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# West Side Church of Christ *CALLER*



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Senior Fun Bunch April 8th  
Red Lobster on Colerain.  
Leave church at 11:30 am.  
Sign up sheet on bulletin  
board.

## SENIOR PLAY DAY

Mark your calendars! Senior Play Day  
Thursdays, April 3th and 17th at Noon!

**Church**

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This past winter was one for the record books. Indeed it was a record, as it went down, as the snowiest Ohio Valley winter ever, eclipsing the winter of 77-78 (remember the January '78 blizzard?) Meteorologist say it had something to do with what they call the "polar vortex", an unusually cold mass of North Pole air that dipped down into our temperate regions. If you were like me you may have begun to wonder if winter would ever end.

But it did. Winter has given way to the inexorable march of the sun higher in the sky, it's increasing strength warming the earth once again. The snow is gone, the grass is green, and the birds are singing— all indicative of the new life granted the earth by the sun's warming rays.

And just as the sun brings new life to earth, so also does Jesus bring His new life to all who receive Him. I am reminded of that paragraph of scripture in Revelation 1:16 which says of Jesus that "His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance." When John received his vision of Jesus on Patmos that is what he saw. Jesus in His resurrection power was beaming with the brilliance of His new life.

That new life which Jesus gives is available to all who know and follow Him. And His promise to all who do know and follow Him is sure- "Because I live, you too shall live" (john 14:19) Like snow melting before the strength of a spring sun, so also the grave cannot repel the power of the new life Jesus gives to those who believe in Him. Jesus spoke the most powerful words uttered by any man when He declared: "I am the resurrection and the life . He who believes in me will live , even though he dies." (John 11:25) Jesus backed up that claim by raising His friend Lazarus from the dead and later by His own resurrection that first Easter morning. Death could not hold Jesus anymore than winter can hold back the sun in its strength from chasing winter away. This new life is our hope, our promise, and the reason we rejoice as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

For Him,  
Dan

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## MISSION SPOTLIGHT

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Received this from Philokalia Ministries and thought I would share it with you.

Dear Friends and Supporters of Philokalia Ministries:

This update will focus on two particular matters of current concern; another update on current ministry activities will follow in a few days.

First, we have had inquiries regarding our personal safety in view of recent reports in U.S. media about bomb attacks here in Chiang Mai, so we want to let you know that we are well, and to provide some information. Last Friday evening, three places were attacked with grenades launched from outside their premises: a gas station, a brewery and a restaurant, with the attacks occurring within an hour of each other, probably all carried out by the same persons. There were injuries reported only at the gas station, where four were injured, one seriously. Thai police are investigating and are tending toward a theory of being politically motivated. Political tensions are still high in Thailand, especially in light of the Constitution Court's ruling late last week that the called elections held on Feb. 2 are invalid due to some polling places being blocked by protesters. Since then public political rhetoric has ratcheted up once again, while it appears that it could be months before another election can be held. Meanwhile, the current government remains in caretaker status, which limits their powers to some extent, and remains under pressure from several fronts. It is hard to say how this will all come out, but we would appreciate your joining with us and our Thai Christian brothers and sisters in prayer for this country we all love and for peaceful settlement of current political issues; rhetoric about possible major violent conflict resulting from current tensions is quite disturbing.

Secondly, we are concerned about the financial status of Philokalia Ministries. Taking account of all regular support received through the 3rd week of March, funds received this year are much lower than expected and needed. General fund giving in January was \$3,423.98, in February was \$5,381.98, and to date in March \$3,554.90, while to meet our budget fully requires an average of \$6,773.68 (some additional giving for special purposes have also been received). We always maintain a cushion in the Philokalia Ministries bank account (our board has stipulated we try to keep enough to cover two months expenses on hand at all times) to maintain cash flow during periods of low income that occur from time to time, and to cover some of our expenses which are front-loaded (for instance, we must pay three months worth of rent for our house at the beginning of each quarter, totaling about \$1,400 per quarter). However, if the current trend continues very much longer, that cushion will be significantly reduced, or could even be eliminated.

We have been making every attempt to reduce our expenditures, especially in light of an additional loss of regular support from two churches in 2013, totaling \$410 per month, which resulted from changes being made within those churches. We were able to reduce our health insurance costs for this year by nearly \$3,900 over 2013 by taking out a shorter-term plan for our coverage here in Thailand until our return stateside (however, new coverage stateside will be needed after that); and costs of our travel for our final return to the U.S. in September have been greatly reduced through use of frequent flier miles for our international tickets and by obtaining a good deal on the domestic tickets needed. But with current giving levels, we are now contemplating making spending cuts that will affect ministry.

Please help us to make a smooth and strong transition, both of our work over to our Thai team and church and back to life in the U.S. for Pam and I, according to the plan which we shared with you last year, through your continued prayers and giving, for which we are always grateful.

