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ONLY TWO MORE WEEKS LEFT UNTIL BEAUTIFUL DAY!

SIGN-UP TODAY!

April 25 & 26, 2015; beautifulday.org

Each year, WestGate does something a little crazy - we shut down all weekend services at both campuses (South Hills and Saratoga) and instead serve together out in our community to love our neighbor.

To sign up: You can go online to www.beautifulday.org, where you'll find a complete list of all Beautiful Day Projects for 2015 OR you can sign up RIGHT NOW TODAY using the paper registration form that's enclosed in your bulletin. We've listed the six biggest projects that need the most volunteers. Choose one that resonates with you, pick your time slot, and sign-up today!

If you have questions:

Email volunteer@beautifulday.org.

GET CONNECTED

There's no place like known

At WestGate, we value growing as disciples of Jesus in community. The following are three ways to step toward being more connected, all of which are friendly to families with younger children: hear about our story and vision by participating in **Discover WestGate**, experience our core values and culture at **Discover Six40 Life**, or enter into community by joining a **Life Group**.

Everything launches the week of April 19

Get started this season by visiting one of our Get Connected tables outside today. Note that signing up to attend Discover Six40 Life or to visit a Life Group does not commit you right away. You are free to visit first and then decide from there. You can also learn more and sign up for any of these opportunities at westgatechurch.org/known.

KIDZCAMP

July 13-17, Saratoga Campus or July 20-24, South Hills Campus, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Save-the-date!! WestGate's summer KidzCamp is on its way. We'll be at two campuses, with one great program, so feel free to pick the week that works best for you. Camp is open for incoming (Fall 2015) Kindergarten to Fifth grade students and registration opens online May 1st. For questions or comments, email kids@westgatechurch.org.

By the way, it takes a village to run camps like these, so if you're looking for something fun to serve at this summer, grab a friend and join us!

SCHOOL APPRECIATION NIGHT

Please join us in making the teachers and staff at our local schools feel loved & appreciated! We need help with this special event in the following areas: May 7th @ 7pm - Craft Night. May 8th @ 9am - Set up. May 8th @ 9pm - Clean up. If you would like to serve, please contact the School Impact team at schools@beautifulday.org.

Saratoga Campus—408.252.3700 South Hills Campus—408.268.1676
www.WestGateChurch.org Staff@WestGateChurch.org Find us on Facebook!
Service Times: Saratoga—Saturdays at 5pm & 6:40pm
Saratoga & South Hills—Sundays at 9:30am & 11:15am

April 11 & 12, 2015

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THROUGH THE EYES OF HIS CLOSEST FRIEND

 WestGate

FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR LIFE

A Story about Group Life by Chamni Chun

My husband and I decided to join a Life Group because we wanted to make friends. This past October, we uprooted our lives in Chicago - leaving our family and close friends - to start a new life here.

Considering that WestGate has a sizeable congregation, I knew that an hour a week on Sundays would not suffice as fellowship or even help us to build real relationships. After spending some time scouring the "Get Connected" page on WestGate's website, I found a Life Group that seemed to fit the needs of our family. We wanted a group of folks that would love and support one another, and challenge us to grow as parents and in our marriage.

We've only been a part of our Life Group for a couple of months, but I already feel a bond forming. You would think that a group as large and diverse as we are would have a hard time connecting with one another, but that hasn't been the case. We've shared genuine, heartfelt conversations about personal struggles and challenges from our past and present. We've also had fun conversations about sports, skin care, jewelry, and human hungry, hungry hippo. Being able to laugh and share and listen has instantly connected us together.

God didn't design us to live our life in isolation. He wants us to join together in our journey. We've definitely forged friends and family for life!



