

The Window

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



April 2018

Learning - Experiencing Life - Praying Together

by Patti Gatzke, Elder of Spiritual Formation and Discipleship



In January, I was ordained as the elder for Spiritual Formation. What exactly does that mean? Which ministry areas are included? I was humbled to realize that Spiritual Formation includes many areas of adult ministry and engagement at West Hills. It is the area responsible for equipping adults to learn and grow in their faith through classes, small groups, and special events as well as the new member class and visitor outreach.

Why is equipping important?

In Matthew 5 Jesus says: *"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Jesus wants us to be salt and light. In order for us to be salt and light in this increasingly challenging world we need to continue to grow in our knowledge of the Bible and our trust in Jesus as our savior. Each one of us may go about this in a different way – through individual quiet time, study and prayer or listening to the sermon on Sunday morning, to name several. The challenge for the church is to provide alternative pathways that will stimulate spiritual growth through learning, experiencing life together and prayer.

What does this look like?

West Hills does not have a staff person responsible for this area so it has been an interesting and fun challenge to jump in (with guidance from Pastor Deena and help from Heather Hipp) to see and hear what is going on in adult ministries now. There are a number of awesome volunteers who are involved. They are all committed to not only keeping the good things going but also improving them and adding new opportunities that will allow us not only to learn but to experience life and prayer together. Right now we have three weekly Bible studies for women and one for men that are well attended and

growing. There is also an adult class on Sunday mornings and some Connection and Covenant Groups meeting regularly. Good things are already happening but we are looking to the future to engage more people in going deeper in their faith journey.

Men's Ministry sponsored the first two special events of the year with great success. Game Day (80 men) and the Lent Fish Fry (150 people of all ages) brought West Hills members, friends and community together. Men's Ministry is currently seeking fresh ideas from all West Hills men for meaningful activities for all ages that include learning, experiencing life and prayer.

The Women's Ministry Team meets monthly and has been busy with three Bible studies and Serendipity Sisters gatherings (ten women come together once a quarter). On April 28, they are sponsoring a simulcast of Bible Teaching by Priscilla Shirer – an exciting opportunity for women to learn more about God's Word. Also in the planning is a women's retreat in October, to bring women together for study, fellowship, prayer and fun. These opportunities are open to all women of West Hills and they are encouraged to invite friends.

The Senior Ministry sponsors Celebrations once a quarter to celebrate birthdays and to bring people together for Friday lunch, a mission presentation and a musical program. March 9, we celebrated with guest speaker Miguel Alvarez from InterVarsity at UNO – one of our mission partners. Around sixty people enjoyed an accomplished accordionist and donated snack foods for InterVarsity college students. Everyone had a good time of fellowship along with a great lunch. The next one will be June 8, and all are invited to come.

A group is putting together a strategy for welcoming visitors to West Hills on Sunday mornings. This along with an upcoming new members class will help the church to continue to grow and equip adults for life and ministry.

West Hills is indeed *On a journey with the living Christ; connecting with God, others, and the world* and Spiritual Formation is an important part of that mission. I encourage all to take advantage of the opportunities offered to enrich your journey.

Contact me if you have ideas or want to get involved in any of these ministry areas. 402-968-7820 or pfgatzke2@gmail.com

Spiritual Correspondence

by Jana Prescott



“A night of fruitless fishing....” (John 21) Or, would you prefer: Ham? Mashed Potatoes? Salad? Vegetables? Pie? I think that sounds like a delicious Easter dinner! Don’t you? But before we can celebrate the best reason around that we’ve ever had for Easter, we probably should remember why we have such a glorious reason to honor such a day. Jesus! He went through

many difficult moments even before He went through His most significant moment: death. Who would call death significant? That’s not a description that most people would use to talk about death, at least at first, even for those who wouldn’t mind accepting the joy of joining Jesus earlier than they expected or wanted. But they, along with you and me and Christians everywhere, will know the joy that is coming forth when Christ arises in His glory! “He has risen.” (Matthew 28:7)

