

Friends and Family Day

Welcome visitors!! We have been looking forward to having you here at West Side on this special day; a day to recognize our friends and family members.

At the visitors table you will receive a tract "**What to Expect When you Visit the church of Christ**". Please take this home and spend a few minutes reading it. It gives a brief introduction to the church of Christ.

What denomination is the church of Christ?

Good question, actually we are not a denomination. If you check historical facts you will find that denominationalism is only about 500 years old. The church of Christ began some 2000 years ago. The birthday of the church of Christ was A.D. 33 during New Testament times. In fact, you read about its beginning in Acts 2.

Worship with us

Join with us in our worship today. It will be simple New Testament worship. We still strive to do Bible things in Bible ways. We don't want to do anything less or anything more.

After our service is over stay and eat lunch with us. We want to get to know you. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Happy Birthday this week:



Jim Cooke Sept 18 TODAY!!!

Bradford Durham Sept 24

Happy Anniversary This Month to:

Gene & Nancy Benefield Sept. 23

Herb & Shirley Baker Sept. 23

Paul & Yvette Mays Sept. 26

David & Hazel McFalls Sept. 26



Gospel Meeting with Steve Hall

It's not too early to begin sending cards and notes to **Steve Hall** as encouragement for our gospel meeting **October 16-19**. Address labels are on the table in the

Turn Turn Turn

October 8th (26 years)

Ladies who plan to attend TTT on October 8 please sign up on the website or on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Planners' Meet -Sept 18 @4:30 in Teachers' Workroom



Sunshine Basket

Cameron Starnes had surgery on his broken leg on Friday. He will have pins and rods even after the leg has healed. Look for a **Sunshine Basket** for him in the foyer on Sunday Night. Cameron is a junior at Hidden Valley High. Ben or Bradford can give suggestions for items he might enjoy. Send cards to

Allen Webster's mom is seriously ill. Allen is in Jacksonville, AL and works with House to House and Polishing the Pulpit.

West Side Youth

September 16-18—RUSH weekend @ FHU

September 18—TBS @ Teen Center

Upcoming: Bowling (September)

November 5 -Bonfire at the Edwards 6PM

Nine Good Minutes

3 weeks !!

*****Ladies Night Out Coming Soon*****

Ladies Night Out - **September 22** at (6:30 pm) **Jeanny Gilpin's house**. **Jeanny and Jennifer Laplante** will host. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

SEPTEMBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:
"Snack pack" 100 calorie snacks (Cheetos and Ritz Mix);

sliced pepperoni

Give these items to Jeanny to be shipped out.

Exciting Update

Our spring gospel meeting with Dr. Billy Smith is set for April 22-25, 2012. Brother Billy is Dean of the Bible Department at FHU and nephew of Garland Elkins. He also directed the Horizons Program for our youth for over 25 years.

It's Here !!!

The special day that we have been planning for and anticipating is finally here. We have the opportunity to worship God with our family and friends. And we get to enjoy a wonderful lunch with them afterwards.

Let's enjoy our day to the fullest.

Send cards to Garrett Durham at:

TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents on **Sept 20** will be the "kick off" for the **Barnabus Project**. Plan to meet at 6:00 pm for dinner and then stay to help as this new work begins. **Sign-up for pizza/salad dinner** on the TNT board.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WEST SIDE

October 8—TTT Ladies' Day at West Side

October 16-19—Gospel Meeting with Steve Hall

November 12—Men's w/s planning breakfast

SYMPATHY

Suzanne Sparks's uncle, Leland Bodine (Oak Ridge Hospital – TN), passed away this week.

Audrey Gabbard's uncle, Graden Beel, passed away in Colorado Springs.

AREA EVENTS:

- ◇ **LAKE DRIVE** Gospel Meeting with **Tim Shoulders**, Oct.9-13.
- ◇ **FORT CHISWELL** Gospel Meeting - Mark Bass, Sept. 18-21.
- ◇ **RICH CREEK** First Annual Ladies Day-Sept. 24th. **Sign-up for carpooling is on the notice.**
- ◇ **WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN LECTURESHIP** (12th Annual) September 25-28. Hosted by Pennsboro Church of Christ. See flyer on event board for details.
- ◇ **COLD HARBOR** Ladies Day-October 1st. Details are posted on the bulletin board.
- ◇ **DALE RIDGE KID'S DAY** October 29, 3:00—5:00. RSVP now.
- ◇ **COLD HARBOR ROAD LECTURESHIP** (15th Annual), November 3-6 Theme: **Balance**.
- ◇ **GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT** February 15-18, 2012. "A Match Made in Heaven" Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn Conference Center. **** 2 tracks ****

Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson	Norma Biller
Betty Buckner	Jim Dorsett
Margaret Kratz	Miriam Majors
Jo Musgrove	Evelyn Scott
Elsie Smith	Ruth Stanton
Evelyn White	WJ Wood
Grace Myers	Al Furrow



- ⇒ Celeste Baaken, **Marc Laplante's** sister, who is 7 months pregnant, has been admitted to the hospital with eclampsia. Baby is due in November, but may have to be delivered early. Please pray for her and the baby.
- ⇒ Ethal Kent(93 years old), sister of Bill Rice (LD) surgery for colon cancer.
- ⇒ Cole and Mason Anderson have been moved back to Wake Forest Burn Center.

