



Worship with
Us

Give to
Westwood

Service Times
Every Sunday at 11:00 AM

Grow in Discipleship | Connect in Community | Serve in Love

Friday, July 22, 2022

Seeing Clearly

I lost my eyesight this morning. I drove to church, parked, got out of the car and immediately lost my sight. At least, that's what my brain told me. Of course, my brain also quickly caught up to the fact that my sunglasses had fogged over as I exited the air-conditioned car and entered the humid air.

My problem this morning was that I did not immediately remove my glasses. I told myself, "It's not that bad – I can see clearly." But it was bad, and I could not see clearly. This fact became scarily real as I almost missed the first step walking down into the building.

It got me wondering how often our spiritual and emotional eyesight gets fogged over and we act as if nothing is wrong. We move through the world with a haze and think that we can make it – until that first step shows up.

Life will fog our glasses. It's inevitable – just like moving from the cold, comfortable inside to a hot, humid outside. When that happens, we need to find a way to take off the glasses and recalibrate. It means taking the time to slow down and connect with God. It means setting aside time to pray and meditate. It means showing up in worship and intentionally reconnecting with God.

The problem is we want to walk with our glasses fogged up. Don't do it. There is so much more to see!

Bryan

Food Truck Tonight - Rain or Shine

Join us this evening for our Food Truck Night **at 5-8 pm** when Westwood will host Lady K's Café. Lady K's specializes in soul food – chicken, chicken wings, chickpea rice and collard greens and more! If you did not preorder, simply order when you arrive.

If the weather is not cooperative, just swing by and grab your meal to take home and make plans to join us in September!



Sundays in August

This month we will be taking a break from Sunday School and Life Groups. We have a wonderful group of teachers and want to get them well rested before the Fall! All Sunday School and Life Groups will be suspended for August. Worship will still take place at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday in person and online.

Our Choir is also taking a break during August but will be back leading Worship in September. We have some very special guest artists lined up in August.

Also during August, the sermons will be interactive! That means the congregation will take part. Don't worry, no one will put you on the spot or make you talk! Make plans to join us!

POPs Playground Playdate

Parents of Preschoolers, or POPs. Saturday, August 13, 20, and 27 starting at 10:00 am we are going to have a time for our littlest to get together and play on our church's playground. Bring your coffee, and maybe a chair and enjoy time together with our preschool families.

POPS
(Parents Of Preschoolers)
**PLAYGROUND
PLAYDATE**
**SATURDAY
AUGUST 13, 20, 27
10:00 AM - NOON**
Contact Pastor Emily for more info.

Child Protection Training

We are scheduling a Child Protection Training for August. If you plan on working with Westwood Kids or Youth in the coming year, and did not take the training last year, please make sure you attend. Contact Pastor Emily with any questions you may have.

Feed Us, Please?

The Youth Department is still in weekly need of dinners for Sunday Night Live! Any and all offerings are greatly appreciated, whether home-cooked meals or take-out/delivery is your preference. We would be so grateful if you could please click on the link below and sign up for any Sunday evening! Thanks so much!

[Sign Up Online to Feed Our Hungry Youth!](#)

The Neighborhood at Westwood Amazon List

We just a few weeks out from the start of the school year, and The Neighborhood is in need of some supplies and furniture. Below you will find a link to an Amazon wish list full of things for The Neighborhood. Take a look and support The Neighborhood to make this a great year! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Emily.

The Neighborhood Amazon Wishlist

An Evening with Bob Goff - Celebrating 20 Years of NorthStar!

NorthStar Church Network is celebrating 20 years of ministry with a special evening featuring Bob Goff at First Baptist Church of Alexandria on Saturday, November 5, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This exciting evening will begin with a time of worship led by Grace Capital City, a NorthStar church, and then we'll hear from the featured guest, Bob Goff. Bob is a NYT Bestselling Author, Attorney, and Founder of the non-profit "Restore." You can find more information about Bob here: <https://www.bobgoff.com/>

Tickets are \$18 currently, and the price will go up to \$20 on September 1. We will take the church bus for those wishing to ride together. Sign up for tickets and the bus by contacting Pastor Stephen or sign up by contacting the church office.

Women on a Mission

Welcome back to a new year of Women on a Mission! This group of ladies meets on the first Wednesday of each month to work on mission projects for people in need of a loving connection. Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 10:00 am in Whitten Hall for fellowship, fun, and mission work. We go out for lunch afterwards if you are available. Donate those two hours a month for the support of others. If you have any questions, contact Judi Kern or Joy Earner.

WWW.GO Reboot

Save the date! WWW.GO is rebooting in the fall. Join us in Whitten Hall on Monday, September 19, at 11:45 a.m. for a soup luncheon to talk about the future of our active adult ministry. More details to come!

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to dedicate Sunday flowers in the sanctuary, you may sign up at the Welcome Desk. Flowers are \$35, payable by the day the dedication appears in the worship guide.

FAITHFUL LIVING IN A TROUBLED WORLD

AN INTERACTIVE SERMON SERIES
ON FIRST PETER

Westwood Baptist Church

August 7, 2022 ~ 11:00 am
In Person or Online

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Worship](#)

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Guide](#)

Continuing Ways to Connect

Sunday School /Life Groups

Life Groups and all Sunday School classes are taking a break for August. We will be back on September 4th.

Sunday Night Live

Youth *SNL!* will meet this Sunday at 6:00 pm in Whitten Hall.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary Choir is taking a break in August but will return in September! Join them on Wednesdays at 7-8 p.m. in the Music Suite. All interested may contact Ginger Beecher or Elizabeth Freeman – or come to rehearsal!

Giving To Westwood

As a reminder, you can give to Westwood in several ways:

- Place your contribution in the offering baskets that are passed down the pew during the Offering Hymn in the worship service.
- Place your contribution in one of three wooden lock boxes (one in the narthex and two in the sanctuary).
- Give through Realm Online Giving: Click on "Give to Westwood" button (at top of this page) to give.
- Text to give: Text WBCGIFT to 73256 and follow the prompts (example: "WBCGIFT \$100").
- Set up a recurring payment to the church through your bank's online bill pay.
- Send by mail to: Westwood Baptist Church, 8200 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA 22152.



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