

West Side Church of Christ CALLER

SEPTEMBER



Office closed
September 3
Secretary on vacation
September 4 & 5

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Roof Fund Report

Goal: \$26,775
 Pledged: \$20,865
 Given: \$24,570
 As of 8/29/2012

iPledge Sunday:



September 9th, iPledge Sunday webcast at 7:00 pm. here at West Side after evening service. Addresses major issues we face as a nation



September 16– National Back To Church Sunday. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. Our goal is 260 people. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS BIG EVENT**



Jerry Headen of Philokalia Ministries will be here September 30th. He is our missionary in Thailand.

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From Dan's Desk

National Back To Church Sunday

Join Us

September 16

for National Back to Church Sunday

School is starting again and folks are getting back into their regular fall routines. Why not get back in the routine of attending church? On September 16 we will be asking people to do that very thing – to get back to being in worship with fellow believers. We have set a goal for ourselves of 260 people that Sunday morning. If all of us work together by inviting our friends and neighbors we can reach that goal.

The simple fact of the matter is that people need the Lord's church. People need the church because it is a place of fellowship where we can be strengthened and strengthened others. We need the church because it is the place where we obey Jesus' command to partake of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Him. We need the church because it is the place where we can worship God together. We need the church also because it is the place where we hear the preaching and teaching of the Word, that our faith would be strengthened.

Yes, the church is needed. The church is needed just as class instruction is needed for the student, just as the work place is needed for the employee, and just as the health care facility is needed for the hurting.

So let's all be praying and inviting as we prepare for National Back to Church Sunday on September 16. Working together we can reach our goal of 260 people, not just for the sake of numbers, but so that more people can make the connection in a saving way with our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the praise and honor as we seek to help others come to know Him.

For Him-

Dan

Daniel's Counting the Clouds... (Job 38:37)



Teens

Hey all! The West Side youth has been super busy over the last several months learning, having fellowship, and growing together. Our summer programs started at the end of May with a big end of the year church lock-in. The "lockdown" was a great success with over 40 kids in attendance and we had many adult volunteers who stayed up all night with our young people. Thanks to all who helped by giving of their time and finances. Our teens were in charge of administering the individual events and games. They gave devotionals relating to each event. Through these events, we learned something about growing and becoming more like Christ.

In June, our teens attended Ichthus, the annual Christian music festival in Wilder Kentucky. During the week-long event we camped out in our tents on the Ichthus farm. Our days consisted of enjoying the many talented Christian bands. The modern musical styles featured techno, rock, metal, hip hop, and worship. Many Ichthus speakers were showcase on their Main and Deep End stages. At night, we had many great discussions and lessons on what the church is and what its purpose is here on earth ("why are we here", and "what does God want us to do") In all, about 14 people from West Side attended Ichthus.

In July, we enjoyed a two day senior high youth retreat at Holiday World, an amusement park in Indiana. There, we had a great chance to just hang out with each other and grow closer together as brothers and sisters in Christ. During the evening, we assembled in the conference room of the hotel to have a lesson about "temptation"; what it is, how it affects us, and some practical ways of dealing with temptation as outlined in the book of James. This trip was a great success. Everyone had a great time and we plan to visit next year. Altogether we had 13 youth and 3 adult sponsors attend.

In August, we attended the Awaken Conference in Paintsville, KY. I was a featured speaker at this event, preaching twice on the main stage in front of hundreds of young people. I preached on "How we can know God Exists" and "A More Excellent Way." There were many breakout sessions of interest to teens including "Using social media", "Sex and Dating", "Dealing With Doubts", "Missions", "Personal Responsibility". "The Existence of God", and "The Resurrection of Jesus", (I taught these two), Over 500 people attended the conference and it ended with an awesome concert from Fireflight.

Also, I would like to mention that just last week we started up our new young adult ministry for ages 18-30. I have included a letter I sent out with information regarding our new offering in this area for people in my own age group. Check it out!

Worship

Our worship ministry has been moving forward quite nicely here at church. I am very happy to see many more people singing the songs now that we have gotten the chance to learn them! It is an encouraging experience to be able to worship the God of the universe in new and exciting ways with His people here in the church. Currently, we are working with a new youth worship band that will be playing youth oriented worship at Sunday night youth service in the gym. Several of our recently graduated college seniors are participating in this project which, I believe will be nothing but beneficial for the young people in our program; being able to experience God through worship and music which speaks directly to them. Also, please welcome Kristen Haacke, playing bass guitar, to the worship team. She is a talented young woman who is using her considerable musical gifts in service to her Savior and I am very excited to have her aboard.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about youth events or worship please feel free to come and share them with me personally. Thanks so much and God Bless you all.