Continue in Prayer:

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Sr.
Sandra Speir
Dale Janosik
Corey Ryan
David Hayes
Mary Valentine
Ron White
Willard Campbell
Susan Stinnett –surgery 9/22
Naola McCormick
Mary Halling
Mickie Janney
Kevin Barnard
Jerry and Jennifer Ogden
Mason Anderson
Cole Anderson
Carl Hurst
Chris Walters -RMH Rm 1139
Glenn Gabbard –surgery 10/6

Monthly Servants

Announcements:	Marc Laplante
Song Leader (AM):	Jeff Durham
Opening Prayer (AM)	
9/4/2011	Jeff Williams
9/11/2011	Ron White
9/18/2011	Squeaky Valentine
9/25/2011	Wayne Dixon
Preside at Communion:	Don Pettit
Serve Table	
	Bob Martin
	Fred Altizer
	Herman Lowe
	Jeremy White
Closing Prayer (AM):	
9/4/2011	Tom Richardson
9/11/2011	Danny Guard
9/18/2011	Charlie Gwaltney
9/25/2011	Herb Baker
Song Leader (PM):	David Brown
Opening Prayer (PM)	
9/4/2011	Jerry Anderson
9/11/2011	Glenn Gabbard
9/18/2011	Bob Garby
9/25/2011	Tom Rogers
Scripture Reader:	Dylan Tyler
Closing Prayer (PM)	
9/4/2011	John Black
9/11/2011	Jeff Durham
9/18/2011	Dylan Tyler
9/25/2011	Charlie Maness
Serve Table (PM)	
	Bradford Durham
	Mark Brooks
	Bob Garby
Song Leader (Wed):	
Prayer (Wed)	
9/7/2011	Jeremy White
9/14/2011	Wesley White
9/21/2011	Squeaky Valentine
9/28/2011	Ed Mickens
Open/Close Bldg:	Lyn Shrader
Greeters:	Bakers; Browns
Nursery Attend:	Jean Argabright
	Olivia Valentine
	Curtis Oakes,
Ushers:	Roger Mays
	Austin Whitlow;
Handouts:	Kevin Mickens
Prepare communion:	Martha Wood
	Nancy Richardson
Baptismal Garments:	Judy Durham
Cards/Pencils:	Austin Whitlow
	Emmalynn Whitlow

Last week's attendance 9/4/11 & 9/7/11

Bible Class-155 Worship Service-177

Sunday PM-139 Wednesday PM-128

Contribution- \$ 4649

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While walking on the treadmill last week I was watching Sportscenter. During a commercial break a trailer for the upcoming movie "50/50" came on. Since the movie is rated R, I am not interested in seeing it, but the trailer caught my attention because of the premise of the movie and the three points it mentioned about friendship. The movie's basis is a young man's diagnosis that he has cancer and his best friend's attempts to be encouraging to him. To the best of my memory, the trailer stated that a true friend will: 1) Stand behind you; 2) Keep it real; and, 3) Even the odds. I immediately thought about two things: 1) Our greatest friend, Jesus; and, 2) Our friendships with each other.

The Bible mentions the word "friend" 53 times, the word "friends" 49 times, the word "friendly" 3 times, and the word "friendship" twice. Among other things it states, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24). I hope each of you has, or at least has had, such a friend. That kind of friend will truly "stand behind you." He's "got your back," to put in common parlance. He takes up for you if you are verbally attacked by another, and would do what he could to protect you in a dangerous situation. Too, he "keeps it real." Such a friend is not afraid to "tell you like it is." He has your best interest at heart and wants only what is best for you. He will also "even the odds." He will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you through thick or thin. He's the kind of guy you want in your corner when the going gets tough.

On an even greater plain, as the song says, "There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus." He has proven that He will "stand behind you." He has backed it up with His willingness to die in your stead. As He stated, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15:13). He also "keeps it real." He said, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (Jn. 15:14). He stated, "...if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (Jn. 8:24); "...except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish" (Lk. 13:3); "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 10:32); and, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mk. 16:16). That's telling it plainly. That's "keeping it real." And, He has also "evened the odds." Without Him, no man can be saved. Without Him no man can do anything with any spiritual profit (Jn. 15:5). Before He came, man was at a great disadvantage. Now, the field is level, and man has a choice. Whom will you choose as your friend? Friendship with the world makes one an enemy of God (Jas. 4:4). On this "Friends and Family Day," why not decide to make Jesus your best friend? He has all the right qualities.

-Eddy