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**WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
FAMILY CAMPOUT 2011**



**August 26-28  
No charge for camping  
\$12 for all 3 meals or \$5 per meal  
(Per person)**

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**August**



## From Dan's Desk

### *A Church That's Doing Something*

The Bible says of the church that "from Him (Christ) the whole body (the church), joined and held together by every supporting ligament (Individual member), grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does it work." (Ephesians 4:16)

This is God's template for what He wants the church to do and be. Just like the smooth functioning of the human body, when every part works together in harmony, the body of Christ grows and becomes strong.

We're seeing this take place here at West Side Church of Christ. People are working together to help build up this local body of believers. We just finished a great VBS. It was great because so many people volunteered to help. It was also great because of the impact it had on the lives of the young people who attended. Special thanks to Lance and all who helped make it a success.

We also have our annual "Back to School Supply Luau" coming up August 13th. Our congregation enthusiastically supports this ministry to disadvantaged school children in the North End by supplying book bags and school supplies. Special thanks to Dave and Carrol Combs and all who contribute to make this ministry a success.

A new small group ministry was also begun in January of this year. Wayne and Linda Kieser are doing a great job in leading this ministry. Thanks to them for opening their home for this vital ministry.

Thanks also to David for taking on the added responsibility of worship leading in addition to youth ministry. He also is doing a great job in leading our blended worship.

I'd like to mention all the great ministries here and the fine people who dedicate themselves to making things work, but space will not permit me. Suffice it to say that West Side Church of Christ is indeed "a church that's doing something," and I want to encourage each of you to get involved in whatever way you can. For when every member contributes in whatever way he/she can Christ's church does indeed grow and become strong.

For Him,  
**Dan**

## From David's Pondering Pool...



### Always Be Prepared

Peter's first letter was written in order to comfort and encourage a group of churches who lived right in the middle of an unbelieving world. As new believers came into the faith, their ideals and behavior became quite distinct from their pagan neighbors. The Christian faith in those days was widely misunderstood, and therefore subjected its followers to cruelty and persecution. Sound familiar?

We may not be fed to lions for claiming Christ as our King, but I feel that the body of Christ today can identify with the churches that Peter wrote to. As our world becomes more and more relativistic, to believe that there is ONE God and ONE way to the Father (through Christ), Christians in 21<sup>st</sup> century America are labeled as narrow-minded, judgmental, and intolerant. The most oft-quoted verse in our culture is this: "Judge not, lest ye be judged." For many who quote them today, Jesus' words from Matthew 7 have come to mean this: "You believe what works for you, and I'll believe what works for me." Anyone who goes against this widespread mantra is often slandered, stereotyped, and mocked. So what are we to do, living in the midst of a world that hates us for believing in the ONE who can save us from our sin?

The answer to this question is found in the words of 1 Peter 3:15-16, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

What are we to do? **First**, set apart Christ as Lord. Don't give up your devotion to Jesus. **Second**, don't lose hope in Him. If we will keep our hope in the Lord even when we're slandered and stereotyped, we will persevere. But we will also arouse the curiosity of the world around us. If we continue to let Christ control the way we live, the world will wonder why we allow ourselves to be labeled, mocked, and ridiculed. **Third**, in those moments when the world asks, we are to "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks [us] to give the reason for the hope that [we] have."

A few years ago, one popular website posted a video titled "10 Questions That Every Intelligent Christian Must Answer." In this video, a self-proclaimed atheist poses the following ten questions: If there really is a God, then... 1) Why doesn't He answer prayer? 2) Why are there so many starving people in the world? 3) Why does He command the death of so many in the Old Testament? 4) Why is His Word filled with so much anti-scientific nonsense? 5) Why does He support slavery? 6) Why do bad things happen to good people? 7) Why didn't any of Jesus' miracles leave behind any evidence? 8) Why hasn't Jesus physically appeared to you? 9) Why does Jesus say to "eat His body and drink His blood?" 10) Why do so many Christians live like non-Christians?

At last check, this video has been viewed *over 6 million times* by people around the world. How would you answer the questions of this man who at the end of his questioning calls Christians "ignorant, superstitious, and delusional?" If he asked you, would you be prepared to both compassionately and rationally give an answer as to the reason for the hope you have in Christ? If so, I hope that your faith and understanding are encouraged today. If not, I hope your faith and understanding will be encouraged by taking this opportunity to think, grow, and reflect upon the reasons why you claim Christ as Lord.

As a **fourth** and final note, when we are faced with a world that mocks our faith in Jesus, we are to maintain a spirit of gentleness and respect. Our natural instincts tell us to mock, ridicule, and slander those who do the same against us, but we are called to present the Truth with gentleness and respect. In doing so we will keep a clear conscience, and help the world around us see the difference that knowing Jesus makes in our lives.

