

first west

Oct. 12, 2008 announcements

Please be in prayer as the Church prepares for deacon election, Oct. 19 - 26. These men have been nominated and have agreed to serve if elected: Charles Frye, Rick Gonzales, Andy Stump, Jimmy Waller. Those previously ordained: Rob Smith, Jay Blakeney, Roy Bledsoe, Dickie Crowe, Jerry Foster, C. P. George, John Griffin, Vernon Guy, William Guyton, Charles Jackson, Jeff Muckleroy, Jim Norris, Sam Roberson, Hollis Strickland, Bubba Via, Alton Williams.

Pray for our Nation Destiny Service. 6:00 p.m., First West Worship Center. Dr. Avant asks that all men meet after the Destiny Service (7:00 p.m.) in Tennison Hall for a special word from him.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT OR LADIES' LUNCH OUT "GOD WINS IN LAS VEGAS"

Thursday, October 16, 6:00-8:30 p.m. OR Friday, October 17, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Take a chance! Bring a friend and hear Judy Reamer's exciting story "God Wins in Las Vegas." Judy travels throughout the USA, into Canada and Mexico via television, radio and personal appearances to share her special miracle. Lift your heart with the dynamic, inspirational music of Naomi Carroll. Enjoy a delicious, banquet-style meal by Chef Dan.

Tickets, \$15 each, or bring a first-timer and both tickets are \$25. Advance tickets required; space limited. Tickets available in the Grand Hallway off the Worship Center @ First West during Destiny this Wednesday and at the Women's Ministry office during the week. Childcare is provided with pre-registration by Thursday, October 9 (\$5 per child or \$15 per family).

Community Transformation Service Day. Sunday, October 19th. As a part of the Transform series and our Community Transformation emphasis, join us as we serve the community and the Riverbend neighborhood. The day begins at 4:30 p.m. in Tennison Hall to receive assignments and concludes with a time of celebration and reporting in Tennison Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Parents, remember the excitement of hearing your child's heartbeat? Well, we invite you to experience that thrill once again as we unveil our plans for the future of the Children and Preschool Ministry here at First West! Our kids ARE the heartbeat of our church, and we've got great things planned just for them! Parents, if you have children ages birth through 5th grade, join us Sunday morning, October 19, 9:30 a.m., in Tennison Hall. We will reveal plans for the future of our ministry and have a time fellowship and communication!

"Trick My Trunk" is back! We had such a great time last year, we're making it an annual event at First West! All children of the church and community are invited to join us for a safe, fun-filled night, Fri., Oct. 31, 6:00-8:00 p.m.! Why not "trick" your trunk while the kids are enjoying this great alternative to being on the street! Decorated car trunks, candy donations, and volunteers are needed! For more info, contact Lisa Hartline, 398-9162.

40-Hour Prayer Vigil

Sunday, November 1, 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Driskell Chapel

Sunday, November 1, 1:00 p.m. until Tuesday, November 4, 12:00 a.m., Feazel Chapel

A time of prayer for our church, community and nation. To commit for a prayer time during this 40-hour prayer vigil, please stop by the Information Center, or contact wbass@firstwest.cc. We want to ensure that we have two or more prayer warriors for each hour of this 40-hour timeframe.

GriefShare is a 13-week educational/support seminar that helps individuals move through their loss of a loved one. This group meets Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Room A134. Each session is independent of the others so you can join at any time. No course fee; optional workbook fee of \$15. Childcare provided with advance notice. For more information call 398-9101.

LIFE Groups for college and career: Join us Sundays, 9:30 a.m., in the LIFE Group House. For more information on these small-group Bible studies or other college activities, contact Whit Bass (wbass@firstwest.cc or 322-5104),

Celebrate Recovery: Freedom From Your Hurts, Hang-Ups and Habits meets Saturday evenings, 7:00 p.m., at the AXIS Building. There's no reason to go through life alone. Join us for encouragement and inspiration as you walk the Road to Recovery. Please call 398-9101 for more information.

