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“Loving God, Loving People, Serving The World In The Name Of Jesus”

A Monthly News Publication For Members And Friends

The Call Of Jesus

By Rev. Ralph Kieneker

Jesus calls each of us to follow Him. This is the foundation and center of our faith. The call, His call, is truly everything. It is a call on our whole life, everything we are and everything we do is included in it. His call is intended to lead and reshape us. If we follow Him, Jesus will lead us into *the life* that God has planned for us. As the father in *The Lion King* says to his son, “you are more than you have become,” Jesus is calling us to become *the more* God has planned for us from all eternity.

Isn't it amazing to consider what the Bible says? “Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure” (Ephesians 1:4-5). God has a plan for you and me, and Jesus is the one who comes and brings us the personal invitation. “Come, follow me, I will show you the plan of the Father.”

God's plan, His call, is simple. Trust in Jesus. Let him lead your life. That's it. That's all you have to do.

It is simple, but it is not easy. One of the biggest questions that people have about God is, “What is God's will for my life?” In other words, “how do I know if I'm living His plan?” It's not easy because God leaves a lot of room for uncertainty. A lot of things happen in life that causes us to question whether we are really following Jesus. We want audible directions and

smooth sailing, and instead we get silence and a bumpy road.

God's plan is simple, but it is not simplistic. There is no simple formula, no one-size fits all routine that leads to successful Christianity. Let me give you some examples.

Simple: I am called to worship. God created you to participate in the worshipping body of Christ. You should be part of a church family and regularly engage in corporate worship.

Not simplistic: Is God calling me to worship at West Side or some other congregation? Does style of music matter to God? What are the essential elements of a worship service? What is the best way to draw my children

into worship? If worship is for the glory of God, how much should we cater to the wants and desires of the worshippers?

Simple: I am called to grow. God's plan for my life is transform me into the likeness of Jesus, to become a person who has the character, passion and love that reflects the very nature of God.

Not Simplistic: How do I grow? Prayer is difficult and the Bible can be confounding. Should I join a Life Group? Or should my family attend Wednesdays at West Side? Should I do a Bible study and be in a Life Group? Can I just do it on my own? I've been through Alpha, what's the next step for me?



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Wednesdays @ West Side - Mid-Week Discipleship

Join us this fall for 8 weeks of fellowship and discipleship for the whole family. This exciting and new intergenerational ministry will kick-off Wed., Sept. 21 and will conclude Nov. 9. Join us for a meal between 5:15-6:00 pm and stay for a class. Or just come for a class from 6:00-7:30 pm.

Meal: 5:15-6:00 pm

Do you want a break from cooking this fall? Then come enjoy a meal and fellowship with us! We understand everyone has different schedules, so the food lines will open at 5:15 pm and will stay open until 5:55 pm. At 5:45 pm, we will stop and unite together through a brief story, prayer, and announcements and then be dismissed for our classes.

To help us gauge how much to cook and/or to pay in advance, please turn in a Registration Form (available in the Church Office and at the Welcome Stations in both buildings).

Suggested food donation:
8 weeks Paid in Advance -
Family \$75, Adult (12 yr and up) \$20, Child (4-11 yrs old) \$12, Children 3 and under are Free. At the door - Family \$10 (max.), Adults \$3, Child \$2, Children 3 and under are Free.



Classes: 6:00-7:30 pm

Children & Youth Growth Opportunities

Infants - 3 year olds - Kingdom Care:

Where: WSN Butterfly & Infant/Toddler rooms
Kingdom Care is a safe and loving place for our youngest children. Those that are able will engage in play, hear a Bible Story, and do a simple activity each evening.

4 year olds - 1st Grade Class:

Where: WSN Sonshine Room

This class will engage in hands-on activities, explore God's Bible Stories, and have time to play together with intentional fellowship activities.

2nd - 5th Grade Class:

Where: WSN Fellowship Hall & Room 30

This class will play games together, explore new worship skills, dig into God's Word, watch an exciting video clip, be challenged to memorize God's Word each week and engage in intentional fellowship activities.

