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GET CONNECTED

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, Sept 20, 1-4 PM | Saratoga campus
Sunday, Oct 25, 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:
9 weeks on Tuesdays starting Sept 22, 7-8:30 PM | South Hills campus
9 weeks on Thursdays starting Sept 24, 6:30-8 PM | Saratoga campus
- *If you want to jump in and begin doing life in community...*
Life Groups: Life Groups start the week of Sept 20

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

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

SUN, Sept 27 @ the WG Saratoga Theater, immediately following the 11:15 AM service
Everyone is encouraged to attend and celebrate what God has done this past year. We will also confirm elders, review the last fiscal year's finances, and the new fiscal year's budget. Those who have signed the WestGate Six40 Agreement, or Historical Membership Agreement, and are at least 18, are eligible to vote.

KIDS CLUB: DREAM BIG FOR LITTLE HEARTS

Investing in kids is what we are about! Kids Club is building our team for the 2015-16 academic year and we need 10 more team members. Would you consider being one of those 10? Kids Club has had the privilege of coming alongside children in 1st- 5th grade on a public school campus and teaching them about God's love for them for the last 10 years. We will be doing this on Wednesdays starting October 8 from 12:30 - 2:00 PM. Training is on September 23 and 30. Contact kidsclub@westgatechurch.org or call 408 252-3700 x221 for further information.

STEPS OF PAUL CRUISE

This SUN, Sept 20, 10:45 AM @ the WG Saratoga Gym
Next spring, WestGate will be part of a 12 day adventure following the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, with Steve and Dana Clifford as your hosts. 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 this Sunday, September 20 in the Gym. For more information, contact Dan Perkins at dan.perkins@westgatechurch.org.



BECOMING MORE

GROWING IN COMMUNITY

After moving across the bay two years ago, Suzanne and I were on the search for a new church, so we turned to Google to find local churches. Our first and last stop was WestGate. All it took was that one visit to call WestGate our new home, and within a couple weeks Suzanne was attending a Life Group. From the moment we walked through the doors we have grown in our faith and love for Jesus. Over this past year Suzanne and I were baptized, our son was dedicated to the Lord, and we became Six40 Disciples, (taken from Luke 6:40—in the process of becoming more like Jesus).



Being a Six40 Disciple has given us a newfound passion to love our God, our neighbor, and one another. The authentic and inviting atmosphere that Steve, Dana, and the other Leadership created during the classes allowed us to grow in our faith together by providing an environment that encouraged us to ask questions and converse openly. As this new chapter in our lives as Six40 Disciples opens, we are more committed than ever to give back to the community and God through the skills He has gifted us. WestGate makes it easy to do this with the vast array of volunteer options, from Living Water to Beautiful Day to after school programs for children.

As we began this journey, we were timid in our outward expression of faith, and now we feel that we have the tools to lead our own couples life group. WestGate has truly been a blessing to our family and we can't wait to see where God takes us in our faith.

-Zach and Suzanne Prohaska

WEEKLY SERVICES

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>
SAT	Worship Services, 5 & 6:40pm, Worship Center JHM (Jr. High Ministry), 6:40pm, Gym
SUN	Worship Services, 9:30 & 11:15am, Worship Center & Theater HSM (High School Ministry), 5pm, Gym
THURS	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 Expo - Sept 19/20 on the patio
Child Dedication Parent Class - SAT, Sept 19, 5 PM @ WG Saratoga
Newcomers Reception - SUN, Sept 20, 10:45-11:14 AM @ WG South Hills
Discover WestGate - SUN, Sept 20, 1-4 PM @ WG Saratoga
GriefShare - 13 weeks, starts MON, Sept 28, 7-9 PM @ WG South Hills
Child Dedications - October 3/4 @ both campuses

GIVING

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 09/13/15

General Offering:
Received: \$97,486
Budgeted: \$113,000

Fiscal YTD: (09/01/15—09/13/15)
Received: \$246,318
Budgeted: \$226,000

WestGate Water: (09/01/13—09/13/15)
Weekly Recycling Total: \$450.60
Inception to Date: \$53,881.28
62.7% toward well #13: Rehab of well at
Kigunga Primary School in Kenya

LOUD Compassion/Missions YTD:
09/13/15 - Current Received: \$53,007
Pledge Cards: 202
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

SPECIAL UPDATE:

Thanks to your generosity through LOUD, WestGate Church sent a gift of \$20,000 this week to Grace Fellowship Church in Jackson, CA, and will be sending another \$5,000 for needed supplies. Grace Fellowship is strategically working with other churches in their area to help victims of the Valley Fires. Pastor Mark Johnson was extremely grateful for this gift, saying that they will use it now and in the weeks and months to come.

Love, Love, Love

“When you pray...”

“Our Father who is in heaven...”

“Hallowed be Your name.”

Calming Our Apprehension: Refrigerator Art



**LIFE GROUP
MATERIAL**

Week of September 20, 2015

Love, Love, Love

QUESTION 1:

Welcome back to Life Groups. And for those who are checking out a Life Group for the first time, well done for checking one out! Let's start with something simple but important. What was the highlight of your summer?

QUESTION 2:

If you've been around WestGate a while you've probably heard about Six40 Discipleship (based on Luke 6:40), which is all about becoming more like Christ. This fall we're exploring three specific expressions of the three loves of Six40 Discipleship – Love God, Love Your Neighbor, Love One Another. For the next few weeks we'll be talking about expressing our love for God through prayer. How would you describe Christian prayer to someone who was totally unfamiliar with the idea? What are the key components or unique characteristics of Christian prayer that you would emphasize?

QUESTION 3:

Have one person read the Lord's Prayer from **Matthew 6:9-13** out loud. Read slowly and thoughtfully.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Jesus starts off the Lord's Prayer with a clarification about who God is – Hallowed Father. Jesus implies that you have to be clear about who you're praying to and what your relationship is to this person. How does a person's view of God affect the posture, attitude, and heart behind prayer?

QUESTION 4:

Have different people in the group find the following passages of Scripture. Each passage is a prayer. Have someone read each prayer out loud.

Exodus 33:13; Philippians 1:9-11; Psalm 51:1-8; Jonah 2:2-9; Daniel 9:4-19

What do each of these prayers reveal to us about what prayer?

QUESTION 5:

We've talked a lot about prayer but let's end our time by actually praying. Break up into groups of 2-3. If your Life Group is a mixed gender group, break up into gender specific groups. Spend a little bit of time sharing things you'd like prayer for, in as much or as little detail as you're comfortable with. Then pray for each other.