

entitled Growing to Be Like Christ. Meet in front of the carillon at 6:30pm and bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, meet at the pavilion next to the playground on the following Tuesdays in June:

June 16 - Growing Deeper in Christ

June 30 - The Power of Living

**Canoe Trip** to Meramec State Park, MO, is July 17-19. Sign up in Singles ABF and turn in a \$20 deposit to reserve your spot! Contact Gary Boner at garyboner777@yahoo.com.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Alive With Christ:** The summer study, *Wising Up* by Beth Moore, is currently meeting through the week of June 29. This study is based on the *Book of Proverbs*. Groups will meet on Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm or Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00am. It's not too late to participate! To register, call the church office at 793-2800. Childcare is provided; indicate childcare needs when you register.

**Women In Study** summer session is off and running; however, W.I.S. will not meet on Wednesday, June 10. It will resume meeting June 17, 24, July 1 & 8. W.I.S. is taking a close look at Max Lucado's booklet, *GIVE IT ALL TO HIM*; come spend time together with friends and learn some important keys to "checking your baggage at the door" and giving it ALL TO HIM!

**Scrapbooking/Craft Night** is Friday, June 5, 6:30pm to midnight, Centennial Hall 3. Participants bring their own supplies and a snack to share. Questions? Contact Joni Colle at 787-6246, 725-6715 or jdcolle@gmail.com.

## COMMUNITY CARE

**Single Parent Family Ministry ABF:** Are you a single mother/father and you are looking for a place to study God's word with other single parents? The Single Parent Family Ministry meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 am in Conference Room West for a time of study, prayer and encouragement.

## STATISTICS

### May 24, 2009

AM Worship – 2029 (2182 average)  
Offering – \$76,953.74 (\$80,909.81 average)

### May 31, 2009

AM Worship – 2215 (2184 average)  
Offering – \$78,658.42 (\$80,807.48 average)

### New Members: May 24-31, 2009

*By Baptism:* Chad Herr, Lindsay Hine, Doug Pearce, Dalton Settles, Ashton Watkins

**12-Step Recovery Program:** The 12-step recovery program meets at West Side every Thursday evening starting at 7:00 pm. This program is a Christ-centered group for those who struggle with compulsive or addictive behaviors. For meeting location or other information, please contact the church office at 793-2800. All information given is confidential.

## ELECTIVES

**Good \$ense Budget Class** (in a new format) is running a special class on Sundays, 9:30am in the SCS Library, and is currently meeting through July 5 (same fee \$25/couple; \$15/single). Pre-work is strongly suggested (see downloads available on our website). The class is being taught by Joe Oettel. For more information, call Cindy Lash at 793-2800 or register online; it's not too late to participate ... come this Sunday and catch up!

## LOOKING AHEAD AT ELECTIVES...

- **Bible Basics** (3 weeks) August 2, 9, 16, 9:30am in the SCS Library with Melissa Sandel
- **Beyond Bible Basics** (3 weeks) August 23, 30 and September 6, 9:30am, in the SCS Library with Patrick Barnthson
- **Christian Caregiving** (6 weeks) August 2-September 6, 9:30am in CH 1 with Shirley Heninger

## FOR OUR GUESTS

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

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

## THIS 'N THAT

**VBX** is July 19-24, 6:00-8:30pm. Sign up to donate SNACKS at the VBX table in the concourse this Sunday, June 7. This is a great opportunity for anyone in the church to be a part of VBX!

**Garage Sale:** Our Jr. High students will be hosting a church-wide garage sale on Saturday, July 18, to raise money and provide electrical power for a Jr. High school in Kenya (visit [www.JustAddPower.org](http://www.JustAddPower.org) for more info). Please save any items in good condition and donate them to our sale in July.

**Lake Springfield Christian Assembly:** West Side's pantry project for the summer camp season is NAPKINS. Napkin donations may be left at the Welcome Center or church office.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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## UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES

### *Around the Word in 80 Days*

West Side's summer teaching series will be an adventure of biblical proportions! *Around the Word in 80 Days* will guide us through the Bible on an exploration of its major personalities and themes. Whether you need to develop a basic understanding of the Bible, or add to what you know, our summer series will help. The journey begins June 28th!

### **NEW! Around the WORD in 80 Days Group Experience**

Looking to connect with other West Siders? Interested in a small group? Want to dig deeper into the Sunday morning messages? Join us for the *Around the Word in 80 Days* Group Experience, held Sunday evenings this summer. No Bible experience necessary and don't worry about missing a night due to vacations and other summer plans. Our time together will be both casual and meaningful.

