

west hills church

May 14, 2017

I Attended Worship Service At:

8:15 9:30 11:00

name(s) _____

address _____

phone(s) _____

email _____

About Yourself

member reg. attendee 1st or 2nd time

I heard about West Hills: (please circle one)

Website Social Media Friend

Phone Book Other _____

I'd like to know more about:

- Baptism
- Mission/Service Opportunities
- Spiritual Formation
- Children's Ministry/Nursery
- Membership
- Committing my life to Jesus
- Other _____

Prayer Requests - share with staff

prayer chain & staff pastors only

ALL CHURCH

GET CONNECTED CLASS (NEW MEMBER CLASS):

Want to know more about West Hills? Join us four Tuesday evenings, May 16 – June 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Room #182 for an informational class on West Hills membership. For information or to make reservations, sign up in Geneva Lounge, on-line or contact Jackie O'Dell. Childcare available upon request. A light meal will be provided.

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC - The search to find the next Director of Worship and Music is underway. If you have questions please contact Derek Richman.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECT! Wednesdays – June 14. Dinner, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Six years and up \$3 and 5 years and under \$1.50. Nursery care, 6 wks.–Kindergarten from 6:30–8 p.m. **We will not have a children's program during this session.** Students, Grade 3 and up may help create VBS decorations in #141.

CHANCEL FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE. Do you have a "special day" coming up in your family? Would you like to "honor" someone? Give a "praise" for a person or event that was meaningful to you? We have a few open dates available for the Sunday flowers. August 20, October 15 & 29, and December 10 & 31. Please call Heather if you would like to provide flowers, the cost is \$40.

LISTENING SESSION - Due to the Memorial Day Holiday there will be no elder listening session in May. We will resume in June.

GARDENS: Our West Hills gardens are beautiful, but they require a lot of care. Do you have some time to serve? Daryl & Cathy Greger and Pam Culek would love help. Contact Daryl or Cathy 402-331-6922.

THIS WEEK

- SUN 5-14 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**
 Childcare: (Infants - PK): 9:10a - noon
 Kids Church (3 yrs. - 6th grade Sunday School): 9:30a
 Familia De Dios (FDD) Service: 2p
- MON 5-15** AA Group: 8p
- TUE 5-16** Men's Bible Study: (open) 6:30a
 Get Connected Class: 6p
 Worship Team Rehearsal: 6p
 Session: 7p
- WED 5-17** Women's Bible Study: 9:15a
 VBS leader training: 5:45p
 WNC: (see announcement)
 Choir: 6:30p
 Youth Worship Band Rehearsal: 6:30p
- THU 5-18** Siena/Francis sloppy joe pick up: 9:30a
 Al-Anon: 12p
 Foster Care Support Group: 6p
 Capernaum: 7p
- FRI 5-19** Al-Anon: 7p
 AA Group: 7:30p
- SAT 5-20** Arabic Christian Fellowship: 5:30 p.m.
- SUN 5-21 Services 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**
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 Kids Church (3 yrs. - 6th grade Sunday School): 9:30a
 Familia De Dios (FDD) Service: 2p
 Next Gen. Worship: 6:30p (all students)

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ARE YOU NEW? NEWER?

GLAD YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

If you are visiting West Hills for the first time, or maybe you have been coming for a few Sundays, but haven't connected yet, stop by the Welcome Center in Geneva Lounge after services. We would love to meet you and share a little more about West Hills with you.

STAFF LISTINGS phone number 402-391-8662 + extension

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Mark your calendars, Omaha Gives!
 Omaha's 5th annual 24-hour charitable challenge.
 Wednesday - May 24

The giving begins at midnight with a minimum \$10 donation, and hourly drawings and prizes make your donations go further. On May 24, log on anywhere to www.omahagives.org; click "Nonprofits," and search West Hills Church. Great for family and friends too, so spread the word! Funds received will go towards technology upgrades in Kids Church. Thank you for your support!!!
 #Omahagives

