



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.

A Merciful Lord
Matthew 12:1-21

We must come to Jesus because He is our Sabbath rest.

Scene 1: Our Sabbath rest in Jesus proclaimed.

Scene 2: Our Sabbath rest in Jesus illustrated.

Scene 3: Our Sabbath rest in Jesus foretold.

Welcome and Community Life

Sermon
A Merciful Lord
Matthew 12:1-21
Pastor Dean Monkemeier

Awake My Soul
Great Things
Build My Life

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion Service in the WSBC parking lot TODAY, August 9 at 6PM. We will gather outside in the parking lot for a brief service of communion. Please bring your own communion elements to share with you and your family. The length of the service is about 20 minutes; if you want to sit outside of your car, we ask that you bring your own lawn chairs.

Beginning Wednesday, August 12, you may make your worship service reservation for Sunday, August 16 at: wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP.

Post-High School Students. Please provide your name, school name, and year in school to the church office (wsbc@wsbc.info) by **Wednesday, August 12.** Beginning Sunday, August 16, one student per week will be highlighted in a Sunday bulletin and subsequent weekly prayer guide. *Even if you have provided this information before, please resubmit it, as often times students change schools and/or take a semester or two off, etc. Thank you.*

Women's Life Weekly Prayer on ZOOM. You are invited to join us for prayer in the month of August as we plan to begin our fourth year of Women's Life on September 10. We will meet each Thursday morning from **9-10AM** to pray for the Lord's guidance as we begin to gather again this fall. Please contact Audrey Ridlen if you have any questions.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5526349366?pwd=a2Z4S2FGSXNEeJ1L3Jlc1hyUUU3QT09>

Meeting ID: 552 634 9366; **Passcode:** WL2020

Women's Life (IDPH permitting): a **children's program** will be offered for nursery to kindergarten age children. For this provision, they require workers to staff this program. Workers are paid from 8:45-11:15AM. If you are willing and available to provide this service, please contact Bri Hueber for details. Thank you for your consideration.

Nursery/Preschool ministry, please contact Bri Hueber or Pastor Joel if you are willing and able to serve our families and church this fall.

CALENDAR

TODAY 9

9AM Worship
11AM Worship

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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/WSBCVillageChurch

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

6PM Communion Service

MONDAY 10

8PM Women's Prayer on ZOOM

TUESDAY 11

8:30AM E M I Men's Group

7PM Praise Team Rehearsal

7PM *Prayers of the New Testament*
Bible study on ZOOM

WEDNESDAY 12

9AM Worship Reservations
accepted for August 16

wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP

THURSDAY 13

9AM Women's Life ZOOM Prayer
7:30PM Church Board ZOOM Meeting

FRIDAY 14

7AM Men's Prayer on ZOOM
10AM Missions Policy Meeting

SATURDAY 15

7AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY 16

9AM Worship
11AM Worship

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MISSION FOCUS

YOUNG LIFE METRO SOUTHWEST

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Thank you so much for your generosity and commitment to praying for this mission. We are overwhelmingly blessed by your partnership.

By building relationships with high school and middle school students, Young Life leaders invite kids to follow Christ, care for them regardless of their response, and encourage Spirit-led life changes. Active for over 50 years in this community, Young Life offers regular lively outreach events, small group Bible studies, and exciting retreats and summer camps. Outreach has expanded to better serve youth with special needs by offering a unique club called Capernaum, which meets monthly.

Praises:

- This summer, we were still able to do socially distanced Bible studies. We went through a book called *Love Does* by Bob Goff. A group of high school girls sat at a park, talking about being God's masterpiece and that being their authentic self really is the best version they should show the world.



- We successfully executed a 3-day online day camp for our Capernaum students. Every day was an interactive experience where they heard the Gospel message, worshiped, and did activities like learn a dance, play games, and more. Campers also received a special gift from the leaders each day.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer for discernment this fall as we care for kids in the midst of the uncertainty of school and activities in the community. We really want to be a part of the solution for teens and we know we will have to get creative to do that so please **pray** that we can be innovative and connected to where the Holy Spirit is leading us.
- Pray that leaders would be eager to connect with students who are having a hard time in isolation and when mental health issues feel too heavy to handle, leaders can be a resource of comfort.

Did you know: Wyn and Howard Amerlan met through Young Life? Wyn was on staff and Howard was a local volunteer.