

Our Service Today

We come into the world helpless. We take longer than any other creature to mature into adulthood. We need family, friends, and a church family to fully flourish in God's great plans for us. The process of growing up is not just physical and emotional, but it is also Spiritual. Spiritual maturation is similar to physical maturation, but it is also different. It is God's work, but it also takes our participation. It is possible for any Christian to stay stuck in Spiritual infancy.

Today we are going to look at one of many passages (**Hebrews 5:11 – 6:3**) that encourages us to grow up into maturity. No one this side of resurrection will ever reach full maturity in Christ, but this is never an excuse to not continue to pursue growing up in Christ. The call to grow is a call to go deeper into relationship with Jesus. In practice, God is conforming us to the image and likeness of Jesus. The result of growth is a flourishing life—where we live under God's blessings. It all sounds great, but character transformation is painful and difficult. As we come into worship this morning, it is helpful to remember the pioneer of our salvation who was made perfect through suffering.

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:

- To start growing up in my faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- To make a six month commitment to a specific holy habit that will help me grow up in Christ.
- To consider coming to Wednesdays@West Side for a potluck dinner, fellowship, and classes for all ages (Jan. 17).

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.

January Sermon Series

... the little changes that

Sometimes small changes that we make over time make the biggest difference in our lives. Following Jesus is about growing into a new way of living, where we learn to make shifts in what we do, how we see, and what we value. This January, we are going to look at four choices that if we turn into habits have the power to lead us into life with Jesus that becomes the "life that is really life" that Jesus promised us in the Gospel.

- Jan. 7** - From Me To God
Isaiah 6:1-8
- Jan. 14** - From Spiritual Infancy To Spiritual Adulthood
Ephesians 4:11-15
- Jan. 21** - From Rushing To Rest
Isaiah 30:15; Exodus 20:8-11
- Jan. 28** - From Snacking To Feasting
2 Timothy 3:16-17



Prayers This Week

West Sider :: Margaret Mace
West Side Ministry :: Christian Growth Committee
Mali Children :: Seba and Madje
Local Church :: Lutheran Church of the Master, Pasco
Additional Concerns :: Robert & Margaret Storms, Harvey Huisingsh, Roger Johnson, Lil Leggett, Drew Kachele, Katy Schlahta, Carolyn Oster, Taylor (great-grandson of Joe & Laura Engel), The Family of Gary Bush, The Family of Carolina Bullard, The Family of Patricia Muñoz
In Military Service :: North Carolina-Mike Parkman; South Carolina-Adam Hardy; Nevada-Jared Hoey; California-Sam & Charina Erhart, Devin Glade; Washington-Matt Serene

This week we are praying for Todd and Karla Poulter working with Wycliffe Global Alliance in Hawaii. Todd recently wrote: *"I'm working with a great facilitation team preparing for a gathering of 15 leaders in Germany in April: David in Colombia, Angelika in Germany, Hannes in Switzerland, and Wairimu (why-REE-moo) in Kenya. The problem is trying to organize a conference call since Hawaii is at the end of the world when it comes to time zones. So our call this week starts at 1:30 am Hawaii time in order to catch Wairimu before she leaves the office that afternoon in Nairobi. I'm a morning person, but I'm not usually my best at that time in the morning. Would you pray that we'll work well together at this distance and make wise plans for this upcoming time with leaders?"*

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 (509.946.4656).

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



January 14, 2018 8:15 & 9:45 am

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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 North (WSN)

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Ages 2-K - WSN
"Rainbow Kids"
2's-3's - Rainbow Rm
PreK-K - Sonshine Rm

Kids Gr. 1-5
"Promised Land"
WSN
Holy Word Studios

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

ADULTS (see Information Boards for complete descriptions)

GAP-Get Acquainted Place WSN Room 7



Jan Term 2018
Today's Class: Ignite Youth Mentoring
Facilitator: Sheila Bader
WSS 306 (Upper Room)

Special Events

Christmas Cards. Have you checked the Christmas Card Mailbox in WSN Narthex to see if you've got mail? The mailbox will close **TODAY**.