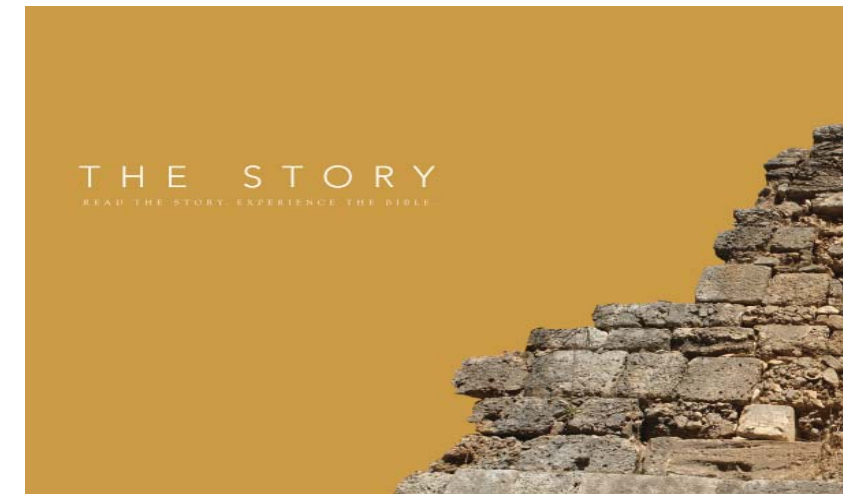
Preaching: Derek Richman
Assisting: Deena Candler, Mark Hawkins, Noah Hawkins, Sarah Weller
Media Team: Dallas Grafton, Mark Hawkins, Josh Isaac, Loren Loibl
Worship Team: Cindi Bailey, Julie Burgess, Luke Burns, Steve Dostal, Kathy Leach, Stan Parker, Dillon Thorton, Sarah Weller

May 2017 Operating Fund Report		
	as of May 7	as of May 31
	YTD Actual	TD Budget
Revenues	\$404,646	\$534,644
Expenses	\$414,527	\$583,934
Surplus/(deficit)	(\$9,881)	(\$49,290)
Attendance - Three Services	399	
Finance Questions	Please contact Mike Alfieri 402-391-8662 X 1008	



On a journey with the living Christ;
connecting with God,
others, and the world.

May 14, 2017



Worship Celebration
Sunday, May 14, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Sing the Glad Song - Ritter / Processional for A Joyful Day - Wood

Sing Unto God A New Song

Call to Worship

Greet One Another

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies #462

Opening Prayer

Come Alive, Dry Bones

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

Sing A New Song-Patti Drennan

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (page 602)

"A New Hope"

#17 in the series: **The Story**

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #326

News of the Church Family

Pastoral Charge & Blessing

Commissioning: Deena Candler & Peg Shirley

Joysong - Hayes

CONNECTING WITH GOD

MESSAGE NOTES

MESSAGE QUESTIONS

1. The valley of dry bones is a bleak or disturbing image. Why, in your opinion does God use such an image? Are you aware of other disturbing images in the Bible? What might the Bible be trying to convey by using such bleak images?
2. Read Ezekiel 37:11. According to this verse, what do the dry bones represent? When in your life have you felt dried up or that your hope has been gone?
3. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. How is Ephesians 2:1-10 similar to Ezekiel 37:1-14 and how is it different?
4. In the message Pastor Derek alluded to the two most common human responses to losing hope. What were those responses? When have you responded to your struggles in these ways? Are there other common responses?
5. Read Ezekiel 37:8. What happens in this text? Why are the bones not alive? What is God trying to say in this text? How does Ezekiel 37:8 compare with Jesus' words in Matthew 23:27-28? What do these verses have to say to us today?
6. In Ezekiel how do the dry bones come alive? Is this by human effort or by the hand and power of God? How does Ezekiel 37:14 compare with Acts 2:1-4?
7. On a scale between dead/dry bones and alive in the Spirit; where are you in your relationship with Jesus/God?
8. What are the signs of being filled with the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25)?
9. How often do you pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

CHILDREN



NEXT GEN

NO NEXT GEN WORSHIP:

Tonight, May 14, NO Sunday evening Next Gen Worship. Students are encouraged to spend time with their mom and celebrate Mother's Day!

YOUTH COMMITMENT UPDATE: This month we honored high school seniors and welcomed new members by way of Confirmation. We also took up a "love offering" for Youth Commitment to support our summer programs; to date over \$10,648.50 has been raised! To donate, please use one of the "Youth Envelopes" write "Youth" in the memo line.

SUMMER CAMP: Registration closes May 19, this Friday! Jr. High Camp, June 11-16, students entering 6-8 grades this fall. Sr. High Camp, June 18-23, students entering any grade in high school or who have just graduated. Cost is \$150 with \$50 due at registration. <https://campcomo.campbrainregistration.com/> Please note that you are part of **West Hills Church Omaha** when registering.

NEXT GEN COLLEGE STUDENTS: Hi, and welcome back college students! Michael and West Hills' Next Gen want to let you know about some of our upcoming events just for you. We are having an 80's Retro Summer - starting with our 80's Thrift Store Prom on May 31. Join us at 7:30 p.m.; looking totally rad in attire picked up from the thrift shop or your parent's closet. We will have some dancing, retro games, and refreshments. Come hear about everything for Next Gen college students.

SUMMER KICK OFF: On Sunday, June 4, we will meet at the Andersons' home, 1864 Mayfair Dr. for a cookout and backyard party! **All Next Gen students**, come share a time of fellowship, hamburgers, and outdoor games, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Students should bring a 2 liter of soda or a snack to share. Questions; Julie Anderson, Elder of Next Gen or Michael Johnson.

ADULTS

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT: JUNE 23 - 24 : St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, Nebraska. Make this the year you experience for yourself this wonderful week-end getaway with Jesus! Sign up today in Geneva Lounge. Space is limited. Cost \$125. Call Linda Springsted 402-339-4828 or 402-290-4704 with any questions.

CAREGIVING

CASSEROLE CARE: Help us support the Foster Family Support Group families with homemade casseroles. Pick up a disposable casserole dish in Geneva Lounge today. Make one of your favorite casseroles and attach the recipe. You can add a card or note telling the family you are praying for them as well. Return your casserole frozen to the church kitchen by Wed., May 17.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Pager Ministry

Pager # 1 - phone # 402-271-1053 (congregational pager): This week the pager is going to Denise Dolezol. Prayers for her son, Ryan, as he transitions to living in Phoenix with his dad. Prayers for Ryan to have wisdom and make good decisions. Peace for Denise as she trusts God to keep him safe and take care of him.

Pager # 2 - phone # 402-271-1155 (staff pager): This week's staff member to pray for is Erika Hanna, Nursery Coordinator.

*When you've prayed for one of these people, dial the corresponding phone number. After the beep, press 1 2 3 # and hang up. You will NOT be called back. Thank you!

Church: Church of the Cross Presbyterian, Omaha, Nebraska.

Deaths: Prayers for Mike Overby and family on the loss of his father, Ron Overby.

For family and friends of Rev. Ed Fish, who passed away on Tuesday, May 9.

Families to pray for are: Bruce & Lonnie Hawkins, Dale & Jerrian Hawkins, Levi Hawkins, Mark & Ilene Hawkins, Cliff Hayes, Bill & Myrtle Heise, Sherry Heldt, Mary Jane Hendricks, Nan Henry, and Randy Hess.

If you have a concern or prayer need during the week call the following **Stephen Ministers**, Mardel Bridgman 402-330-9664, (9:30); Laura Meyers 402-551-3569, (11:00); a Stephen Minister is available in the quiet room after the service.

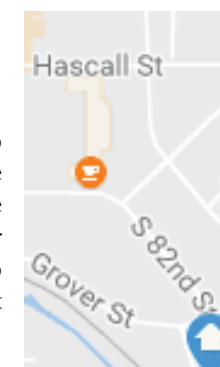
Prayer Chain: Roxie Frazier (402-330-8762) roxiefraz@cox.net, rfrazier@thefrazierco.com or Shirley Nelson (402-391-8370) shurlnelson@gmail.com

Chancel flowers are provided today by Julie and Steve Burgess in celebration of their fifteenth wedding anniversary. We praise God for bringing us together!

CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR PRAYER CHALLENGE

For seven weeks leading up to VBS we want to intentionally pray for every family in the Westgate neighborhood. Pick up a map in Geneva Lounge showing a section of our neighborhood to pray for and a list of suggested prayer points. Feel free to prayer walk; pray at home or with friends, to lift up our neighborhood!



PRAYER FOR MUSLIMS: Pick up your prayer booklet in Geneva Lounge today!

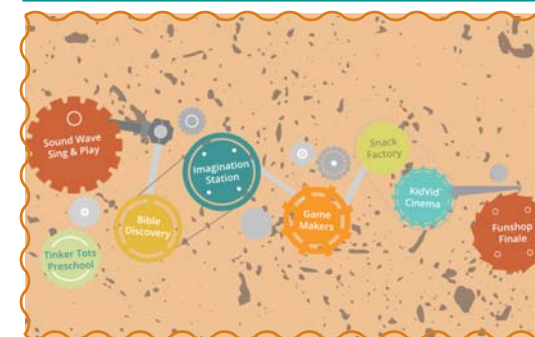
ABIDE "BETTER TOGETHER" GOLF CLASSIC JUNE 19: Shadow Ridge Country Club. \$1,500 for a foursome includes cart, website and social media recognition, logo on print material, lunch and dinner tickets, and swag bag. \$250 for an individual registration. Register online, www.abideomaha.org.



I would like to serve God and our neighbors during VBS:

- Do administrative tasks before VBS
- Help create decorations before VBS
- Help decorate the church
- Serve as a greeter and host during VBS
- Help with a meal or kitchen clean up
- Help take down decorations after VBS
- Teach a large group of children (crafts, games, science, Bible, movie)
- Lead a small group of children
- Help in the nursery
- Serve as a substitute for one of the above
- Something else: (write below)

Name _____
Best contact info. (email, phone, text) *circle*



Vacation Bible School
June 25-29
REGISTRATION BEGINS TODAY!
Geneva Lounge
www.whcomaha.org
Cost: \$10/child
Maximum Family = \$25