

# West Hills News

## West Hills Community Church

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### Dear Church Family...

This summer we have been studying through the book of 1 Timothy in God's Word, being reminded about the importance of the local church. Part of a healthy local church is small groups. At West Hills we call them HOME GROUPS. Therefore, this fall we will be re-starting HOME GROUPS once again. Praise God!

On Sunday, September 19, we will be promoting HOME GROUP sign-ups. Please consider being a part of one of these crucial intimate gatherings.

WHY SHOULD I BE A PART OF A HOME GROUP? Let me start by answering that from the book of Acts. Many people had just become believers in Jesus Christ in the early chapters of Acts. In fact, thousands of people had become believers and right away got baptized and started meeting together for worship and prayer. Here's how Luke wrote about it in Acts 2:42-47... "42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 **Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,** 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

What really stands out to me about this historical description is that the new Christians met together in two places. First, they met together in "the temple courts." That was a public place. They didn't have church buildings yet, so they gathered together where there was a large public space. Then secondly, they gathered together in their homes. These home gatherings were obviously much smaller and more intimate. So, when we meet together in the

larger, Sunday morning gathering at church AND meet together in each other's homes, we are doing exactly what the early church did!

Plus, Home Groups give us these wonderful benefits:

> They help us get to know a few people more personally. We make deeper friendships.

> Deeper friendships in the body of Christ help us stay encouraged and inspired for God's kingdom.

> Home Groups give us an environment to ask questions and study the Bible more deeply.

> And they give us the opportunity to practice hospitality to others (which God commands).

So, I hope you take advantage of one of our Home Groups this fall. We are better **together** than we are **alone!**

Love you all!  
Pastor Marcus

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### OUR PURPOSE...

Building a community of people who are experiencing new life with God and with others, by **believing** in Jesus Christ, **worshipping** Him, and **learning** to live every day by the Word of God.

## Missions Commission...



TMI in our common vernacular, often translates into “too much information”, but in this combined monthly issue from the Missions Commission I am referring to Tecate Mission International. Starting in 1962 TMI began a ministry of evangelism along the Mexican/American border, known as “The Bible on the Border”. Over the years ministries have been added but the goal to help meet the spiritual and physical needs of people has not. TMI is supported by donations so as to not take any support from the missionaries they send out into the field. The policy is to only spend what God

provides. TMI is the sending agency for two of our supported missionary families in Autlan Mexico. Both Andy & Jessie Clark with a new church/coffeehouse location which brings a renewed fervor to their ministry, as well as Antonio & Silvia Diaz at Estrella de Belen Church and migrant camp outreach are associated with TMI. Please consider supporting these worthy causes helping to spread God’s Word and Christ’s love by the gospel throughout Mexico and beyond. One of the newest TMI endeavors is a radio station in the far southern and very rural part of Mexico, so that

people that have very little access to God’s direction can listen over a radio station provided by TMI. If you wish to provide private support for Tecate or the missionaries our church works with and supports you can start at [www.tecatemission.org](http://www.tecatemission.org).

*2 Cor. 2:14— But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.*

David Russell  
Assistant Deacon  
Missions Commission  
Outreach

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS**  
**Begins Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m.**

## Finance Commission...

June 2021 – General Fund Giving:	\$49,566.64
June 2021 – General Fund Budget:	\$49,873.50
June 2021 YTD income/expenses:	\$86,794.18

July 2021 – General Fund Giving:	\$52,584.94
July 2021 – General Fund Budget:	\$49,873.50
July 2021 YTD income/expenses:	\$95,254.33

We have also received monies given each month for the purpose of paying down the mortgage principal for the gym:

June: \$6,045  
July: \$3,080

Thank you for your gifts!  
Kim Shubin  
On Behalf of the Finance Commission

# WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY IF GOD IS FOR US

6-WEEK STUDY OF ROMANS 8

TUESDAY OCT. 5-NOV. 16

9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

LIBRARY CLASSROOM

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON A JOURNEY INTO ROMANS 8, REMINDING US OF THE EVERLASTING TRUTH OF OUR GREAT SALVATION, OUR SURE INHERITANCE IN CHRIST, AND ULTIMATELY THE LOVE OF OUR GOOD FATHER.