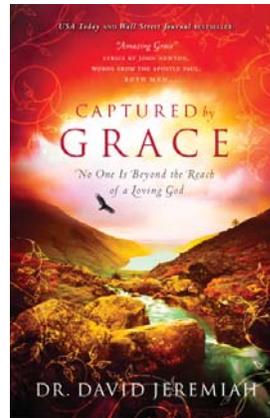


TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

1. The flood waters prevailed on the earth for: a)175 days b)100 days c)150 days d)180 days
2. God told Abraham He would spare Sodom if He found as few as how many righteous people there? a)5 b)7 c)12 d)10
3. How long did the Israelites wander in the desert after leaving Egypt? a)14 years b)40 years c)25 years d)55 years
4. How many stones did David take with him to fight Goliath? a)3 b)2 c)5 d)7
5. John the Baptist said he baptized with a)love b)water c) spirit d)prayers
6. What did Jesus ask of the Samaritan woman He met at the well? a)for food b)for prayers c)for directions d)for water
7. Which disciple found the boy with the five loaves of bread and two fish when Jesus fed the 5000? a) Andrew b)Peter c)John d)Philip
8. Who condemned the woman caught in adultery? a)Jesus b)her accusers c)the disciples d)no one
9. Who rolled back the stone from the front of Jesus’ tomb? a)several women b)an angel c)John and Peter d)Jesus
10. Who feared John the Baptist because he was a “just and holy man?” a)Herod b)Pharisees c)Roman soldiers d)Sadducees

THE ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON THE BACK PAGE

If you got them all right you should give yourself a star!



The book, **Captured by Grace** written by Dr. David Jeremiah concerns the astounding times in our lives when God’s grace finds us.

A reviewer of this book writes, “*Until you have been broken beyond belief, and need a miracle for your soul. Until you have betrayed a loved one and cannot bring him back. Until you have befriended every darkness and are desperate for the light. That’s when God’s relentless, amazing, very personalized grace finds you.*”

This book takes us through the story of John Newton, composer of the hymn, “Amazing Grace.” Today many have learned that same John Newton was also a slave trader sailing along the African coast in 1748 when the lyrics came to him.

It reminds us of a horrific enemy of the church in AD 45, who was blinded on the road to Damascus and later became the apostle Paul. Both of these men found God’s grace when they needed it. This grace is extended to each of us as well.

Dramatic stories and biblical insights highlight the very personal effects of how grace:

- wondrously spans all our differences
- rescues us from our lostness
- helps us overcome our weaknesses
- takes us from victims to victors

Jeremiah tells us in his book that when we personally experience God’s grace in our lives it strengthens our relationship and heals the wounds in our past. He helps readers understand the freeing power of permanent forgiveness and mercy

Dr. David Jeremiah is the founder of Turning Point, a ministry committed to sound Bible teaching through radio, television, the Internet, live events and resource materials and books.

Everyone is invited to a reception
in Geneva Lounge
between services on Sunday, April 29
Caregiving Ambassadors are hosting
this reception to recognize
the many special relationships
developed through this ministry.
Come join us
for some refreshment and fellowship!

Dr. Billy Graham and My Dad by Wendi Meyer



When I heard of Dr. Billy Graham's passing, the news immediately took me back to the years that my father, Dr. Bud Meyer, took pictures for the pastor's crusades and his national magazine called "Decision Magazine." Dad did photography for the Billy Graham Association for about a decade when we lived in California. By working with Nikon Camera, he was able to come up with a camera on the stage that would take photos without a flashbulb, as Dr. Graham certainly did not want that distraction during a sermon. Many photos were taken of crowds of people and individual persons attending the crusades as my father roamed about, finding just the right shot that could tell a story without words.

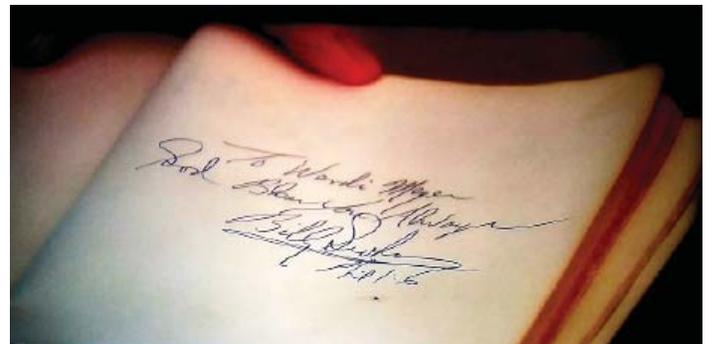
Often times Dad was asked to come up with photos to accompany a piece written for "Decision Magazine." One was a picture in a Christmas issue about a table set in heaven, ready to welcome believers into Paradise, an invitation by God, for all things were ready. After searching and searching for the table and place settings for such a magnificent image, he decided to shoot the picture on the roof of a hotel in downtown Minneapolis, with a table set with the finest china from the Governor's mansion. Yes, on the roof. The photo was taken at daybreak on a windy morning. So windy in fact, that the candles kept blowing out and had to be painted in later.

People ask me if I ever met Dr. Graham. I did not. My father did, however, bring my Bible to the pastor for him to sign. Thus, the front page of this treasured Bible reads: "To Wendi Meyer, God bless you always, Billy Graham." Beneath the signature, Philippians 1:6 is referenced. "And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Wow, powerful stuff to remember and keep in my heart. A verse to remind us that as Christians, our work is never done for Jesus, our precious Lord and Savior.

I inquired, of my father what the reverend was like. "Well," Dad responded, "He was a simple man in many ways. He told those around him to call him Billy. You knew that his life was all about sharing the message of salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ. It was never about Billy or his ego."

Another fact that Dad would remind us of was how much the pastor dearly loved his wife, Ruth.

My memory of seeing Billy Graham in Los Angeles, California, was what a powerful, magnificent voice he had. So many illustrations about the testimonies and lives changed through salvation, so many Bible references and the preaching of Jesus, how much Jesus loved us, even the worst of sinners. At the end of all of his sermons, in every crusade, Billy Graham had an altar call. He invited any and all who were ready to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior to make their way down to the stage, to meet with counselors who were



waiting to pray with them. Sometimes it took over an hour as people streamed down from their seats. What a life changing experience and what a marvelous thing to be a part of.

About that picture taken on top of the hotel? Our family calls it "Dad's Feast Picture." We three children have our copies. It is a photograph that now means more than ever, because I know that two great people in my life are no doubt having quite the conversation in Paradise.



Southwest Lasagna

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons oil (your choice)
- 1 onion chopped
- 4 oz. can diced green chilis
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 cloves garlic chopped
- 15 oz. can pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 16 oz. can diced tomatoes
- 4 oz. can diced green chilis
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 12 corn tortillas
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack
- 16 oz. low-fat cottage cheese
- 1 egg
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese



Directions

- Heat oil, brown ground beef, drain.
- Saute onion and garlic.
- Add beans, tomatoes, chilis, cumin and pepper.
- Heat through
- Put tortillas, 3 at a time, between moistened paper towels and microwave 30 seconds.
- Layer 6 tortillas in greased 9 x 13 pan.
- Pour beef mixture over top.
- Do another layer of tortillas and beef.
- Combine: Cottage cheese and Monterey cheese and 1 egg
- Pour over tortilla and meat mixture.
- Bake: 30 minutes at 350 degrees
- Sprinkle cheddar cheese on top last 10 minutes.

Have a Recipe to Share?

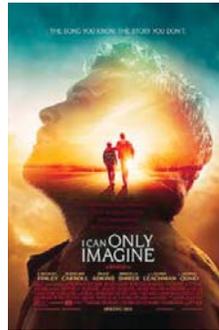
With both parents working these days it's difficult to come up with a healthy dinner after work.

Do you have a recipe for an easy-to-prepare meal?

Please send your recipes to Maralee Gifford:

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In the subject line please put "Recipe for Newsletter.w"
(she will know it is a safe to open)



The new movie, **I Can ONLY IMAGINE** is based on the relationship between Bart Millard, the lead singer for the band, **Mercy Me** and his father, Arthur.

The film tells the story of young Bart's youth at the hands of a verbally and physically abusive father, played by Dennis Quaid.

In high school Bart's dreams of playing football are crushed when both of his ankles are broken in a high school game. He then turns to singing to fulfill his graduation requirements and goes on to join the band which eventually becomes **Mercy Me**.

Later in life, his father suffers and eventually dies from pancreatic cancer. Bart returns home and stays to care for his ailing father who has accepted Christ into his life. Together father and son forge a new relationship of mutual respect. Upon his father's death, Bart writes the song **I Can Only Imagine** for his father as he ponders what it would be like standing before God.

The song which went triple platinum on the music charts became the best selling contemporary, Christian song of all time and launched the group, "Mercy Me" into stardom.

The movie, which was expected to gross between 2-4 million dollars its first weekend, instead grossed 6.2 million its first day and 17.1 million dollars in its first weekend.

I Can Only Imagine had the fourth best-ever opening for a religious film, following **The Passion of the Christ**, **Son of God**, and **Heaven Is for Real**.

The movie, which was released on March 16, ranked third behind **Black Panther** and **Tomb Raider** for the week.

In addition, to Dennis Quaid, the film stars: J Michael Finley as Bart (who made his Broadway debut in "**Les Misérables**"), Trace Adkins as Christian Music Producer Scott Brickell and Cloris Leachman as Bart's grandmother, "Meemaw."

Science & Bible

"Blood is the source of life and health," Lev. 17:11-14. Up until 120 years ago, sick people were "bled" and many died as a result (e.g. George Washington.) Today we know that healthy blood is necessary to bring life-giving nutrients to every cell in the body. God declared that "*the life of the flesh is in the blood*" long before science understood its function.



It All Started With A Cat by Chi Chi

The women in the Thursday morning Bible study class have been involved in praying for a teen-age college student whom they also got to help in a hands-on way. Here is their story from an unusual point of view.

It all started with a cat.

I'm Chi Chi, a Milwaukee cat who now lives in Omaha. Last summer my owner, Elisabeth, was preparing to enter college. She and I had spent lots of time together because she was home-schooled. But Elisabeth knew she couldn't keep me in the dorm, nor could her family keep me because they would be traveling. So she put an ad on Craig's List. A lady from the West Hills Thursday morning Bible study answered the ad since her cat had died and she kind of



wanted another. After some emails and phone calls, the day came last August for me to meet my new caretaker. Elisabeth and her family drove to Sioux City, Iowa, where her college is and there they met Ms. Joyce—that's what Elisabeth calls the Bible study lady—and her husband.



Soon after, Elisabeth signed up for rugby at her college and guess what? During a game, she broke her collarbone in two places. After some doctor consultations, they decided on surgery, and Ms. Joyce volunteered to take her to the Sioux City hospital because Elisabeth's family were serving as missionaries far away. Ms. Joyce was really nervous about it, so she asked all the West Hills Thursday Bible study ladies to pray for her and Elisabeth. God heard their prayers, and everything went smoothly. After

spending the whole day with Elisabeth, Ms. Joyce found out what I already knew: my owner is a wonderful person. The Bible study ladies wanted to know all about the experience, so Ms. Joyce told them how God provided every minute of the day.

Later Ms. Joyce found out that Elisabeth was going to be staying on campus during Christmas break. No food service would be available, so the West Hills Thursday Bible study ladies collected food like mac and cheese and supplies like pots and pans and even a waffle iron! Ms. Joyce and her husband took it all to Elisabeth right before Christmas. The car trunk and back seat were loaded full! Several international students from countries like Nigeria, Indonesia, and Jamaica were also staying on campus, so Elisabeth shared the food with them. There was even fufu for the African students!

When the West Hills Thursday Bible study resumed in January, the ladies looked at the photos of Elisabeth with all the goodies they had contributed. The ladies are studying the book of Acts where it says, "the Lord Jesus himself said it's more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)



On Valentine's Day, Elisabeth emailed Ms. Joyce to say she continues to do well in her college classes. She has had fun building projects in her electricity class. While she ultimately hopes to become a veterinarian, Elisabeth is majoring in farm management so she can some day help people in developing nations to grow food.

As Elisabeth's beloved cat, who started all this, I wanted to say one more thing: Even though some previous owner had me declawed long ago, guess what? I just caught a live mouse!



PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

As we begin to do the ground work for selecting a new pastor, we are inviting you to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT).

This online instrument will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping our leaders as decisions are made about the future of West Hills Church.