Compassionate Ministries Thrift Store: Dave Ramsey's 13-week *Financial Peace Class*, hosted by the FBC Thrift Store, begins Mon., Oct. 20, 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Light supper & childcare provided. Call the Thrift Store, 410-0999, to sign up and see if you qualify for the low-income program. Space is limited.

"Nurturing God's Way" Parenting Education Class, a 12-week program offered by the FBC Thrift Store, begins Mon., Oct. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Light supper & childcare provided. Incentives given for class completion. Space is limited; call 410-0999 today to sign up.

Baptism dates: October dates are Wed., Oct. 15 and Sundays, Oct. 12 & 26. If you have come to know Christ and want to be baptized and take this next step in obedience to Him, please come by the Reception Room on Sunday to sign up, call the Outreach Ministry during the week (322-5730), or email Kaye at KCloessner@firstwest.cc to schedule your baptism.

The TouchPoints Booth, located in the Grand Hallway, is open today following each worship service with CD's and DVD's of the services (CDs, \$5 each; DVDs, \$10). Only the sermon is available; however, requests for other portions of the service will be evaluated on an individual basis (special requests should be specified on the order form). Orders will be complete in one to two days; you will be notified at that time.

HIS KIDS!! (Grades 1-5)

We're Wild about Jesus! Join us at 8:00 or 9:30 for small-group Bible study. Come join the adventure awaiting you! For more information about our Children & Preschool Ministry, please call 398-9162.

Children's Worship, Sundays, 10:50 a.m., Weber Activity Center.

Kids Praise (for children who have completed grades 1-5), Wednesday nights, 5:45 p.m., Children's Building, second floor.

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Come tailgate with AXIS Student Ministry, Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m., at the West Monroe High School football game. We'll grill hamburgers and hotdogs and give away AXIS thunder sticks until just before kick-off.

The Youth Evangelism Conference (YEC) for 6th -8th graders will be held Nov. 23-25 in Alexandria. Cost: \$100 plus 5 meals. The first deposit of \$50 is due by Oct. 29 with the \$50 balance due by Nov. 16. There will be a Parents' Meeting on Nov. 16, 5:00 p.m., Feazel Chapel. For more information, visit www.theAXIS.cc.

For more information on Student Ministry, please call 398-9174.

Portico

Portico, an alternative worship experience, Sundays, 6:30 p.m., AXIS. The Common Ground Band leads worship; Randy Impson will teach. Childcare provided. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/theportico or contact Kim@theportico.ws.

SINGLE ADULTS

DivorceCare. Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m., LIFE Group House. Free childcare. Call 322-5104, Ext. 133, for information.

Friday Night LIFE, Fridays, 6:30-10:30 p.m., AXIS Building. Admission: 2-liter drink or pre-packaged snack to share.

For information about the Single Adult Ministry, please call 322-5104, Ext. 133.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Operation Christmas Child begins today! Plan now to fill a shoebox for a child. Watch for more details!

Ladies!! You are invited to Missions Mosaic, Oct. 14 or Oct. 16, a time of fellowship and learning about missions. For information on the groups, group leaders, meeting days and times, please call 398-9280.

Community Transformation comes in many different packages. Two ways our church seeks to transform our community are through the ongoing ministries at Grace Place and the DeSiard Street Shelter. There is always room for more people to be involved in ministering and witnessing to the lost people in our community through these ministries.

Missionaries Todd and Tara Thomas have moved into FBC's Mission House. We are still accepting staple goods (such as flour, sugar, salt, etc), canned or boxed items, or cleaning supplies to help fill their pantry! Items may be left at the Church Office or the Missions Office. Todd and Tara are secure area missionaries serving in Western Europe. Please welcome them to our Church and community!

Missions Report: Arlington, TX, May 16-18, Debbie Takewell led a group to minister with Tillie Burgin at Mission Arlington. They saw two saved while they were there.

For more information, check the Missions Exhibit in the Grand Hallway or call 388-0906.

TouchPoints Bookstore

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FIRST WEST COUNSELING CENTER

Counseling Center Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. & Fridays, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The Counseling Center is located at 212 Cypress Street, West Monroe. Please call 322-1427 for information about services available.