Mid-High - BASIC:

Where: WSS

BASIC is a high-energy time for middle school students to enjoy the fellowship of icebreakers, games and worship. There will also be topical talks and small group breakout sessions to explore the Word of God. Mid-high will be dismissed at 5:50 pm from the meal and will conclude at 7:45 pm, just 15 minutes after the adult and children sessions.

High School:

High School students have several opportunities for discipleship and fellowship throughout the week. Contact Stu Strachan for more details.

Adult Christian Growth Opportunities

Marriage Enrichment: Faith@Home

Where: WSN Sanctuary

Cost: \$15 per person (workbook)

Whether you're thinking about getting married, a newlywed, or wedded for 50 years or more, setting aside time as a couple to give focused attention to one another and the Lord is a good thing to do. Join us for a video-based marriage enrichment series providing teaching, time for conversation and prayer as a couple and with others.

Revelation: Bible Study

Where: WSN Room 2-4

Facilitator: Rev. Ralph Kieneker

Whether you are relatively new to faith and Scripture or a seasoned veteran, this study of the last book of the Bible - the Revelation of Jesus Christ given to and recorded by John - will be a good place to gain not only a deeper understanding of the Revelation, but also, all of Scripture.

Introducing a Pathway for Christian Growth: Mansions of the Heart

Where: WSN Room 18-20

Facilitators: Rev. Dan Wodrich, Dan Johnston, and Patty Wilburn

Cost: \$15 for *Mansions of the Heart*, by R. Thomas Ashbrook (if you don't have a copy)

This class will introduce you to a kind of Christian "roadmap" that has been beneficial and edifying to countless people for centuries. Join us for an interactive time of teaching, reflecting, conversing, and praying - as we consider and walk this well-trodden pathway together.

Women's Ministry

Knitters' Group. Wed., Sept. 7, 1:00 pm, WS South Upper Room. All are invited to join and share their projects.

Beth Moore Is Coming To Town with worship leader Travis Cottrell via a simulcast on Sat., Sept. 10, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Bethel Church (600



Shockley Rd., Richland). Tickets are \$20 and lunch tickets are \$8. Donna Koussa has offered her home (just up the hill) for lunch and to debrief afterwards - so either bring your own lunch or grab one from Bethel and join us! Contact Faye Serene (946.4656 or fserene@westside1.org) for this in-town, mini retreat.

Morning Glory. Join us Thursday mornings, beginning Sept. 15, 9:00-11:00 am, WS North Sanctuary, for fellowship, fun, prayer, laughter, and enlightenment. Come discover the golden nuggets God has for you! Need childcare? Contact Faye Serene (946.4656).

Sarah Circle. Wed., Sept. 14, 11:30 am, WS North Narthex. Come join us for delicious food, faith-enriching devotions, mission outreach programs, and good fellowship.

Miriam Circle Lunch Bunch. Tues., Sept. 20, 12:00 pm. Questions? Contact Patty Eastham (627.4248).

Senior Adult Ministry

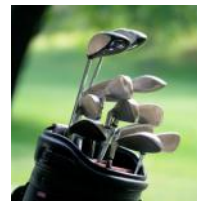
FOF-Folks Over Fifty. Fri., Sept. 2, 5:45 pm, WS North Narthex. Remember - **no nuts** in the main dish, salad, or dessert that you bring along with your table service. The Broadway Babes will be entertaining us so bring a friend for this delightful evening.

Person To Person lunch Mon., Sept. 5 and 19, 12:00 pm, WS North Narthex. Call the Church Office (946.4656) if you need a ride.

Men's Ministry

Sarah Squares, spouses of Sarah Circle ladies, will meet for lunch on Wed., Sept. 14, 11:30 am, Sterlings Restaurant (Richland).

Men's Golf. Next outings are Fri., Sept. 16, Sun Willows (Pasco) and Sept. 30, Wildhorse Resort (Pendleton). Fees are \$35 for Sun Willows and \$34 for Wildhorse Resort. Contact Dave Shupe (628.7445 or dmshupe@charter.net) for details and to reserve your spot today!