LEADER: LUCILLE ALLEY

SIGN UP AT THE RESOURCE DESK OR EMAIL  
LUCILLEALLEY@OUTLOOK.COM

## Women's Ministries...

It was such joy to celebrate three lovely couples getting married this summer! These verses came to mind: 1 Corinthians 16:14 *"Let all that you do be done in love"* and Galatians 6:9-10 *"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."* Thank you for all that showed up and generously loved on these couples with Christ's love! The Lord richly reward you!

We look forward to our first quarterly **Women's Brunch** on **September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**. Ladies, please, make it a priority to attend and bring a friend too! We will enjoy a lovely brunch and a wonderful time of fellowship. We all need each other for spiritual encouragement and support. I love how Hebrews 10:24-25 urges us *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."* We

will discuss about how we do life together as God's daughters and how to walk in obedience to fulfill the 'great commission' given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20 to make disciples and teach others what He commanded. We look forward to seeing you all there!

God's blessings,

With love in Christ,  
Adela Waldie





"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."  
- John 15:5

## Youth Pastor...

The same thing happens every year; summertime ends too soon. We did manage to have lots of adventures, so it isn't all that bad. If there is a happy ending to summer, it's knowing that the students will all be back in town due to the start of school.

We will have one last summertime activity though, on Wednesday, September 1st, we'll have S'mores and play 9-Square on the church

field, for both Middle and High School Youth Group students.

I'm also looking forward to the Back to School BBQ's we'll have before jumping into our regular Mid-week Youth Group gatherings. The Middle School BBQ will be on September 14th and the High School BBQ will be on September 15th. We have a lot of fun with this event and students are always

encouraged to bring a friend or two!

We could also use a couple of ladies to love and encourage the girls at Youth Group. If anyone even has the slightest inclination to participate in this manner, I'd love to talk to you more! We appreciate all the love and support given to the Youth Group.

In His Grip,  
Pastor Bobby

## Children's Ministries...

Happy Autumn! I'm so happy for the cooler weather and changing colors! I'm so thankful for the many blessings the Lord gives us—including my wonderful church family!

We are having an outdoor movie night behind the modulars on September 3rd at 8:00pm. Bring your blankets, chairs, or drive up on the grass! Popcorn will be provided. This is the perfect end-of-

summer event and I hope to see you there!

Awana is starting back up! Awana Club is a discipleship program where your kids can come make friends, play games, memorize scripture, and grow in their faith. We'll be meeting on Monday nights from 6:30-8:00pm starting October 4th. Our Awana club is open to children ages 3 to 5th grade. Registration forms are in the

lobby. We are also in need of additional volunteers for this year—both teens and adults! If you're interested in helping with Awana or signing up your children for club, please contact me at [mckenzieoneil61816@gmail.com](mailto:mckenzieoneil61816@gmail.com). We have some fun plans for this year and hope you can join us!

McKenzie O'Neil



## Community Life Pastor...

As I write this, September is rapidly approaching and the weather has cooled down to a more livable level.

Although the weather has cooled, I have been extremely thankful that our West Hills people are still warm and welcoming!!! I know for sure that your warmth has a positive effect on our visitors! We have many newer people attending.

In a few weeks, we will be having our home groups sign up this for this Fall. I exhort you to sign up for a group

that meets your schedule. Our home groups build people up and encourage people. You will be blessed by attending and you will be a blessing to others as you visit, pray, eat, study, and fellowship together!!

I continue to be blessed by the men and women who help with the needs of our facilities and of our congregation. I am grateful to Our LORD for HIS provision!!! We have been able to put in 600 feet of new main water line, put in new sprinkler control

valves, paint the exterior of the building, put in a bunch of new flooring downstairs, replace the leaky metal valley of the library's roof, help the RCS teachers get ready, and help people move. There are many more small projects that I don't have room to share in this short article.

