

West Side Church of Christ CALLER



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We have a new prayer ministry team:

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If you need prayer and would like us to pray with you or for you, please call us or see us at church.

"Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

- James 5:16 (NIV)

Senior Fun Bunch

October 14

Amish Dinner

Cost is \$15. Pay in advance.

R.S.V.P. by Oct. 5th

Leave church at 11:00 am.

Sign up sheet on bulletin board.



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OCTOBER

*From Dan's Desk***Fall and The Return**

I remember the story of a wealthy Englishman who had to leave his estate on business for several months. His four year old daughter was quite sad that her father had to be gone so long, so she kept asking "when will you return, daddy, when will you return?" The father knowing that she had no concept of time in weeks and months, simply told her "when you see the leaves on the trees begin to change color and fall to the ground you know that my return is near."

So the summer months gave way to fall and the leaves began to change color and come down. The little girl, excited by what she saw because she remembered her father's promise, exclaimed to her mother "maybe daddy's coming home today! Maybe daddy's coming home today!" Her mother's response was "yes, perhaps today. We'll have to wait and see."

Eventually the nobleman did return to the great delight of mother and daughter alike. But it was the father's promise of return and the sign he gave for his little girl to look for that kept her hope alive. With wisdom and love that father cared for his daughter even in his absence by the promise and the sign he gave her.

In the same way the Lord has also given us His promise and sign of His return. Jesus told us in Matthew 24:33 "Even so when you see all these things, you know that it [His return] is near, right at the door." God the Father, in wisdom and love, cares for us in the Lord's absence by the promise and sign of the Lord's imminent return. Are we like that little girl, excitedly looking for and expecting that day? Are we, like her mother, saying always "perhaps today?" If not, then let us make ourselves ready. If so, then let us be found faithfully serving Him until that day.

For Him,
Dan



Fall Harvest Festival 2014

2nd Annual

West Side Church of Christ
October 26th 5-8p

You're invited for fun, food, and fellowship!

There will be food, games, and Trunk or Treat. Bring your family, children and friends for a good time with great people! Please help us make this event great! Sign-Up Sheets posted.

- Volunteers to help with
 - Food Stations
 - Activities
 - Games
 - Decorating
 - Clean up and Set up (arrive at 4p)
- Things we need
 - Chili Cookoff
 - Hot dogs
 - Hot dog buns
 - Hot Chocolate
 - Kernel popcorn
 - Dum Dum Suckers
 - Loose wrapped candy
 - Pumpkins and haybales for decoration
 - Cash donations
- Trunk or Treat
 - Volunteers decorate their cars and pass out candy.



With A Kingdom Heartbeat

Music

For some people, music is a hobby. For others, music is just a nice addition to day-to-day tasks such as driving or working out or grocery shopping. For me, music is much more than that. I live and breathe music. So why is it so important to me?

I believe that music is a universal language from God. I personally don't know how to speak German or Italian or Japanese, but the heart of a piece of music can speak directly to my heart. Music is able to reach so many people...7 billion souls in different walks of their lives. It is such a broad spectrum, all inclusive of the organization of sound...And God speaks through music. He speaks through the birds and the crickets and the wind chimes, and He speaks by placing a passion for music into souls...the souls of song writers, guitar players, tuba players, percussionists, producers, record label executives, worship leaders, dancers, and generations of people who are inspired by the way the music grips their hearts.

It is clear to me the reason I have music pulsing through my veins. God is the original artist and has given us gifts of creativity. It is the responsibility of artists to tell the good news with their art. The good news is Jesus. I am called to use music to connect souls on a deeper level to the one who created them, loves them, and restores them.

Music unites Christ's Bride, God's Beloved, gathered in from the four corners of the world that they might be reclaimed, re-aimed by and toward the Author and Perfecter of their faith. It lets our hearts feel awe that God is Triune, He is sovereign, He is holy, all-powerful, all-knowing, and that His name is Love....that we are made in God's image, we are sinners, fallen from grace, dearly bought, and highly esteemed.

