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GET CONNECTED

Weekends of Jan. 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 @ WG Saratoga & South Hills Whether you've been around a while or you're brand new, we hope you get the sense that community matters to us. And now's the perfect time to get connected.

 If you want to hear more about WestGate's story and interact with our lead pastor Steve Clifford...

Discover WestGate:

Sunday, Jan 24 | 1 - 4 PM | Saratoga Campus Sunday, Feb 28 | 1 - 4 PM | South Hills Campus

• If you want to learn more about the culture and values of WestGate and get a taste of community...

Discover Six40 Life: Led by WestGate Staff

9 weeks on Thursdays starting Jan 28 | 6:45 - 8:15 PM | Saratoga Gym

• If you want to jump in and begin doing life in community...

Life Groups: Life Groups start the week of Jan 24

• If you aren't really sure where to start, want to discover your best next steps, and meet some leaders...

Connect Dinner: Saturday | Jan 23 | 5 - 6:30 PM | Saratoga Theater

Go to westgatechurch.org/bettertogether to find more details and sign up. You can also visit the Get Connected tables after services this weekend at both campuses.

LAB - THE BIBLE: WHAT, WHY, HOW? FEATURING TIM MACKIE

SAT, Jan 16, 2016, 9 AM - 3 PM @ WG Saratoga

Does the Bible contradict itself? What's the relationship between science and Scripture? Why should we trust it? Join us on Saturday, January 16 as Tim Mackie, creative director for The Bible Project, guides us through these difficult questions and more. Whether you're new to the Bible or you've been studying it for years, this lab will provide a deeper confidence in the power of God's unfolding story. Sign up today at westgatechurch.org/labs.

L2 WINTER RETREAT

Jan 29-31 @ Heavenly Hills, near Dodge Ridge

L2 is our young adults community, and if you're between the ages of 18-28, we want to invite you to sign up for the annual winter retreat (Jan 29-31). We will be spending time exploring proactive vs. reactive faith, and it will be an awesome time to build friendships and community. Sign up at www.westgateL2.org under the events tab.



LEARNING TO LIVE SKILLFULLY



FINDING COMMUNITY

Our Journey Through Six40 Discipleship

Bv Korev & Kimberly Bujuklian

We recently came to WestGate Church in October. with hopes of finding a church family we could call home.

Discover Six40 Life was our first step in this journey, and what an amazing discipleship pathway this was! It taught us what it looks like to love God, love our neighbor, and love one another in our everyday lives. It also gave us practical implications for what it means to live out these loves with one



another in our community.

Discover Six40 Lifé provided a beautiful picture of what our lives can look like as we walk through this journey of life as Christ intended. Our lives have been impacted tremendously, and our hope is to share in God's Word and His perfect love by living life together with others in our community.

We are blessed by the life group we have recently joined, to build one another up, as we are called according to His purposes. We are encouraged through reading His word and praying for one another - that "iron sharpening iron" God designed for us to help each other as we encounter the mountains and valleys of life. We are truly blessed to be at WestGate Church, and we know God's timing is perfect. We are excited to see what He has in store for not only our family, but every family in the WestGate community.

WEEKLY SERVICES

<u>Day</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

COMING UP

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

Child Dedication Parent Class - SAT, Jan 9, 5 PM @ WG Saratoga GriefShare - starts MON, Jan 11, 7-9 PM @ WG South Hills The Bible Lab - SAT, Jan 16, 9 AM-3 PM @ WG Saratoga Discover WestGate - SUN, Jan 24, 1-4 PM @ WG Saratoga Go Trip Info Meeting - SUN, Jan 24, 9:30 AM @ WG South Hills, 1 PM @ WG Saratoga. Breakfast or Lunch provided.

Single & Parenting - starts SUN, Jan 24, 4-5:30 PM @ WG Saratoga Child Dedications - SAT/SUN, Jan 30/31

Kidztown Live - WEDS, Feb 3, 5:30-7 PM @ WG Saratoga

Baptisms - SAT/SUN, Feb 20 & 21, both campuses

GIVING

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 01/03/16

General Offering: Received: \$294,574

Budgeted: \$100,000

Fiscal YTD: (09/01/15-01/03/16) Received: \$2,271,164 Budgeted: \$2,235,000

WestGate Water: (09/01/13-01/03/16)

Weekly Recycling Total: \$355.00 Inception to Date: \$70,329.50

77.6% toward well #17: Filtration system in Nigeria

LOUD Compassion/Missions YTD:

01/03/16 - Current Received: \$540,399 Pledge Cards: 229 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.westaatechurch.org/aive Jay Kim & Dave Tieche jkim@westgatechurch.org dtieche@westgatechurch.org January 9 & 10, 2016

Kiss Stupid Goodbye Going It Alone

- ¹ Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ² As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.
- ³ They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."
- ⁵ But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶ The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."
- ⁸ So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is why it was called Babel because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Genesis 11:1-9 NIV

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Matthew 10:2-4 NIV

- ¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
- ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

Acts 2:1-6 NIV