

## Our Service Today

The relationship between humanity and God has never been an easy one. Most of us find that when God calls our name, it meets some resistance within. There may even be a wrestling match of sorts, a storm that precipitates an encounter. It is hard to let go and trust him as we are so used to running our lives our own way. It's easier to do the predictable than to trust in what is not seen. But when we let go and give God his place we find not only that God really exists, not only that he blesses and upholds us, but we find life eternal.

Are there areas you have been struggling with God recently? Perhaps you have never given Jesus his proper place and have been happy to view him from a safe distance? At some point, like Peter in the text we are reading today, you'll need to get out of the boat and begin to walk in faith. It will be a step that requires courage, but without it, you will not discover the reality of God. Life will remain a patchwork of tasks accomplished but the invisible world of God's grace and love will escape you. If you hear God's voice today, will you listen and obey? It's scary to be sure, but countless millions have done so before you, and you'll discover an amazing thing: that God is more than a word, and that he sees you and loves you.

Here at West Side we believe everyone has a next step, so as you worship today, consider the following as potential next steps for you:

**I will give Jesus his full place in that one particular area in which I am struggling and get the help I need.**

**I will attend the family BBQ Picnic (Sept. 13) to kick-off Fall Wednesdays@ West Side.**

**I would like to come to the Alpha Introductory Dinner (Sept. 19).**

**I intend to invite a guest to the Alpha Introductory Dinner and join them.**

**I will come to the Congregational Meeting (Sept. 24).**

These next steps are also the same as the next steps on the connection card so that you can take a copy home with you.



### Are you missing something?

Fall is almost here, and we are trying to reunite leftover items in the church kitchens to their rightful owners. Are you missing your favorite coffee mug? Did you leave a cooler or tupperware or platters at a church event? Please come and claim your lost items now in the kitchens (check both buildings) - whatever remains will be donated to Goodwill starting tomorrow, Sept. 11.

### Annual Women's Crafting Retreat at Ingalls Creek

**Enrichment Center (ICE) - Oct. 12-15.** If you have never been to ICE, it is a lovely retreat center in the Cascade Mountains, about 20 miles from Leavenworth ([www.ingalls creek.org](http://www.ingalls creek.org)). This weekend is designed as a casual get-away for those who like to sew, quilt, scrap-book, knit, or do any other craft. There is no agenda, and everyone brings their own projects and supplies. But the location is so beautiful that it is also a great place if you just want a quiet weekend away with other women. **Meals:** Each person provides their own breakfasts. We will form groups to provide lunches and suppers. Everyone will be on a team that plans, prepares, and cleans up for one meal. **Sleeping:** There are two types of sleeping accommodations. There are bunk beds in two dorm rooms, each with a half-bath. There are also two suites - each has a queen bed and a bunk bed and its own full bathroom (there is an extra cost for the suites). All the beds are upstairs and there are bathrooms and showers downstairs. **The cost for 2-night retreat for the Dorm Rooms** (Fri. & Sat. nights) will depend on the number of participants. For example: 16 women = \$54 for the weekend, 11 women = \$78 for the weekend. **Optional 3rd night** (Thurs.) \$25 per person. This retreat is not limited to just West Siders. Please invite your neighbor, friend, or relative to join you. Space is limited to 16 women, so reserve your spot today (registration ends Sept. 28) - contact Sandra Critchlow (509.528.0024 or [sandra@snscriitchlow.com](mailto:sandra@snscriitchlow.com)).



## Prayers This Week

**West Sider ::** Dan Kieneker

**West Side Ministry ::** The Alpha Program

**Mali Children ::** Kaffoune and Diarawele

**Local Church ::** First Baptist Church, Finley

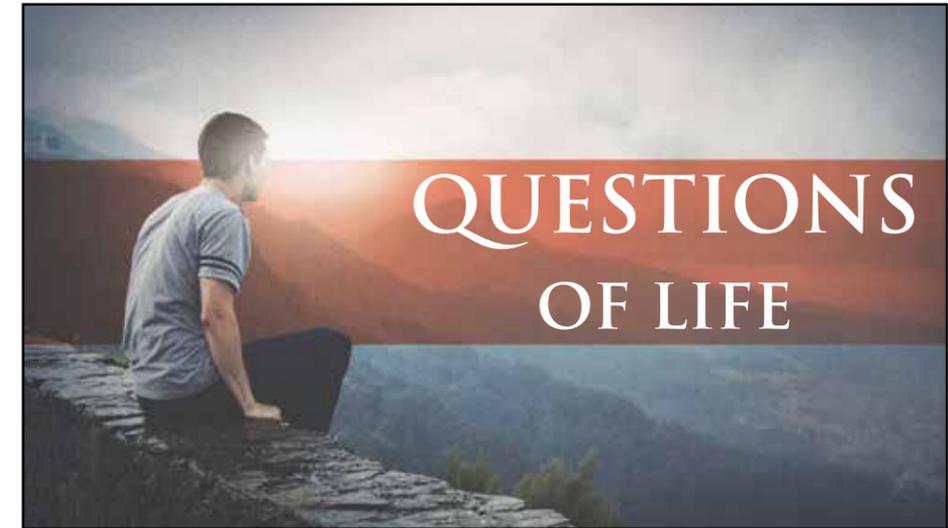
**Additional Concerns ::** Robert & Margaret Storms, Harvey Huisingh, Roger Johnson, Carrie Ward, The Family of Carolina Bullard