Men's Breakfast Bible Study. Saturday mornings, beginning Sept. 17, 7:30 am, WS South Upper Room, for breakfast, fellowship, and a Bible study.

Choir Begins Soon!

Thurs., Sept. 8 is our first choir rehearsal of the season. The choir season runs from September through mid-May and roughly follows the school calendar. Choir rehearses in the WS North Sanctuary from 7:00-8:30 pm. We help lead hymns and provide other worship music for the 11:15 am Traditional service in WS North. Our first Sunday to sing for the 11:15 am service is Sept. 18.

We sing a variety of musical styles and would be happy to welcome you into our group, if you are



high school age through adult. Basic musical knowledge and a good "ear" are helpful, but we are willing to help train you, if you have a desire to sing. Our pieces sometimes incorporate brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. So please contact Brenda Welsch if you prefer to play your instrument to praise our Lord, rather than sing. There are many musical ways for you to praise!! Questions? Contact Brenda Welsch (554.4921 or bells4u@yahoo.com).

Fall And New Beginnings - Children & Family Ministry

By Heather Smith

Fall brings about new beginnings and in CFM we are excited about the new beginnings for children and families at West Side! Sunday School starts up again on Sept. 11, when all of our children will have a chance to meet their new Sunday School teachers and reconnect with old friends. To keep parents informed this year, we are launching a new CFM blog-stay tuned for more information! And we are especially excited about our new Mid-Week Ministry opportunity, Wednesdays@West Side, which kicks-off Wed., Sept. 21. Come and join us for fellowship over a meal followed by classes for all ages (see Wednesdays@West Side article on pg. 2). Details about our Sunday School hour (9:45-10:50) are listed below:

Sunday School - Resumes Sept 11

We offer Sunday School classes for children of all ages

Kingdom Care (Infant and Toddlers)

Where: Infant/Toddler Room

Our youngest children learn about God's Word every hour as their teachers repeat and model each week that the children are loved and that the Bible is God's Word.

Rainbow Kids (2 yrs - Kindergarten class)

2 year olds: age 2 by 8/31/11

3 year olds: age 3 by 8/31/11

PreK-Kindergarten: age 4-5 by 8/31/11

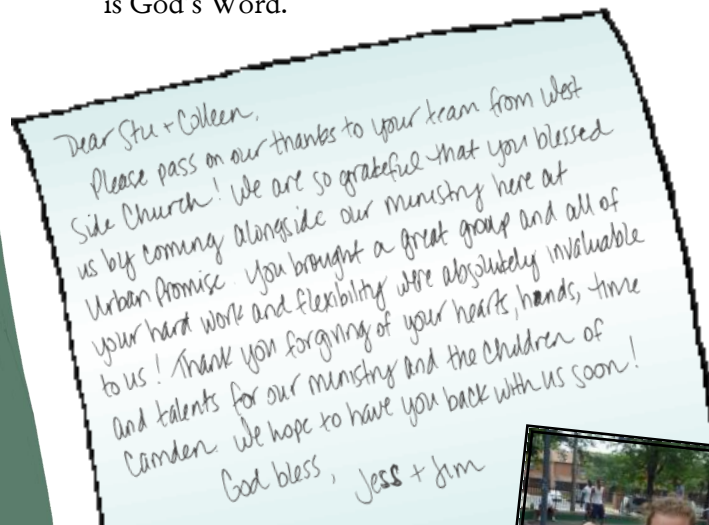
Where: Butterfly, Sunshine & Rainbow Rooms, WSN Preschool Wing

Your child will explore faith through Bible stories, hands-on activities, and music. This year, kids will begin in classrooms and move to Cherub Choir later in the hour. Remember: if your child is in one of our "Rainbow Kids Classes" he or she must be the specific age of the class by Aug. 31, 2011. For example, if your child is 3 but will turn 4 in December, he or she will be in our 3 year old class. We believe it is important for our Rainbow Kids to be placed with their peers, the children they will be with during their elementary years, as it is easiest to start in the correct grade level rather than make that change when they are older and do not want to leave their friends.

