



WSBC welcomes both the “scattered” and the “gathered” church to remain connected and active. Thank you for your complete cooperation, patience and grace given as you personally prepare to gather at WSBC each week.

**What to expect at WSBC.**

As a result of the pandemic (COVID-19), it is necessary to make some changes in how we are used to gathering for worship. We must be intentional in providing reasonable guidelines and precautions for the good of your neighbors who attend and participate in our worship services. As such:

- Please monitor your (and your family members’) **health and temperature** and sanitize your hands before attending an on-site WSBC worship service.
- **Please stay home** - if you are sick, if you (or any family member) have a fever, if you have recently tested positive for COVID-19 with or without symptoms, or if you have had any close contact with a person who has been confirmed, suspected or is symptomatic of COVID-19.
- Plan to **arrive early** on Sunday mornings as doors will open 20 minutes before service times. (Service times are 9 and 11AM).
- Please **wear your own mask** while at WSBC.
- Please observe and maintain all **social distancing (6 feet)**, in the sanctuary *but also while coming and going*. Please, distance 6 feet from others, refrain from handshakes and hugs, avoid fellowshiping in hallways and the narthex, and minimize touching all surfaces.
- Help us accommodate both services. Please, do not linger in the sanctuary or narthex. **Fellowship with friends and family outside the building** along 45<sup>th</sup> Street and then walk around the church to the parking lot, bank or wherever you parked your vehicle.

*A Christmas Resolution*  
Titus 2:11-14

*Christmas is the time for resolutions  
because real change is possible if we focus on Christ.*

The motivation of the past grace of Christ.

The motivation of the future glory of Christ.

The motivation of the present gift of Christ.

*Once in Royal David’s City*

**Call to Worship**

*I Saw Three Ships*

*What Child is This?*

**Sermon**

*A Christmas Resolution*  
Titus 2:11-14  
Pastor Dean Monkemeier

*Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Angels we Have Heard on High*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Online Worship Options:

<https://wsbc.info/online-stream/>

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/WSBCVillageChurch](http://www.facebook.com/WSBCVillageChurch)

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/wsbcvillagechurch>

**Freshman Student of the Week** is **Ben Wolf**, Moody Bible Institute.

**The church's maintenance custodian is on vacation through Sunday, January 3. Please be prepared to manage your own set up for your events during this time. Thank you.**

**2020 Year End Gifts.** As the calendar year draws to an end, please note:

For donations to be included in the 2020 calendar year, all gifts need to be postmarked on or before December 31, 2020. When bringing your donation to the church, it needs to be received in the church office by noon on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

**PRAYER WEEK 2021: January 4-10.** Please mark your calendar and set some reminders to gather and pray with us as we step into a new year.

**Monday, January 4, 8PM:** Women's Prayer on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82189085852?pwd=VWIKVVdmdktsYmExYlZqOGhmb2lUZz09>

**Tuesday, January 5, 10AM:** Women's Prayer in-person (Fireside Room) and Zoom hybrid led by Bri Hueber and Jean Dukes. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82189085852?pwd=VWIKVVdmdktsYmExYlZqOGhmb2lUZz09>

**Wednesday, January 6, 7AM:** Men's Prayer on Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81507012520?pwd=WUp6T3FHVGZmdEdpN0xiU3hlcDkwdz09>

**Wednesday, January 6, 7PM:** All Church Prayer @WSBC (Sanctuary).

**Thursday, January 7, 7PM:** Pray for Missions @WSBC (room to be determined).

**Sunday, January 10, 5PM:** All Church Prayer @WSBC (Sanctuary and multiple other rooms).

**Ladies Bible Study at 7PM** beginning **Tuesday, January 12.** The Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study will continue to meet via **ZOOM**, using Elizabeth George's study on Acts *Relying on the Power of the Spirit*. For additional information, please contact Linda Peters.

**Women's Life** will be studying the book of Hebrews using Jen Wilkin's ten-week study called *Better*. Together we'll explore how God "provided something better for us" in the person of Jesus Christ. This session begins **Thursday, January 14** from **9-11AM**. The cost is \$15. Signup online ([wsbc.info/womenslife](http://wsbc.info/womenslife)).

# CALENDAR

TODAY 27

9AM Worship  
11AM Worship

THURSDAY 31

MONDAY 28

8PM Women's Prayer on ZOOM

FRIDAY 1

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY 29

8:30AM EMI Men's Group

SATURDAY 2

7AM Daniel Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY 30

9AM Worship Reservations  
accepted for January 3  
[wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP](http://wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP)

SUNDAY 3

9AM Worship  
11AM Worship

# MISSION FOCUS

## INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

This ministry has been supported by WSBC since 2007. Their three key focus areas are:

**Distribution of Bibles and Christian literature at two bookshops.**

**Meeting the spiritual and physical needs of refugees, currently from Syria.**

**Developing and strengthening the faith of hundreds of Christian youth at camp.**

*We believed and still do that we have a big role to play at this time, from sharing a message of hope and encouragement to our brothers and sisters within our circles of ministry and support to using what we have of resources to help as many people as we can during this turbulent time.*

*As for the youth ministry, the Lord has been leading us to various ministry platforms to spread the gospel and extend discipleship to the young generation.*

*These times have been challenging, but it has also accelerated our vision and plans towards virtual leadership training and the youth discipleship programs. We are also using this time to revamp and relaunch our social media outreach channels.*

*We invite you to pray with us as we seek to understand God's purpose and plan for humanity during this difficult time.*

*The almighty and all-powerful God, creator of the world and the nations, we come before you asking in prayer for:*

- \* wisdom and diligence for decision-makers.
- \* comfort for those effected.
- \* healing for the sick
- \* a yearning to God and an openness for the gospel.
- \* the kingdom expansion and growth of all the sown seeds.
- \* grace for families adjusting to new ways of life.
- \* strength for business owners and families facing financial stress.
- \* the rise up of Abba's sons and daughters to shine and others would see and glorify the Father.
- \* surge in our prayer life, with earnest hearts, gearing us up for the part God wants us to play.
- \* minds filled with the kingdom mindset and thoughts that are right, noble, and good.
- \* freedom for those who are trapped and living in fear.
- \* empowerment of those who are working to provide aid to all those in need.
- \* God's Word to reign throughout the region.

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