**In Military Service ::** Guam-Jared Hoey; North Carolina-Adam Hardy; California-Sam Erhart, Devin Glade; Washington-Matt Serene

This week we are praying for Steve and Mayen Cadd, now in Dubai. They recently wrote: *"This afternoon we leave the little studio apartment where we've been staying and we board a Philippine Airlines flight that will land in Dubai on Sept. 5 at about 3:30 am. We will be staying at friends' apartment for the first two weeks while they are on holiday. We are so grateful for the people that God has put in our lives at just the right time. I've been in touch with the leaders at the Oasis Hospital and they are waiting to sit down with us and plan the way forward for the movie project. Please pray that our entry will be smooth, that we will be able to change our visa status quickly and get all of the right permits to work there. Pray especially that God will provide a nice place to live with a guest room so we can host our many friends who have said they want to come and visit us."*

**Note:** If you are admitted into the hospital, the Deacons would like to call on you. Please list "Presbyterian" on the admittance form and notify the Church Office (946.4656).

For private prayers throughout the week, contact the Prayer Chain: Go to [www.westside1.org](http://www.westside1.org) and click the Prayer Request button (upper right-hand corner); or call Danni DeYoung (509.546.3959), the Church Office (509.946.4656), or Ann Forsythe (509.371.9630). To be included in Additional Concerns or In Military Service, contact the Church Office (946.4656).



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September 10, 2017 8:15 & 9:45 am

[www.westside1.org](http://www.westside1.org)

## Welcome to West Side Church

Welcome! We're glad you're joining with us for worship today! We believe that God loves us and calls us into life marked by love for Him and love for one another. It is our hope that you will be drawn towards knowing His love given to us in Jesus Christ. We also hope that you will experience His love through our church family. If there is anything we can do to help facilitate your worship of God, please ask.

Blessing in Christ, *The Family of West Side Church*

### Information for Parents:

- Worship Activity Bags for children are available in each narthex.
- Child care is available for children (infants through age 5) at each worship service in the Infant/Toddler Room (WSN).
- Cry rooms are available at the rear of the sanctuary at West Side South and in the foyer at West Side North.

## What's Happening Today

**Contemporary Services** :: 8:15 & 9:45 am, West Side South (WSS)

**Traditional Service** :: 11:15 am, West Side South (WSS)

### Sunday Morning Discipleship: 9:45-11:00 am

#### CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Rainbow Kids**  
Ages 2-PK - WSN  
2's-3's - Rainbow Rm  
PreK - Sunshine Rm

**Promised Land**  
Kids Gr. K-5  
WSN  
Holy Word Studios

**Youth**  
MS-Gr. 6-8  
HS-Gr. 9-12  
WSS Basement

#### ADULTS (see Fall Adult Christian Growth brochure for complete descriptions)

**Women of the Word:**  
"The Broken Way"  
WSN Room 2-4 (Library)

**Bible Study:**  
Judges & Ruth  
WSS Room 306 (Upper Rm)

**GAP: Get Acquainted Place**  
Experience Christian Community  
WSS Room 302

### Special Events

**Produce Table.** Check out the fresh produce in WSN Narthex from our local gardens. Your donations will go towards West Side Preschool scholarships for neighborhood kids and the Marcus Whitman Tutoring Program. Please give generously to support these wonderful causes.

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal** 3:30 pm, WSN Room 18-20. Interested? Contact Debbie Mellinger (509.375.1389).

**HS (gr 9-12) Life Group Kick-off** 6:00 pm, Ben Downey's house (2019 Newhaven Lp-Richland). All High School students are invited to eat snacks, play some games, share some vision and expectations for Life Groups this year, and spend time praying with and for each other.

## Church Calendar: September 11 - 16, 2017

### Monday

- 12:00 pm P2P-Person to Person Lunch, WSN Narthex  
6:45 pm Boy Scouts Troop Meeting, WSN Narthex/Sanctuary/Cafe/HW Studios

### Tuesday

- 9:00 am Church Staff Meeting, WSN Church Office  
5:30 pm Trainee Committee Meeting, WSN Room 15-17  
6:30 pm Alpha Team Training, WSN Koinonia Café/Room 2-4 (Library)  
6:00 pm ESL/Citizenship Classes, WSS-all rooms

### Wednesday

- 10:15 am Moms in Prayer Group, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)  
11:30 am Ladies' Sarah Circle Potluck Lunch & Program, WSN Narthex  
11:30 am Men's Sarah Squares Lunch, Sterlings (2500 Queensgate Dr-Richland)  
5:15 pm Family BBQ Picnic for Fall Wednesdays@West Side, WSN Sanctuary

