

THE THREE

March 28 & 29, 2015

PREPARE FOR EASTER

SAT. & SUN. April 4 & 5

We're expecting company! Help us welcome guests at all of our Easter services. Volunteer to create a great first impression—from parking to caffeine, to greeting & seating people—make an impact! Sign up to volunteer on our website at westgatechurch.org/easter or sign up in the lobby today.

Easter Service times:

Good Friday: 5:30pm (Saratoga Campus only) or 7:00pm (both campuses)

Saturday, April 4: 5:00pm or 6:40pm (Saratoga Campus only)

Sunday, April 5: 8:00am, 9:30am, or 11:15am (both campuses)

*Children's programs will be offered for infants through 3rd grade at both campuses for all Easter weekend services, including Good Friday.

If crowds aren't your thing, you might plan to attend the 6:40pm or 8:00am service at our Saratoga campus.

Parking:

In an effort to make room for first time guests, we encourage regular attenders to park offsite. At the Saratoga Campus, we'll have a shuttle from Prospect High School for the 9:30am & 11:15am Sunday services. Of course, you're welcome to walk over as well!

WALK WITH JESUS

THIS TUES. & WEDS. evening at WG Saratoga

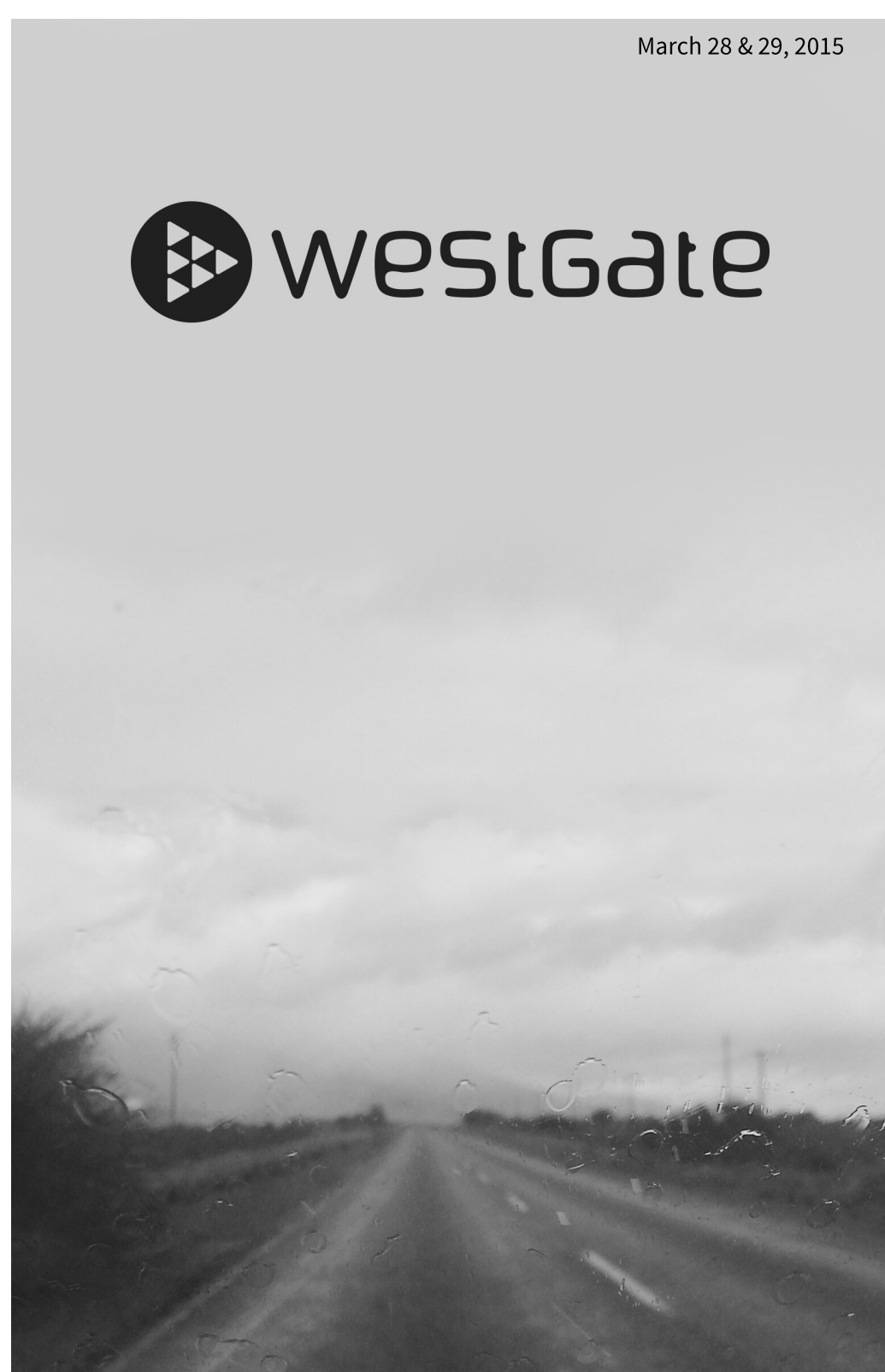
Walk with Jesus is for families with children from 5 years old to fifth grade. This event, meant to be experienced as a family, will let you take a step into Jesus' life during his last days on Earth. Time slots are available between 5:30-8:00pm for March 31 or April 1. To RSVP for Walk with Jesus, visit westgatechurch.org/easter.