The week of April 1, you will receive an email with a unique link to the CAT. We are asking you to go online by clicking the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers.

If you need a paper copy, or if you do not have access to a computer at home, paper copies and computers will be available at West Hills starting April 15.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have questions about the CAT, please contact Session: session@whcomaha.org. To provide the church office with an email address, please contact the church at 402-391-8662 x1006.

Better Together Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Abide Campus was held on Saturday, March 10, and it was an amazing success. There was commotion everywhere on the campus – face painting, balloons, a bounce house, games, special music, a raffle, prizes, Chic-fil-A sandwiches and of course, thousands of eggs for the kids to gather. According to Bob Drake, (a West Hills volunteer), the



best thing was seeing families coming together to enjoy the activities, moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas and LOTS OF KIDS. A big crowd was expected and a big crowd came.

West Hills Church, and

other churches in the area, have partnered with Abide to make the Easter Egg Hunt a very special occasion. A huge “thank you” to all the volunteers. Looking around at all the people having such a wonderful time it appears that the word “special” went beyond their expectations. What a special way to serve God by bringing fun to so many people.



NEXT GEN MISSION TRIPS

Over Spring break Michael Johnson, Next Gen Director, organized a disaster relief mission trip through Operation Blessing Disaster Assistance organization, to Beaumont, Texas. From March 17-24, Michael, his son Caleb, his nephew Noah Kingston, Next Gen Special Projects Coordinator Luke Burns, and Nicole Schomer helped with relief and recovery efforts following last year’s devastating Hurricane Harvey. As you may recall our Mission Coordinator, Caitlin O’Hare, worked with Operation Blessing a number of times after the New Orleans hurricanes and was a vital asset in helping to get this trip off the ground. Michael said this was the first time Next Gen offered a mission trip to college age students since Caitlin’s Hurricane Katrina efforts several years ago.

Next Gen’s second mission trip will be to Haiti from July 6-13. West Hills has partnered before with 410 Bridge, and this will be the fourth mission trip to the island. Michael stated “we want to continue supporting and strengthening our relationship with 410 Bridge and the Haitian people.” Currently there are eleven people who have committed to the mission trip, five high school students, one college student and five adults. Michael said “if we had a total of 15-20 people going with us that would be great!” So if you are interested there is still time to register. In previous trips to Haiti projects have included digging wells, renovating the school and other structures, teaching VBS (which is planned for this mission trip), and other tasks that needed to be accomplished. The leaders of 410 Bridge work closely with the village leaders in order to identify specific needs so your time is well-spent and organized. Michael noted there are three teenagers who are “repeats” to Haiti. He said, “it is a transformational experience where our WHC kids witness God’s grace in a whole different way, and walk in real poverty realizing how fortunate we are living in the United States.” The cost of the trip is \$2000, which covers transportation as well as room and board. If you would like to experience something that is out of your comfort zone and will open your eyes to a totally different environment, and where God is moving in a variety of ways, contact Michael Johnson. You won’t regret it.

A shorter Mission trip is planned for July 20-22 to Des Moines, Iowa. West Hills will be partnering with Urban Plunge, an affiliate of Christ for the City. Urban Plunge offers youth experience working with the homeless and those in need. The Urban Plunge sends over 1000 youth every year into eight different cities within the U.S. They arrange all the details, from food to photos—and even provide a trained facilitator. Michael said this mission trip is open to elementary grades fifth and sixth to college, as well as families. The goal is to have “10-20 people join us on this trip.” Registration will be held after Easter, and the cost is \$135 per person. If you have never experienced a mission trip this could be ideal since it isn’t far away and is over a weekend. If you have any questions or concerns please call Michael Johnson for more information at 402-391-8788 x 1005 or michaelj@whcomaha.org.

Why Do We Do Groups? by Mike Overby, Deacon of Groups



Just breathe. Let this writing assignment and sharing be a Spirit-driven endeavor. I've told myself this over and over this past week unfortunately I've prayed about the right words to use less often. Honestly, I'm sure had I spent more time praying about this exercise the easier this task would have been. I've struggled. Sharing thoughts, feelings, and emotions doesn't come easy for me. Yet I kept telling

myself to persevere as I want this message to be impactful, I want the article to make a difference, and I'd like it to be profound to some degree. "I" got in the way. Finally I moved aside for it is God who holds His plan for my life, my words and my actions ... this task included. That said, putting this (article) together reflects some thoughts around 'groups' for you to think about during a spare moment or two in your daily life routines.