Music can communicate the anger, depravity, hurt, and brokenness that is a part of the shared human experience...yet allow us to see God's spirit hovering all around us, waiting for any invitation to break into this reality and bring utter transformation.

Music has played a huge role in my faith, my personality, my passions, my goals, my values, and my life as a whole. It has shaped who I am. I know there are other souls like mine who are in desperate need of music. I want to reach out with music because music is what has reached me.

Bible Trivia

With What did Jesus feed the crowd of 4,000 men?

Mark 8:5-8
Seven loaves and
a few small fish.



Hymn Formation (c)
by Sam Sippel

A song kept playing through Roy Acuff's mind. He knew the old folk tune well. After all, it had been used for many songs including "I'm Thinking Tonight of my Blue Eyes." He didn't know the words to this version, a gospel song titled "The Great Speckled Bird" attributed to one Guy Smith.

Roy Acuff was born Sept. 15, 1903 in Maynardville, TN. His father was not only a lawyer and judge, but an ordained minister as well. His father played the fiddle and his mother played the piano. The family home was filled with music as friends and family stopped by to join in the music-making or just to listen.

Roy soon learned to play the fiddle. He also eavesdropped on his older sister's voice lessons where he learned vocal techniques such as projection that would help him be heard over a string band in those pre-amplification days. However, he had ambitions to play pro baseball. The multi-lettered high school athlete started playing semi-pro baseball. During a late 1920s summer tryout with a pro team, a severe sunstroke ended his athletic aspirations. For the next year, Roy was confined to home rest. To pass the time, Roy picked up the fiddle again. He became proficient enough to consider music a career. There were few vocational options available to a young man who lived in a rural Southern community that didn't involve working in the heat, especially during the Great Depression.

He recovered enough to get a job playing the fiddle and singing in a medicine show. Often they worked outside, but Roy was careful about being in the direct sunlight. It was during this time he heard "The Great Speckled Bird." He found somebody who claimed to know the words. For fifty cents, he wrote them down. However, he could only remember two verses and the chorus. With the help of his father, Roy wrote some new verses to fill out the song's narrative. The song is based on Jeremiah 12:9:

"My heritage is like a great speckled bird, The vultures all around are against her. Come, assemble all the beasts of the field, Bring them to devour." (NJKV)

The song is actually a dual commentary. The first concerns the early 20th Century battle of Fundamentalists versus the Modernists. The Fundamentalists believed that the Bible was true, inerrant, and never changing. The Modernists believed that modern science challenged some of the Bible's core doctrines and beliefs such as the Virgin Birth. Thus, these doctrines and beliefs were subject to a modern scientific re-examination. (This battle continues today.)

The second is a commentary concerning the one true church that stays faithful to God and His Word versus the other churches that have lapsed into apostacy. The apostates persecute the true believers mercilessly. The song's final verses describe the rapture, where the faithful go to heaven "on the wings of the great speckled bird" and are reunited with their loved ones. The American Record Company heard about the Roy and invited him to a trial recording session. They travelled to Chicago and recorded it at their first session on Oct. 20, 1936. There, they found the song was too long, so they only used five verses.

After its January 1937 release, Roy sent a copy of the record to WSM, Nashville, hoping to land an audition for their popular "Grand Ole Opry" program. Eventually, he received an audition and became a life-long Opry mainstay.

In the meantime, ARC noticed Acuff's sales. He had sold enough copies to warrant a follow-up session with one provision—record a sequel to the GSB. (In those days, recording personnel dictated the songs to be recorded. The performer had little input, unlike today.) Acuff and his band travelled to Birmingham, AL and waxed "The Great Speckled Bird No. 2" on March 22, 1937 in a makeshift recording studio. Acuff sang two of the verses from the original recording and some of the previously unused verses.