Promised Land (1st -5th grade classes)

Where: Meet in WSN Fellowship Hall

We will kick-off fall with lessons from the life of Joshua on courage, helping others, following God, remembering the great things God has done, prayer and God's promises for our life. This year we desire to help you, the parents, get to worship or your class on-time, so we will have our Activity Centers open from 9:30-9:45 and encourage you to come early. Promptly at 9:45 am, we have new exciting elements that we will introduce this year; your child will not want to miss these! Then, to help you not to have to run out of worship, will hold dismissal from 10:50-11:00 am to help give you time to transition back to WSN.



Youth Deputation Event Wed., Aug. 31, 6:30 pm, WSN

The Deputation Team will share pictures and memories from their recent trip to UrbanPromise in Camden, New Jersey. Desserts and refreshments will be served.



Sunday Morning Adult Christian Growth Opportunities

By Rev. Dan Wodrich

Sunday morning Adult Christian Growth opportunities kick-off Sept. 11!

Classes being offered include the following:



- 9:45 to 10:45 am
 - “Introducing a Pathway for Christian Growth: *Mansions of the Heart*”
 - Teachers: Rev. Dan Wodrich, Dan Johnston, and Patty Wilburn
 - WSS Basement, Room 102 (Red Carpet Room)
 - “Church History”
 - Teacher: Rev. Karel Coppock
 - WSS Upper Room (306)
 - “Women of the Word: *He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God*”
 - DVD Bible Study Series on Samuel by Priscilla Shirer
 - Facilitators: Bertha Rachinski, Marian Holm, Diane Pratt, Colleen Yahyaoui
 - WSN Room 2-4
- “Get Acquainted Place (GAP)”
 - Facilitators: Fred and Pat Reich, Roger and Carol Johnson
 - WSS Upstairs Room 302 (Green Carpet Room)
- “Celebrate the Truth: Turning Holidays into Holy Days: Faith@Home”
 - 4 Sundays only - Oct. 30 & Nov. 6, 13, 20
 - Facilitator: Patty Wilburn
 - WSN Room 18-20
- 11:15 am to 12:15 pm
 - Cross-Currents: Post High School, College, Young Career Fellowship
 - Continuing “Reason for God” book study and DVD series by Timothy Keller
 - Facilitators: Rev. Dan Wodrich, Dale Rodgers
 - WSS Upper Room (306)

For complete details about all our Adult Christian Growth opportunities, please pick up a *Fall 2011 Christian Growth and Discipleship brochure* available at the Welcome Stations in both buildings.

High School Drop-In Starts Oct. 6

By Erica Cox

It is very exciting to let all of you know about a new addition to the high school youth activities in the fall. Starting on Oct.



6, we will be hosting a high school drop-in time at WS North. Students will be free to come and spend time with each other and leaders every Thursday from 3:00-5:00 pm. Fellowship will take place in Koinonia Kafé, complete with

coffee available for the youth to purchase! Our vision for this drop-in time is to create a space that allows for furthering relationships and gives students the chance to have serious conversations with leaders. In addition, West Side youth will be able to use this time as an outreach opportunity as they can invite friends and welcome other students. Once again, the drop-in kick-off is Thurs., Oct. 6. 3:00 pm! Please keep this and the rest of the Youth Ministry programs in your prayers.

Calling All Boys!

School is here and Pack #299 is starting the year with many fun events planned all year. If you or someone you know has a boy in 1st-5th grade, and they are interested in Cub Scouts, please join us Mon., Sept. 19, 7:00 pm, WS South, for our first Pack meeting of the new school year!

For questions or more information, please contact Dick Nelson (420.4395 or dwnelson@meierinc.com).



September

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Wednesdays @ West Side - begins Sept. 21

Join us for 8 weeks of fellowship and discipleship for the whole family!