I'm a numbers guy. Always have been since an early age. I'd review the sports page in the newspaper for all the stats on my favorite baseball teams/players, look at the league standings, etc. for hours each week. Didn't matter what season, I was hooked. I'd look at my game results in basketball before and after each game in high school for shooting percentages, assists, rebounds, and turnovers for myself and our team. What could I have done differently, how could I change the results? For me numbers always told a story. I went on to graduate college with a degree in mathematics. Worked for two Fortune 100 companies over a 34-year professional career in various finance roles that principally looked to drive 'the numbers': top line revenue growth, positive net income results and shareholder value. Trying to break out of this mold in 2016 I thought another life path might be out there for me. However, I found my way again back to numbers and joined a bank assessing risk: measuring debt service, leverage, liquidity ratios, etc. Just more numbers. Numbers abound in our world, they are starkly black and white, they don't lie, they are cold and to the point.

Numbers are clearly evident throughout the bible as well, as we all know. I find them warmer, more appealing and they have enabled me to move from the ratios to relationships. In fact, the book of Numbers (you could have guessed) is my chosen reading for the 10-minute challenge for this Lent season. The name of the book comes from the two censuses taken of the Israelites, the latter coming after the forty years of wandering in the wilderness after failing to trust in God. Sixty-six listed books in the Old and New Testaments. Countless chapters and verses. It is here that groups originated: the trinity, 3-in-1 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost ... God's community. Then Jesus' ministry with and through the twelve disciples. And then followed by the early church and its small groups of believers.

Today, West Hills and most churches believe in and have used various forms of and names for groups—small, covenant, connection, life, cell, interest, missional, etc. The name used, what it looks like, and the how of group activities are relatively minor points of importance. The real question is why do we 'group'? My guess is that we all want a sense of connectivity and belonging. A smaller,

safer environment has an appeal to enable us to take that important next step in this community. We desire more in our faith journeys than what we gain from Sunday services. We seek spiritual growth opportunities. We want to experience God's love for us through a fellowship with believers. I'm sure the list could go on and that each of you has personal reasons that would contribute to answer the question. I've had the great joy to be part of three groups over the twenty plus years Sheryl and I have been coming to West Hills. Each met our needs during the times we were together. Affirmation, acceptance, growth, encouragement, praying for one another, and core Christian fellowship were common threads within these groups.

For me, the "why" boils down to the heart of a 'group'; being a relational, biblically based community. In this environment, we grow close to know one another, we care for one another, we share our stories, we learn and develop our faith, we support and encourage one another through good times and when we hurt, we pray for each other, we worship together, we hold each other accountable and we simply do life TOGETHER. I've heard it, read it, somewhere, that churches need to grow large and small at the same time. I think that has some merit. Fostering smaller group life opportunities, which reaches to meet the needs of a diverse range of believers, can enable new life to spread (multiply) within a church.

So then, if any of this has resonated with you I'm glad, if it has stimulated thoughts in wanting to know more, great, and if you have ideas and or are interested in exploring 'group' life I'd be happy to meet with you. 2018 will be a transitional year in the life of West Hills. Expanding the direction(s) of engagement in our group environments are on the table for exploration. This will be an ongoing work-in-progress but one our deacon team is excited to be a part of.

A last comment on numbers: One God and I/we are second. The only numbers that really matter. Exhale.

