



WSBC welcomes you to gather for worship as the church each Sunday.

Thank you for your ongoing participation and preparation to gather at WSBC or online each week.

As we take steps forward together through this COVID-19 pandemic world, we ask that you mindfully follow these guidelines:

- **Please make an RSVP each week.** wsbc.info/worshippersvp
- **Please monitor your health** and the health of any family members who will be attending with you.
- **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**; 10-15 minutes before service times. (Service Times are 9:00 and 11:00AM)
- Please **wear your own mask at all times while at WSBC** ... especially while singing.
- Please **sanitize your hands regularly** (especially upon entering and exiting the Sanctuary) and minimize touching all surfaces while at WSBC.
- Please **practice social distancing while at WSBC**. This means staying a comfortable 6 feet from others while sitting in the pews and fellowshiping with your church family.

Thank you.



Building A Strong Body
Ephesians 4:7-16

Christ's desire for his body, the church, is that it would be built up.

The sovereign grace of Christ.

The purposeful ministry of leaders.

The effective service of each one.

The corporate growth of the whole body.



Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

Build My Life

In Christ Alone

Community Life and Prayer

Sermon

Building A Strong Body

Ephesians 4:7-16

Pastor Dean Monkemeier

Be Thou My Vision

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

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>

Freshman Student of the Week is **Grant McKenzie** at Hope College.

IF: Gathering for Women on Friday, March 5 (6-9:30PM) and Saturday, March 6 (8AM-3PM). We invite all women (youth - adult) to gather at WSBC (or online at home) for this national livestream event. This year, the theme for IF Gathering 2021 is *Even If*. Even if—the worst happens, we don't lose hope. Come, join us as we remember that together. We want God's will to be done on this earth as it is in heaven. Our heart and prayer is that "on earth as it is in heaven" starts with us. Register online: <https://wsbc.info/if-gathering>. Please contact Bri Hueber for additional information.

Journey to the Cross: Family Devotions. The WSBC Kids Team launched a series of video devotions telling the *Story of Redemption*. A new devotion is available on our **website**: <https://wsbc.info/journey> and **YouTube channel**: <https://www.youtube.com/c/wsbcvillagechurch> each Sunday up to Palm Sunday. Starting on Palm Sunday there will be a new devotion every day of Holy Week.

VBS 2021. We are looking for a few people with a heart for children and families of Western Springs and surrounding neighborhoods to form a VBS Leadership Team. God has faithfully given WSBC a clear gospel connection with our neighbors in past years and we are praying and planning for him to do it again this summer. If God is nudging you to help us rethink, reshape and rebuild our VBS ministry, please contact Pastor Joel ASAP.

CALENDAR

TODAY 28

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

MONDAY 1

6PM Men's Basketball
8PM Women's Prayer on ZOOM

TUESDAY 2

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

WEDNESDAY 3

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

THURSDAY 4

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

FRIDAY 5

6PM IF: Gathering

SATURDAY 6

7AM *Getting the Most Out of Waiting For God* Men's Bible Study
8AM IF: Gathering

SUNDAY 7

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

MISSION FOCUS

Curtis and Esther Reed

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In Nairobi, Kenya, 75% of the population is less than 30 years old. After twelve years of youth and young adult ministry, Curtis, an African-American missionary, and his Kenyan wife, Esther, started a house church in response to the disconnect he has seen between Christianity and the Kenyan population at large. Engaging young adults using contemporary artistic expressions such as Hip Hop music and poetry, they point their friends to the truth of the gospel and to new life in Christ.

"December 18, 2020, I received notice from the Kenyan government that I had no more than two weeks to leave Kenya. The truth is that I've been having problems with immigration that are long standing and too detailed to go into now. However, I wasn't expecting such short notice to leave. My family and I decided the best thing to do was to come to Chicago for approximately six months, and return to Kenya afterwards. It's been quite an eventful journey, and we keep wondering why God allowed us to come to the States now in the midst of a pandemic, but we learn more and more each day that God's wisdom is infinitely superior to our own. In the short time we've been here, we've had numerous conversations concerning trauma and have become convinced that this is one of the reasons why God has us here, to learn about this crucial area and to incorporate it more firmly within our ministry in Kenya and beyond. We are hoping that the pandemic is eliminated quickly, or that it at least lessens greatly whereby we'll be able to visit you in person. In the meantime, we would greatly appreciate prayer concerning the following:

- A smooth transition as the children, Museah (grade 4), Kahari (grade3) and Zuberi (Grade 2) attend school in Wheaton.
- Grace as I meet one-on-one with 32 Kenyan disciples each week through social media technology.
- Affordable access to trauma training for Esther while here in the States.
- Favor with the Kenyan government as we prepare to re-enter Kenya later this year."

Respect, Gratitude and Love, *The Reeds*

Did you know? Curtis was a key leader in Mack White's ministry with minority students at several colleges and universities in Illinois?