After he became a star on the Opry, Roy was summoned to Hollywood to make his first film, "Grand Ole Opry" (1940). Although he had other hit songs by then, Roy had to sing in the film. However, he only sings the first and last verses of the 1936 recording. Although "The King of Country Music" had other hit records, audiences visited Nashville to hear Roy sing "The Great Speckled Bird" on the Opry. He died Nov. 23, 1992 in the Music City

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Dorothy Anderson**
- Chrystal Ashcraft**
- Sam Baker**
- Steve Baker**
- Alvin Bolser**
- Darrell Collins-**
- Marilyn Curry**
- Don Dent**
- Richard Freeman**
- John Layman**
- Nilah Layman**
- Mary Rose Long**
- Brandon North-**
- Norma Ramsey-**
- Vickie Robb**
- Sue Robbins**
- Mark Robinson**
- Eddie Sapp**
- Diane Scarth**
- Del Schanie**
- Bob Sizemore**
- Kathy Spaulding**
- Robby Stephens**
- Mike Steward**
- Sam Welch**
- Orville Wilson**
- Jane Wright**

All with health concerns

- Dorothy Anderson**
- Sophie Bovenizer**
- Mae Lasley**
- Dale Richter**
- Ruby Singleton**
- Mag Thacker**
- Ruby Wyatt**
- homebound**

- Mollie Simpson**
- Bereavement**



PRAYER MATTERS *from the Prayer Ministry Team*

Adapted from [Praying God's Heart \(Prayers that Make a Difference\)](#) by Alvin VanderGriend.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it" (John 14:12–14).

I first heard the phrase "when we pray, God works" when I was visiting a "praying" church in Houston, Texas. I had spent the day learning everything I could about that church's effective prayer ministry. I ended the day by interviewing the pastor and asking him what they were learning about prayer. I will never forget his answer. He said, what we learned is that "when we work, we work; when we pray, God works!"

"When we pray, God works!" What a simple way to describe intercessory prayer and to explain its purpose. Augustine wrote, "Prayer is to intercede for the well-being of others before God." Prayer is God's plan. God initiated intercession so He could work on earth in the way He wanted to, in response to prayer. By means of intercessory prayer He invites us to labor with him for the well-being of others. Prayer did not happen because people wanted things from God and decided to plead with Him for them. Prayer is not a human strategy for acquiring things. Nobody thought it up. Intercessory prayer is God's way of giving us a stake in His kingdom building work. He takes the initiative but involves us through prayer and our ministry activities. As we do our part—asking in His name and stepping out in ministry—He does His part.

PRAYER: Gracious Father, how amazing prayer is! We can't even begin to comprehend that You desire to have a relationship with us! How humbling it is to know that people's lives and situations can be changed because of the work You do in and through us. May the ministry we do on this earth be a continual reflection of Your grace and power, in Jesus' Name!

FAITH: The Most Beautiful Flower

The park bench was deserted as I sat down to read
Beneath the long, straggly branches of an old willow tree
Disillusioned by life with good reason to frown
For the world was intent on dragging me down.

And if that weren't enough to ruin my day,
A young boy out of breath approached me, all tired from play.
He stood right before me with his head tilted down
And said with great excitement, "Look what I found!"

In his hand was a flower, and what a pitiful sight,
With its petals all worn - not enough rain, or too little light.
Wanting him to take his dead flower and go off to play,
I faked a small smile and then shifted away.

But instead of retreating he sat next to my side
And placed the flower to his nose
And declared with overacted surprise,
"It sure smells pretty and it's beautiful, too.
That's why I picked it; here, it's for you."

The weed before me was dying or dead.
No vibrant colors: orange, yellow or red.
But I knew I must take it, or he might never leave.
So I reached for the flower and replied. "Just what I need."

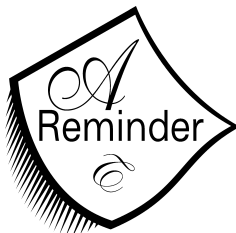
But instead of him placing the flower in my hand,
He held it mid-air without reason or plan.
It was then that I noticed for the very first time
That weed-toting boy could not see: he was blind.

I heard my voice quiver; tears shone in the sun
As I thanked him for picking the very best one.
Through the eyes of a blind child, at last I could see
The problem was not with the world; the problem was me.

And for all of those times I myself had been blind,
I vowed to see the beauty in life,
And appreciate every second that's mine.
And then I held that wilted flower up to my nose
and breathed in the fragrance of a beautiful rose
And smiled as I watched that young boy,
Another weed in his hand,
About to change the life of an unsuspecting old man.

