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West Side Church of God
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Annual Meeting

Wed., November 16
7:00 pm

On the Agenda: 2012 Budget,
Voting on Governing Board Members
& Quarterly Information Meeting

A Simple Gift. A Simple Message.

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love.

You can get involved in the excitement of Operation Christmas Child this year by praying for this ministry and by packing a shoebox with small toys, school supplies, or hygiene items for a girl or boy. The brochure on the display table by the Welcome Center will give you all the details. A donation of \$7 per box is needed for shipping and evangelistic outreach costs.

There are extra toys from the resource room at the display table that you can have for your shoebox. Bring your gift-filled shoeboxes to the office by November 9.



We hope you are making plans to come to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner!

Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins.



Program & Potluck Lunch
Friendship Club
Friday, November 11
10:30 am

Everyone is Invited
Evening of Fellowship
Saturday, November 12
Bartlett Hall Come & Go 6 - 10 ? pm
FUN & GAMES!



Ladies' SILVER TEA - December 5
Men's Advent Gathering - December 8
Christmas Candlelight Service will be held Wednesday, December 21 at 7 pm

Can you think of some things to thank God for? Perhaps your problems have been so overwhelming that thanksgiving seems inappropriate, almost insincere. God understands your emotions, but if you learn to thank Him, though your circumstances may not change, your attitude will. You can thank Him that He loves you, has given His Son for your sins, sympathizes with your weaknesses, promises to meet every need, is generous in every respect, faithful in all situations—you get the idea. God wants and deserves our gratitude, and the more we thank Him, the more our attitude is positively affected.

Let me ask you this question: "What do you have to lose by giving thanks to God?" I challenge you to spend some concentrated time just giving thanks to the Lord. At the end of the day, see if your attitude isn't changed for the better. Do it consistently, and your obedience can pour the footings for a life grounded in the joy of the Lord.



A Touch of His Joy: Meditations on God's Abiding Joy by Charles Stanley

♦ October Governing Board Meeting Highlights ♦

- ♦ The Governing Board has already received several positive comments that people have noticed a difference in the FLC already with only 14 (of the 90) sound panels in place. There are several volunteers making the panels for about \$26.24 per panel; purchased each panel would have cost \$90 each. In March, the Governing Board decided to set aside some FLC rental money to purchase sound panels for the Family Life Center.
- ♦ The Governing Board is working with the Finance Committee on the 2012 Budget. Giving is down for the year. Our Monthly Finance Reports and Weekly Giving Reports can be viewed by everyone at the bulletin board which is by the choir room door.
- ♦ Copies of the full minutes are at the Welcome Center.
- ♦ The next Governing Board meeting is November 15 at 1:00 pm in the Koinonia classroom. This meeting is open for any current member of West Side to attend. If you cannot attend the meeting and you have a concern or item for the board, please see a board member: Steve Smith, Doug Angell, Mary Faulkner, Bill Owens, or John A. Wendinger



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for your help! In September, we helped about 23 households.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- You may donate any amount of money that you want and it will be used to purchase food for the sacks.
- You may bring non-perishable food to the pantry. Shopping lists are on the Food Pantry door and at the Welcome Center.
 - You can help when the food pantry is open on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Call the office to volunteer.
 - You may offer your prayer support for this ministry.

Together, we are helping our neighbors and community!