May you be encouraged in your faith, hope, and love today, and may you always be ready to give a reason for the hope you have living amidst a world that often does not understand our faith.

Children's Chat



August 19-20<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm-9am

No Cost just bring favorite snack to share

That is right the long awaited return of the infamous lock-in is coming to West Side Church of Christ. Bring a towel, clothes you can get wet, clothes to change into after water and of course bring a friend. Guys let's see if we can do better this time and not let the girls destroy us in every game we played.

Sign up sheet is on the Children's Board and Parental Consent forms are on the website.

Questions: Email Lance- [lance@wscchamilton.org](mailto:lance@wscchamilton.org)  
Call church office 513-863-7552  
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**Support our Troops**

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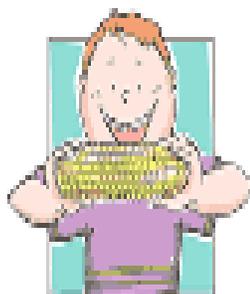
Welcome  
To God's Family

Varrick Liam Bippus  
July 15, 2011

3305 Stahlheber Rd.  
Hamilton, OH 45013

Colton Paul Thompson  
July 24, 2011

3691 Riva Ridge  
Hamilton, OH 45011



August



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

In the early 1960's Ed Bousman (1918-2011) felt the Lord place a burden upon his heart– start a radio ministry. He wondered, "How am I going to pay for it?" After all, he was the evangelist of the First Church of Christ in the small town of Lynchburgh, Ohio

Bousman remembered the scripture: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be open to you." (Matthew 7:7 NKJV)

After much prayer and the Lord's help, "God Is Just A Prayer Away" debuted on Cincinnati's WCKY-AM radio. Within a year, the program moved to Cincinnati's WLW-AM, where it remains after 50 years.

The program's theme song was written by Roberta, his wife. The song is a personal testament to how God answered their prayers. It also reminds listeners how God can do the same for them.

"God can hear the smallest prayer,  
He's around us everywhere,  
He will hear and answer you too,  
He'll see you through."

- Roberta Bousman (ca. 1961)

Through its constant exposure on the broadcast through out the Midwest, the song became popular. Because listeners requested the words and music frequently, it was regularly featured in the program's newsletter for many years.

After Ed died in May 2011, several announcements were made:

Ed recorded five years worth of new programs, insuring new broadcasts (without repeats!) through 2016.

The ministry intends to continue the broadcasts, as long as the funds come in. (Restoration herald, Aug. 2011, p.23)

The ministry also announced that a special tribute to Ed Bousman's 50 years in broadcasting is scheduled for 11/19/2011

Ed summed up his broadcast ministry thusly: "The existence of this ministry is ample proof that the Lord honored His Word and gave us what we asked, sought, and knocked for. We asked and He gave." (GIJAPA newsletter)

At the end of every broadcast, he reminded listeners that "for the Christian...God is just a prayer away."

**Bibliography:**

"God Is Just A Prayer Away" newsletter, July 2011 "

"Restoration Herald" August 2011.

Video tribute to Ed Bousman (produced by one of his nephews), Featuring Ed singing the program's theme song. You Tube

**Bible Trivia**

What does the word Golgotha mean?

Mark 15:22  
Place of a skull

What was Judas Iscariot in charge of?

John 13:29  
The money.

What name means laughter?

Genesis 21:6  
Issac.

Who became very hungry when praying on a roof top?

Acts 10:9-10  
Peter.

How did Joshua signal his army to attack the city of Ai??

Joshua 8:18-19  
toward Ai.

He held out his spear

For which of Philemon's qualities did Paul give thanks?

Philemon 1:4-5  
Faith and Love



## *Hamilton Christian Family Center*

### *Clothing Pantry*

Along with the food pantry, the clothes pantry is serving so many more than ever before. Did you know we have the only free clothing pantry in the area??? I have had dozens of calls from schools, churches, and government agencies. Most checking if we can help, and “is it true that we are free???” The clothes pantry exists because of all of you, who help us daily with their donations. Kids clothes are always a top priority. We need it all.

We take all donations from household items, to furniture, appliances, cars, to clothing of all kinds. As the school year begins we hope you will think of us as you get your own kids ready to go to school. Those clothes that don't fit, we would love to have. New underwear and socks are always in high demand. So if you would like to buy an extra package when you are buying your own, please do. It would be a great blessing to a child.

If you have something to donate, please call Linda at 513-227-3169 to arrange a drop off time.

### *Tutoring Program*

The theme for the summer is “Around the World with Books”. Each week we study a different country, the kids use computers to find answers to questions about each country and read about the country. We do a craft, as well as convert currency to US dollars. Guest speakers have come to tell us about some of the countries.