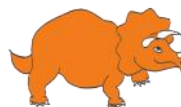
5:15-6:00 pm - Join us for a meal and stay for a class.

6:00-7:30 pm - Or just come for a class.

Complete details on pg. 2. Don't wait - Sign up today!





Pure Desire 4:30
Worship Team 7
College/Young
Bible Study 7:0

<p>One Worship Service: 4 10:00am-Leslie Groves Park Baptisms & Potluck to Follow NO Sunday School</p>	<p>Church Office-CLOSED 5 Person to Person 12:00pm -WSN</p> 	<p>Worship Mtg 7:00pm-WSN 6</p> 	<p>Knitters' Group 1:00pm-WSS 7 Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN Facilities Mtg 5:15pm-WSN Hello Mali! Mtg 6:30pm-WSN Deacons 7:00pm-WSN</p>	<p>Fellowship Mtg Pure Desire 4:30 Missions Council Adult Choir 7:00 Worship Team 7 College/Young Bible Study 7:0</p>
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Preschool Orientation

WEST SIDE church

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Save The Date: Jan. 17-21, 2012 "Spiritual Formation Discoveries"

West Side Church will host two Discoveries facilitated by Tom Ashbrook (author of Mansions of the Heart) and other members of the Imago Christi team. Our pastoral staff have been greatly blessed to participate in a "Discovery" during the past year and highly encourage your participation!

Discovery #1: Jan. 17-19, Tues.-Thurs., 8:00 am-5:00 pm
 Discovery #2: Jan. 19-21, Thurs.-Fri., 6:00-10:00 pm;
 Sat., 8:00 am-5:00 pm

For more info. about Imago Christi and the Discoveries see the web links below or contact Rev. Dan Wodrich:



<http://imagochristi.org/Discoveries.aspx>
<http://imagochristi.org/Documents/Generic%20Discovery%20Brochure.pdf>

life GROUPS
COMING THIS FALL!

Life Groups
Following Jesus and growing as his disciples is not a journey walked alone. We are called to walk with one another — to know and be known personally — to be matured in love together — to practice hospitality and service — to be cared for and to care — to be grown up, together, as the body of Christ.

Participating in a Life Group of 8 to 12 people, meeting weekly for fellowship, scripture-based study, and prayer with another, is perhaps the best way to begin and to continue in this walk with one another.

Feeling called to join a Life Group this Fall?
 Please contact Pastor Dan Wodrich (946.4656 or dwodrich@westside.org) or fill-out card below, place in offering plate or turn-in to Church Office.

Yes!
I Want To Join A Life Group!!

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cut on dotted lines and turn in to Church Office.

Mali 2012 Vision Trip

You've been hearing the exciting news of God working in Mali. Many of you are sponsoring a child in the Beladougou ADP. Would you like to go and see what God is doing and meet your



sponsored child? West Side will be sending its third team Jan. 23-Feb. 3, 2012. The goals of our "Vision Trips" are to build bridges of love through relationships, encourage the World Vision staff in our ADP, and see

first-hand how God is at work. Trip applications will be available in the Church Office Aug. 28 or email Dave Shupe (wsmmc@charter.net) and are due Sept. 11. Team leaders Karel Coppock and Dave Shupe will meet with applicants the following week.

Come!
Join in joyful mission support
Help send our 3rd Vision Team to Mali

Sample sumptuous desserts
Bid on exciting new silent auction delights
Be dazzled by our own talented entertainers

Invite a friend, neighbor or coworker



West Side North
6:00 p.m. Saturday, October 1st

Seating limited to 200 guests - Narthex ticket pre-sales \$15 September 11th, 18th & 25th



Stephen Pratt Presentation
Sun., Aug. 28, 6:30 pm, WSS

Stephen will share about his time with Engineering Ministries International (EMI) this past spring. Come hear about the work God is doing in Haiti and Costa Rica.

Alpha Is Almost Here!

