

# THE FIVE

July 18 & 19, 2015

## LIVE, LOVE, AND LET GO

*FRI, July 24 @ WG South Hills. 7-8:30 PM. Childcare available. RSVP online.*  
Dr. James Abshire, author of the book *Live, Love, and Let Go*, will be joining us THIS Friday to talk about his experience being diagnosed with terminal lymphoma in 2010. After essentially being given a death sentence, he set out to examine life, death, and eternity. Join us at the South Hills Campus as we spend the evening with Dr. Abshire. RSVP on our website at [westgatechurch.org/live-love-let-go](http://westgatechurch.org/live-love-let-go) to let us know you're coming!

## DISCOVER WESTGATE

*SUN, Aug 9 @ WG Saratoga. 1-4 PM. Meal & childcare provided.*  
If you are new to WestGate or have been around a while and have not yet connected into community, this is a great place to begin. It is a relaxed way to hear our church's story and vision for Six40 Discipleship from Steve & Dana, as well as to meet others looking to connect. A free meal and childcare are provided. Sign up at [westgatechurch.org/discover-westgate](http://westgatechurch.org/discover-westgate).

## STEPS OF PAUL CRUISE

Next spring, WestGate will be part of a 12 day adventure following the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. We've secured 25 cabins aboard the four-mast clipper ship, the Star Clipper, for a seven night cruise through the Aegean Sea. Come to an information meeting between services at the Saratoga campus on Saturday July 25th in the Theater or Sunday July 26th in the Gym, or between services at the South Hills campus on August 2nd. For more information contact Dan Perkins at [dan.perkins@westgatechurch.org](mailto:dan.perkins@westgatechurch.org).

## DESIGN


*WEDS, July 29, Aug 5, 12, & 19 @ WG Saratoga. 7-8:30 PM.*  
Ever wonder what God created you to do? Do you want to understand yourself and others better? DESIGN is a place for you to explore these questions - to discover the specific ways God has gifted you, and to receive tools to implement God's design for you and your life. Sign up at [westgatechurch.org/labs](http://westgatechurch.org/labs).

## SKELETONS IN GOD'S CLOSET

*SAT, Aug 1 @ WG Saratoga. 9 AM-3 PM.*  
"There are some questions Christians DON'T want to be asked. Lots of people believe that topics like hell, judgment, and violence in the Bible are "skeletons in God's closet," - topics that we want to hide away and not have to discuss. Join us on Saturday, Aug. 1st as we host Joshua Ryan Butler, author of the critically acclaimed book "Skeletons in God's Closet", which deals with some of these tough topics. Joshua will help us navigate through the difficult questions and come out on the other side with fresh understanding of God's surprising grace. Sign up at [westgatechurch.org/labs](http://westgatechurch.org/labs).

# SUMMER MIX TAPE



 WestGate

# WHAT IS YOUR DESIGN?

I decided to take the DESIGN lab last summer because I felt like I didn't know exactly what I was "supposed" to be doing with my life. I went in hoping for answers, but not expecting too much. Throughout the few weeks of the class, I learned so much! I learned a lot about myself, and even more about how God has specifically gifted me in certain areas.

At the time, I was serving with the High School Ministry. I loved it! I didn't feel "used enough" by God, though. I wasn't sure where to go to find that. I knew I liked to be "behind the scenes," as far as ministry goes.

During the last session of the class, the director from each ministry at WestGate came in to talk to us about what they do, and how we could serve in their ministry. When Lisa Averill was talking about Children's Ministry, I knew that's where I wanted to be. I wasn't sure I wanted to be in a classroom though. I chatted with Lisa a bit and had mentioned that I enjoy data entry type things. Turns out, she had been praying for someone to enter all of the Children's Ministry attendance each week. It sounded great!

I started doing the data entry, which I've been doing for about a year now. I love it! I've made great friends and love using my passion to further God's Kingdom.

In short, serving doesn't ALWAYS have to be watching kids or leading a Bible study. DESIGN helped me learn more about my passion and heart.

-Amanda Ingram



# 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> ), 11:15am, Youth Room HSM ( <i>High School Ministry</i> ), 6:30pm, Gym HSM ( <i>High School Ministry</i> ), 7pm, Youth Room
Thurs	Saratoga	L2 ( <i>College &amp; Young Adults</i> ), 7pm, Theater

## COMING UP

Find more info under "More" and "News & Events" on our website. Questions? Email [staff@westgatechurch.org](mailto:staff@westgatechurch.org).

**KidzCamp** - July 20-24 @ WG South Hills

**The Grill (for men)** - TUES, July 21, 28, & Aug 4, 6:15—8:45 PM @ WG Saratoga

**Live, Love, and Let Go** - FRI, July 24, 7-8:30 PM @ WG South Hills

**Skeletons in God's Closet Lab** - SAT, August 1, 9 AM—3 PM @ WG Saratoga

**Discover WestGate** - SUN, August 9, 1-4 PM @ WG Saratoga

**Newcomers Reception** - SUN, August 9, 10:45-11:14 AM @ WG Saratoga

## GIVING

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 07/12/15

**General Offering:**

Received: \$145,140  
Budgeted: \$100,006

**Fiscal YTD: (09/01/14—07/12/15)**

Received: \$5,091,549  
Budgeted: \$4,894,323

**WestGate Water: (09/01/13—07/12/15)**

Weekly Recycling Total: \$473.96  
Inception to Date: \$40,540.56  
40.8% toward our 10<sup>th</sup> well

**LOUD Compassion/Missions YTD:**

07/12/15 - Current Received: \$829,045  
Pledge Cards: 192

*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](http://www.westgatechurch.org/give)

## Summer Mix Tape Psalm 42 NIV

We don't do lament. We out \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ pain. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ pain.

### Lament Principle 1:

God doesn't expect me to be \_\_\_\_\_ all the time.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. There is a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:4

### Lament Principle 2:

God Doesn't expect me to be \_\_\_\_\_ all the time.

### Lament is :

\_\_\_\_\_ Grief

The place where God's \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_ intersect my \_\_\_\_\_.

### Psalm 42

<sup>1</sup> As the deer pants for streams of water,  
 so my soul pants for you, my God.

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
 When can I go and meet with God?

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food  
 day and night,  
 while people say to me all day long,  
 "Where is your God?"

<sup>4</sup> These things I remember  
 as I pour out my soul:  
 how I used to go to the house of God  
 under the protection of the Mighty One  
 with shouts of joy and praise  
 among the festive throng.

<sup>5</sup> Why, my soul, are you downcast?  
 Why so disturbed within me?  
 Put your hope in God,  
 for I will yet praise him,  
 my Savior and my God.

<sup>6</sup> My soul is downcast within me;  
 therefore I will remember you  
 from the land of the Jordan,  
 the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep  
 in the roar of your waterfalls;  
 all your waves and breakers  
 have swept over me.

<sup>8</sup> By day the Lord directs his love,  
 at night his song is with me—  
 a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>9</sup> I say to God my Rock,  
 "Why have you forgotten me?  
 Why must I go about mourning,  
 oppressed by the enemy?"

<sup>10</sup> My bones suffer mortal agony  
 as my foes taunt me,  
 saying to me all day long,  
 "Where is your God?"

<sup>11</sup> Why, my soul, are you downcast?  
 Why so disturbed within me?  
 Put your hope in God,  
 for I will yet praise him,  
 my Savior and my God.

### The result of Lament: \_\_\_\_\_

People who learn to lament \_\_\_\_\_

are deeply \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.  
 – Jesus

Matthew 11:28

### Get more...

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