FUN: According to a news report, a certain private school in Washington recently was faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of lip prints. Every night, the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally, the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all those lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night. To demonstrate how difficult it had been, she asked the custodian to show the girls how much work was required. He took out a squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

FELLOWSHIP: Fall Harvest Festival Oct. 26th 5-8pm



- Women’s Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:30 am
- Small Groups are on hiatus.

Seniors on the Go – October 14th Amish Dinner \$15 in advance. We must know by Oct 5th. Seating limited to 50 people. Leave the church at 11:00 am

Sherri Kremis has consented to being the new treasurer. She will be in training the rest of the year and will begin in January.

Volunteer needed for the Welcome Center. Please see anyone at the Welcome Center for more information.

Our congregation has a few members who are homebound & unable to come to church. Anyone interested in serving home communion, please see either Al Miller or Roger Richardson.

Northern Lights Emmaus Community will be holding a Men's Walk on Oct. 2-5 and a Women’s Walk on Oct. 9-12. They will be held at the Church of God Camp in Lebanon. If you would like to go, please contact anyone who has been on a walk for sponsorship. Please contact Bud or Becky Haacke and we can get you with one of the other members to do the sponsorship.

PARDON OUR DUST. The Teen room is being remodeled. Please avoid entry until finished.

A ladies ring was found at the church. Please contact Sharon or Dan to claim it if you are missing it.

**October
Communion Preparation for
Faith Class-Al Miller**

October 5

At the Table: Dave Combs, Al Miller
Serving Communion: Louie Spaulding, Chris Thompson, Ron Gann, Bobby Haynes, Larry Baldwin, Brian Butts
Benediction: Al Miller
Home Communion: Al Miller
Exit Greeters: (SD) Louie Spaulding (BD) Bonnie Spaulding

October 12

At the Table: Wayne Kieser, Willard Adkins
Serving Communion: Al Miller, John Cole, Bobby Haynes, Roger Richardson, John Geyer Jason Hickerson
Benediction: Wayne Kieser
Home Communion: Roger Richardson
Exit Greeters: (SD), Brian Butts (BD) Eva Baker



October 19

At the Table: Dave Combs, Al Miller
Serving Communion: Chris Thompson, Louie Spaulding, Elmer Scarth, Tom Perry, Bob Schaefer, 1 Volunteer
Benediction: Al Miller
Home Communion: Volunteer
Exit Greeters: (SD), Diane Scarth (BD) Elmer Scarth

October 26

At the Table: Willard Adkins, Roger Richardson
Serving Communion: Wayne Kieser, Micah Knisley, Jack Crouch, Ron Gann, Darrell Collins, 1 Volunteer
Benediction: Roger Richardson
Home Communion: Volunteer
Exit Greeters: (SD), Sharon Knisley (BD) Louie Spaulding



Birthdays

1. Freda Anderson
2. Al Miller
Sam Baker
3. Chrystal Ashcraft
Ashley Cundiff
5. Maxine Owens
6. Chris Brunner
7. Jane Baker
Connie Robinson
12. Phyllis Richardson
14. Hannah Daughtery
15. Judy Miller
18. Pat Brunner
19. John Van Sickle
Deb Thacker
20. Michelle Swagler
21. Sophie Bovenizer
27. Steve Polen
30. Brad Dees
31. Richard Lipscomb

Anniversaries

11. Frank & Maxine Owens
15. John & Dolores Cole
18. Mike & Ashley Thacker
20. Elmer & Diane Scarth



Fall Festival

OCTOBER 26TH
5PM - 8PM



Food Trunk or Treat

Games Fall Fun

Bring Friends and Family

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

October 7	Women's Bible Study
October 7	Trail Life
October 14	Fun Bunch Amish Dinner
October 14	American Heritage Girls
October 20	Caller Deadline
October 21	Trail Life
October 26	Fall Harvest Festival
October 28	American Heritage Girls



Services

Sunday:

Bible School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

Wednesday:

