

# West Side Church of Christ

## The Book of Life

We are all authors. Every day we write another chapter in the book called Life. Others read the book

of our lives as we meet them along the way. One day we will give an account for what we've written. What is written in the Book of your life?

1. *Is it a Book of Faith?* Can others read a message of faith in God by the way you live? "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God, must believe that He is; and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." (Heb. 11:6) Do they see your faith making a real difference on the job, in the community, and in the home?

2. *Is it a Book of Service?* Jesus said that He came to serve. "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister..." (Mt. 20:28) If we are truly His disciples, we too must be servants. We must seek to serve those in our homes, in the church, in our community, at work, at school, or wherever there is a need. True religion expresses itself in service.

3. *Is it a Book of Obedience?* The key to religion is obedience; the key to obedience is submission. "Though He were a son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him" (Heb. 5:8,9).

- The Elders

## P.O.W.

The new year is upon us in all its glory. The holiday season is over and things are settling back down into the routine of life. The reality of those "resolutions" is now beginning to sink in. Along with the beginning of another year come our plans for it. This evening, Lord willing, the elders will present the Plan of Works for 2007. Each family will receive a copy of these plans, along with other useful information. Our Plan of Works (P.O.W.) is a guide to help us stay focused on the goals we have set and the work before us. However, it is more than just a set of goals. The P.O.W. also means the:

*Preparation of Westside* The elders want each member of this congregation to be involved in the work of the church. The Plan of Works is a guideline to assist us in finding areas in which we can serve. Whether it involves buildings/grounds maintenance, team functions or personal evangelism, each member can have a role in achieving the goals of 2007.

*Proposal of Winners* The saying goes that "he who fails to plan plans to fail." Our Plan of Works is a plan for success for a congregation that wants to be successful. Each of us wants the church here to succeed in its efforts. The proposals set forth in this plan demonstrate our desire to accomplish this success. Ours is a team effort, and your participation is your declaration that you want West Side to succeed.

*Proposition of Willingness* Included in the Plan of Works are ideas, goals and proposals that many of us have suggested. Collectively, this resource is a demonstration of our - continued

## Teens

*Congratulations to Sam Valentine! Spelling Bee Champ for Andrew Lewis Middle School.*

*January dates to remember:*

*Jan. 14—Teen Bible Study 7-8:15 tonight*

*Jan. 28—Movie afternoon*

*Winter Area Devotionals:*

*February 3—Christiansburg 6-7:30*

*March 10—Lake Drive 6-7:30*

*Dates for Teens:*

*February 17, 2007 Mock Bible Bowl*

*March 3, 2007 Southwest Virginia Bible Bowl*

*June 17-23, 2007 VCC*

*July 1-6, 2007 Horizons Senior Week*

*July 8-13, 2007 Horizons Junior Week*

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**P.O.W.**—continued

willingness to work in order to achieve these. Have you declared your willingness to be a part of this effort? Have you resolved to do your part?

*Preservation of Welfare* Any good organization needs a number of things to succeed - leadership, commitment, involvement, financing, etc. In order to insure its well-being, the church must plan for its future. Where will this congregation be in 10, 20, 50 years? Much of what and where it will be then depends on how we do things now. Our Plan of Works helps us map out not only the immediate future, but also charts the course for future generations. Won't you accept the challenge of involvement and take hold of a work that can have eternal consequences?

-Eddy

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### Special Services Tonight

The Elders will be presenting the Plan of Works tonight during services. Please plan on being here to find out the direction and plans in place for 2007.

## West Side's Older Workers

Big thanks to the WOW group for helping collate the Plan of Work booklets—You all did a great job!!!

The next WOW meeting will be Tuesday, February 13 at 11:00 at Famous Anthony's.

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### Team Events

New Team events are going on!!! Check here every week for activities your team will be doing!

Team 1 - Tom Duff

This evening after services we will be having a dessert fellowship. Drinks will be provided bring a dessert and get to know our new team.

Team 2 - Bob Garby

This morning after morning services there will be a potluck meal and planning/work session.

Team 3 - David Brown

January 28 after morning service there will be a potluck meal.

Team 4 - Tom Rogers

Last weeks potluck lunch was a success. Tom would like to thank everyone who came and volunteered!!

TEAM LEADERS: This section will be in the bulletin every week. E-mail any events to the office before Friday 8 AM.

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### New Information

Cindy Nicholas, 1425 Bandy Mill Road, Hardy, VA 24101 890-0004

Norma Biller—new phone # 797-7143

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A man should never be ashamed to say he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

## SICK

**Betty Jenkins** will have a CAT scan on Monday.

**Marquerite Charles** will have her second procedure on Jan. 16.

Minnie Bowles, **Shree Lowe & Susan Montcastle's** mother will be having surgery on Tuesday.

Joy House, **Adam's** grandmother, had surgery on Thursday and is now recovering in Alabama.

Remember the following in prayers: **Teresa White, Larry Phillips, Dan Hudgins, E.V. & Effie Wimmer, Martha Keplinger, Bessie Gilpin, Berkley Roberts, Clyde Scott, Danny Guard, Brandon Grigsby, Kate Furrow.**

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Happy Birthday this week to:

Karen Munsey—1/16

Richard Simms—1/16

Grace Myers—1/17

Jo Ann Edwards—1/21

**MILITARY:** Ty Stricklin at 29 Palms Marine Base, **Jonathan Simpson, John Shannon** and **Gabriel Hayes** who are in Iraq. **Jonathan Chumley**, Kosovo.

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY ITEMS FOR STAFFORDS:** Pepperoni and Crystal Light (assorted fruit flavors). Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!!

## LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- If you leave books in the library, please leave a note with these books saying who they are from and for what purpose they have been left. This will help keep the librarian from getting things mixed up.
- We have some old filmstrips in the library that have not been used for a long time. If you wish to use any of these for teaching programs, please come and get them and keep with your Bible material. Otherwise they will be donated to someone who can use them.

## POT LUCK TODAY

Team 2 Pot Luck Dinner today after morning services.

## HOUSE 2 HOUSE LABELING

The H2H labeling will be today at 4 pm.

## PLANS FOR MARRIAGE RETREAT BEGIN

There will be a meeting today, January 14 at 5:00 in the auditorium for everyone who would like to contribute in any way to the Marriage Retreat hosted by West Side on April 27 & 28. This will be used as an outreach to the community and many, many things will need to be done ahead of time. Decorations, tables, nametags, books, planning snacks and a meal, as well as many other things will need to be done. We especially need your help if you are not married, but would like to help make this a success. Please come to the planning session or let Jeanny know if you can't come but would like to help.

## NEW MEMBERS DINNER

The congregation is invited to honor our new members of 2006 on January 20, 2007 at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Menu and sign up sheet are posted on the board—sign up today. New Members are Sandra Bowen, Jerry & Bonnie Wood, Richard, Laura, Shawn, Ryan, & Erin Simms, Grace Earnhart, Sandra Wood, Sam Valentine, Rebecca Doss, Mike, Leane & Krystal Black, Sondra Tyler, Glenn & Audrey Gabbard, Theresa Parker, and Cindy Nicholas.

## POT LUCK—TEAM 3

There will be a pot luck for Team 3 on 1/28 after morning services.

## WEDDING RECEPTION

There will be a reception honoring newlyweds Paul & Eloise Faw on Sunday evening, Jan. 28 following evening services. Join us for cake and punch to congratulate this fine couple. If you'd like to give a gift, we suggest certificates to local restaurants or to Wal-Mart.

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

We still have openings for hostesses in January, February and April. If you're interested sign up on the board or contact Jo Ann.

## FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS

There is a new calendar in the kitchen to be used to reserve the Fellowship Hall. If you have an event that requires the use of the Fellowship Hall please check the availability and pencil it in and NOTIFY the office.

**January 2007****Announcements** Danny Guard**Song Leader (AM)** Eric Earnhart**Opening Prayer (AM)**  
1/7 Mike Durham

1/14 Gary Sartain

1/21 Jim Bush

1/28 Luke Guard

**Preside at Communion** Jeff Durham**Serve Table**  
T. Rogers J. Black  
G. Durham M. Brooks**Closing Prayer**

1/7 Grat Tucker

1/14 Walter Jenkins

1/21 Glen Hartman

1/28 Jim Cooke

**Song Leader (PM)** Adam House**Opening Prayer (PM)**  
1/7 Greg Edwards  
1/14 Charles Gwaltney

1/21 Charles Maness

1/28 Collin Gregory

**Scripture Reader** Ethan Rogers**Closing Prayer (PM)**  
1/7 Gene Benefield  
1/14 Richard Simms  
1/21 Jerry Anderson  
1/28 Squeaky Valentine**Serve Table (PM)** J. Harrington A.C. Janney**Song Leader (Wed)** Tom Richardson**Prayer (Wed)**  
1/3 Tom Duff

1/10 Fred Altizer

1/17 David Brown

1/24 Glen Gabbard

1/31 Mitch Jearls

**Door Man** David Brown**Greeters** Neighbors Argabrights**Nursery Attend** K. Anderson A. Brown**Ushers** Bob Garby Roger Mays**Handouts** Mike & Bradford Durham

Tom &amp; Preston Duff

**Alternates** L. Shrader D. Brown**Prepare comm.** G. Myers M. Wood**Last weeks attendance** 1/7 & 10/07

Bible Class— 167 Worship Service—177

Eve. Worship—137 Wed. Service—162

Contribution—\$5122