cost is \$20 due by Sunday, March 29 to Mark Shelby in Singles ABF.

**April 7-Easter "Sundaes"** at the Mary Bryant Home, 7:00pm; sign up in Singles ABF to help.

**April 25- "A Night in Casablanca"**, our annual spring event at LSCA, will be an unforgettable night of mystery, fun and dancing. More information is available at Singles ABF.

## COMMUNITY CARE

**The Single Parent Ministry** will be gathering at noon, Saturday, April 4 at the Washington Park playground for a day at the park. Bring your own sack lunch. For more information, contact Emily Keith at 971-1674.

**Divorce Care** is a 13-week course covering a number of topics designed to help adults recover from the pain of separation and divorce. The format is intended to provide a setting that allows for honest, open, and confidential discussion with a goal of leading participants toward healing through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For additional information, please call the church office at 793-2800.

## FOOD PANTRY

**Food Pantry Needs:** Complete Meals, beef stew, canned corn, chunky soups, pork & beans, cereal, pudding, Jell-O,