

Our Welcome

We welcome all visiting with us today; we sincerely hope that you will be drawn to God through each other, and we hope too that you will worship with us at every opportunity you may have. If you would, please fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the collection plate as it is passed.

Sunday School – 9:00 AM

Song Leader	Jacky Moore
Scripture Reading	Jonathan Partlow
Prayer	Jacky Moore

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 AM

Welcome	Dr. Jon Partlow
Opening Prayer	Billy McGhee
Preside Lord's Supper	Larry Ross & Danny Bruce McGhee
Serve Lord's Supper	Josh Watkins & Tommy Moore
Sermon	Dr. Jon Partlow
Announcements	TBA
Closing Prayer	Michael Rager

Sunday Evening Worship – 5:30 PM

Song Leader	Steven McGhee
Opening Prayer	Billy Fowler

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Song Leader	Steven McGhee
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THE WEST SIDE STORY

*A BULLETIN FOR THE WEST
SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST*

JANUARY 15, 2012



Another One Rides the Bus by Jon Partlow

During the seventies, the busing industry crested with *Greyhound* riding the waves. Some of my father's proudest moments were working for this company in the in the downtown Portland, Oregon terminal. As the fleet of buses pulled out of the terminal onto 5th Street then up to Market Street, dad's pride in the company swelled to Scenic-Cruise size.

Relating a son's experience to his father's is never the same, and rarely does it surpass his own father's experience. Mine's no different. For me, the fleet of buses was three, not three thousand. The colors for my buses were dirty yellow and brown, not a bright, patriotic red, white, and blue. My busses were old converted school buses, not the brand new MC-8 *Americruiser*. And the name JOY Bus - surely some hidden message to the general public - painted on the side of the bus was less impressive than the silver dog with the name "Greyhound" on the side of the bus.

Even still, at age 12, every Sunday morning I stepped onto my bus in order to travel throughout the Portland area to pick-up children for church. It was always an adventure. We packed those three buses with children and brought them to our building. Through puppet shows, Bible classes, and "Children's Worship," we taught them about Jesus.

Unfortunately, like Greyhound, by the late seventies the crest subsided (see "Bus" on next page)

Leadership

Elders

Billy McGhee ... 265-5413
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Doug Boley ... 265-9870
DB McGhee ... 265-5690
Lilburn Rager ... 265-5766
Larry Ross ... 265-2612
David Watkins ... 265-2560

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Rocky Rager ... 265-5736

Detention Center Minister

Jacky Moore ... 725-6787

Remember in Prayer . . . West Side Church extends its sympathy to the family of **T.D. Passmore**, (*Nathaniel Passmore's grandfather who passed away Wednesday. The funeral will be January 21 in North Carolina*) . . . **Glendolene Alder** (*will be taking chemotherapy and radiation*); **Doug Boley**; **Jane Camp**; **Eva England** (*undergoing further chemotherapy*); **Pam Alder Morris** (*broke her foot*); **Billy McGhee** (*returns to the doctor at the end the month to evaluate the sore on his heel*); **Scot Murphy** (*minister for the First Christian Church has mouth cancer*); **Wendell Langham** (*who preached Wilmon's funeral, has terminal throat cancer and he is being fed through a tube*); **Carol Moberly** (*continues to wear her backbrace*); **Anndora Smyth** (*home on a slow road to recovery*); **Terri Humerd** (*wife of Beverly Fowler's boss and is suffering from bone cancer*); **Ruth Holland**; **Barbara Greenfield** (*sister-in-law to Paulette Greenfield, has been fighting a bacterial infection*); **Ronnie Grace** (*Stacey Boley's uncle as leukemia*); **Ernest Dill** (*Lisa Porter's uncle, had a stroke and is in SKY*); **Bethany Fowler** (*having migraines and will see a specialist in Nashville*); **Ruby Fisher** (*Cile's mother, will get her results from a Thyroid test on Tuesday*); **Mary Weaver** (*Sheila Miller's mother, recovering from a fall*) and **Jerry Weaver** (*step-father of Sheila Miller, is having problems with his knees*); **John Andrew Rager** (*Kim Rager's son, fighting an infection and cannot have surgery right now*); **Ida Partlow** (*Jon's mother is in Cambodia for mission work*); **Savannah Dill** (*is at home*); **Amy Deason** (*recovering from surgery*); **Tony Deason** (*will have his Thyroid removed on January 23 at Vanderbilt*); **Tommy Moore** (*bone marrow test January 17 at Jenny Stuart*); **Chuck Miller** (*had his prostate removed six weeks ago is taking chemotherapy*); **Bobby Miller** (*triglycerides dangerously high*).

2012 sign-up lists are posted on bulletin board for preparing communion, preparing grief baskets, changing the marquee sign, etc.

We have 7 seniors graduating. Gift boxes are placed in the foyer for you to donate toward a money tree (currency, gift cards, etc.). Because of the number of seniors, we are starting earlier this year to allow everyone to honor each of the seniors.

Senior parents: be looking through pictures of your senior for the slide show in the spring. See Carolyn Wells for details.



(“Bus” cont.) and the three full buses were down to two partially filled ones. With a lack of workers and parental support from the community (who really wanted to release their children to strangers?), they JOY Bus Ministry was nearing the end of its run.

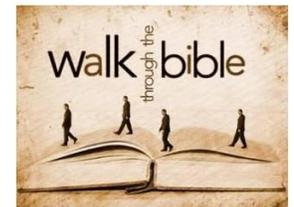
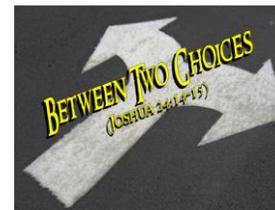
While smaller and smaller numbers of children were riding the JOY Bus each week, a large number of Asians had immigrated to the city of Portland from the war-torn counties of Cambodia and Laos. One Sunday morning, a “Macedonian man” showed up and asked if we’d run a bus through Halsey Square, the government-housing neighborhood where most of the Asians lived. We sent one bus down the street and discovered we should have sent two. Thus, the ministry to the Asian community was born; a new wave crested and Eastside rode that wave again.

It’s been over thirty-five years since Eastside made the transition from a children’s ministry to an Asian ministry. The move hasn’t always been an easy one. Cultural and language barriers made the change difficult at best. However, even today, because of the vision and willingness of the Eastside church, an Asian congregation of 150 meets on Sunday afternoon in the Eastside building, whose goal is to reach out and minister to the Asian people of Portland. And just think, it all started because another wanted to ride the bus. *solo gloria dei!*



Sermons for Today

AM: Between Two Choices (Joshua 24:14-15)



PM: A Walk through the Bible: Philippians

