

THE FOUR

EASTER SERVICES

Did you know most people come to church because of a personal invitation? And that 7 out of 10 unchurched people have never been invited to church in their whole lives? Could that be your neighbor? Invite your friends and family to join you on Easter! Service times for the Saratoga campus are listed below.

- Good Friday - FRI 3/25: 5:30 & 7 PM
- SAT Service - 3/26: 5 & 6:40 PM
- SUN Service - 3/27: 8, 9:30 & 11:15 AM

Childcare is available on Good Friday for nursery through 5th grade. For all other services, we will have children's programs for nursery through 3rd grade.

SPRUCING-UP DAY

SAT, March 12, 9-12 PM @ WG Saratoga & South Hills

We're preparing for company on Easter by sprucing-up the campus, both inside and out with new landscaping, handiwork, painting and cleaning. Bring the kids too (8 years and up) and lend a hand! Sign up for a shift (or two) at the tables outside or at westgatechurch.org/sprucing-up-day.

WALK WITH JESUS

TUES & WEDS, March 22-23, 5:30-8 PM @ WG Saratoga Kidztown Building

Families with children kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for a multi-sensory and powerful journey through Jesus' last days on this Earth. This event takes about an hour to walk through and is designed specifically for families to experience together. Childcare is available for children younger than kindergarten. Reservations are strongly recommended. Reserve your spot at westgatechurch.org/walk-with-jesus.

VOLUNTEER ON EASTER

SUN, March 27; 8, 9:30 & 11:15 AM @ WG Saratoga

We are expecting a lot of company this Easter! You are invited to help us give our guests a warm WestGate welcome. There are lots of opportunities to get involved and help out during our Easter Services. Sign up today at westgatechurch.org/easter.

March 5 & 6, 2016

HEBREWS

PART 1: The Greatness of Jesus

GETTING CONNECTED

We are Colby and Cheyenne. We first volunteered on the hospitality team as greeters last Easter. We were shocked by how much fun it was greeting and welcoming people to WestGate. After that, we wanted to help out every Sunday.



Colby says “We worked around our schedules so we could be here on Sunday mornings. We come from the East Side and we sleep on my mom’s living room floor on Saturday nights so we can be here early on Sunday morning. We wouldn’t have it any other way! We’d come from Oakland if we had to.”

Cheyenne agrees “What made me want to come back and volunteer was the first time we were out there for Easter. People actually liked it and it helped me open up...It built my self-esteem up and taught me a lot. It’s awesome to hear the feedback about what we’re doing by just standing here at this table. It’s a big transformation and I had no idea that [serving] was going to do that.”

On Sunday mornings you can find Colby and Cheyenne volunteering at the welcome table on the Saratoga campus. If you walk by, be sure to say hi and give Colby a high five!

WEEKLY SERVICES

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>
SAT	Worship Services, 5 & 6:40 PM, Worship Center JHM (Jr. High Ministry), 6:40 PM, Gym
SUN	Worship Services, 9:30 & 11:15 AM, Worship Center & Theater HSM (High School Ministry), 5 PM, Gym
THURS	L2 (College & Young Adults), 7 PM, Theater

*Children’s programs for Nursery - 5th grade are available at all services.

COMING UP

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

Girlfriends’ Getaway - March 18-20

Sprucing-Up Day - SAT, March 12, 9-12 PM @ WG Saratoga & South Hills

Walk With Jesus - TUES & WED, March 22-23, 5:30-8 PM @ WG Saratoga

Good Friday Services - FRI, March 25, 5:30 & 7 PM @ WG Saratoga

Easter Services - SAT, 5 & 6:40 PM; SUN, 8, 9:30 & 11:15 AM

Discover WestGate - SUN, April 10, 1-4 PM @ WG Saratoga Theater

Beautiful Day - SAT & SUN, April 16-17

Discover Six40 Life - WEDS, starting April 20, 6:45-8:15 PM @ WG Saratoga

GIVING

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 02/28/16

General Offering:

Received: \$118,769

Budgeted: \$108,000

Fiscal YTD: (09/01/15—02/28/16)

Received: \$3,053,145

Budgeted: \$3,078,000

WestGate Water: (09/01/13—02/28/16)

Weekly Recycling Total: \$510.99

Inception to Date: \$73,902.70

52.8% toward well #18: New well in North Haiti

LOUD Compassion/Missions YTD:

02/28/16 - Current Received: \$443,451

Pledge Cards: 231

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

Hebrews

Jesus is Greater

Covenant

High Priest

Sacrifice

Tabernacle

..AGAIN & AGAIN; REPEATEDLY

NEW Covenant

NEW High Priest

NEW Sacrifice

NEW Tabernacle

...ONCE & FOR ALL

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.

Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:24-28 NIV

When we wallow in guilt, remorse, and shame over real or imagined sins of the past, we are disdaining God's gift of grace.

Brennan Manning

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LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

Week of March 6, 2016

Hebrews—Part 1

Jesus is Greater

QUESTION 1:

Over the course of the first seven weeks of this series through Hebrews, what's been most helpful or rewarding to you? What's been most challenging?

QUESTION 2:

This is next question in three parts.

- First, have one person read **Genesis 14:17-20**. This is the story of Melchizedek - the only story of Melchizedek in the Old Testament.
- Now, have one person read **Psalms 110:4**. At the time of Jesus, this verse was thought to be a prophetic word about the coming Messiah.
- Finally, go around and read all of **Hebrews 7** together, out loud. Each person can take a couple of verses and just keep going around until you've read the entire chapter together.

OK, take a deep breath. That was a lot of Bible reading. Based on everything you've read, what do you think the writer of Hebrews is trying to communicate about who Jesus is and the type of high priest he is in terms of how he connects us to God?

QUESTION 3:

Some people make this distinction between guilt and shame: Guilt is feeling bad about what you do. Shame is feeling bad about who you are. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

QUESTION 4:

Some people confess the same sins again and again. Some are concerned that if they've forgotten a sin from the past, it may be held against them in eternity. How do you think confession of sin actually works? What do you base your understanding on? How does the truth that Christ has paid the price for sin once and for all transform your thinking and life?

QUESTION 5:

Read **John 19:28-30**. What impact does the truth of Jesus' completed work have on your life? How would you describe the significance of the statement "it is finished" to someone who isn't a Christian?