
Prayer & Care

November 21 & 22, 2009

Getting Married? *Contact: Fran@WestGateChurch.org, x210*

Let us know! Contact us ASAP to make arrangements for your pre-marital counseling. Our preference is to begin counseling at least 6 months prior to your wedding date.

Depression / Bipolar Support Alliance

1st & 3rd Mondays, 7pm Contact: DBSA.SanJose@Gmail.com or 408-858-3460

Join us! This peer-facilitated group serves as a safe place for gaining support & detailed info from peers. This is not group therapy and is intended only for those diagnosed & being treated for either clinical depression or bipolar disorder.

Join us for our next Breakthrough on December 14!

2nd Monday of every month, 7pm, Old Worship Center, Childcare is provided
Come relax, spend some time with God and pray and be prayed for!

Local & Global Compassion

What is Beautiful Day? One of the greatest opportunities that we can offer is to "stand alongside people... like Jesus would." In fact, if you look at Jesus' life you see him standing alongside people all the time. Those who were hurting or suffering, those who were grieving and dying, even those who were hungry and lost. Jesus was always in the mix of the community around him. He not only talked about blessing others... he lived it! His eyes were always open to the needs of others around him and he took every opportunity to serve others. In fact, he said, "I did not come to be served... but to serve."

Every year, we go out in full force in November to serve those around us. We don't just serve once a year. . . we also have on-going ministries: School Impact, Living Well, Better Homes, and Expressions of Green. These ministries started because someone like you had a heart for a ministry and was ready to serve. If you are sitting here and you think that God has put a ministry on your heart and it's time to do something, let us know your ideas for future Beautiful Day projects! Contact Joanne@ WestGateChurch.org.

History of Beautiful Day: Beautiful Day started as an idea to answer a very specific question, which is, "If our church building burned to the ground would the community care?" We were convinced the answer was "NO!" In 2004 we decided to build a creative approach to reaching our community through compassion, justice, and serving in Jesus' name. There were a few blood drives, and meals handed out to families in need and the vision began to unfold. "What if we did more? What if we included local businesses, government, education institutions and groups that can help?" Beautiful Day is our response.

Church Info

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm Friday 9:00am to 2:30pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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Find us on Facebook!

Services Saturday: 5:00 & 6:40pm Sunday: 9:30 & 11:15am
(All of our services are the same)

Sermon CDs & Service DVDs

CDs and DVDs of today's service are available in the lobby after the service. One free CD per family, DVDs are \$2.00. CDs & DVDs contain only the sermon. A limited supply of previous series are also available.

Listen to and get notes for today's sermon & many others online:
www.WestGateChurch.org

Subscribe to our free weekly Podcast at the iTunes Music Store.

The Beautiful Day Top 10!

1. 25,000 items baked for public service workers
2. 1,500+ people served
3. 1,200 lunches prepared for Daily Fuel
4. 240+ Project Night Night bags with books, stuffed animals, & blankets
5. 238 people donated blood
6. 150 Disabled Friends attended the dance and had a blast
7. 50 bibles given away to the homeless in our area
8. 3 Santa Clara Schools
9. 2 house makeovers
10. 1 well LOVED County!!!!

New To WestGate?

Drop your Communication Card in the offering bucket, and we'll send you a Welcome Packet this week. Contact Dana@WestGateChurch.org to learn more about WestGate and how to get involved. **Campus Maps** are available at the Connection Table.

This Week

Day	Date	Event
Sun	Nov 22	Services 9:30 & 11:15am Off Road (Jr. High) 11:15am Ignition (High School) 5pm Awakening (18-20 somethings) 8pm
Wed	Nov 25	Fresh Encounter (Prayer) 7pm
Thur	Nov 26	Church Offices Closed No Summit (Young Adults) 7pm
Fri	Nov 27	Church Offices Closed No MOPS (Moms of little ones)
Sat	Nov 28	Services 5pm & 6:40pm Off Road (Jr. High) 6:40pm
Sun	Nov 29	Services 9:30am & 11:15am

Coming Soon:

General Offering:

Week of 11/15/09 Received: \$10,172*
Week of 11/22/09 Budgeted: \$50,000

Fiscal YTD (09/06/09 – 11/15/09):

General Offering Received: \$521,186
General Offering Budgeted: \$566,000

Faith Promise Compassion/Missions:

09/06/09 - 11/15/09 Received: \$44,670
09/06/09 - 11/30/09 Pledged: \$36,822

IMPACT 2.0 Campaign:

03/15/09 - 11/15/09 Received: \$918,781
03/15/09 - 03/15/10 Pledged: \$1.54 million

* Note: the church "left the building" for Beautiful Day



Every time I talk to someone about Beautiful Day or hear another story... my answer seems to always be the same... WOW!!! Here's the deal, when God's people come together in unity to live like Jesus (with Compassion and hope for those around us) crazy stuff happens. This year's "Beautiful Day week" seems to have hit some God-sized dreams of meeting needs in our community and blessing those around us. It's interesting to me how Beautiful Day has this dual effect on people's lives. It blesses those we serve, and it blesses those doing the serving.