### Thursday

- 1:00 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting, WSN Room 15-17  
6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Choir Fellowship & Rehearsal, WSS Room 306  
6:30 pm Alpha Prison Ministry, Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (Connell)  
6:30 pm Missions Prayer Meeting, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)  
6:30 pm MS (gr 6-8) Life Group, the Baldwin's house (2300 Davison Ave-Richland)  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, WSN Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal, WSS Sanctuary

### Friday

- 5:30 am Pure Desire: For Men Only, WSN Room 47  
12:00 pm Faith Parish Nursing Meeting, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)  
6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous-Step Monsters Group, WSN Room 15-17

### Saturday

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, WSN Koinonia Café  
8:00 am Fall All-Church Clean-up, meet at WSN Narthex  
6:00 pm Chick Flicks: "Mansfield Park", WSS Room 306

WSN = West Side North, 615 Wright Ave

WSS = West Side South, 603 Wright Ave

### Fall Wed@West Side Kickoff - Sept. 13, 5:15-7:30 pm, WSN



What better way to kick-off the fall session of Wednesdays@West Side than to come together for a delicious family BBQ picnic and FUN jump houses! Childcare will not be offered

so families can enjoy the evening together.

Classes for all ages will run Sept. 20-Nov. 15 (excluding Oct. 11 - Worship in the Round). Wednesdays@West Side is an opportunity for you to meet and share a meal and fellowship with West Siders of all ages. Following the meal, there are children, youth, and adult Christian Growth classes and activities to participate in (childcare is also provided). Dinner is from 5:15-6:00 pm in WSN Sanctuary and discipleship activities are from 6:00-7:30 pm.

[See Fall Wednesdays@West Side brochure for complete details.]



## Events in the Life of the Church

Additional information available on the Information Boards in either narthex or at [www.westside1.org](http://www.westside1.org).

**Senior Adult Ministry.** P2P-Person to Person lunch Mon., Sept. 11 and 25, 12:00 pm, WSN Narthex. Join us for a homemade lunch and lots of fellowship and laughs.

**Women's Ministry.** Sarah Circle potluck lunch Wed., Sept. 13, 11:30 am, WSN Narthex. Bring your favorite dish (remember-no nuts) to share and hear Jack Williams, counselor at Marcus Whitman Elementary, share about our partnership with them. We will also be collecting school supplies. If you need childcare, please contact Carol (217.508.3073). Chick Flicks Sat., Sept. 16, 6:00 pm, WSS Room 105. There's nothing better than a good dessert with friends and a great movie. Invite your friends to watch Jane Austen's "Mansfield Park".

**Men's Ministry.** Sarah Squares, spouses of Sarah Circle ladies, lunch Wed., Sept. 13, 11:30 am, Sterlings Restaurant (2500 Queensgate Dr.-Richland).

**Contemporary Worship Choir.** Come join us this fall in our Contemporary Worship Choir. Our first fellowship and rehearsal will be this Thurs., Sept. 14, 6:30 pm, WSS Room 306. Interested in more details? Email Patrick Smith ([psmith@westside1.org](mailto:psmith@westside1.org)).

**Finance Committee.** Financial data: Jan. 1, 2017 Beginning Balance \$28,610; 2017 Year to Date Income \$620,396; 2017 Year to Date Expenses \$626,379; Ending Balance July 31, 2017 \$22,627.

### All-Church Fall Clean-up - Sat., Sept. 16, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Join us as we clean-up our church facilities - all who are able and willing to help, from the small to the tall, are welcome. We'll be weeding, removing grass and putting down bark, installing new exterior lights, washing entry mats and walls, cleaning out courtyard gutters, replacing batteries in smoke detectors and thermostats, and other miscellaneous jobs. Bring your gloves, kneeling pad, loppers, shovel, or trowel (if you have them). We'll have coffee, snacks, and water and materials will be provided for each project. Come with a "can do" attitude and help us spruce up our Church! Questions? Contact Susan Carbaugh (509.946.0504).



### Congregational Meeting - Sept. 24



There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sun., Sept. 24, immediately following the 11:15 am service (approx. 12:30 pm) in WSN Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is two-fold:

- 1 - To take action on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to elect Jeanne Hultgrenn as Elder of Missions, and
- 2 - To take action on Rev. Dan Wodrich's request and call to dissolve the pastoral relationship with West Side Church. Please mark your calendars now for this special meeting.

### Ministry Staff

Rev. Ralph Kienecker :: Lead Pastor  
Rev. Dan Wodrich :: Associate Pastor-Christian Growth and Service Ministries  
Patrick Grover :: Associate Pastor/Director-Children & Family Ministries  
Rev. Shari Grover :: Associate Director-Children & Family Ministries  
Ben Downey :: Director-Youth & Family Ministries  
Rev. Karel Coppock :: Alpha Outreach, Prison, and Missions Ministries  
John Lipp :: Lay Pastor Emeritus of Care  
Patrick Smith :: Director-Worship & Music Ministries  
Brenda Welsch :: Director-Adult Choir

**Church Office Hours :: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm**