



WESTERN SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH
THE VILLAGE CHURCH

March 22, 2020

You Cannot Be Stopped
King of Kings

Prayer

Turn Your Eyes

Sermon

Prosperity Reconsidered
Genesis 30:25-31:16
Pastor Dean Monkemeier

Great Is thy Faithfulness

WELCOME
TO DISCOVER CHRIST AND DISPLAY HIS TRANSFORMING POWER

SERMON NOTES

Prosperity Reconsidered

Genesis 30:25 – 31:16

If you are prosperous in material wealth it is a blessing from God.

1. We must never let wealth bind us to this world.
2. We must never let wealth be the source of our self-esteem.
3. We must never let wealth keep us from hearing God.



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This spring we celebrate one year in our new roles with Young Life Costa Rica (YL CR). In 2019, YL CR underwent significant restructuring to help facilitate future growth and strengthen its leadership framework. We were invited to leave our university-focused work to join the YL CR national leadership team as Metro Area Directors.



We are now supervising 60+ leaders across four areas, which include high school, university, and teen mom clubs and reach more than 1,100 kids each year.

Our current goals are to continue to grow the leadership team, expand into more at-risk communities, open a focused club to reach teens with disabilities, and to impact even more youth across our metro area.

We are incredibly thankful that our first camping season of 2020 was unaffected by COVID-19. Teens were able to experience genuine joy and hear about Jesus' love for them during two high school outreach camps, a follow-up camp, and our Young Lives (teen moms and their babies) camp. We are facing uncharted territory and unique challenges as we navigate this season. Even though this virus has the potential to greatly impact the way we do ministry this year, we put our hope in Jesus and trust that He is in control. While we have had to cancel or modify our activities, we are capitalizing on the opportunity to be creative in the ways we share the hope of Jesus with adolescents in this uncertain time.

Our precious little boy, Ezekiel James, is four-months old and has been the most joyful blessing. He is already a vital part of our ministry in Costa Rica. He has been to a Young Life conference, outreach Clubs, and even a YL camp, and he has many Costa Rican "tías y tíos" (aunts and uncles) who love him well.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue on this journey! Please join us in **praying** for wisdom and discernment as we navigate the realities of COVID-19 and also for God to raise up two additional area directors to join our team. ¡Muchas gracias!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for articles and announcements for the **April VOICE** is **9AM on Monday, March 23.**

Following the mandate of the CDC and the directive of President Trump that we not gather in groups larger than ten people, it is clear that we cannot and should not meet together in coming days. Therefore, we are cancelling all meetings and activities here at the church until further notice.

We also encourage you to minister to one another and to your neighbors. Let others know of the love of Christ and the support of the body of believers. As Paul says, “shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life,” (Phil. 2:15-16).

The **Diaconate Committee** is offering to shop for any in our church family that are ill and shouldn't be going out to get groceries. Make a list and someone will get your groceries and bring them to your home. We'll call and let you know when they are at your door... so you can bring them inside. This is the safest way to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Please include your name, address and phone number. Email your list to: tds9334@sbcglobal.net.

villagelife Core Class will no longer be able to gather for lectures on Sunday mornings, all content will continue as planned throughout the semester. By Friday March 20, we will have new lessons uploaded to the Core Class Audio page, along with downloadable note pages. You can find the audio page [here](#), or by typing <https://wsbc.info/core-class/> into your url. To be added to the Core Class email list, or to receive a printed copy of lecture notes in your church mailbox, please email Timothy Abbatacola at timothy@wsbc.info.

FINANCIAL

For 5 Months Ending 2/29/20	Actual Giving	Actual Expenses	Budget
General	\$379,100	\$351,300	\$344,600
Missions	\$121,200	\$68,600	\$131,500