

## 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	Rocky Rager
Scripture Reading	Michael Rager
Prayer	Lilburn Rager

### Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 AM

Welcome	Dr. Jon Partlow
Opening Prayer	Billy McGhee
Preside Lord's Supper	Mark Smith & Larry Ross
Serve Lord's Supper	Jonathan Partlow & Matthew Partlow
Sermon	Dr. Jon Partlow
Announcements	TBA
Closing Prayer	Jacky Moore

### Sunday Evening Worship – 5:30 PM

Song Leader	Steven McGhee
Opening Prayer	Larry Ross

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Song Leader	Jacky Moore
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## Leadership

### Elders

Billy McGhee ... 265-5414  
Danny Bruce McGhee ... 265-5690  
Bobby Parmley ... 265-2739

### Deacons

Doug Boley ... 265-9870  
Lilburn Rager ... 265-5766  
Larry Ross ... 265-2612  
David Watkins ... 265-2560

### Minister

Jon Partlow, D. Min.  
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### Music Minister

Rocky Rager ... 265-5736

### Detention Center Minister

Jacky Moore ... 725-6787

## THE WEST SIDE STORY

A BULLETIN FOR THE WEST  
SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

APRIL 1, 2012



## ***The Persistence of an Invitation*** by Jon Partlow

As my mother entered high school, she found herself in the minority; the number of Christians at her school was few. Even at church, she was the only teenage girl. Refusing to face the next four years alone, she decided that Pat would make a great Christian friend and companion. However, one obstacle facing mother's plan was that Pat wasn't a Christian.

So, mom set a plan in action. Everyday she sat with Pat on the bus to and from school, enriching their friendship. On Wednesday afternoons, mom invited Pat to the services that evening. She extended the same invitation on Friday afternoons for Sunday morning. Pat always created a reason for not attending with mom, but mom's persistence paid off when one Friday afternoon, Pat gave up. In order to satisfy her friend, she agreed to attend services with my mother.

Inviting your friend to worship services can be a difficult step to take. We don't want to face rejection. No one wants a friendship strained; religious discussions tend to strain friendships. However, the benefits of having your friend become a member of the same church you attend, or better yet, make a valid decision of faith toward Jesus Christ, outweigh any fear of rejection or potential strain.

*Friends, Family & Neighbor Day* is a great, non-threatening vehicle we can use to invite a friend to our church. Many, who wouldn't accept an invitation to attend the weekly worship, may just very well **(see "Persistence" on next page)**

## Dates, Prayers, & Events

April 1	Ladies Meeting	4:30 pm
April 3	Elders, Ministers, Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm
April 4	Birthday-Anniversary Dinner	6:00 pm
May 6	Friends, Family, & Neighbor Day	10:00 am

**Remember in Prayer . . . Wayne Addison** (suffering from hepatitis); **Dewayne Alder** (wearing a back brace for injured vertebrae, and will be exploring surgical options); **Glendolene Alder** (undergoing radiation treatment this month); **Doug Boley** (waiting for bone marrow results); **Jane Camp** (Hearthstone 223); **Larry Camp** (recovering from gastritis) **Beth Latham Casey** (is now undergoing five weeks of radiation treatments); **Imogene Dulin** (having cataract surgery on April 4); **Eva England** (doctors increasing her chemo because of the growth of the cancer; she has not felt good); **Ronnie Grace** (Stacey Boley's uncle has leukemia); **Ruth Holland**; **Lawrence Killebrew** (suffering from dementia); **Wendell Langham** (preached Wilmon's funeral, has terminal throat cancer and will be suspending all treatment); **Abby Lee (Porter** [discs in her back giving her problems]); **Billy McGhee** (ultra sound on leg April 16); **Isaac Passmore** (healing from ear and throat infections); **Bernard McPherson** (setting up chemotherapy treatment); **Chuck Miller** (undergoing chemotherapy); **Bobbye Miller** (continues to recover from high triglyceride); **Tommy Moore**; **Carol Moberly** (under hospice care); **Taylor Partlow** (wisdom teeth extracted on Friday); **Ruth Sawyers** (bone spur).

**Happenings . . . Remember our 7 seniors who will be graduating this May (Cady Alder, Connor Coffman, Michael Driver, Brittany Fowler, Stephanie Moore, Taylor Partlow, and Michael Rager).** Their gift boxes are in the foyer . . . A survey has been placed on the table in the foyer for all the men to fill out and mark which way they are willing to lead in the worship. Please return the surveys to **Jon Partlow, Mark Smith,** or one of the Elders . . . Easter Egg Hunt will be April 6; **Alice Sawyers** asks that Easter Egg candy be brought to the church . . . VBS will be July 1-4 . . . Friends, Family & Neighbor Day will be May 6. Be thinking about asking someone to worship with us that day.



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(“**Obvious**” cont.) accept an invitation to attend a special worship like *Friends, Family & neighbor Day*. May 6 might be the day your friend begins attending the West Side Church of Christ.

About fifty years have passed since mom invited Pat to church. Pat became a Christian, married my dad's best friend, and reared godly children. Mom told me a few years ago week that Pat's parents were even baptized. You never know how one, persistent invitation can change a person's life. Have you invited your friend, or family member, or neighbor to *Friends, Family & Neighbor Day* on May 6?

Solo Deo Gloria!



## Sermons for Today

AM: The Recabites (Jeremiah 35:1-5)



PM: *Worship in Song - Fellowship-n-Fun*



*“Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.”*

*Samuel (1 Samuel 15:22)*

## Hebrews 13:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Keep on loving each other as brothers.

<sup>2</sup> Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>

Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

<sup>4</sup> Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

<sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can man do to me?”