Please be on the lookout for our next ministry update in a few days.

Grace and Peace,

Jerry and Pam

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## Children's Chat



It's about time, that's all I can say about the warmer weather and Reds Opening Day. Spring is finally here and April is a busy month here at West Side. We are planning for VBS, having a community Easter Egg Hunt, celebrating Easter and have a special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for West Side on the 27<sup>th</sup>. I hope you don't miss out on all of the activities this month.

If you have not spoken to me and you would like to help with VBS, please see me or Linda Kieser. Even if you can't help during the week we have a lot of work that needs to be done before hand. Watch for a list of needed crafts items in next month's caller.

Easter Egg Hunt- We are having an Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:00pm. We will have games and of course the hunt, for the hunt we need:

- Kids and families to participate
- Candy to fill eggs- Please no chocolate it melts.
- Plastic Eggs
- Workers for the Event on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Hamburger buns
- Cookies

**Support our Troops**

Chaplain Ben Dillon:  
Ben and Dawn  
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**Bible Trivia**

Why did Luke write his  
account of Jesus' life for  
Theophilus?

Luke 1:3-4

So that he could be  
certain of all the  
things that he was  
taught.

**April Prayer****Focus:**

**Unity in the family.**

**Prayer Ministry Team:**

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## *Hymn Formation (c)* by Sam Sippel

"This is one of the nicest guys in the business," Bill Gaither tells his Homecoming audience. "Ladies and Gentlemen, Dallas Holm!"

As he approaches the mic, the band begins playing the introduction to "Rise Again." Although Dallas Holm has written many songs, this is the one the audience knows and expects to hear him sing "in concert." The audience applauds accordingly, as he begins to sing, "Go ahead, drive the nails in My Hands."

Dallas Holm was born November 6, 1948 in St. Paul, Minn. Like many Baby Boomers, he wanted to be a rock star. He began playing the guitar. By 16, he was playing in local bands. People began noticing the aspiring musician. Fellow church members noticed too.

"One night, the pastor of our local church sat down and talked with me about my life, my music, and Jesus. On October 17, 1965, I committed my life and my music to the Lord. I've never looked back," Holm told one interviewer. In another interview, he added, "(M)y life was radically and eternally transformed."

After Bible school and a brief youth ministry, Holm became worship leader for David Wilkerson's ministry in the early 1970s. At that time, Wilkerson's ministry centered around his work with inner city youth in tough neighborhoods. Some of his work had been chronicled in his best-selling book, "The Cross and the Switchblade."

Holm relocated to Texas and began his new job. He also began working on a new LP for Singcord Records. There was a problem—Zondervan, Singcord's owner, wanted original material. He had none.

Looking for inspiration on his own, he found none. Finally, he prayed about it. Part of his prayer included the question, "Lord, if you were singing, what would You sing?" ("Complete Book of Hymns" by the Petersens, p. 604) The music began flowing from his pen. Holm explained, "God wrote the song(s) and I just delivered the message." (ibid, p. 604)

His first Singcord LP, "For Teens Only," was released in 1971. It inspired and influenced many young Christians and Christian musicians, including singer-songwriter Twila Paris. A few years later, she would be the opening act for Holm's concerts. (Later, she became an established hitmaker with songs such as "Do I Trust You?")

"Rise Again" appeared on his 1977 LP, "Live!" It won four Dove Awards, including "Song of the Year." Although he has been nominated and won other awards for other songs and recordings through the years, "Rise Again" became his most famous song.

Holm commented in another interview, "When people hear my music or see me on TV or in concert, they don't realize that these are just moments in my life. I've had my struggles, heartaches, and disappointments just like everyone else.... But Christ remains pre-eminent in all things."

Holm's challenges in his life include raising a young family and keeping them grounded in Christ while maintaining his career and ministry. Another involves his wife Linda (whom he married in 1969), who has battled cancer for many years.

These challenges, no doubt, supplied some of the inspiration for his CD, "Songs of Hope and Comfort." According to his website:

"(Many) people have commented on how a particular song got them through a a difficult season of their life. In time of loss and sorrow, sickness and trial, a song was often the instrument of God's grace. It is for this reason I offer (this CD). (These) songs will lift your spirits, bring encouragement and offer strength for the journey."

More than 40 years later, Holm still is conveying God's message through music.

