



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 45th Street and then walk around the church to the parking lot, bank or wherever you parked your vehicle.



To Know Him Better
Ephesians 1:15-23

The essence of Paul’s prayer: that you may know Him better.

The resource: the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The requirement: an enlightened heart.

The requests: to know Him better so that you may know what is...

- the hope of God’s call.
- the glory of God’s inheritance.
- the greatness of God’s power.
 - It worked in Christ’s resurrection from the dead.
 - It worked in Christ’s exaltation to heaven.
 - It worked in Christ’s sovereignty over all things.



Welcome and Community Life
God of Grace and God of Glory

Call to Worship
Fairest Lord Jesus

Sermon
To Know Him Better
Ephesians 1:15-23
Pastor Dean Monkemeier

Exalted Over All
All Hail the King
King of Kings
Jesus Shall Reign

Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Worship Options:

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WSBCVillageChurch

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

Junior Student of the Week is **Kuba Diggory**, Olivet Nazarene University.

Ladies, do you want more from your prayer life? Join us on **Tuesdays** from **9:30-11AM** for this 8-week Bible study: *On Bended Knee* by Crickett Keeth. It examines the prayers of six biblical characters and teaches you how to pray like the prayer warriors who went before you. You'll love studying these scriptural prayers. Please contact Jean Dukes for additional information.

Ladies Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7PM will continue to meet via **ZOOM**. We are discussing the book of Acts, using a study guide book by Elizabeth George. To get your ZOOM invitation and learn how to obtain the book, *Relying on the Power of the Spirit*, please contact Linda Peters.

Women's Life is 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 meets on **Thursdays** from **9-11AM**. The cost is \$15. Register online: wsbc.info/womenslife.

Ladies, join us for *The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows* by James Bryan Smith, on **Thursdays**, from **1:30-3PM**. Turning to the Gospels, Smith invites you to put your ideas to the test to see if they match up with what Jesus himself reveals about God. Please contact Jean Dukes for additional information.

The **Adult Core Class** resumes on **Thursday, January 21** with James Ward kicking off this series. Join us online or in person in the Fireside Room each week beginning at **6:30PM**. If you want to know someone better, then you learn what their interests are. One of the three primary interests of God is justice. When we study the laws that God has provided, we are actually exploring the mind of God. *The Basics of Biblical Justice* will provide the groundwork for such exploration. You may register online: <https://wsbc.info/core-class/>. Please contact Pastor Joel for additional information.

Dear Church Family,

With heavy hearts we want to inform you that we are postponing our marriage ceremony on January 30, 2021. Thank you so much for your support and understanding. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

*God Bless,
Shirlee and Jake*

CALENDAR

TODAY 17

9AM Worship
11AM Worship
6:30PM HSM Youth

THURSDAY 21

6:30AM Galatians Men's Bible Study
9AM Women's Life Hebrews
1:30PM The Good and Beautiful God
6:30PM Biblical Themes Core Class
7PM Missions Committee Meeting
7:30PM Couples/Families Small Group on Google Meet

MONDAY 18

8PM Women's Prayer on ZOOM

FRIDAY 22

7AM Daniel Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY 19

8AM EMI Men's Group
9:30AM On Bended Knee Bible Study
7PM Acts Bible Study on ZOOM

SATURDAY 23

7AM Daniel Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY 20

7AM Men's Prayer on ZOOM
9AM Worship Reservations accepted for January 24
wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP
1:30PM Pray A to Z on the Patio
6:30PM MSM Youth

SUNDAY 24

9AM Worship
11AM Worship
6:30PM Youth HSM

MISSION FOCUS

M AND T

Greetings from East Asia! While we always seem to have lots of news, at this moment we want to share how things are going at the international church where M is the pastor. This small church has a remarkable "open door" (Rev 3:8) here in this city.

In September, our church was able to meet in person for the first time in almost eight months. At that time, we were one of the few international churches meeting in person—the larger ones have had difficulty finding venues. As a result, many members of these other churches that were only able to meet online began to join us. We decided to encourage them to remain faithful to their churches while welcoming them for the occasional refreshment of in-person worship and fellowship. God used this situation to help us to engage more with other international churches here, building up the broader community of Christ-followers. Having a greater variety of believers attend our church has also been challenging but enriching—we have tongue-speaking charismatics worshipping next to liturgical Presbyterians (and lots in between). We also were able to be a church home for some of those who had come to Christ during the darkest days of the pandemic but had not yet been able to find a church.

As we were about to out-grow our venue, we began talking about what it would mean to plant a new church in order for our meeting to remain a safe size. Then, in mid-December, a new outbreak of covid-19 hit the city, and we had to return to online meetings. As I am sure you can understand all-too-well, it is challenging to be unable to meet again. Please **pray** that this season will not last too long and that God will grow his church even during this difficult time.

Thank you for your prayers for our family. We are all healthy and the kids are doing well. They have made friends with a variety of international kids in our neighborhood. While we have been unable to travel, we have tried to enjoy what our city has to offer, visiting a few outdoor parks and historical sites this past year. Our picture is from a hike we did on New Year's morning.



We miss all of you but are experiencing God's blessing and provision here. Praying for an abundant experience of God's blessing in this season for all of you.