Introductory Dinner - Tues., Sept. 20, 6:15 pm, WS North Narthex

Classes (with dinner) Begin - Tues., Sept. 27, 6:15 pm, WS North Narthex

Come for a **great** meal, hear a **fantastic** talk, and learn all about **Alpha** at the Introductory Dinner. Looking for a way to make **friends** at West Side? Wanting to learn about **faith** for the first time or clean off the rusty edges? Want to join a team learning to **pray** ... or even brush up on your cooking skills? Alpha is THE PLACE for you! One guest had this to say: *"Since coming to Alpha, my daily life has changed; I have a church family, I have a Bible study group, and I attend Sunday services. I know my God is an awesome God!"*



Opportunities for YOU at Alpha:

- **Small group discussion** (10 weeks) for guests who are unsure about faith, frankly unbelieving, or wish to make connections at West Side in a friendly, non-threatening environment where everyone's ideas are heard.
- **ESOL** - Alpha for **E**nglish **S**peakers of **O**ther **L**anguages. *Live* Alpha talks, given slowly with frequent pauses for discussion designed for those whose first language is not English.
- **Beta discussion** groups for those who've already attended Alpha, teaching "The Sermon on the Mount."
- Separate **prayer** training for those who wish to learn about intercession. Dynamic, weekly teaching with practical small group opportunities.
- Friendly, **fun food prep teams** for those who love to cook with others and enjoy the fun and banter that goes along with it.
- **Clean-up crews** for people with the quiet spirit of service, whose joy is giving that gift to God and to others at Alpha.

Interested? **Reserve your place** at the Introductory Dinner on Sept. 20 by contacting Karel Coppock (946.4656 or kcoppock@westside1.org).

Feed My Sheep - West Side's ESL/Citizenship Program

By Robin Morris

The Citizenship/ESL (English as a Second Language) will begin its 15th year Sept. 13 thanks to the willingness of God's people to serve as teachers this new year. We will be able to staff all our classes because West Siders stepped up to answer the call to help our neighbors. But we still have a need-the position of snack coordinator needs to be filled. This person, family or couple are responsible for purchasing supplies for our snack time from 7:30-7:45 on Tuesday evenings and setting out the snacks and drinks (coffee, tea, juice). We usually offer crackers and cheese, cookies, and

fruit. No baking or preparing is required other than cutting up fruit and cheese. The Missions Council covers the cost of the supplies so only your time is a gift. This is an important part of our program as it allows the students to mix with people from other classes as well as members of our staff. Won't you prayerfully consider this ministry this year? Maybe God is calling you to "feed my sheep" and you don't even have to leave home to answer this call. Contact Robin Morris (943-9942) for more info.



Deacon Beacon

Tri-City Union Gospel Mission. Would you like to be a missionary, helping the poor and the needy? Here's a place to go that needs no passport. They have plenty of opportunities right here in our area. Sleep in your own bed!!! Try helping out at the Tri-City Union Gospel Mission. Tri-City Union Gospel Mission began serving Benton and Franklin counties over 57 years ago, providing rescue ministry to the broken, bruised, and needy in the Tri-Cities and surrounding communities. Their desire is still the same today-to minister to the spiritual, physical, and moral needs of transient and destitute individuals and assist the poor and needy.



They serve as advocates for the homeless, poor and discarded members of our community, with an emphasis on presenting a realistic and compassionate picture of their unique needs, especially to homeless women and children. They believe the gospel of Jesus Christ can positively impact the lives of these men and women for lasting change. They are the only rescue ministry supporting the Tri-Cities and surrounding communities. It's more than a homeless shelter; the Mission also provides assistance for needy families in the community. Food boxes, clothing and household items are distributed on a weekly basis. Lunch and dinner meals in their dining



Mali-Link



School:

Share the excitement through prayer, a letter & photos

Will you involve our kids in spreading back-to-school enthusiasm with our students in Mali? Describe common interests like favorite subjects, writing assignments, language learning, math problems, & career plans. Build personal bonds while encouraging scholarship!

room are also available daily. Here are this years' numbers through July 31: **Total Meals served-44,233; Nights of lodging: Men's shelter -18,621, with 511 different men served; Women's and Children's shelter-6,300.**