**REQUESTS  
FOR PRAYER**

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**Steve Baker**  
**Darrell Collins-**  
**Don Dent**  
**Helen Eggleston**  
**Donna Fisher**  
**Richard Free-**  
**man**  
**Judy Guadagino**  
**John Layman**  
**Nilah Layman**  
**Mary Rose Long**  
**Janice Moore**  
**Vickie Robb**  
**Mark Robinson**  
**Bill Sandlin**  
**Ernie Sapp**  
**Diane Scarth**  
**Bob Sizemore**  
**Louie Spaulding**  
**Robby Stephens**  
**Mike Steward**  
**Mike Van Sickle**

All with health  
concerns

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**Sophie Bovenizer**  
**Mae Lasley**  
**Dale Richter**  
**Ruby Singleton**  
**Mag Thacker**  
**Ruby Wyatt**  
**homebound**

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**Denise Sapp**  
**Bereavement**

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## **PRAYER MATTERS** *from the Prayer Ministry Team*

Adapted from Prayer Coach by James L. Nicodem .

**FASTING WEEK:** Please continue to fast for at least one meal the fourth week of every month for the upcoming year..

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

If something is big enough to worry about, it's big enough to pray about. Immediately. Don't wait. Anxiety is a prompting from the Holy Spirit to pray...

I've discovered that I sometimes worry without even realizing that I'm worrying. I'm like the duck that appears to be floating along serenely while below the waterline it's paddling desperately. Impatience or irritability are usually the tip-off that some invisible anxiety is gnawing away at me. I actually have to go to God on these occasions and ask, "Lord, would you help me define what I'm worried about?" Only then am I able to pray about my anxiety. Our worries are a sign of our helplessness. Something is out of our control. Something is wrong and we can't fix it. Something is confusing and we can't figure it out. Something needs to happen and we are powerless to make it happen. Helplessness. Do you feel it? Then pray. I read a definition for prayer some time ago that I really liked: Prayer is helplessness plus faith.

**PRAYER;** Faithful Father, there are so many times when we struggle with anxious thoughts or feelings instead of recognizing our helplessness before You. Please help us to recognize the prompting from Your Spirit so that we will pray when we sense that life is out of control. It is so comforting to know that You will bring that perfect peace to our hearts when we release our anxiety into Your hands

If you have any poems, short stories, jokes, writing talent, favorite item you have collected, etc. that you would like to share, please see Helen James.

Thanks to Al Miller for sharing the beautiful lyrics to one of his favorite songs. Please read the lyrics because they have so much meaning.

### **FAITH:**

"How Long Has It Been" Jim Reeves Lyrics

How long has it been since you talked with the Lord

And told him your heart's hidden secrets

How long since you prayed, how long since you stayed

On your knees till the light shone through

How long has it been since your mind felt at ease

How long since your heart knew no burden

Can you call him your friend how long has it been since you knew that he cared for you

How long has it been since you knelt by your bed and prayed to the Lord up in heaven

How long since you knew that he'd answer you

And would keep you the long night through

How long has it been since you woke with the dawn and felt that the day's worth the living

Can you call him your friend, how long has it been since you knew that he cared for you?

### **FUN:**

God, Are You Listening? Author unknown

A man was walking through a forest pondering life.

He walked, pondered, walked, and pondered.

He felt very close to nature and even close to God.

He felt so close to God that he felt if he spoke God would listen.

So he asked, "**God, are you listening?**"

And God replied, "**Yes my son, I am here.**"

The man stopped and pondered some more.

He looked towards the sky and said, "**God, what is a million years to you?**"

God replied, "**Well my son, a second to me is like a million years to you.**"

So the man continued to walk and to ponder... walk and ponder...

Then he looked to the sky again and said, "**God, what is a million dollars to you?**"

And God replied, "My son, my son...a penny to me is like a million dollars to you. It means almost nothing to me. It does not even have a value it is so little."

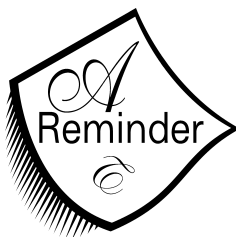
The man looked down, pondered a bit and then looked up to the sky and said, "**God, can I have a million dollars?**"

And God replied, "**In a second.**"

### **FELLOWSHIP:**

Great job Misty Jordan in leading the worship service. If you haven't taken time to meet Misty, please take time to do so. She has such a beautiful voice and we are blessed to have her.

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- Small Groups that meet at the Kieser's April 8 & 22 7pm.
- Seniors Play Day Thursday April 3 & 17 at Noon.
- Seniors on the Go – April 8 Red Lobster on Colerain. Leave church at 11:30 am

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Mark your calendars for April 27th West Side 60th year anniversary celebration Open House from 2-5:30pm. Special recognition at 3pm

The residents and staff of Mt. Healthy Christian Village are so very grateful for your heartfelt gift! Thank you for your kind donation.

Sunday, April 6th is the final day to sign up for the Mt. Healthy Christian Village Auxiliary. We are missing some of you that have been members for years. Please pray about your involvement and if you wish to join/renew please give the form to Winnie.