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Bible Trivia

Whose sword did the preist of
Nod give to David?

Goliath's
I Samuel 21:8

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Children's Chat

When I came to West Side I was given the responsibility for children in the age group birth to 6th Grade. Daniel and I have felt that a critical age group was being left out and that is our Middle School kids. Middle School is a critical and tough age. It is when you start to discover who you are and the ties to friends and groups becomes very important. We want to provide a ministry for this age group that is separate from the High School group. So I am going to be the Children's and Young Teens Minister and we are going to have both Sunday School and Sunday Night Youth groups for this age group. This will allow Daniel to focus on High School and Young Adults, another important age group that had been neglected.

As mentioned above, we are starting a Middle School program both for Sunday School and Sunday night. We will start on September 8th with a swimming pool grill out kick off. We are going to go to the Schanie's house for this party. Anyone grades 6th-8th is invited to attend and bring friends. Hopefully, all young teens got a letter recently in the mail discussing this new ministry. On Sunday September 9th during Sunday School, we are going to be grappling with tough questions about "God, Others and Me". Then on Sunday nights at our meeting we will have snacks and discuss how the Bible relates to us today in our daily life. Besides our weekly meetings, we will also have special activities, concerts, conferences and retreats. Any questions please contact me at my contact information below.

So in making this change, I need of some adults to work with the Middle School kids during either Sunday school or Sunday nights. There will be material for you, training and as much help as you want. I will be with the Middle School kids as well but I really need some adults to help. Even if you don't feel comfortable teaching, I can still use you for this ministry. If you are interested come talk to me at church or call me 513-477-6153 or email lance@wscchamilton.org.

Finally, as the Children's area continues to grow, we are in search of more people who would be willing to help with the Children's area. We are in need of a teacher on the 4th Sunday of each month to teach the 4,5 & K class during worship time. During Sunday school, we also need someone to minister in the nursery the first week of the month.



Hymn Formation (c)
by Sam Sippel

Sunday School teachers don't always know how much they've influenced their students' lives. One such teacher's lesson was the basis for a popular inspirational song many years after the lesson was given.

Meredith Willson was born May 18, 1902 in Mason City, Iowa to a musical family. A nightly tradition was gathering around the family piano. Where Mrs. Willson accompanied them while they played and sang the family favorites. The family was also a religious one. Mrs. Willson taught Sunday School at their church. She closed each lesson with a benediction, "May the Good Lord bless you and keep you." After young Meredith left small-town life for New York City, he never forgot his mother's words.

Meredith took his mail-order flute to the Damrosch Institute (later Julliard) in the Big Apple. After graduating, he turned pro and played in Sousa's Band and, later, the New York Philharmonic. In the late '20s, Willson entered the growing radio broadcasting field as a conductor and composer-arranger.

Soon, ABC sent him West to become the music director for the Northwest Territory. Later, he joined NBC, who sent him to Southern California to head up their Western Division. In addition to being the music director, Willson conducted, composed, and arranged music for various radio shows. At one time, he held the baton on 17 different weekly programs—all broadcast live. He even managed to guest conduct various West Coast symphony orchestras.

For one show, he created an experimental vocal group called The Talking People, who commented on the programs through music and speech. The critics were impressed by the group's ability to talk and sing as one. It is not surprising, considering that one of the Talking People was a young soprano named Norma Zimmer.

Around this time, Willson began attending church with his wife. With a friend's encouragement, Meredith started working on a musical based on his small-town upbringing in turn-of-the-last century Iowa. (It eventually became "The Music Man.")

These things were fresh in his mind, when he received a new assignment: conduct a new NBC radio variety show, "The Big Show," hosted by actress Tallulah Bankhead. Of course, the show needed the requisite theme song. He recalled his mother's words and began to write a song based on them. When he demonstrated the song for Bankhead, she loved it.