MARCH Session *notes*

- Deena conducted the first Session of What's Happening at West Hills (WHWH) on March 25, after the 10:30 a.m. service
- A new member class is being tentatively scheduled for sometime in May.
- Session voted to approve the following:
 - to schedule a Special Session Meeting on April 3, for the purpose of examining confirmands for membership.
 - that the interpretation of the CAT survey be done onsite with a group to include all of the InGathering members and the CRC.
 - that session nominate members to the Child Response Team.
 - to seek a person for the position of Nursery Coordinator.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

EASTER SUNDAY		
April 1	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	"Fool's Day"
Hope in a World That's Not Our Home		
April 8		Tom Backer
April 15	Confirmation	Michael Johnson
April 22	1 Peter 1:1-12	"A New Hope"
April 29	1 Peter 2:1-10	"Chosen"
May 6	1 Peter 3:8-18	"Living as Foreigners"
May 13	1 Peter 4:1-19	"Surprised By Joy"

ANSWERS
"TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE"

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| Mike Kelley | Stewardship |
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| John O'Donovan | Personnel |
| Jack Pagel | Next Gen-Children's |
| Peg Shirley | Mission |
| Dan Travaille | Support/Finance |
| Julie Zimmerman | Next Gen-Youth |

Core Values of West Hills Church

- Giving ourselves in God's mission
- Rooted in God's Word
- Authentic relationships-freedom to be real
- Christ-centered community
- Energized through joyful worship and prayer

Services: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Nursery: 8:45a-11:30a

Kids Church: 10:30-11:30a

Jr./Sr. High SS: 10:30-11:30a

April

* denotes meets weekly

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																					
 <p>1 EASTER Services: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>2 Newsletter Writing Team: 11:30a Worship Team: 6p BSF: 6:40p* AA mtg: 8p*</p>	<p>3 Men's Bible Study 6:30a* Arts for All: 5, 6 & 7p* Ingathering: snacks/6:30p meeting/7:00p</p>	<p>4 Women's Bible 9:15a* WNC-Wed. Night Connect Dinner: 5:30p 6:30p: Choir & Conn. Groups Next Gen Band: 8p</p>	<p>5 Women's Bible 9:30a* Al-Anon 12p* Women's Ldr mtg. 12p Capernaum-Young Life: 7p CRC: 7p</p>	<p>6 AA Women's Bible: 6p* AA: 7:30p* Al-Anon: new 7:30 & reg. 8p*</p>	<p>7 Arabic Fellowship Service: 5:30p* Familia De Dios: 7p</p>																																																																																					
<p>8 Sermon Dis. Group: 10:30a* Familia De Dios: 2-4p* Young Life Ldr. mtg.: 6p Next Gen Worship: 7p</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Worship Team: 6p Stephen Min.: 6p Caregathering: 7:00p</p>	<p>11 WNC-Wed. Night Connect Dinner: 5:30p 6:30p: Choir & Conn. Groups NCFCA - Debate Comp. Next Gen Band: 8p</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>																																																																																					
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Happy Birthday to ...

APRIL

1-Matthew Bridgman
Liz Hancock
Ron Wells
2-Debbie Peck
3-Brody Anderson
Connie Huck
4-Teri King
Doug Thomas
5-Jackie Peck
Tom Pittack
Tim Schaffer
7-Gable Jernigan
8-Brian Briggs
Dave Richardson
10-Mary Failla
Dylan Gill
Laurayne Hall
10-Jan Parker
11-Maralee Gifford
Andrew Pryor
12-Emma Layton
Danny Miller
Barbara Wooley
13-Deb Keyport
Louis Livingston
Megan Muessel
Molly Muessel

14-Carly Simmons
Kensley Simmons
15-Linda Rybin
Eleanor Scheopner
16-Rylee Zimmerman
17-Libby Dolezal
Ryan Dolezal
Doug Young
18-Beth Nodes
20-Joel Anderson
Wayne Harrison
21-Evangeline Dunn
23-Brett Jacobsen
Loretta Sedlmayer
24-Jackie Foster
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Shirley Lane
Denny Lundgren
Lydia Schieuer
Todd Travaille
Peg Ziegler
26-Marguerite Coleman
Rhonda Hall
Matt O'Dell

27-Ian Meyers
28-Dave Enholm
Julie Hilkemann
29-Linda Gadwood
Cathy Greger
30-Chad Gratton
Jessica Scheopner
Ryan Wilkins

MAY

1-Deena Candler
Doris Edwards
2-Ed Leach
Mary Joyce McGuire
Tristan Travaille
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APRIL 28, 2018
AT THE CHAPEL

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
\$20 simulcast & worship
\$6 brunch (optional)



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