

West Hills News

West Hills Community Church

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Dear Church Family...

This summer I'm very excited to be preaching through the book of 1 Timothy. I'm calling the series, "STANDING TOGETHER AS GOD'S HOUSEHOLD." Please read through the book as we prepare to hear from God from the Apostle Paul's words. In the book, Paul is instructing Timothy on how to lead the church in Ephesus. At that time, Timothy was the pastor there.

In 1 Timothy 3:14-15, Paul writes... "I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth." I love the word-picture there of God's household being the pillar and foundation of the truth. There are two parts to that image that should speak to us as God's church in the 21st century.

First, the church is to be the pillar and foundation of the truth of the gospel message. This is why I've used the words "STANDING TOGETHER" in my title. We need to stand together in presenting the truth of God to a lost

world. Our culture is deceived by its own independent selfishness. Our American culture screams out to us, "Do whatever you want!" "No one should tell me what to do!" "Live for yourself!" "Take more me-time!" "You deserve it!" These messages of selfish ambition are at the core of our culture and undermine the truth that God calls us to submit to Him and make Jesus our Lord. So, let's stand together in presenting the truth of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Secondly, the church should do this in the context of a loving community. We are "GOD'S HOUSEHOLD." A household is a family that lives together and works together. Healthy households divide up the chores and work as a team. Healthy households respect one another and get along. Healthy households purposely bless others and refrain from selfishness and isolation.

All throughout the book of 1 Timothy, Paul exhorts the church in Ephesus to be a banner for Christ in their community and to do so as a loving team, working together to welcome others into their midst. He talks about

staying focused on the gospel message and not getting sidetracked by false doctrines. He talks about being radically transformed people, dependent on God. He talks about faithful prayer. He talks about being men and women dedicated to worshipping God. Paul hits on so many practical aspects of life – but always undergirded with the truth of the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Let's take these weeks during the summer and re-learn the important truths of body-life in the church. God can use a healthy functioning church full of His people, gathering together to do His work, worshipping Him and reaching out in love to our community at large.

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.

Elder Board...



Doesn't it feel really, really good to breathe the fresh air without a mask? And doesn't it feel good to breathe fresh air without the brown, sooty smoke from last September forest fires? Remember? And doesn't it feel wonderful to bask in the atmosphere of our church without the pollution of gossip? Gossip chokes relationships and makes a church family feel like it is not really a family. And that is the 3rd letter in our W-I-N-motto: N-Never Gossip.

What does that mean, Never Gossip? It is more than just

refraining from talking about a person who is not present. Gossip has an element of pride and an element of judgement built into it. Jesus warned against both. Never Gossip means directly engaging with the subject person to get the facts, confront the issues, or get permission to speak about them, if necessary. Never Gossip means respecting all persons and valuing their worth in Christ. Never Gossip means giving the benefit of the doubt.

Never Gossip means being a gossip killer. It is not enough

just to avoid gossiping. We must call it out when we hear it and lovingly speak against it. That is what loving families do. It is so good to breathe in unpolluted air. This is why our church feels so good. We can breathe freely and interact with others in trust and freedom. Thank you for keeping the "air" in our church pure!

Rich Dominick
Elder Board Chairman

Finance Commission...

May 2021 – General Fund Giving:	\$57,997.25
May 2021 – General Fund Budget:	\$49,873.50
May 2021 YTD income/expenses:	\$86,824.04

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

May - \$2,670

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



Youth Pastor...

It might have been really hot, but I still love summertime and the different adventures it brings! ☺

Looking backwards into late June, Middle School Summer Camp was a great experience. It was my first time attending as the speaker. I was able to share from Philip-
pians 2 and emphasized the importance of having unity with other Christian believers. It is my prayer that God will use this camp experience to grow their connection to God and Jesus.

July will be a busy month but most of the time will be spent

away from our church in Salem. July 6th – 8 will be Junior Camp where I'll go and participate as a counselor, lending extra hands wherever needed. Then a few days later I'll head back to counsel at High School Camp, something that I missed participating in at Middle School Camp. We'll wrap up July with a beach trip with stops near Florence and Newport.

Looking at August, we'll try our luck at a new miniature Golf location. I'm also planning a backpacking trip for some brave Youth Group students, as long as the for-

ests cooperate this year. We'll wrap up our summer fun with some field games played here at the church. These games range from getting wet with water balloons to running around with color powder thrown around.

It's been really nice being able to get outdoors and into the fresh air. Thank you for praying for our safety and for relationships to be formed and strengthened during all of our summer activities!

In His Grip,
Pastor Bobby



"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

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

Women's Ministries...

We are so excited to announce that the new women's ministry team had their first couple of monthly meetings. I thank the Lord for each one of the ladies on the team that answered the Lord's call to serve the other ladies of West Hills. We have prayed and have worked together to set out some goals or objectives for women's ministry as we go forward:

1. INVEST in the women of West Hills – get to know every lady by name, look for opportunities to encourage, support, pray with women in need and foster a personal

desire to know Jesus more intimately and encourage connection with other women in the church.

2. FOLLOW THE CALL TO DISCIPLE (Matthew 28:18-20) – develop a culture of women discipling women - women meeting regularly, sharing life, intentionally helping each other grow closer to Jesus by studying God's Word, encouraging others to be disciple-makers & help foster mentor/mentee relationships.

3. PLANNING WOMEN EVENTS that have JESUS AT THE CENTER – each event is designed to offer women encouragement for spiritual growth and provide opportunities for women to fellowship and spiritual connection.

We chose Philippians 2:1-11 as our ministry's motto. We humbly pray that in unity we can be instruments of Christ's sacrificial love in serving the needs and interests of the women of West Hills.