We'll kick off on Sunday, June 21st, 6:30 – 7:30pm by giving you a brief overview of our summer plans. Dessert and childcare are provided. Stop by the concourse counter this Sunday to learn more, or contact Kira Mulvany or Andrew Fitzgibbon.

## CURRENT MESSAGE SERIES

**All in One** – In a world where we are inundated with misleading offers and deceptive appeals, how shall we evaluate the claims of Jesus? The Gospel makes bold assertions about the identity and sufficiency of Christ – claims which could be captured by some of the overused advertising language we've heard over the years. The New Testament letter of *Colossians* is a defense of the legitimacy and value of Jesus Christ. He is everything we need in a Savior. He is the authentic **All in One**.

Weekly themes:

June 7 – Keep the Change

June 14 – Something for the Entire Family

June 21 – Tell All Your Friends

**Weekly Scripture Text Messages** – Sign up to receive a weekly Scripture verse via text message during the *All in One* worship series through June 21 at [Visit www.wschurch.org/text](http://Visit www.wschurch.org/text).

## VOLUNTEER AT WEST SIDE

**VIP Volunteers:** Do you enjoy doing behind-the-scenes work that makes a huge impact? From cleaning handrails to vacuuming the carpets, ONE chore done ONE time each month does indeed make a big difference. We have dozens of new people enter our building each and every week. By giving God our best and keeping our building neat and clean, we communicate to those new folks that they matter to God, and we are ready and excited for them to visit us. To learn more about the team that makes this happen, contact WSCC Building Manager, Jim Dille.

**Video Camera Operators Needed!** We're going LIVE! This summer, West Side's Technical Arts & Media Ministry is launching IMAG – a technology that allows our entire service to be displayed on the large screens as well as in other areas throughout the building. Several camera operators will be needed each and every week. Both stationary and mobile cameras will be used. This is an exciting new opportunity. We need your help. No camera experience? No problem. Gabe Rutledge will provide hands on training beginning this Spring. Interested? Contact Gabe at gaber@wschurch.org or 793-2800.

**Parking Area Greeters:** Whether it's snowing, raining, or the hottest day of the year, Parking Area Greeters have a great opportunity to offer parking assistance to new guests. Stationed in the parking areas, greeters help point guests in the right direction, offer an informational brochure and greet them warmly. PA Greeters serve one Sunday a month for the few minutes leading up to the 9:30 & 11:00 services. 1st & 2nd Sundays of each month are available. To join us, or for more information, contact Jonathan & Tammy Lackland.

**Baptistry Attendant Substitute:** We are always prepared for people desiring to make a decision for Christ. Baptism attendants (men and women) assist people in the changing area as they prepare to be baptized by fitting them with a robe, providing towels and dry clothes, and general encouragement. To connect with this role, serving as a sub as needs arise, contact Hal & Diana Sitterle at 787-7724.

**Welcome Center Volunteers:** Welcome Center Volunteers act as traffic control directors on Sunday morning, warmly greeting people and helping them find the information they need. Those serving on this team interact with guests on a weekly basis and help provide them with a great first experience. If you are a people-person and multi-tasker, consider putting your gifts and abilities to work in this role. Volunteers are needed to serve on the 1st or 3rd Sundays of the month from 11:00 – 12:20 (This is ideal for those who attend the 9:30 worship service.). For more information, contact Kira Mulvany.

**PowerHouse Check-In Volunteers:** We have just launched a new check-in system for children birth-grade 5, using an electronic kiosk. More volunteers are needed to greet families and serve at the check-in stations. This role requires only 30 – 45 minutes once a month, as volunteers serve for the few minutes before and after a service begins. For more information about this opportunity, contact Melissa Sandel.

**VBX Volunteers:** Over 300 volunteers are needed to make VBX a success! Be sure to volunteer at [www.wschurch.org/vbx](http://www.wschurch.org/vbx).

## FAMILY MINISTRY

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** Save our blog to your list of favorite links! There's lots of up-to-date information for parents, kids and volunteers at [www.westsidekids.org](http://www.westsidekids.org). If you are on Twitter, follow westsidekids to stay connected and be the first to know what's coming next!

