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KIDZCAMP AT WESTGATE

July 13-17, Saratoga Campus or July 20-24, South Hills Campus, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
Are you ready to get your summer serve on?! KidzCamp needs about 150 fun, friendly, and dedicated volunteers to step up before, during, and after camp to make both weeks happen, and more importantly, to make a difference for our young campers. Working with kids not your forte? Don't worry! We have a variety of service options for students and adults alike! Check out the sign-ups online at westgatechurch.org/everest/ or email kids@westgatechurch.org with any questions.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS THIS SUMMER @ THE SARATOGA CAMPUS

S.A.M. Camp: July 27th - July 31st, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM; westgatechurch.org/sam-camp
Jump in and serve locally at S.A.M. Camp! This summer, WestGate Church is putting on an educational camp for our neighbors in District 26 from Anderson Elementary, July 27th- July 31st. The camp will teach kids from 1st - 5th grade about Science, Art, Math, Reading, and P.E. while sharing God's love with them. Adults and high school students are needed to serve. Bring your various gifts & talents so that we can love our neighbors well. Go to westgatechurch.org/sam-camp for more details or email kidsclub@westgatechurch.org.

L2—COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS

THURS. nights @ WG Saratoga; westgatechurch.org/about/young-adults/
Have you heard about our College and Young Adults group? L2 is a community of 18-28 year olds striving to Love Jesus and Live Jesus. We'd love to see you! Join us every Thursday night in the WestGate Saratoga Theater from 7-9 PM. If you'd like more info, visit the L2 page on our website. You can also check us out on Facebook at [facebook.com/westgateL2](https://www.facebook.com/westgateL2).

LIVE, LOVE, AND LET GO

"Of all the various religious and non-religious groups of people, Christians are the worst at dealing with death. I would have expected them to be the best at handling death." These are the words Dr. James Abshire heard from a colleague, a fellow physician. They troubled him. Christianity offers the promise of being saved for all eternity, and yet it seems like Christians struggle the most with this topic.

After being diagnosed with terminal lymphoma in 2010, Dr. Abshire set out to examine death & eternity, eventually writing the book "Live, Love, and Let Go." On Friday, July 24, he will be at the South Hills campus from 7-8:30 PM to talk about his book, his journey, and answer your questions. Let us know you're coming by RSVP'ing on our website at westgatechurch.org/live-love-let-go.



VOLUNTEERING AT KIDZCAMP

We have called WestGate "our church" for nine years and have felt at home & welcomed from the moment we walked through the doors. We enjoy everything from the music, to the teaching, to the wonderful opportunities we have to serve our local community and abroad with events like Beautiful Day and KidzCamp. Our son Ethan attended KidzCamp through his fifth grade year, and now looks forward to serving every summer as a co-leader with the younger boys. Since my husband, Paul, and I are paramedics, we found our niche for volunteering in First Aid these past couple years. It just feels great being part of WestGate and having the ability to serve as a family!



Ethan enjoys being able to teach about the love of Jesus and God, all while the kids are having fun. He knows from personal experience how much of an impact KidzCamp has on young children, and that building their faith with the knowledge of God is important. He genuinely enjoys the fact that the kids really learn about Jesus and leave knowing that God will always love them.

As his parents, we love that Ethan genuinely wants to be a positive influence in the lives of these kiddos, even if only for a week. We are proud of him for being kind and showing them by example how to be kind as well. It is awesome to watch him interact and hear compliments on his positive interaction with kids and adults alike during camp. KidzCamp 2015 is on our calendar for sure!

-Ruby Tanti-Siero

WEEKLY SERVICES

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

COMING UP

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

Newcomers Reception - May 31, 10:45-11:14 AM @ WG Saratoga
Peacemaker Ministries Conflict Coaching - FRI & SAT, June 12-13
L2 Summer Retreat - June 26-28 @ McConnell State Recreation Area
KidzCamp - July 13-17 @ WG Saratoga or July 20-24 @ WG South Hills
Discover WestGate - SUN, June 28, 1-4 PM @ WG Saratoga
The Grill (for men) - 4 Tues, July 14 - August 4, 6:15—8:45 PM @ WG Saratoga
Live, Love, and Let Go - Friday, July 24, 7-8:30 PM @ WG South Hills

GIVING

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 05/24/15

General Offering:

Received: \$91,833
Budgeted: \$100,005

Fiscal YTD: (09/01/14—05/24/15)

Received: \$4,322,536
Budgeted: \$4,187,281

WestGate Water: (09/01/13—05/24/15)

2 Week Recycling Total: \$1,139.48
Inception to Date: \$37,117.73
72.3% toward our 9th well at the Edra Ebola Holding Center in Sierra Leone

LOUD Compassion/Missions YTD:

05/24/15 - Current Received: \$753,163
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

Now and Not Yet

What Jesus taught about life, death and what's next

Jesus Resurrected
Luke 24 and John 20-21

Jesus is the Prototype

- Christ's resurrected life is the model for ours
- The critical nature of the resurrection

Snapshots of the Resurrected Jesus

General Observations About Resurrection

- Physical/Literal
- Continuation
- Improved
- Eternal

Instructions Until the Resurrection

Jesus' Post-Resurrection Appearances

Easter Morning

- to Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9-11; John 20:10-18)
- to other women (Matt. 28:9-10)
- to Peter (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5)

Easter Afternoon

- to two disciples on the Emmaus road (Luke 24:13-32)

Easter Evening

- to about 12 disciples excluding Thomas (Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-23)

The Following Sunday

- to 11 disciples including Thomas (John 20:26-28)

The Following 32 Days

- to seven disciples by the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-23)
- to 500 people including the Eleven at a mountain in Galilee (Matt. 28:16-20; 1 Cor. 15:6)
- to His half-brother James (1 Cor. 15:7)
- to His disciples in Jerusalem (Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8; 1 Cor. 15:7)
- to His disciples on Mount Olivet (Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12)

Send Questions to: heaven@westgatechurch.org

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**LIFE GROUP
MATERIAL**

Week of May 31, 2015

Now and Not Yet

Part 3

QUESTION 1:

Who is someone you have always admired and would like to emulate?

QUESTION 2:

Consider 1 John 3:2 and 1 Corinthians 15:49. What does it mean to you as you contemplate becoming like Christ?

QUESTION 3:

Based on what we see of the resurrected state in the life of Jesus, how do you think the direction of your life today might affect the condition of your resurrected state?

ACTIVITY:

Continuation is the idea that we carry over some purified essence of our current selves into our resurrected state for eternity. As you ponder continuation, share with one another those beautiful traits you see in each other that you believe God will bring over into eternity.

QUESTION 4:

Jesus left instructions, until the resurrection, in Matthew 28:18-20. If you were going to train up someone as a disciple to love God, love one another, and love your neighbor, what would you want to be doing with that person?

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions about heaven during this series, you can email them to heaven@westgatechurch.org and we will try to answer as many of them as we can, both on the weekly Digging Deeper podcast as well as a Q&A on the final weekend of the series.

*For 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.