THE FIVE

KIDZCAMP IS FOR EVERYONE!

July 13-17, Saratoga Campus or July 20-24, South Hills Campus, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM KidzCamp Saratoga starts this coming Monday! If you didn't get a chance to sign up to volunteer, don't fret! There is still time to join us at the South Hills campus! In fact, we could use about 15 more volunteers. Contact KArtery@westgatechurch.org for more information. We covet your prayers for Kingdom impact these next two weeks, and thank you for your continued support!

THE GRILL

4 Tuesdays @ WG Saratoga—July 14, 21, 28, & Aug 4. 6:15-8:45 PM You're a man. You enjoy good BBQ. You'd like to get connected and be challenged by some great speakers. If any of these apply to you, join us for The Grill! It's an awesome way to pause from the busyness of your life and enjoy summer in a meaningful way. Go to westgatechurch.org/the-grill to sign up.

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 between Noon-1 PM. Please call Marilyn at the South Hills campus at 408-414-3022 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 above. Volunteers are needed from 9 AM - 1 PM on the third Wednesday each month.

STEPS OF PAUL CRUISE

Next spring, WestGate will be part of a 12 day adventure following the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. 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 on Saturday July 25th in the Theater or Sunday July 26th in the Gym, or between services at the South Hills campus on August 2nd. For more information contact Dan Perkins at dan.perkins@westgatechurch.org.

LIVE, LOVE, AND LET GO

FRI, July 24 @ WG South Hills. 7:00—8:30 PM.

"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. This troubled him. Christianity offers the promise of being saved for all eternity, and yet it seems like Christians struggle the most with this topic. Join us at the South Hills Campus to hear Dr. Abshire talk about his experience being diagnosed with terminal lymphoma, and how it changed his view of death & eternity. RSVP at westgatechurch.org/live-love-let-go.



SOUTH HILLS FOOD CLOSET

"For several years, South Hills Community Church [now our South Hills campus] provided food for a mother of 7 children on a monthly basis. The children's father was in prison, and the mother kept her focus on the success of her children — making it through college and of course keeping a roof over their heads and food on the table.

During this time, mom got a job, but it didn't pay much. Dad eventually got out of prison and could only get a job driving a shuttle for a car dealership. But the mother focused on her children getting a good education. The family



was still poor and needed our monthly food support.

Fast forward to 2015, and 6 of the 7 children have college degrees; some have Master's Degrees. Two of her sons just bought their mom a Toyota Prius. She is disabled with Carpal Tunnel and can no longer work. She called me at Christmas time and told me it was time to 'pay it forward,' and that 2 of her children wanted to Adopt-A-Family, plus she and her husband wanted to adopt one as well! She could not thank us enough for how we helped her over the years, and how her children often talk about being fed when there was no food in the house!"

-Marilyn Fidler

If you would like to volunteer at the South Hills Food Closet, contact Marilyn at 408-414-3022. See the Food Closet spot in the Top 5 on the back of this bulletin for more info!

WEEKLY SERVICES

<u>Day</u> <u>Campus</u> <u>Event</u>

Sat Saratoga Worship Services, 5 & 6:40pm

Saratoga JHM (Jr. High Ministry), 6:40pm, Gym

Sun Saratoga & South Hills Worship Services, 9:30 & 11:15am South Hills JHM (Jr. High Ministry), 11:15am, Yo

South Hills JHM (Jr. High Ministry), 11:15am, Youth Room Saratoga HSM (High School Ministry), 5pm, Gym

South Hills 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.

KidzCamp - July 13-17 @ WG Saratoga or July 20-24 @ WG South Hills **The Grill (for men)** - 4 TUES, July 14 - August 4, 6:15—8:45 PM @ WG Saratoga **Live, Love, and Let Go** - FRI, July 24, 7-8:30 PM @ WG South Hills **Skeletons in God's Closet Lab** - SAT, August 1, 9 AM—3 PM @ WG Saratoga **Discover WestGate** - SUN, August 9, 1-4 PM @ WG Saratoga **Newcomers Reception** - SUN, August 9, 10:45-11:14 AM @ WG Saratoga

GIVING

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 07/05/15

General Offering: Received: \$110,124 Budgeted: \$100,006

Fiscal YTD: (09/01/14-07/05/15)

Received: \$4,946,409 Budgeted: \$4,794,317

WestGate Water: (09/01/13—07/05/15) Weekly Recycling Total: \$327.28 Inception to Date: \$40,066.63 31.3% toward our 10th well LOUD Compassion/Missions YTD:

07/05/15 - Current Received: \$809,701 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

Summer Mix Tape Psalm 124 NIV

- ¹ If the Lord had not been on our side let Israel sav—
- ² if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us,
- ³ they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us;
- 4 the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us,
- ⁵ the raging waters would have swept us away.
- ⁶ Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.
- We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.
- ⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Hezekiah's Desperate Prayer

2 Kings 19:15-19

God's Response 2 Kings 19:32-34

God Delivers Hezekiah

Hezekiah set his heart on God

Longs for God's presence Tears down the idols Faithfully leads the way

"A heart not deliberately set on seeking the Lord will settle somewhere else."

Question: Is your heart set on seeking the Lord? Or have you settled somewhere outside God's best for your life?

Hezekiah activated his faith

Present circumstances didn't determine his future Maximizes what he's been given

Question: How can you align your resources with God's kingdom in such a way that brings deliverance for you and for others?

Hezekiah prayed with urgency

Question: Where in your life will you fail if God doesn't show up?

Hezekiah clung to God's promise

Question: Are you clinging to the promises of God today?

2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:16-17, 1 Peter 2:9 1 Peter 2:5-6, Revelation 21:2

> When you turn toward God with an honest heart and cry out to Him, He will be your defense and bring you deliverance.