APRIL 19

11:30 AM—1:00 PM

Bring a basket or bag  
to collect your eggs  
and a friend or

easter  
egg  
hunt

A cartoon illustration of a smiling Easter Bunny wearing a bow tie and a jacket. The bunny is holding a basket of eggs in its left hand and a single egg in its right hand. It is standing next to a tree stump with a flower and some grass.

There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. Donations of hamburger buns and cookies are needed. We have received a large donation of candy, therefore we do not need candy donations after April 6th.



## Sunday Serving Schedules for April

### Communion Preparation Faith Class Al Miller

#### April 6

At the Table: Dave Combs, Frank Owens  
Serving Communion: Anthony Perry, Tom Perry, Willie Jones, Ron Gann, Jack Crouch, Brian Butts, Mike Brady, Elmer Scarth  
Benediction: Dave Combs  
Home Communion: Dan Knisley  
Exit Greeters: (SD), Louie Spaulding (BD) Bonnie Spaulding

#### April 13

At the Table: Wayne Kieser, Roger Richardson  
Serving Communion: Willard Adkins, Al Miller, John Cole, Darrell Collins, Bobby Haynes, Roger Richardson, Larry Baldwin, Micah Knisley  
Benediction: Wayne Kieser  
Home Communion: Roger Richardson, Al Miller  
Exit Greeters: (SD), Brian Butts (BD) Eva Baker

#### April 20

At the Table: Bud Haacke, Al Miller  
Serving Communion: Chris Thompson, Louie Spaulding, Elmer Scarth, Tom Perry, Bob Schaefer, Bud Haacke, Mike Brady  
Benediction: John Van Sickle  
Home Communion: Ray Dalton  
Exit Greeters: (SD), Diane Scarth (BD) Elmer Scarth

#### April 27

At the Table: Willard Adkins, Roger Richardson  
Serving Communion: Dave Combs, Wayne Kieser, Micah Knisley, Jack Crouch, Ron Gann, Darrell Collins, 2 Volunteers  
Benediction: Roger Richardson  
Home Communion: Bud Haacke,  
Exit Greeters: (SD), Sharon Knisley (BD) Louie Spaulding

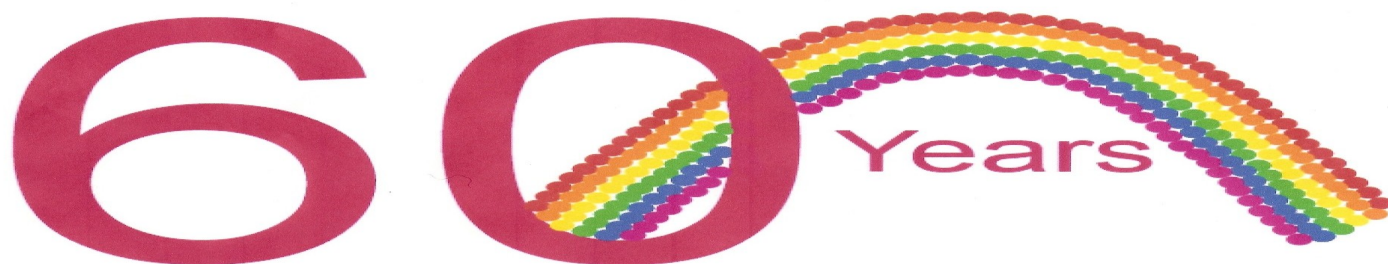


## BIRTHDAYS:

3. Lauren Butts
4. Janet Miller  
Tom Perry
13. Ron Baker  
Janice Moore
14. Janie Owens
20. John Layman
23. Kaylie Hinkle
25. Kim Thompson
27. Leah Whitehurst
28. Casidee Rogers

## ANNIVERSARIES:

10. Homer & Georgia Watkins
18. Rob & Sherri Haynes
19. Bob & Barb Ramsey
20. Neil & Beebee Geyer



You are cordially invited to the 60th year anniversary celebration  
of West Side Church of Christ  
1190 Stahlheber Rd.

Sunday April 27th, 2014  
from 2:00-5:30 p.m.

Special recognition at 3:00 p.m.

## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

April 1	Trail Life
April 3	Senior Play Day
April 8	Fun Bunch—Riley's
April 8	Small Group Kieser's
April 8	AHG
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 15	Trail Life
April 17	Senior Play Day
April 18	Good Friday-Office Closed
April 19	Easter Egg Hunt
April 20	Easter
April 21	Caller Deadline
April 22	Small Group Kieser's
April 22	AHG
April 27	Open House 60th Anniversary
April 29	Trail Life



## Services

### **Sunday:**

Bible School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

### **Wednesday:**

Evening Bible Study	6:30 pm
Worship Team Practice	7:30 pm

