



WestWind Church

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My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not;

and in the night season, and am not silent.

But thou art holy, ...

Psalm 22

In A Quiet Moment

In a quiet moment, God said to me:

Love me, love my people;
Trust me, trust my people;
Give to me, give to my people;
Seek to know me, seek to know my people;
Find me, find the real identity of my people.

God went on to explain:

Knowing me goes hand in hand with knowing my people:

My people

are learning to know me;
are learning to know my voice;
are learning to listen for my voice;
are learning to follow my guidance;
are learning to recognize my presence;
are learning to trust me more and more.

My people

are learning to know each other;
are learning to listen to each other;
are learning to love each other;
are learning to trust each other;
are learning to give to each other;
are learning to reveal their "self" to each other.

God drew near and whispered to me:

Me and my people...the two are synonymous,
you can't have one without the other.
That's the secret of my kingdom.
Me and my people are in it together.

James Husdon

If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.
1 John 4:20-21

Sermon Titles and Scriptures for January

January 4:
Epiphany Sunday

January 11:
"What Does God Want Us to Be?"
Psalm 15:1-5,
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

January 18:
"What Does God Want Us to Do?"
Psalm 15:1-5,
1 John 4:7-12

January 25:
FAMILY SUNDAY
"Sailing on the Friend Ship"
James 2:1-8

To the WestWind family,

Sharon and I would like to thank all of you for your generous Christmas gift. Your appreciation and support mean so much to us. We enjoy being with you and are blessed to be sharing with you at this important juncture in the life of your church. Our prayer is that you will find just the right person to bring you closer to each other and to God...and we know you will!

Jim Hudson



Youth and Children's Calendar

Our upcoming events include...

January 24

Family Game Night

Hattie's Living Legacy Bible Study

Our Bible Study group will resume meeting January 7th at 10 AM. We will begin a new series titled Faithful, Abundant, True: Three Lives Going Deeper Still lead by Beth Moore, Kay Arthur, and Priscilla Shirer. While these three women each speak on the distinctive topic the Holy Spirit had lead them to teach, the messages result in a marvelous blend.

Kay Arthur teaches from basically, the entire book of Hebrews! Hebrews is both an example of God's faithfulness and a challenge to believers to be faithful in difficult times.

Priscilla Shirer teaches from Ephesians 3: 20-21 on God's abundance. A fundamental basis for every believer is the absolute reality that God can do whatever He chooses to do. God's ability empowers our faithfulness.

Beth Moore teaches on the topic of discernment. In these difficult days it is absolutely essential that we learn to trust the Holy Spirit to enable us to determine what is true and what is false.

We have had a wonderful and successful year of study, fellowship, and service! We dressed dolls, children's blankets, and filled Blessing Bags for I Can Still Shine, helped with decorations for our Bible School, did some extra cleaning, and painted two rooms in the church. We have ongoing projects of Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes. After our lunch, those that can stay, to work on projects. We want to find other ideas for service for the coming year. So whether you're a member of our group are not we would appreciate any suggestions!

Our group would like to extend an invitation to anyone that is free on Wednesday mornings to come and join us for this special time!

January Anniversaries

1/10 Chris & Kim Wymore

January Birthdays

1/1	Barbara Wilson	1/23	Holly Cole
1/1	Carol Louderback	1/26	Mike Bartlett
1/1	Justyn Rucks	1/26	David Rhoads
1/6	Jordan Wilson	1/28	Melissa Dillon
1/12	Slade Johnson	1/28	Sandy MacLeod
1/13	Tracy Stutheit	1/30	Richard Stutheit
1/19	Melanie Harlos	1/31	Victoria Daniel
1/22	Peggy Currie		
1/22	Aurora Cole		

Pictures From the Garden



The first three are of the garden on Dec 15 and the harvest gathered that day.
The last is of the Ladies Sock Exchange luncheon.

Community Garden News & Hunger Team Ministry Update

January 2015 Garden News

GARDEN

WestWind Community Garden donations exceeded 1000 pounds of organic produce that was donated to needy people in our community in 2014. If you would like to help with this outreach, we welcome you! Every Monday morning (almost) a group meets at 8:30 am to glean produce from the garden to sort, weigh, and deliver to the Community Storehouse or to Senior Citizens living in subsidized housing. We need more gardeners to plant and nurture crops throughout the year. Garden plots are available for adoption. Grow food for your family and also to share with those less fortunate. Enjoy fellowship, fresh air, food, and fulfillment! Whom can you invite to dig in the dirt and to be a part of something fabulous?

KROGER

For WestWind to receive Community Rewards money on purchases you make from Kroger, each customer must register online at Kroger.com.

Link your account to **WestWind Church #80464**.

Important – you must renew once a year – the connection expires every August!

SCRIP

Hope your gift card purchases this Christmas season were well-spent and well-received. Thank you for your support of this easy fundraiser! This is a year-around opportunity for you to purchase gift cards and support WestWind at the same time. Consider buying gift cards to use for your weekly purchases – at the grocery store, at your favorite restaurant, at the movie theater, or almost anywhere you go! Plan ahead and order what you will use. Go to shopwithscrip.com to see a vendor list or pick up a list at church. The next order will be placed 1/12/15. Contact Pam Shoop with your questions.

Pam Shoop
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WestWind Christian Church Community Garden

January Schedule

If you have a scheduling conflict, please find someone to switch with & notify Susan Bartlett at SchedulingAtWestWind@gmail.com or at 817-285-8140 (landline).				
January 4, 2015				
Greet before Worship	Allbright, Joseph	Allbright, Kathleen		
Prepare Communion	Daniel, Katherine	Rogers, Danielle		
Children's Moment	Stutheit, Mark			
Children's Church	Harlos, Melanie	Lacy, Denise		
Read Scripture	Anson, Nancy	Edwards, Robin		
Communion Meditation	Allbright, Claire			
Communion/Offering	Rice, Jennie	Rice, Rikki	Uribe, Corey	Uribe, Sherry
Clean-up Communion	Rogers, Danielle	Wilhour, Elizabeth		
Count Offering	Bartlett, Mike	Leighty, Pat		
January 11, 2015				
Greet before Worship	Allbright, Claire	Balestrieri, Becca		
Prepare Communion	Murray, Carole	Wilhour, Elizabeth		
Children's Moment	Uribe, Corey			
Children's Church	Uribe, Sherry	Allbright, Joseph		
Read Scripture	Daniel, Sherri	Daniel, Katherine		
Communion Meditation	Needles, Rick			
Communion/Offering	Dillon, Melissa	Harlos, Melanie	Harlos, Curt	Stutheit, Mark
Clean-up Communion	Rogers, Charity	Rogers, Jeanne		
Count Offering	Bartlett, Ryan	Currie, Peggy		
January 18, 2015				
Greet before Worship	Bartlett, Jeremy	Rice, Rikki		
Prepare Communion	Rogers, Charity	Rogers, Jeanne		
Children's Moment	Uribe, Sherry			
Children's Church	Hamilton, Jean	Rogers, Charity		
Read Scripture	Dillon, Melissa	Harlos, Melanie		
Communion Meditation	Daniel, Sherri			
Communion/Offering	Allbright, Charles	Allbright, Claire	MacLeod, Sandy	Rogers, Danielle
Clean-up Communion	Shoop, Cody	Shoop, Pam		
Count Offering	Rice, Rikki	Thorn, Paul		
January 25, 2015				
Greet before Worship	Edwards, Robin	Edwards, Susan		
Prepare Communion	Rice, Rikki	Rice, Jennie		
Children's Moment	Wilhour, Elizabeth			
Children's Church	Family Sunday			
Read Scripture	MacLeod, Sandy	Leighty, Pat		
Communion Meditation	Murray, Bob			
Communion/Offering	Shoop, Cody	Shoop, Pam	Shoop, Gary	Moore, But
Clean-up Communion	Thorn, Paul	Balestrieri, Becca		
Count Offering	Wilhour, Elizabeth	Bartlett, Mike		