WEEKLY SERVICES

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

COMING UP

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

Get Connected - The weekends of April 11/12 and 18/19
Discover WestGate - SUN, April 19, 1-4 PM @ WG Saratoga
Discover Six40 Life - starts THURS, April 23 (9 weeks) @ WG Saratoga
Beautiful Day - April 25 & 26, 2015 (no weekend services)
Kidztown LIVE - May 6, 5:30-7 PM
School Appreciation Night - May 8
Baptisms - May 30 & 31, all services
Peacemaker Ministries Conflict Coaching - FRI & SAT, June 12-13
@ WG Saratoga

GIVING

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 04/05/15

General Offering:
Received: \$146,218
Budgeted: \$156,316

Fiscal YTD: (09/01/14—04/05/15)
Received: \$3,606,440
Budgeted: \$3,523,491

WestGate Water: (09/01/13—04/05/15)
Weekly Recycling Total: \$301.04
Inception to Date: \$33,811.74
Working toward our 9th well with Living Water!

LOUD Compassion/Missions YTD:
04/05/15 - Current Received: \$650,514
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

Jesus Unfiltered

John 11 NIV

News About Lazarus (v. 1-16)

Delay: God has a better _____

Important Note on Time:

Death: God has a better _____

Important Note on Perspective:

The Response of Martha (v. 17-27)

God is _____

We see Jesus' _____

The Response of Mary (v. 28-37)

God is _____

We see Jesus' _____

The Raising of Lazarus (v. 38-46)

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. ⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

- Jesus Challenges Our View of Life

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 NIV

- Jesus Redefines Our View of Death

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26 NIV

For Marthas: God is in _____ Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

For Marys: God _____ Romans 8:38-39 NIV

Get more...

Free CDs of our sermons are available in the Saratoga lobby after the service. WATCH, LISTEN TO and get the NOTES & DIGGING DEEPER for the sermons online at www.westgatechurch.org under "More - Weekend Experience" [updated on Sundays at 3pm] Watch current and past sermon videos online at vimeo.com/westgate
Use iTunes? Go to www.westgatechurch.org/podcast and subscribe to the sermons for free.

Week of April 12, 2015

Jesus Unfiltered

Digging Deeper—Part 3 John 11

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

Have you ever lost anyone you loved? What were the circumstances of their death? What are the primary emotions you experience when you think about this loss? Has the hurt, pain, confusion and/or any other emotion affected your relationship with God in any way? How so?

QUESTION 2

Read John 11v1-44. What parts of this story most stand out to you? Why?

QUESTION 3

Theologian NT Wright wrote these words regarding Jesus Christ and his work and mission on earth:

They were looking for a builder to construct the home they thought they wanted, but he was the architect, coming with a new plan that would give them everything they needed, but within quite a new framework. They were looking for a singer to sing the song they had been humming for a long time, but he was the composer, bringing them a new song to which the old songs they knew would form, at best, the background music. He was the king, all right, but he had come to redefine kingship itself around his own work, his own mission, his own fate.

Read John 11v1-44 again but this time, in light of these words from Wright. How does it affect the story? Does it change the point of the story for you in any way? If so, how so?

QUESTION 4

What do you honestly believe bodily resurrection? How difficult or easy is it for you to believe that God can and will (and maybe even currently does) bring dead people back to life?

QUESTION 5

Read John 11:33-35. Many have said that this is one of the most human moments of Jesus in all of the Gospels. Read these thoughts on this passage from Tim Keller and meditate on what it might mean for you personally:

He's God. But, He's not just God. He doesn't just show Martha "I'm the resurrection and the life." When He gets to Mary He weeps. Here you have deity, with human vulnerability. His love for these people, for this family, brings Him down into weeping. [...] He is deity, but He is absolutely and totally human. Now, no other religion agrees with this. Nobody else believes that Jesus Christ is God come in the flesh. Lots of people will grant that He was a guru, a sage, but no one else will grant that He was God come in the flesh. But, here's my argument to you: Look at the way in which He actually responds to the two women and you will see that when you can get your mind around the idea of a God-man or not, it's what you need. Why? With Martha, He gives her the ministry of truth. She needs the truth, because she's Martha. He says, "Listen, stop don't despair. I'm here, the resurrection and life." [...] And then, when He gets to Mary, He doesn't give her the ministry of truth, He gives her the ministry of tears. He doesn't say anything. He just gets into her sorrow with her. Complete sincerity, complete integrity and just weeps with her, because of His lowness. [...] He is God become a human being and He's become a human being because He loves us. Behold how He loves us.

*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.