Audiences did too, when they heard it close the weekly broadcasts. No, Bankhead didn't sing the lyrics. Although the non-singing actress recited her lines, the singing guest stars sang theirs. Even Bing Crosby copied this formula when he closed his show with the song. Nat "King" Cole and the Andrews Sisters joined Bing and the John Scott Trotter Orch. in their alternating lines arrangement. (During this time, Bing had success with another Willson song, "It's Beginning to Look A lot Like Christmas.")

Eddy Arnold quickly recorded the song on Dec. 13, 1950 for RCA Victor. Although it would be recorded by many popular performers, the song never reached the Billboard Top 40 pop charts. It would, however, become the most requested song by soldiers during the Korean War.

As his other radio shows ended, Willson began to work on "The Music Man." Some of the royalties from the eventual Broadway play and movie were donated to his church for a new stained glass window. "The Music Man Window" was installed near the pew where its benefactor sat.

Willson died June 15, 1984 in Santa Monica, CA at age 82. He was buried in his beloved hometown of Mason City, Iowa. You can even visit the Music Man Village, a town square that celebrates Willson and his "River City" boyhood landmarks.

Although many of his songs have been widely performed and recorded, "May the Good Lord Bless you and Keep You" is being rediscovered by a new audience through various CD reissues of vintage performances and the occasional new recording.

"May the Good Lord bless you and keep you,
Whether near or far away.
May the Good Lord bless you and keep you,
'Til we meet again."

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**Donna Fisher-
Callie Grubb
Sue Hamblin
Diane Howe
Lynda Huff
John Layman
Nilah Layman
Tom Metcalf
Karen Polen
Mark Robinson
Marie Sears
Dorothy Thomas-
Sam Welch
Laura Wylie**
All with health concerns

**Sophie Bovenizer
Barb Colwell
Helen Dye
Anna George
Dolle Haven
Earl Kieser
Mae Lasley
Geneva McSwain
Dale Richter
Betty Sandlin
Mag Thacker
Ruby Wyatt**
homebound

**Rachel Bamonti
Kaley Ann Hicks
Dale Lee
Jay McCarty
Myrtle Reatherford-
bereavement**

**September
Prayer Focus:**

Schools

Other:

**Logan Watson,
Afghanistan**



*Come and see the works of God.
Psalm 66:5*

Reflections from Cards of Encouragement - This month's theme is "Strength in God's Faithfulness".

Abundant Strength in the Works of God

"Everything looks so beautiful," my husband expressed as we relaxed on our patio gazing over our backyard on a warm early summer day. Bright yellow blossoms blended with brilliant red, soft pink, iridescent purple, and blazing white flowers to paint a colorful backdrop for the luscious green lawn. We strolled over to inspect our garden looking full and flourishing after abundant spring rains. It was easy to "see the works of God."

Later in the summer, however, the works of God were not so easy to see. The ground was parched and cracked from drought. A few hardy flowers still displayed spots of color, but the plants in our garden were wilted and withered. We did not see the beauty of God's works until we learned two lessons from zucchini and peas.

LESSON ONE: On top of withered leaves lay a two-foot zucchini. The lush green growth of early summer had hidden this bounty. Only when the leaves withered from the drought were we able to "see the works of God!"

LESSON TWO: Useless and unappetizing pea pods filled the bowl until the sweet bounty within was revealed. They had to be broken open for us to "see the works of God!"

The lessons from our garden made me think about my illnesses. My life was full and flourishing before the drought of illness came along. I wilted and withered from tests, surgeries, treatments, and check-ups. I felt broken from the emotional drain of feeling useless and unproductive. It was sometimes difficult to "see the works of God." This is what I have learned:

LESSON ONE: It is when we are wilted and withered, no longer dependent on lush full growth covering our lives, that we are able to see God at work strengthening and comforting us through our illnesses.

LESSON TWO: It is when we are emotionally broken open, that we are able to see God at work producing sweet bounty within us.

Dear God, this illness has created a physical and emotional barren drought in my life. Some days I feel wilted and withered like the plants. My emotions pull and tear at me leaving me feeling broken. Help me to see Your works during this season—to feel Your strength and comfort and to know the sweet bounty You are producing within me. Thank You for being with me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Reflections from Ministry – I recently received an email from a lady I have been sending cards to. She has been undergoing intensive treatment for metastatic cancer. She expressed how very difficult it has become and how she is struggling with weakness and pain. Then she closed with this expression of her faith, "But I have NOT lost hope that the Lord will completely heal me! I am just s-l-o-w-l-y waiting for His Perfect Timing to arrive. I wish I was privy to know WHEN His Perfect Timing is, but IT WILL COME one of these days, that is for sure!" What faith! And what an encouragement to us. It is a privilege to be able to help encourage her in the Lord on this very difficult journey.

