



WestWind Church

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March 2015 NEWSLETTER



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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

Minister's Column

There was, in scripture*, a man whom Jesus had to heal twice. The first touch enabled him to have sight. The second touch enabled him to see people clearly.

There is a truth focused in this story we all need to see.

Some of us operate as half-healed Christians.

We see the truth, but not clearly enough for it to become the basis for our life.

We are convinced about Jesus, but not changed by him.

We accept Jesus as the light, but live with fuzzy, unfocused, dim images of him, of ourselves, of other people.

There are times we see more of Jesus than we are willing to follow.

There are times we see more of ourselves than we are willing to reveal and share.

There are times we see more of people than we are willing to accept, to forgive, and to love.

There may be a frustration we can sometimes sense within ourselves and in other Christians who have the picture of what life can be, but do not have the power to live it.

Perhaps there is a need within us all for a second conversion, a second touch, a second healing for us to see clearly and understand.

What would have to happen to us, in us, among us for such a transformation to happen?

There were those with the blind man who "begged" Jesus to heal him.

Surely there can be no harm in our "asking."

*Mark 8:22-26

James Husdon

Sermon Titles and Scriptures for March

March 1st: "Who Is Joshua? Joshua Who?"
Matthew 16:13-16

March 8th: "What Matters Most?"
Mark 12:28-34

March 15th: "Am I Okay? Am I Accepted?"
John 8:1-11

March 22nd: Family Sunday - "Washing
Someone's Feet - Really?"
John 13:1-5, 13-17

March 29th: "What about Suffering?"
Matthew 27:27-31
(Palm Sunday)

April 4th: "Is Hope Worth Hoping For?"
Matthew 28:1-7
(Easter)



Youth and Children's Calendar

Our upcoming events include...

02 March Vacation Bible School planning meeting

The previously scheduled meeting was postponed to Monday March 2nd at 6:30 PM.

04 April "Egg"-stravaganza

You have to come see the MAGIC SHOW at our "Egg"stravaganza 04 April at 11:00 am. You don't want to miss our community Easter egg hunt. Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends. You being here will make the day better for everyone.

We do need your HELP to be successful. As we prepare for a larger community Easter Egg hunt this year, we are in need of eggs and candy for those eggs. We need non-chocolate candy to put in the eggs that we hide, afraid the chocolate will melt. However, if you would like, we can use chocolate bunnies, etc to hand out as prizes. Looking forward to making a difference in our community through our special day. Come see the smiles on the kids and parents faces, it's worth the trip.

Thanks WestWind for all that you do for the community. You're the best.

Thanks
Chris Wymore
Cynthia Walker
Youth Children's Ministry Team

Church Website Update

As you may be aware, we are looking at updating WestWind Church's website. We have many pictures that we would like to use, but we also want to be sensitive to those who do not want their pictures in our advertising (web site, newsletter, flyers, etc.). If you could take a moment, print and fill out the attached photo release form (for each family member) and bring it to church at your earliest convenience, we can go forward with our plan. We will also have these forms at the church so you can fill them out there. If you do not want your picture included, please contact me through email or at church. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you
Chris Wymore.

OUTREACH

Through the end of February, Outreach will continue to collect canned and boxed food items. All donations will go toward filling the shelves for "I Can Still Shine".

The Outreach team is putting together a Congregational Directory of talents/skills. The information will be utilized in assisting church members during a time of need, such as recovery from surgery or illness, following the loss of a loved one, during a time of financial hardship, etc. Your unique gifts and areas of interest can become an asset to a member of our church family at a time when he/she needs a helping hand. This assistance could come in the form of yard work, house cleaning, grocery shopping, providing meals, car or house repairs, babysitting, providing someone with a ride to a therapy session or medical appointment, or perhaps bringing someone to church that otherwise wouldn't be able to be there. The signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry. Let's become a network of love and support for one another.

As far as upcoming projects, on Saturday, April 4, Outreach will be assisting with the children's Easter Egg Extravaganza.

On Saturday, April 25, Outreach will be partnering with the youth in a joint outreach project. We will be spending time working at the Community Storehouse.

Even if you are not officially a member of the Outreach Team, we always welcome ideas and suggestions for future Outreach ministries and projects. Please do not hesitate to share YOUR ideas with us.

Irene Mills

Cards of All Types Needed

Please continue to bring greeting cards of all kinds to use in crafts. They are used during the year for making of place mats for every occasion.

Contact Ruth Middleton

Community Garden News & Hunger Team Ministry Update

March 2015 Garden News

Our February Garden Care Day brought out some terrific helpers! A lot was accomplished in a couple of hours! Wheelbarrows and shovels were put to use and the newest garden beds were filled with soil donated by the city. Grass and weeds were broken up in the hugelkultur bed and a border was installed. Through Food for the Soul we were blessed with an energetic group of teenage girls from Northwood Church who volunteered their time and effort on Valentine's Day. They helped prepare several raised beds for planting, pulled weeds, and planted seed potatoes in the hugelkultur bed. Volunteers are fabulous!

We are happy to welcome some new gardeners adopting plots this year. However, we still have plots available! Many of the gardeners have planted broccoli, cauliflower, onions, spinach, and lettuce – all appropriate for our Texas winters. The March Garden Improvement Day is scheduled on Saturday, 3/07/15, 8am to noon. Join us for a few minutes or a few hours. Come dig in the dirt – it's fun!