They have a variety of programs: New Life Recovery Program, Resident's Accountability Program, and Seasons Transitional Housing Program. Seasons Transitional Housing is a 6 to 24 month resident housing program provided by Tri-City Union Gospel Mission. They also provide chapel service twice daily, counseling, and referrals to other agencies through the Mission chaplaincy. They will also pick up your unwanted or un-needed furniture, clothing, household items, or appliances for re-distribution to a needy family in their weekly giveaway. **Their immediate needs are for liquid laundry detergent, toilet paper, razors, ground beef, ketchup, and sugar.**

For a complete list of needs and volunteer opportunities, go to www.tcugm.org.

The Call Of Jesus - cont.

Simple: I am called to serve. God has given you spiritual gifts so you can serve Him for His for Kingdom mission of saving the world through Jesus Christ.

Not simplistic: What are my spiritual gifts? How do I know where I am to serve? I get frustrated and upset in serving, does that mean I'm not doing what God wants me to do? I don't have time to serve; does that mean I'm a bad Christian? Do you get too old to serve?

Heading into fall, we are going to spend time in the sermons looking at *God's Call on Your Life*. We are going to focus on understanding both the simple nature of God's call, and the particular and unique way His call is made manifest for each of us. It is my hope that each of us will be able to move a greater sense of conviction, "I know the plans God has for me," even if sometimes those plans are for us to not "know" but simply to "trust."

God has a plan for your life. One of things, I can tell you is this. His plan includes worship, service, and growth. For a while now, we have been using the language of "Worship + 2" (or three or four). We would like to see every person in the church, participate in weekly corporate worship, and find any area to serve in your giftedness and a place that stretches to grow in your personal knowledge of Jesus Christ. We think these are priorities that will help us follow Christ and experience the life He call us to live.

But, this isn't a one size fits all sort of thing. I believe Life Groups is the best single option, but this commitment does not always work for everyone.

We are adding a new option this fall, Wednesdays at West Side, a time that will include fellowship, a meal, and learning opportunities for our youngest kids through middle school and adults of all ages. We are hoping that this along with our other opportunities will make it possible for more people to find the right fit of "Worship + 2".

One question I have heard frequently is asked leading up to Wednesdays@West Side is, "how can I add one more thing?" One possible answer is, "you can't." The point is, one size doesn't fit all people. We have ALPHA for people who are exploring Christianity. Life Groups are a great next step, but they don't always work for everybody. Some Wednesday night offerings along with Beta may fit better for people trying to establish a foundation to their faith. At some point, you will probably find that you want some learning opportunities that are more intensive than what you can get out of



a Life Group Lesson; this is where adult classes on Sunday and Wednesday or mid-week Bible studies may be right for you. Some people will be able to do more than one. What we should all be doing is the simple but not necessarily easy thing of turning to Jesus and asking, "Lord, what would you have me do?"

May the Lord bless all of us as we seek to follow Him together, Ralph

NOTE: In place of the article on the ordination and constitutional changes, Ralph will be sending out a letter that addresses these issues and gives an update on international denomination news on Sept. 9.



Audio-Visual Team Needs YOU!

Are you great at computers, smartphones, gadgets? Do you like to listen to music and can hear the difference in quality of music? Do you enjoy being with a group that works together and is funny as well? Have we got a position for you! The Audio-Visual (AV) Team is looking for people who want to learn how to run sound and video equipment. The main requirements are a willingness to serve and an interest in computers and sound equipment. We will train you! AV team members generally serve one Sunday a month with one rehearsal on the Thursday before that Sunday. Open to all high school students and adults. Interested? Contact Deb Donahoe (375.3406 or rldonahoe@charter.net).