**You can pick up Cards of Encouragement by the north door or next to the coffee area.
Take a Bag of Hope to someone who needs encouragement.**

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Dear Young Adults,

Hey all! Today, I wanted to let you guys and gals know about some new and exciting developments that will be taking place in the very near future. Beginning Sunday August 26th at 9:30am, we will be introducing a new class specifically for and centered around young adults and college-aged students from ages 18-30+ taught by none other than your favorite 30 year old minister at Westside ☺

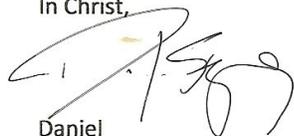
There are quite a few of "us" (12 +/-) in that age group here at the church that previously didn't really have a class tailored just for our interests, concerns, and spiritual needs. Now we do. I want to invite you all to come on August 26th to our first class meeting where we will get to know each other and discuss where we would like to see discussions, lessons, etc., go.

For our first few sessions we will be looking at the person of Jesus. Who was Jesus really? What did His followers think of Him? What did Jesus think about Himself? With these questions in mind, we are going to explore Jesus together through the work of one of the greatest living New Testament scholars, Dr. N.T. Wright, in his book, "Simply Jesus," and through the BluefishTV production, "Why Jesus?," with pastor David Nasser; a man who laid down the uncertainty and oppressive legalism of Islam for the grace and truth which can only be found in Jesus of Nazareth.

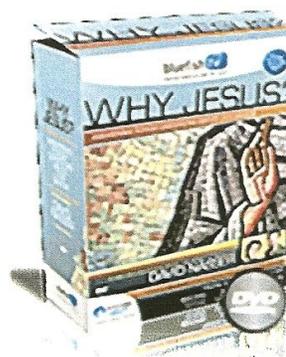
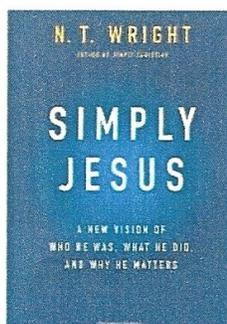
As a member of this age group myself, I am committed to creating the kind of ministry experience that not only presents the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a manner faithful to what has been handed down to us through the Apostles by the scripture, but also in a way that is intimately relevant to the thoughts and concerns of our young minds in this time and place which God has placed us.

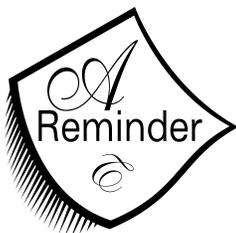
I invite you all to come and help create a ministry for us that can reach our community in power with the grace and salvation of the One who gave His life for ours.

In Christ,



Daniel





- God’s Girls will be September 10
- Kieser Small Group will meet September 11 & 25 at the Kieser’s at 7pm
- Seniors on the Go – – September 11– Red Lobster, Colerain Ave.
- Women’s Bible Study– Plans are in development.

- Reasonable Faith Small Group to begin end of September
- Middle School Youth Group to begin Sunday September 9th at 5:30 pm
- Youth Group to begin Sunday September 9th at 6:00 PM

Operation Christmas Child

Mark Your Calendars!! Again, we will be a relay center for Operation Christmas Child, November 12-19th. The hours of operation will be :

Monday	November 12	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Tuesday	November 13	7:30 AM – 10:30 PM
Wednesday	November 14	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Thursday	November 15	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Friday	November 16	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Saturday	November 17	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sunday	November 18	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Monday	November 19	8:00 AM – 12 :00 PM

The Operation Christmas Child Team will leave for Charlotte, NC on November 23 and return Sunday, November 25th. Saturday they will assist with feeding the homeless at Calvary Church and work in the distribution center from 7-10 pm. They will also visit the Billy Graham Center and museum. Bud has secured a hotel with an indoor pool and breakfast included. There are two sign-up sheets 1 for weekday workers , the other for the North Carolina delivery trip. Sign up sheets are on the Welcome Center. If more than 15 sign up to go to North Carolina, go we need to contact the hotel. Also there is a sign up for workers on the Welcome Center.