KROGER

Remember to link your Kroger Plus card to WestWind Church #80464. Kroger Community Rewards® makes fund-raising easy; all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

SCRIP

You have the opportunity to buy gift cards to use at a variety of restaurants and retailers from WestWind's scrip box every week. Plan ahead and place orders for specific gift cards just by asking the scrip coordinator. When there is more participation, WestWind earns more money! See a complete list of available vendors at: shopwithscrip.com. Check out this abbreviated list.

Pam Shoop
817-798-8470 cell
WestWind Christian Church Community Garden

Hattie's Living Legacy Bible Study

Our Bible Study group will continue meeting on Wednesdays at 10 AM. The new series titled Faithful, Abundant, True: Three Lives Going Deeper Still led by Beth Moore, Kay Arthur, and Priscilla Shirer began on 07 January. While these three women each speak on the distinctive topic the Holy Spirit had led 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 or 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!

Prayer Concern List

Help us make sure the Prayer Concerns list in the bulletin is up to date. Please review the names on Sunday; if you have someone on the list that needs to be there for longer than one month, please let us know by Sunday, February 2 by dropping a note in the offering plate or contacting Susan Bartlett.

Thanks!

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Isaiah 6:8
King James Bible



Feb 14 Northwood teen girls, plus mom Kim Summons



2-14-15 barrier around hugelculture bed - potatoes planted



Feb 7 filling the beds



Feb 7 work crew

Notes from the Leadership Team

- Financials: January giving was \$12082 with expenses of \$12474, leaving a shortage of \$392. The checking balance is approximately \$90000. The report will be posted in the hallway.
- The refinance is still waiting for final documents and should be finalized soon.
- The new oven that was approved in the last meeting is now installed.
- The VBS Curriculum will be "Everest VBS in a Can". There was discussion on whether it should be Sunday-Thursday or Monday-Friday. No decision was made.
- The Sanctuary Team has lilies & palm fronds lined up for Easter.
- Chris would like to form a team for revamping the website.
- The Pastoral Search Committee reports that they are getting close to making a selection.
- The Hunger/Outreach Team has the 2015 Calendar tentatively completed.
- The meeting minutes will be posted in the hallway for viewing.

March Birthdays

1 Linda Rawlings	26 Coy Hemby
3 Barbara Bayless	28 Erica Stutheit
5 Nicole Rucks	29 Karen Barker
6 Lisa Louallen	29 Terri Cemper
9 Chris Wymore	30 Desiree Rucks
11 Jacob Bennett	30 Erica Wiszneaukas
19 Burt Moore	
22 Jessica Johnson	
23 Lonnie Hellman	
25 Mike Brooks	



March Anniversaries

17 Danny & Linda Rawlings
26 Rikki & Jennie Rice

March Schedule

If you have a scheduling conflict, please try to find someone to switch with & notify Susan Bartlett at SchedulingAtWestWind@gmail.com or at 817-285-8140 (landline).

March 1, 2015				
Greet before Worship	Rogers, Jeanne	Rogers, Charity		
Prepare Communion	Bartlett, Mike	Scott, Malou		
Children's Moment	Allbright, Charles			
Children's Church	Harlos, Melanie	Lacy, Denise		
Read Scripture	Shoop, Gary	Shoop, Pam		
Communion Meditation	Stutheit, Richard			
Communion/Offering	Allbright, Charles	Allbright, Claire	Shoop, Pam	Shoop, Gary
Clean-up Communion	Rogers, Danielle	Wilhour, Elizabeth		
Count Offering	Bennett, Allen	Currie, Peggy		
March 8, 2015				
Greet before Worship	Wilhour, Elizabeth	Scott, Malou		
Prepare Communion	Bennett, Linda	Bennett, Allen		
Children's Moment	Bennett, Linda			
Children's Church	Uribe, Sherry	Allbright, Joseph		
Read Scripture	Uribe, Sherry	Uribe, Corey		
Communion Meditation	Wilhour, Elizabeth			
Communion/Offering	MacLeod, Sandy	Scott, Malou	Moore, Burt	Edwards, Robin
Clean-up Communion	Rogers, Charity	Rogers, Jeanne		
Count Offering	Bennett, Linda	Scott, Malou		
March 15, 2015				
Greet before Worship	Bennett, Linda	Bennett, Allen		
Prepare Communion	LJ Stutheit	family		
Children's Moment	Nauta, Debbie			
Children's Church	Hamilton, Jean	Rogers, Charity		
Read Scripture	Murray, Carole	Thorn, Paul		
Communion Meditation	Walker, Cynthia			
Communion/Offering	Wilhour, Elizabeth	Rice, Rikki	Rice, Jennie	Rogers, Danielle
Clean-up Communion	Bennett, Allen	Bennett, Linda		
Count Offering	Thorn, Paul	Rice, Rikki		
March 22, 2015				
Greet before Worship	Allbright, Joseph	Allbright, Kathleen		
Prepare Communion	Murray, Carole	Wilhour, Elizabeth		
Children's Church	Family Sunday			
Read Scripture	Allbright, Charles	Allbright, Claire		
Communion Meditation	Uribe, Sherry			
Communion/Offering	Bartlett, Jeremy	Bartlett, Susan	Daniel, Sherri	Daniel, Katherine
Clean-up Communion	Daniel, Katherine	Leighty, Pat		
Count Offering	Bartlett, Mike	Wilhour, Elizabeth		