

ALL YOUTH

We will *not* be meeting on **April 5** or **April 12**. The 5th is the beginning of Spring break and the 12th is Easter Sunday.

SENIOR HIGHS

Gold, silver, or bronze...are one of these in your future? Join us this **Sunday, March 29**, to find out as we compete against each other in our WPC Sr. High Olympics. Do you have what it takes to bring home a medal? We will find out soon enough. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

JUNIOR HIGHS & SIXERS

This **Sunday, March 29, Junior Highs and Sixers** will go to Gatti Town. The cost is \$18 for all you can eat food and unlimited game play. We will meet there at **5:00 p.m.**, and you will need to be picked up there by **7:30 p.m.** If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

On **Friday, May 1-3**, we will be going to Awanita for our year-end retreat. The cost for the weekend is \$136. *Please sign up by April 19.*

SENIOR HIGH SUMMER MISSION/MUSIC TRIP

It is time for current eighth through twelfth graders to sign up for our summer mission/music trip **June 27-July 4**. We will go to New Orleans to work on home repairs and along the way we will be singing in a few churches. The cost for the trip is \$275. Please sign up by **April 19** or sooner so that we have an idea how many will be coming. If you have any question, please call Steve Phillips 232-2424 or 380-5269.

CHRISTCARE GATHERINGS

ChristCare Small Groups continue to welcome visitors and new members. Please RSVP to the Group Leader. For more information, go to www.wpc-online.org and click on *Congregational Life* and then *Adult Groups*.

This week:

· **Simplifying Life Group: Wednesday, April 1, 12:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion, Angie Coneybeer,** angie@coneybeer.com, 281-7859.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUPS

Centering Prayer will meet on **Friday, April 3**, in Room 213 from **12:00 – 12:50 p.m.**, and from **6:00 – 6:50 p.m.** on **Sunday, April 5**. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to begin at anytime. If you have any questions, contact Associate Pastor Dave Carlson at 232-2424, ext. 115, dcarlson@wpc-online.org.

PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

The pastor will teach a baptism class on **Thursday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Charter Room. Please call the church office at 232-2424 if you are interested in having yourself or your child baptized. A nursery will be available.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday
April 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
April 10th at 12 Noon

Easter
**April 12th at
9:00 & 11:15 a.m.**

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The next dates for the Adopt-a-Highway program are: **May 9** (9:00 a.m.) and **August 15**. Mark your calendars for this great cause.

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THE SESSION
The Class of 2010

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Wes Bryant	Rob Morgan
Claude Cheatham	Trey Morrow
Christine Edmondson	Paul O'Neal
Jim Gettys	Will Quinn
Joan Herlong	Gaye Sprague

The Class of 2011

Vernon Anderson	Tod Hyché
Mary Ashmore	Suzanne Meece
Denise Broderick	Tina Phillips
Christopher Carsten	Charlie Warth
Trey DuBose	Catherine Whitmire
Anne Holleman	Jim Young

The Class of 2012

Ben Alexander	Amy Grace
Chris Beard	Jennifer Keir
Gayle Blouin	Tim Reed
Howard Boyd	Amanda Sanders
Dorothy Dowe	Paul Schultz
Joe Frasher	Courtenay Williams

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
March 29- April 5, 2009

SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. New Members Class
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Church School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Lenten Prayer Festival
1:30 p.m. Daisy Troop
3:30 p.m. Tiger Cubs
5:00 p.m. Sixers and Jr. High Group Meeting
6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:30 p.m. Sr. High Group Meeting
8:00 p.m. Alcohol Anon.

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Moms In Touch
9:15 a.m. Weekday Chapel
9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
5:30 p.m. Men's Recreational Basketball
5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells
6:15 p.m. NAMI
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anon.

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. AI-Anon
3:00 p.m. Blood Drive
5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
5:30 p.m. Scout Blue/Gold Banquet
6:00 p.m. ChristCare Leader Mtg.
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:30 p.m. ChristCare: Simplifying Life Group
3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!"
Tweens
4:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Choristers
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
6:30 p.m. Children's Music Program
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Writing Class
3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop
4:30 p.m. Daisy Troop
Heritage Lecture Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. Centering Prayer Group



UP IS DOWN AND DOWN IS UP

"The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

John 12: 20-26

To the crowd gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, Jesus' first words were shocking, but his next words were incomprehensible. When Jesus said that the time had come for the Son of man to be glorified, he appeared to be invoking a reference to the symbol of the long predicted golden age. Many Jews still held out hope that God would send His champion to conquer the forces of evil and oppression and lead the nation of Israel to a time of peace and humanity.

Instead, Jesus explained glory in terms of death and sacrifice. By glorified, Jesus meant his crucifixion. As Barclay points out, Jesus "turned their ideas upside down, replacing a dream of conquest with a vision of a Cross."

Like those listening to Jesus, we too seek a better world. And we have a great desire to know Jesus in our souls, to see him as ours, and receive grace from him. But we want these blessings on our terms.

Christ could have had glory in heaven without taking on the nature of humanity, and even after doing so, without suffering or death. But He chose not to save Himself so that we all could be saved. We should follow Jesus' example.

A grain of wheat yields no fruit unless it is sown into the ground and dies. Are we going to be grains of wheat, safely in storage and saving ourselves for the trivial concerns of this life? Or are we going to willingly surrender, accept the invitation of Jesus to join Him, and plant ourselves?

To choose life is to die; to choose death is to live. The glory of the Cross awaits.

Phillip Kilgore

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM CHURCH DINNER

April 1, 2009 – Program at 6:30

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Name: _____

Adults \$6.50: _____ Children (3-11) \$3.00: _____

Nursery (ages 3 & under): _____

LIBRARY MEMORIALS/EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to remember loved ones during the Easter season may do so in three ways. Money may be given to buy memorial books and supplies for the library, to purchase a lily for the sanctuary (\$11.00), or a contribution may be made to the Endowment Fund. *Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 5.*

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Christus Paradox

Text by Sylvia Dunstan

Music by Alfred Fedek

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer
Of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.
Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are both gift and cost.
You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.
Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
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