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

Church Calendar: January 15 - 20, 2018

Monday - Martin Luther King Jr Day

No West Side Preschool classes

6:30 pm Women's Softening Hearts Life Group, Betty Malone's house (Richland)

Tuesday

5:30 am Pure Desire: Breakthrough & Break Free-For Men Only, WSN Room 47

7:30 am Marcus Whitman Elementary Tutoring, WSS Narthex/Room 306

9:00 am Church Staff Meeting, WSN Church Office

6:30 pm Deacons Meeting, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)

6:30 pm ESL/Citizenship Classes, WSS-all rooms

6:30 pm TAG Meeting, WSN Room 15-17

Wednesday

8:30 am Coffee with the Bible, WSN Sanctuary

10:15 am Moms in Prayer Group, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)

5:15 pm Wed@West Side: Potluck Dinner (Pizza), WSN Sanctuary

6:00 pm Wed@West Side: Classes for All Ages, WSN/WSS

Thursday

7:30 am Marcus Whitman Elementary Tutoring, WSS Narthex/Room 306

9:00 am Women's Morning Glory Bible Study, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)

6:30 pm Alpha Prison Ministry, Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (Connell)

6:30 pm MS (gr 6-8) Life Group, the Baldwin's house (Richland)

7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal, WSS Sanctuary

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, WSN Sanctuary

Friday

12:00 pm Faith Parish Nursing Meeting, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)

6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous-Step Monsters Group, WSN Room 15-17

7:00 pm Iglesia de Cristo Avivamiento-MLLE, WSS Room 306

Saturday

7:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, WSN Koinonia Café

5:00 pm Exchange Student Potluck Dinner, WSS Room 306

WSN = West Side North, 615 Wright Ave

WSS = West Side South, 603 Wright Ave

Do you have unused electronic devices?

Tyler and Rochelle Holm in Malawi (Africa) are working with a Lay Ministry Training Center which has started an e-book ministry. This new ministry is trying to get electronic resources where theological books are hardest and least likely to reach.

Do you or someone you know have a gently-used Kindle, tablet or e-reader that you would like to donate to this program? Please contact Tyler or Rochelle (tyler@tylerholm.com or rochelledh@hotmail.com). They will help you clean off your personal data and give you instructions on how to mail it to this important and growing program.



Events in the Life of the Church

Additional information available on the Information Boards in either narthex or at www.westside1.org.

Coffee with the Bible Wednesdays, 8:30-10:00 am, WSN Sanctuary. Please join us for a time of fellowship, learning and praying.

Senior Adult Ministry. P2P-Person to Person lunch Mon., Jan. 22, 12:00 pm, WSN Narthex. Join us for a homemade lunch and lots of fellowship and laughs.

Compassionate Caregivers Support Group Thurs., Jan. 25, 10:30-11:30 am, WSN Room 2-4 (Library). Please join us if you are the full-time caregiver of a loved one or the relative of a loved one with Alzheimer's or other Dementia OR if you care for a loved one with a chronic, debilitating disease and need "a break" from the chores and care you provide. This is a safe place to learn, share your thoughts, and express your feelings with others in complete confidence. Questions? Contact Jan Jacobson or Bev Baird.

Finance Committee. Financial data: Jan. 1, 2017 Beginning Balance \$28,610; 2017 Year to Date Income \$959,142; 2017 Year to Date Expenses \$989,602; Ending Balance Nov. 30, 2017 -\$1,850.

Visiting Missionary Opportunities this Month: The Hernandez's

Enoc and Cristina Hernandez, who work with Open Arms Ministry in Medellin, Columbia, will be sharing the joy of their ministry with us on Sun., Jan. 21, at all worship services (8:15, 9:45, 11:15 am) as well as at a luncheon at 12:45 in WSN Narthex where you can meet them up close and personal.

The Hernandez's will also be speaking on Tues., Jan. 23, 5:00 pm, WSN Room 2-4 (Library) for anyone interested in the short term mission trip to Columbia in June.

Want to hear more about Open Arms Ministry and experience authentic dessert from Columbia? Then join us Fri., Jan. 19, 6:30 pm, at Dan and Jeanne Hultgren's house. Enoc and Cristina will also be talking about inner city ministry to families and street children in Medellin and their work specifically with family restoration, addiction, and recovery through Open Arms Ministry. Please RSVP to 509.545.1523.



MARK YOUR Calendar
SUN., JAN. 28, 12:30 PM
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Ministry Staff

Rev. Ralph Kieneker :: Lead Pastor
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, Service 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