I feel like I can say this with confidence that all of you who served seriously "knocked this one out of the park!" More than any other year, you all signed up in record numbers, you did WAY more than was expected, and you blessed the socks of our city!! I speak on behalf of our staff and leadership at WestGate when I say "Way to go!!!"

I got an email from one guy that said... *If anything is to inspire people to come out and do service projects, it is the effort and direction that went into Beautiful Day. I have done service projects for other organizations in the past, and you just never get the sense that what you are doing has meaning beyond the project itself, and the results of the work generally do not having a lasting effect. Not so with the Beautiful Day.*

A few days ago I overheard some people talking in the store and I listened in on their conversation. One of them said... "who are these Beautiful Day people?" I thought to myself... *"they are the light of Jesus in our city... that's who!"*

Just remember that when you live Jesus **"you ARE the light of the world"**

Great work!!

Jon Talbert

Compassion Pastor

News & Notes

Café Noel: A Christmas Event for Women

Dec 4, 7:30pm or Dec 5, 10:30am

Tickets are \$15 (Please bring a \$5 wrapped ornament)

Contact: Women@WestGateChurch.org

Don't delay, get your Café Noel tickets today! Invite your friends and neighbors! Tickets are selling fast and the wait-list will soon begin, so please let us know if you have an extra ticket. You will be refunded if we're able to match up your ticket with someone on the wait-list. Don't forget, you can attend one and serve at the other! Visit the table in the Lobby for info.

KidzTown Family Night

December 2, 6pm - 7:30pm, Old Worship Center

RSVP by Nov 29: Kids@WestGateChurch.org

Families with 1st-4th graders- Come enjoy a pasta dinner (\$5 adults, \$3 kids, \$20 max) followed by our fun and interactive drama featuring this month's virtue on *Compassion*.

Invite your friends and neighbors! This is a great outreach opportunity!

Live Jesus by Following Him in Baptism!

Dec 12 - 13 after 6:40 & 11:15 services

Contact: Joanne@WestGateChurch.org

As we want to live like Jesus, one way is to follow his example of baptism. Baptism is an outward expression of our salvation through Christ. Sign up for the upcoming baptisms on our website, www.WestGateChurch.org.

Awakening Winter Retreat

January 8 - 10, Seascape Resort, Aptos,

Cost \$100 (food not included), deposit \$50

18 - 20 something's. . . take a weekend to relax, be refreshed by community, and spend time with God in beach villas w/ kitchens, fireplaces & rooms facing the ocean. It'll be unlike any retreat you've ever been to!

Parking

Help us maintain parking for visitors and families with young children during the construction of our new education building by parking at Lucky (across the street from our Saratoga entrance) or worshipping on Saturdays!

Do we have your email?

Contact: Darlene@WestGateChurch.org

If you didn't give us your email, or if you've changed it recently & haven't told us, you're missing out! Contact us to get our weekly email!

Got / looking for a place for rent?

www.WestGateChurch.org/Forum/Index.php

We've got lots of people looking for places to rent in our church. Check out the Forum to list your needs or vacancies!

Beautiful Day Special Offering

This year was an unprecedented year with record numbers of people reflecting the light of Jesus and serving the needs of our community. This weekend WestGate is taking a special offering in our services to help cover the expenses of last week's Beautiful Day events as well as some ongoing compassion events throughout the fiscal year. If you participated in any of our compassion / serve projects (or if you weren't able to serve but want to be involved somehow) we invite you to respond in giving financially. You can also give anytime during the year to Beautiful Day just by putting the words "Beautiful Day" in the memo line of your check and denoting how much of the check is for Beautiful Day.

Pray for the Family Thanksgiving Mexico Trip!

The Thanksgiving Mexico Team is very excited to be gone from November 25 – 30 to serve The Palau's over the Thanksgiving weekend. Please pray for the team of 40 as we serve and love in the community, *give presence* to the kids in the orphanage and engage in some construction projects. Pray that we will come together as a team; with Christ as the center; to give everything that we have. Pray for safety and peace of mind for our families in the states.

Meals Ministry Team

Contact: Fran@WestGateChurch.org

The meals ministry is one of the ways that we "love one another" at WestGate by providing short term meals assistance for new parents, illness, and other major life transitions. Meals can be homemade or "takeout" so you don't need to be a great cook to bless others! Most people serve 3 - 6 times per year, so this is a great opportunity to serve without a ton of commitment!

Mark Averill

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