Back to School Supply

Luau

Saturday,

August 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 till Noon

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Hamilton Christian Family Center

## Back to School Supply Luau

I would like to tell you a little story. Fifteen years ago I was sitting in an adult bible study class, and a man came in to tell us a bit about the mission and said that he was moving. And needed someone to take over his board position. "Was anyone interested?" Next thing I knew, my husband was looking at me as if I had two heads and I was shocked to find my hand raised. Well I joined the board and started coming to the Christian Family Center to help with kids club.

Some time late summer I was talking to some of the kids about going back to school and asked the simple question "Have you gotten your school supplies yet?" I was shocked to be told they did not get things for school because mom and dad had no money. Well my husband and I went shopping and bought the three kids book bags, and the other things on their class lists. They were so excited to get the stuff.

That night I asked the Lord to help me get school supplies to more kids. Well...Like they say... Be careful what you ask for, the Lord can do so much more than you can dream. Each year we have been able to help more and more kids get what they need for school.

Last year 660 kids got back packs and all the school supplies on their lists. The principal has told me that giving kids school supplies, has done more to help the kids in the north end than any government program has ever. Well besides giving kids supplies, we have made this event a carnival type event. With free food and drink and games to play. **This years Luau is Aug 13 from 9 till noon.** We are in need of supplies, as well as 100 people to help to man the games, register kids, and pass out food and more.

Did you know that there is no money in the budget for the Luau, yet the cost of the Luau is about eight thousand dollars. Each year I beg for support and pray a lot, and each year God comes through for us. The kids never go without and we help more and more kids each year. Education is the only way out of poverty, so please join me with support and prayer. Call Linda at 227-3169 if you can help. God Bless.

### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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- Jake Collett
- Barb Collins
- Callie & Floyd Grubb
- Earl Kieser
- Greg McSwain
- Amanda Robbins
- Sue Robbins
- Elmer Scarth
- Marie Sears
- Joan Sizemore
- Tootsie Still
- Pete Taylor
- Sara Webster
- Laura Wiley
- Carl Wilson
- Keith Wooley

All with health concerns

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- Sophie Bovenizer
- Bill Chamberlain
- Helen Dye
- Anna George
- Dolle Haven
- Earl Kieser
- Mae Lasley
- Dale Richter
- Mag Thacker
- Ruby Wyatt
- homebound

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**Georgia Hall**  
bereavement





- If someone is missing something from VBS check Lance's office or check with Carolyn Whitehurst.

- Help Wanted-our troop is in need of a troop shepherd- duties include prayer & devotions at meetings, sending out cards to members for illness, birthdays etc..Troop meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. with leader meetings & service projects on the 1st & 3rd Tues.

starting in Sept. through May. Do not have to have a family member in the troop. Please contact Kim Lipscomb if you have any questions or are looking for the opportunity to influence the lives of these girls. (513)382-8723

- West Side Church of Christ– Thank you so much for all your support for me and my family over these dark months. Thank you for the cards and the beautiful flowers and most of all your prayers.—In Christian Love, Dorothy Anderson
- Thanks to Roger and crew for the new communion prep room. The work was done in honor of the seniors of the church
- Dear West Side Family, Thank you very much for your prayers, phone calls and visits to Ft. Hamilton after Del was transported to the ER from the Butler County Medical Center on Tuesday June 21st. (We thank you for thinking of both of us, after my fall while entering! They treated us both in ER #19, and he was finally admitted to IMC at 10 pm!) X-rays showed he'd had a bit of pneumonia in his left lung; so that accounted for his breathing difficulties and oxygen-level drop during anesthesia for the medical procedure. We especially thank those who visited and prayed with him/us- Dan, Pete, Kevin, John and Mike. We praise God for the doctor's expertise and for his quick recovery (on steroids too!) (now that he's been home, and now off the Prednisone, and the heat, we covet your prayers for his health) Thanks, church family! In Him, Del & Winnie
- The Scarth family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers & cards for the speedy recovery of Elmer. He has been transferred to the rehab center at Berkley Square. God Bless-Diane Scarth.
- Earl Kieser's 90th birthday will be celebrated August 7th. Wish him a happy birthday at an open house at Westover from 1-6pm.
- Sun., Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>: There will be an interest meeting after church for anyone who'd like more info. on Operation Christmas Child. Sign up outside of David's office.
- Seniors on the Go– August 9th MCL. Richmond Ind. Meet at the church at 11:00 AM
- Sat., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>: Christian Family Center Back-to-School Luau! We need teens who can face paint, so please sign up on the Events Board.
- The American Heritage Girls will be hosting a yard sale Saturday August 20th from 9-2. They will be taking donations of items. You do not need to price them. Items will be sold on a "make an offer" basis.
- Jill Shaw will be with us August 28th. Jill is our missionary in New Zealand where 97% of the country is unchurched.
- Northern Lights Emmaus are having 2 walks this fall at beautiful Camp Lebanon. The men's walk is Sept. 15-18 The women's is Sept. 22-25 Cost is \$110 Only 40 can go on the walk at any time. Don't miss this opportunity to have a personal 3 day walk in God's Love. Contact Bud & Becky Hacke for details.