We're also looking for a few folks to volunteer on either night. If you enjoy welcoming families, helping in a classroom, or maybe a little acting, let us know. We'd love to have you! Email kids@westgatechurch.org.

FOOTSTEPS TO THE CROSS

Join us on either THIS TUES. March 31 or WEDS. April 1 in the WG Saratoga Theater any time between 7:00-9:00pm.

Footsteps to the Cross is a self-guided, hands-on prayer & devotional experience that invites you to slow down and spend some time at various contemplative stations focusing on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Come prepare your heart for Easter with this experience. Geared for ages 12 and up. Childcare is provided.



SERVING SELFLESSLY

David and I got married in 2012 and started attending WestGate because we immediately felt a sense of community and loved how active WestGate was in serving the local community. My first experience with Beautiful Day was signing up to be one of the brave people who got dunked in the dunk tank at a carnival for special needs kids.



Those buggers can really throw. Nothing was more fun than that!

The following year, I was a project manager for “Map It,” painting maps on various elementary school campuses and beautifying those schools in the process. I loved this experience because I was able to get involved first-hand with Beautiful Day and was able to witness the impact that hundreds of people can have when they serve their community together.

This year, I made the terrible decision to be on the Beautiful Day board (j/k). I joined the Leadership Team in January, along with my husband, David. It has been a pleasure to serve alongside this great team of men and women and witness how God can change us as we serve our city selflessly and sacrificially. We have a lot of amazing projects that are set up to make a large impact not only on our community, but also on us as we serve. I hope you are as excited as we are for Beautiful Day and to love our community as Jesus loves us all.

-Jamieko Gruenloh

WEEKLY SERVICES

<u>Day</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sat	Saratoga Saratoga	Worship Services, 5 & 6:40pm JHM (<i>Jr. High Ministry</i>), 6:40pm, Gym
Sun	Saratoga & South Hills South Hills Saratoga South Hills	Worship Services, 9:30 & 11:15am JHM (<i>Jr. High Ministry</i>), 9:30am, Youth Room HSM (<i>High School Ministry</i>), 5pm, Gym HSM (<i>High School Ministry</i>), 7pm, Youth Room
Thurs	Saratoga	L2 (<i>College & Young Adults</i>), 7pm, Theater

COMING UP

Find more info under “More” and “News & Events” on our website. Questions? Email staff@westgatechurch.org.