Adela Waldie
Women's Ministries Director



Worship Pastor...



As I mentioned in my message last month, I love to serve and lead God's people in worship every week. It is a joy, an honor, and a blessing to spend each week in preparation of Sunday's service, but it is also a group effort. There are numerous roles and positions that are vital to the service's presentation, and the Lord has led many of you to join the worship team and serve on Sundays. I am thankful for each one of you who give of your time and talents each week whether on the platform or in the tech

booth. We are a team that works together to worship the Lord and support the church in our service. Nevertheless, we are always looking for others to join our team and share the tasks that make Sunday mornings happen. This summer is an excellent opportunity to train as an audio tech for the worship team. We are in the process of upgrading our audio mixer, and we will be training throughout the summer. I am so grateful for Dave Kirkpatrick's help in installing and programming/patching our

new equipment. We also have openings for computer/video operators on the tech team. If you are curious about what happens behind the scenes, please contact me at the church office. Once again, thank you to all who are already helping on the worship team. I thank God for you and pray for His blessings on you this summer.

Greg Denney

Children's Ministries...



On July 9th, we're having a backyard campout on the church lawn! Bring your tents and chairs for a fun evening of outdoor games, smores and worship around the fire, and a devotional before bedtime. In the morning, we'll have a simple breakfast before heading home. Later this summer, we're having a group event at Get Air on August 9th (time to be announced) and an outdoor movie night on September 3rd at 8pm! I'm so excited to see everyone!

Our nursery is officially open! Now we have Children's Ministries classes available for all ages on Sunday mornings during our 10:45am worship service. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who give their time and hearts to love on our kids!

In Kids Church, we've been talking about the cost of following Christ. Praise God that His gift of salvation is free, but sometimes our faith does cost us something. We need to count the cost when we follow God because we don't want to lose our faith when

hard times come or when we need to choose between our faith and other things. I asked the kids to write down what they would be willing to give up in order to follow Christ and they wrote down things like possessions, time, and being liked. Many of them wrote that they would be willing to give up everything for Christ! I am so blessed to teach these kids and they are a blessing to me!

Have a blessed summer!
McKenzie O'Neil

Children's Ministries Summertime Fun-time!

- **August 9: Group Jump at Get Air Trampoline Park. Time TBA.**
- **September 3: Outdoor Movie Night at West Hills. 8PM to 10PM.**

Drive up or bring chairs/blankets. Popcorn provided!



Standing Together as God's Household

A study of the book of 1 Timothy – Summer 2021

11-Jul	"Household Harvest"
18-Jul	"Keeping The Main Thing The Main Thing"
25-Jul	"Transformed People Make Loving Churches"
1-Aug	"Powerful Prayers For The Lost And Hurting"
8-Aug	"Wonderful Women Worshipers"
15-Aug	"Looking For A Few Good Men"
22-Aug	"Elders and Deacons - Ready to Serve"
29-Aug	"From Top To Bottom, We're All Called To Serve"
5-Sep	"Putting Our Religion Into Practice"
12-Sep	"Fight the Good Fight of the Faith"

Birthdays & Anniversaries...

July Birthdays

JAMESON, Jackie	07/03
ADAMS, Benjamin	07/07
IMPLOM, Bill	07/07
DUVAL, Christine	07/09
HOLMSTROM, Millie	07/09
WILLEMS, Kaden	07/13
LILJEQUIST, Eric	07/16
ROEHL, Toni	07/16
BRUMFIELD, Todd	07/17
DYKES, Claire	07/19
MERRITT, Linda	07/19
BATHURST, Lynn	07/20
O'CONNELL, Karen	07/20
BRUMFIELD, Joshua	07/21
GANDARO, Angela	07/21
CASTLE, Joy	07/24
NAGEL, Scott	07/26
ALDRICH, Kimberly	07/28
LOWNSBERY, Elliott	07/28
FENN, Breanna	07/30
THOMPSON, Tom	07/31

August Birthdays

LEGETT, Curt	08/01
MCNALL, Michele	08/01
ROWAT, Larry	08/01
BUECHNER, Robert	08/02
LINERUD, Corey	08/02
GLAD, Joe	08/03
DUVAL, Aiden (Sam)	08/11
MCMILLAN, Joyce	08/11
NAGEL, Joyce	08/11
BUECHNER, Sherry	08/13
DENNEY, Greg	08/15
MCNINCH, Ron	08/15
ADAMS, Karen	08/19
JONES, Leta	08/19
SCHNEDLER, Paul	08/19
WALDIE, Jeremy	08/19
NIGHTINGALE, Jo	08/20
ELMER, Marcus	08/22
GLAD, Melissa	08/22
REINHART, Kristin	08/23
DENNEY, Andrew	08/25
CAMPBELL, Darrin	08/26
ROBERTS, Susan	08/27
FINK, Phyllis	08/30

July Anniversaries

BRUMFIELD, Todd & Julie	07/12
FINK, Tom & Melina	07/15
WEBER, John & Sharyl	07/19
NOYES, Rick & Janet	07/23
O'CONNELL, Michael & Karen	07/27
THOMPSON, Tom & Kristin	07/27
CRIVCEAG, Sorin & Laura	07/28

August Anniversaries

TORRES, Pam & David	08/01
LINERUD, Rory & Kim Shubin	08/06
IIAMS, Doug & Pat	08/07
BRADLEY, Scott & Tiffanie	08/10
KUYKENDALL, Dan & Shelley	08/13
NIGHTINGALE, Lowell & Jo	08/16
NIBLOCK, Mike & Lisa	08/23
REINHART, Tod & Kristin	08/26





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

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

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

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