### Communion Preparation for August Faith-Al Miller

#### August 7

At the Table: Bill Gabbard, John Van Sickle  
Serving Communion: Willard Adkins, Ron Baker, Roy Barker, Bill Brunner, John Layman, John Cole, Darrell Collins, Ray Dalton

Benediction: John Van Sickle

Home Communion: John Van Sickle, Al Miller

Exit Greeters: Dave Combs (SD), Bill Arnold (BD)

#### August 14

At the Table: Bill Arnold, Dave Combs  
Serving Communion: Marc Gabbard, Ron Gann, Wayne Kieser, John Lowery, Bob Scaeffler, Louie Spaulding, Chris Thompson, Al Miller

Benediction: Neil Geyer

Home Communion: Bud Haacke, Bill Sandlin

Exit Greeters: Al Miller (SD), Mark Hinkle(BD)

#### August 21

At the Table: Al Miller, Frank Owens  
Serving Communion: Bill Gabbard, Bill Arnold, Dave Combs, Neil Geyer, Willard Adkins, Ron Baker, Roy Barker, John Layman

Benediction: Frank Owens

Home Communion: Ray Dalton, Neil Geyer

Exit Greeters: Neil Geyer, John Cole

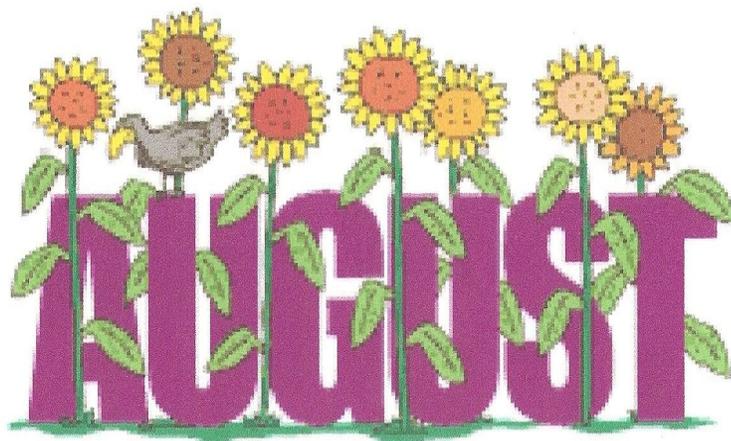
#### August 28

At the Table: Bill Sandlin, Neil Geyer  
Serving Communion: John Cole, Darrell Collins, Ray Dalton, Frank Owens, Marc Gabbard, Bob Scaeffler, Wayne Kieser, Louie Spaulding

Benediction: David Schneller

Home Communion: Frank Owens, Bill Sandlin

Exit Greeters: Frank Owens (SD), Mike Thacker (BD)



### Birthdays

- AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:
- 4. Marissa Lipscomb
  - 8. Earl Kieser
  - 10. Sandy Haynes
  - 12. Carol Barker
  - 14. Lauren Haynes
  - 19. Adam Miller
  - 21. Robert Lowery
  - 23. Dorothy Thomas
  - 24. Callie Jo Calla
  - 25. Sydney Brunner  
Neil Geyer
  - 27. Margaret Cornett
  - 28. Sharon Knisley
  - 29. Theresa Clayton
  - 30. Les Smith



### Anniversaries

- 2. Mark & Cindy Hinkle  
John & Nancy Lowery
- 15. Pete and Jan Taylor
- 24. Bud & Becky Haacke
- 27. Roger & Dorothy Thomas
- 31. Red & Faye Reatherford





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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

August 1	God's Girls
August 3	Summer In The Son
August 7	Back To School Luau Supplies due.
August 9	Fun Bunch to MCL Richmond, Ind.
August 10	Staff meeting 10:30 am
August 10	Summer In The Son
August 13	Back To School Luau
August 15	Caller deadline
August 17	Staff meeting 10:30 am
August 17	Leadership meeting 11:30 am
August 17	Summer In The Son
August 19	Lock In for Grade School
August 20	AHG Yard Sale 9-2
August 24	Summer In The Son
August 26	Family Camp Out
August 27	Family Camp Out
August 28	Family Camp Out
August 28	Missionary Jill Shaw
August 31	Summer In The Son

## Summer Services

### *Sunday:*

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

### *Wednesday:*

Summer In The Son	6:00 pm
Evening Bible Study	6:30 pm



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