**NOW,** our children's worship-leading team, will be holding auditions on June 6 & 7. Pick up a CD and audition packet at the church office soon if your child wants to try out.

**JESUS and ME** is a baptism class for kids (age 8 ) and their parents. JAM will be offered on Sunday, June 14, 11:00am, in the Cafeteria. To register, email [dawnh@wschurch.org](mailto:dawnh@wschurch.org).

**VBX REGISTRATION** begins this Sunday, June 7. Registration is available online only at [www.wschurch.org/vbx](http://www.wschurch.org/vbx). Age 3 through Kindergarten has limited openings, so register soon to ensure your child gets to participate in this great week! VBX shirts go on sale this Sunday in the church concourse. Shirts are \$7 for kids and adults. Fewer shirts were ordered this year, so if you want one, buy one soon!

**VBX** is July 19-24, 6:00-8:30pm. To find out more about VBX, visit [www.westsidekids.org/vbx](http://www.westsidekids.org/vbx). It's a great source to answer all your questions!

**STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High):** **New Website** is now up and running. Check it out at [www.StudentExplosion.org](http://www.StudentExplosion.org) to stay up-to-date with everything going on. **Just Add Power** is our summer project to raise over \$10,000 and provide electricity for a Jr. High school in Kenya. Visit [www.JustAddPower.org](http://www.JustAddPower.org) for lots of great ways you can help us reach our goal (i.e. donate garage sale items, take your family to select restaurants, etc). **Just Add Power Overnighter** is Friday, June 5, from 10:00pm – 8:00am. We'll spend the night at the church playing awesome games, eating fun snacks, preparing for our summer project and even speaking with some Jr. High students live from Africa! **LSCA Summer Camp** for our 6-7th graders is July 5-10. For our 8th graders it is June 21-26. Find out more and register at [www.LSCACamp.org](http://www.LSCACamp.org).

**STUDENT LIFE (High School):** **Connection** meets Sundays at 9:30am in E204. **The SPOT** summer kick-off is June 10, 6:00-9:00pm at WSCC. **CIY Move** is July 26-August 1 in Carbondale, IL; balance is due June 28. **SLS Workday** is June 13; meet at WSCC at 8:00am, we will be done at 4:00pm.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**GROW!** The next GROW! is Friday, June 12, 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. This is a unique, informal and enjoyable time to gather in an interactive environment that is bigger than a small group and more intimate than a Sunday Service.

**SERVE!** The next Young Adult service project is Saturday, June 20, from 4:00-7:00pm. This event will be a carnival to bring love and laughter to several families helped by Contact Ministries. If you would like to help, or want more information contact Christi Minick at [Christi.Minick@comcast.net](mailto:Christi.Minick@comcast.net).

**Agers 18-22!** A new small group is forming for anyone age 18-22 who plans to be around Springfield for the summer. This group will be meeting at 7:00 on each Wednesday in June and July. If you would like to be a part of this group, contact the co-leaders Elizabeth Wenzel at [elizabethw@wschurch.org](mailto:elizabethw@wschurch.org) or Christi Minick at [Christi.Minick@comcast.net](mailto:Christi.Minick@comcast.net).

## SINGLES MINISTRY

**Wednesday night bike rides:** meet at 5:30pm by BJ Salon (Robbins Road) on June 3 & 17; on June 10 & 24, begin at the Chatham post office (weather permitting).

**Singles Volleyball** meets Fridays, 7:00pm, in the Gym.

**Class A Peoria Chiefs vs. the Cardinal's class A farm club** Sunday, June 14, in Peoria. Game time is 2:00pm so plan on car pooling right after third service. Box seat tickets are \$10 each, see Gary Winkleman for a ticket.

**Inner City Mission:** Singles are collecting food pantry needs for ICM, which we will deliver on June 18 as well as serve burgers and hot dogs to 35-40 residents. Please sign up to bring a side dish. Arrive at ICM at 5:00pm to help set up; residents will be served between 5:30 and 6:00pm. For a complete list of items needed, visit [www.wschurch.org/singles](http://www.wschurch.org/singles).

**SALT Dinner:** Join us Tuesday, June 23 at 5:30pm at Kiku Japanese Steak and Seafood House on Robbins Road. Bring a \$10 deposit to Singles ABF by June 21 to reserve your spot. All no-shows will forfeit their \$\$.

**Summer Study at the Park:** Join us in Washington Park for a 6-session study by Rick Warren's 'Doing Life Together' series