

THE FIVE

October 17 & 18, 2015

HALLOWEEN, PUMPKINS, AND CANDY, OH MY!

On Saturday, October 31 we will have the 5:00 PM service only. There will be no 6:40 PM service that evening. We figure that you will want to hang out with your neighbors...(maybe your five?). Normal Saturday service times will resume the following week.

Also, Halloween Hullabaloo is on hiatus, but don't fret! There is fun still to be had. Join us Saturday, November 7 from 11 AM—3 PM at our South Hills Campus for a family fun filled event—Pumpkin Palooza! You don't want to miss this day of games, food, music, inflatables, everything pumpkin and SO much more! Invite your friends and neighbors, and keep an eye out for ways you can help and be a part of the fun! For more info, check out our news & events page westgatechurch.org/news-events/.

DISCOVER WESTGATE

SUN. Nov 1 (1:00 – 4:00 PM) @ WestGate South Hills (Fellowship Hall)

If you are new to WestGate or have been around a while and want to get connected into a 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 our leaders, Steve & Dana, as well as to meet others looking to connect. A free meal and childcare are included. Sign up at westgatechurch.org/discover-westgate.

L2 HALLOWEEN PARTY

Do you know about L2, our young adults community for ages 18-28? Join L2 on FRI, October 30 from 7:30-10:30 PM in the Gym for the 3rd annual L2 Halloween party. You won't want to miss this!

FOOD CLOSET @ THE SOUTH HILLS CAMPUS

Do you need help with food or know someone who does? On the third Wednesday of each month at our South Hills campus, food is distributed to those in need. The food is donated from Second Harvest food bank. It is sorted and bagged, and then given out from Noon-1 PM. Please contact Marilyn at the South Hills campus at 408-414-3022 or mfidler@westgatechurch.org to find out how to get an application and sign up for the next available date. About 350 people receive food each month through this ministry. Would you like to volunteer? Contact Marilyn at the number/email above. Volunteers are needed from 9 AM - 1 PM on the third Wednesday each month.

PRAYER @ WESTGATE

We've spent the last few weeks talking about prayer - one of the ways that we show our love and adoration for God. As we pray and listen, our hearts are transformed and become more and more like His. If you're looking for opportunities to pray in community, join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the main office at the Saratoga campus for Fresh Encounters, where you'll pray over the prayer requests that are received each week. Or join us on Sunday mornings at 8 AM in room B301 at the South Hills campus to pray for our church, community, leaders, and world. Questions? Email prayer@westgatechurch.org.



BECOMING MORE

L2—LOVE JESUS, LIVE JESUS

Three years ago, we launched our first church plant through our young adults ministry (Awakening), which left a gap in our ministry for 18-28 year olds. I was asked by WestGate to begin thinking about launching a ministry for young adults. I was nervous and had no idea what I was doing, so I started asking questions and seeking the advice of people who had led in similar areas. I was heartbroken as I learned how often churches don't invest in this age group, but I was excited about what God may create here at WestGate.

After 9 months of prayer, conversations, and questions, L2 was launched. We chose this name to call us back to the heart of WestGate and the heart of our mission - to Love Jesus and Live Jesus. The ministry began in my backyard with about 20 people, and now we meet in the Theater with over 120 people per week who desire to grow closer to God and to one another. It's so exciting to be a part of what God is doing, and I want to ask that you join us in reaching this generation. Here are two ways to be involved:

1) If you are age 18-28, come check us out. We meet Thursday nights from 7-9 PM at the Saratoga Campus. Come to be part of more than a gathering, come to be part of a community.

2) Pray, pray, pray. Please be praying for this ministry and this age group. There are over 150,000 people of this age range in San Jose and some estimate only about 2% of this age are involved in Church. Pray that God will stir hearts to Him.

Thanks for your prayers,
-Drew Froese



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.

L2 (18-28 y/o) Halloween Party - FRI, Oct 30, 7-10 PM @ WG Saratoga
Discover WestGate - SUN, Nov 1, 1-4 PM @ WG South Hills
Kidztown Live - WEDS, Nov 4, 5:30-7 PM @ WG Saratoga
Pumpkin Palooza - SAT, Nov 7, 11 AM-3 PM @ WG South Hills
Newcomers Reception - SUN, Nov 15, 10:45-11:14 AM @ WG South Hills
Explore - SUN, Nov 15, 9:30am @ WG Saratoga

GIVING

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 10/11/15

General Offering:
Received: \$119,363
Budgeted: \$113,000

Fiscal YTD: (09/01/15—10/11/15)
Received: \$678,373
Budgeted: \$678,000

WestGate Water: (09/01/13—10/11/15)
Weekly Recycling Total: \$251.45
Inception to Date: \$57,652.02

88.4% toward well #14: Rehab of well at a primary school in Zambia

LOUD Compassion/Missions YTD:
10/11/15 - Current Received: \$137,330
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

Love, Love, Love Becoming More

The Culture

No God
Not one way to God
No ultimate truth
Tried and not interested

The Heart We Bring

How we disagree
How we love
How we act

PRAYERCAST—

10-15 minute guided prayer experience.
Updated on Tuesdays by 3 PM at westgatechurch.org/podcast

Our Message

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 NIV

Acceptance and Forgiveness (Justification)

Identity and Purpose (Reconciliation)

Mission and Destiny (Sanctification)

Flying Into the Turbulence

Purposefully and lovingly having spiritual conversations

Runways: Beauty
 Relationships
 Meaning
 Karma
 Pain

Recommended Resources:

Who Is This Man? by John Ortberg
Vanishing Grace by Philip Yancey

Get more...

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**LIFE GROUP
MATERIAL**

Week of October 18, 2015

Love, Love, Love Becoming More

QUESTION 1:

Who first shared the Good News of God's kingdom with you? What was or was not effective about their approach, as far as you can remember?

QUESTION 2:

The writer Philip Yancey once wrote, *It makes all the difference in the world whether I view my neighbor as a potential convert or as someone whom God already loves.* How do you generally view the people in your life who do not yet know Christ, as potential converts or as someone God already loves? How is this view manifested in your approach to these people in your everyday life?

QUESTION 3:

Read **2 Corinthians 5:14-21** out loud together. What specific parts of this passage most encourage you when it comes sharing your faith with others? What specific parts challenge you the most? And what practical takeaways do you see in this passage when it comes to sharing your faith?

QUESTION 4:

God doesn't ask us to be *successful*. He simply asks us to be a *faithful*. How does this shift in mindset specifically challenge us when it comes to sharing with others about our relationship with Christ?

QUESTION 5:

Can you identify any particular fears or anxieties that keep you from engaging in spiritual conversations with the people in your life who don't know Christ? Spend some time sharing these fears/anxieties and allow the group to share encouragement and best practices with each other.

*During this fall teaching series, we will be taking a break from **Digging Deeper** in order to focus on the **PrayerCast**. Digging Deeper will return this winter. Find the PrayerCast online at westgatechurch.org/podcast.