Thank you for being warm and inviting and for truly caring about people and their needs!!!

Together for Jesus,  
Pastor Ron



## Elder Board...

Pastor Marcus recently preached on the qualifications for Elders and Deacons from 1 Timothy. What do Elders actually do? In previous years I wondered what Elders did and what went on in the meetings. It is a long list surprisingly. So, I will give you a picture of what goes on during Elder meetings this month and next month I will describe what we do outside the meetings.

The first thing we always do is pray. We try to take nearly as much time praying for God's direction, for healing

and guidance for our Church people, and for wisdom, as we do addressing the Church issues. Prayer matters. We know it and we experience it.

We review finances of the Church and adjust spending if needed. We approve benevolence gifts to people. (What a blessing!) We set the direction for the Church such as how to deal with Covid or when and how to expand to two services. We oversee Riviera School issues which affect the Church. We liaison with each ministry of the Church. We approve staff

changes and proposed new members. We propose an annual budget and new Deacons to the membership. Finally, we approve contracts and other legal matters. It makes me tired just listing all this, but we share the load, and it is truly a blessing to lead such a giving, faithful Church. Next month: What we do away from the meetings.

Rich Dominick  
Elder Board Chairman



## SUNDAY MORNINGS IN SEPTEMBER!

*September 12—CHILDREN'S SUNDAY: We will recognize our great group of West Hills kids and find out more about what's going on this year in Children's Ministries.*

*September 19—HOME GROUP SUNDAY: Everyone is encouraged to get involved in a Home Group this season. Get more information about each group and sign up for a group.*

*September 26—RCS SUNDAY: Riviera Christian School & Daycare families and staff are invited to join us as we honor our great RCS staff members during the worship service.*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries...

### September Birthdays

ADAMS, Bryce	09/01	DUVAL, Richard	09/17
GANN, Liz	09/03	CLARK, Annie	09/18
VAN KLEEK, Bobby	09/03	GAULT, Nathan	09/18
DOMINICK, Julia	09/05	ROBERTS, Scott	09/21
GUTZ, Carolyn	09/05	WALDIE, Adela	09/21
LINERUD, Tyler	09/05	TORRES, Tracy	09/22
THOMPSON, Kristin	09/05	GUNTER, Kyle	09/23
DYKES, Christina	09/07	EVANS, Mike	09/25
NIBLOCK, Lisa	09/10	JOHNSON, Kathy	09/26
KUYKENDALL, Griffin	09/12	WATERS, Betty	09/26
NIBLOCK, Mike	09/13	KLATT, Ida	09/28
KUYKENDALL, Shelley	09/14	IIAMS, Pat	09/30
RUSSELL, Dave	09/14		
VELEZ, William	09/16		

### September Anniversaries

HOROWITZ, Mike & Robin	09/03
WIENS, Stan & Cristina	09/06
LILJEQUIST, Eric & Urailak	09/07
DYKES, Justin & Christina	09/08
SMITH, Michael & Sarah	09/11
ADAMS, Bryce & Karen	09/12
ROEHL, David & Toni	09/14
ROWAT, Larry & Karen	09/18
IVANITSKY, Andrew & Irena	09/28





*Believing... Worshipping... Learning...*

**West Hills Community Church**

Marcus Elmer  
Senior Pastor

Greg Denney  
Worship Pastor

Bobby Van Kleek  
Youth Pastor

Sorin Crivceag  
Hispanic Pastor

Ron McNinch  
Community Life Pastor

McKenzie O'Neil  
Children's Director

Adela Waldie  
Women's Director

Julie Brumfield  
Church Administrator

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Adult Bible Class</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Middle/High School Class</b>
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Hispanic Church</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Middle School Youth Group</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>High School Youth Group</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Prayer Team</b>

**We are also broadcasting our Sunday Worship Services on our website and via Facebook Live.**

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