Baptisms - March 28/29, all services

Explore - SUN, March 29, 11:15am-12:30pm @ WG Saratoga in the Gym

Walk with Jesus - March 31 & April 1, 5:30-8pm @ WG Saratoga

Footsteps to the Cross - March 31 & April 1, 7-9pm @ WG Saratoga

Good Friday Services - April 3, 5:30 (WG Saratoga only) & 7pm

Easter Services - SAT April 4 at 5 & 6:40pm (WG Saratoga only)
SUN April 5 at 8, 9:30, & 11:15am (both campuses)

Discover WestGate - SUN, April 19, 1-4pm @ WG Saratoga

Beautiful Day - April 25 & 26, 2015

GIVING

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 03/22/15

General Offering:

Received: \$89,495
Budgeted: \$107,005

Fiscal YTD: (09/01/14—03/22/15)

Received: \$3,359,866
Budgeted: \$3,260,170

WestGate Water: (09/01/13—03/22/15)

Weekly Recycling Total: \$456.08
Inception to Date: \$32,902.92
89.1% toward our 8th well—in Guatemala

LOUD Compassion/Missions YTD:

03/22/15 - Current Received: \$618,863
Pledge Cards: 189

Please note: any designated missionary gifts will be applied to the LOUD fund.

Got questions about giving, OR want to set up online giving?

Visit: www.westgatechurch.org/give

Jesus Unfiltered

John 2:1-19

¹The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. ³ The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."⁵ But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, ⁸ he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.

⁹ When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. ¹⁰ "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!" ¹¹ This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him. ¹² After the wedding he went to Capernaum for a few days with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples.

¹³ It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money. ¹⁵ Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. ¹⁶ Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

¹⁷ Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me."¹⁸ But the Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it."¹⁹ "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Two Cultural Problems

Weddings

Temple Worship

Two Demonstrations

Water to Wine

Clearing the Temple

Two Questions

What does Jesus celebrate?

What makes Jesus mad?

Two Aspects of God

Grace

Justice

All Scripture references are from the NLT unless otherwise noted

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Week of March 29, 2015

Jesus Unfiltered

Digging Deeper—Part 1

Life Groups are currently on break and will resume the week of April 19. In the meantime, please use the questions below for personal study & reflection.

To watch this week's Digging Deeper video, go to vimeo.com/westgate

QUESTION 1

Read **John 2:1-16** a few times through. What do you find most surprising or interesting about Jesus in this passage? What sorts of personality traits, characteristics, and emotions does he exhibit and what do they tell you about the sort of person he is?

QUESTION 2

Why do you think John writes these two stories (Jesus at a wedding and Jesus at the temple) in connection with each other? What sort of comparing and contrasting is going on here? What is John trying to reveal to us about Jesus?

QUESTION 3

In **John 2:6**, the story tells us that the six large stone jars Jesus uses to turn water into wine were actually jars designated for Jewish ceremonial washing. For the Jews, ceremonial washing was a way of cleansing themselves from defilement, which could occur a number of ways, including contact with Gentile (non-Jewish) people. Jesus instructs the servants to fill these jars with water, which on one hand could have seemed like he was preparing for people to cleanse themselves. But instead, he turned this water into wine and kept the party going. What are some theologically or metaphorically significant ideas you can come up with based on this part of the story?

QUESTION 4

Read **John 2:14-17** again. Here's what Tom Constable writes about this passage:

Jesus witnessed the buying and selling going on in the temple courtyard. This was undoubtedly the outer Court of the Gentiles, not the temple building. Probably the custom of selling sacrificial animals and exchanging various types of money for temple coinage began as a convenience for pilgrims. The priests accepted only Tyrian coins because of the purity of their silver. By Jesus' day this practice had escalated into a major business for the priests and had replaced spiritual worship in the courtyard during the Passover season. The priests transformed this area from a place of quiet prayer into a noisy bazaar. It was virtually impossible for Gentiles to worship there, the only courtyard accessible to them, with all the business going on. This was probably where the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:27) and other Gentiles like him worshipped when they came to Jerusalem. The priests set up tables for the moneychangers only for about three weeks leading up to Passover.

Based on Constable's commentary and your own reading of the text, why do you think Jesus was so angry? Does this convict you personally in any way? What does it teach us about how we ought to approach our communal gathering places of worship today?

*For past Digging Deeper videos and content, select your desired sermon at westgatechurch.org/weekend-experience.

A link to Digging Deeper is available under each sermon video.