Thank you for the flowers and visits for my mother, Myrtle Reatherford’s funeral. We appreciate the love and support from our church family.– Red & Faye Reatherford.

We still need volunteers to provide either homemade or store-bought baked goods for the Coffee Ministry. Sign up sheets are on the Welcome Center desk.

Youth Sunday Schedule

- 5:30 PM Youth Worship in the Gym
- 6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Youth group

September Communion Preparation for

New Members
Dan Knisley

September 2

At the Table: Bud Haacke, John Van Sickle
Serving Communion: Willard Adkins, Ron Baker, Roy Barker, Bill Brunner, John Cole, Darrell Collins, Ray Dalton, Frank Owens
Benediction: John Van Sickle
Home Communion: Ray Dalton, Neil Geyer
Exit Greeters: Dave Combs (SD), Bill Arnold (BD)

September 9

At the Table: Bill Arnold, Dave Combs
Serving Communion: Ron Gann, Wayne Kieser, John Lowery, Bob Scaeffler, Louie Spaulding, Chris Thompson, Al Miller, Neil Geyer
Benediction: Neil Geyer
Home Communion: Frank Owens, Dan Knisley
Exit Greeters: Al Miller (SD), Neil Geyer(BD)



September 16

At the Table: Bill Arnold, Dave Combs
Serving Communion: Bobby Haynes, Larry Baldwin, Bill Arnold, Dave Combs, Roger Richardson, Willard Adkins, Ron Baker, Roy Barker
Benediction: Neil Geyer
Home Communion: Al Miller, Volunteer
Exit Greeters: Al Miller (SD), Neil Geyer(BD)

September 23

At the Table: Frank Owens, John Van Sickle
Serving Communion: John Cole, Darrell Collins, Bob Scaeffler, Wayne Kieser, Louie Spaulding, Al Miller, Neil Geyer, Ray Dalton
Benediction: Al Miller
Home Communion: Bud Haacke, Volunteer
Exit Greeters: Frank Owens (SD), Neil Geyer(BD)

September 30

At the Table: Bud Haacke, Wayne Kieser
Serving Communion: Youth
Benediction: Dan Knisley
Home Communion: Ray Dalton, Neil Geyer
Exit Greeters: Al Miller, Volunteer

Birthdays

- 2. Jan Metcalf
- 6. Codie Trauthwein
- 7. Jan Metcalf
- 8. Debby Brady
- 9. Bill Sandlin
- 10. Tyler Clayton
- 12. Becky Haacke
Hannah Whitehurst
- 14. Helen James
- 16. Linda Kieser
- 20. Doug Sandlin
- 21. Dan Knisley
Dylin Hubbard
- 25. Glenn Rehkamp
Kim Thompson
- 27. Chloe Barker
- 29. Julie Markle
Melanie Miller

Anniversaries

- 2. Bill & Louise Gabbard
- 3. Roger & Phyllis Richardson
- 17. Ray & Cheryl Dalton
Glenn & Andrea Rehkamp
- 20. Rob & Sharon Rich
- 21. Lance & Carolyn Whitehurst



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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sept 2	No Evening Service
Sept 3	Church office Closed
Sept 4	Secretary Vacation
Sept 5	Secretary Vacation
Sept 8	Jr. High Kick Off @ Schanie's
Sept 9	Middle School Youth begins
Sept 9	Youth group begins
Sept 9	iPledge Sunday Webcast 7pm
Sept 10	God's Girls
Sept 11	Seniors on the Go- Red Lobster
Sept 11	Small Groups @ Kieser's 7pm
Sept 12	Prayer Walk
Sept 14	Grade School Lock-In
Sept 16	National Back To Church Sunday
Sept 18	Leadership Meeting
Sept 24	Caller Deadline
Sept 25	Small Group @ Kieser's 7pm
Sept 30	Jerry Headen of Philakalia ministries

Services

Sunday:

Bible School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
Youth Worship in Gym	5:30 pm
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Youth & Middle Youth	6:00 pm

Monday:

Reasonable Faith Small Group
begins end of September

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study	On Hiatus
Evening Bible Study	6:30 pm
Worship Teams Practice	7:30 pm