Trainee Reunion Celebration Wrap-Up

By Rev. Faye Serene

They came from France, Estonia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Nebraska, Texas, Idaho, and many parts of California, Oregon, and Washington in order to gather with us to celebrate 50 years of God's faithfulness and praise God for what has occurred in and through West Side and the trainees it has produced. We began our weekend in the beautiful setting of the Cooper Wine Company in Benton City with many joyous reconnections. Saturday morning around 140 gathered at Hanford High School Auditorium to not only hear Steve Hayner speak of the mysteries and treasures of God, but also hear from past summer staff, trainees, and members of West Side about how this program has borne fruit in and through them here and around the world. Saturday evening we continued the fellowship at Flat Top Park. Then, Sunday morning we again gathered at Hanford High - around 350 - for worship, praise, communion and a challenging message from Steve Hayner to follow God - which often means walking off the map. I have heard many comments about what a joy it was to all be together in one place to worship and to have so many previous West Side pastors there and serving communion. If I caught everyone, we had 65 summer staff/trainees with us and 30 guests. It was also great fun to surprise Pat Cassidy and celebrate 40 years of her ministry at West Side.

I would like to share the words of April Reutter who caught the essence of what many shared in writing or verbally: "At the time, when I was a trainee, what stood out to me the most were the relationships I made and the great fun I was having. But in later years I think I had a better grasp on what really occurred during that time and why it was so hard to leave the West Side trainee experience. Unlike your average youth ministry position in the church setting, the overseers of the trainee program worked diligently to make it as quality of an experience as possible. Not



only did we learn all the aspects of our particular ministry focus, we were also given emotional and spiritual support from all sides (caring coordinators, a prayer partner, host families, a mentor from the church staff etc... How wonderful it would be to have that kind of support throughout the year!). We had biblical and theological training, time to share out personal testimonies and receive prayer with the trainee staff (that was so meaningful), plus we had constant interaction with our trainee peers. All of us were being discipled for both life and ministry. Whether it was to be in the church setting or in the marketplace, we were being prepared for God's purposes." This is what it was and continues to be - life-changing preparation for a life of ministry.

I particularly want to thank our super committee: Steve and Sandra Critchlow, Rebecca Datin, Sharon Isaacson, Marcie and Duane Jacques. Thank you! It was a joy and pleasure to work with you!!! I also want to thank the MANY others who helped in some way in order for the weekend to happen: Dean and Doreen Thompson, KaraLynn Barton, Dave Marsh, Brad Goecke and the Worship Team, Ginni Carter for sharing her grandmother's poetry on Sunday, Tom and Daniel Adams, Erik Flaten, Rachel Mellinger, Carrie Dotson, Devin Rogers, Colleen Yahyaoui, Ginny Strickler, Fellowship Ministry (Ellen, Bev, and Joan), 2011 Trainees and Committee, Katie Schlahta, Brad Barton, Colleen Strachan, Erick Isaacson, and Gregg Serene. THANK YOU, ALL!!!

Tool Time Men:

You all are amazing in how you care for and take care of our church properties! Countless hours and jobs are spent and completed each and every week. THANK YOU!

Attention: The WSN refrigerator and freezer will be cleaned out every Tuesday beginning Sept. 6. Any items not labeled (name and date with stickers located in the drawer by the hand-washing sink marked "Desk Drawer") will be disposed of. Questions-contact Sue Hinkle (946.1019).

Found at Flattop Park after the Trainee Reunion BBQ Aug. 6 - A beach towel, blue with fish! It's in the Church Office- come pick it up!!



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Reminder: Worship Schedule Through Sept. 11

Aug. 28 - Two Services - 9:00 am WS South & 11:00 am WS North
9:00 am Children's Church - NO Sunday School

Sept. 4 - Labor Day Weekend - One Service Only
10:00 am - Leslie Groves Park (Park St. entrance)
NO Children's Church - NO Sunday School
Baptisms and potluck to follow.*

*If you or your child are ready to enter into the sacrament of Baptism, contact a pastor or the Church Office (946.4656).



Sept. 11 - Kick-off Sunday

8:15 am - Contemporary Service & Children's Church (WSS)
9:45 am - Contemporary Service (WSS) & Sunday School
11:15 am - Traditional Service (WSN)

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