



Worship with  
Us

Give to  
Westwood

Service Times  
Every Sunday at 11:00 AM

Grow in Discipleship | Connect in Community | Serve in Love

Friday, January 20, 2023

### My Day Is Ruined!

On Thursday afternoon I drank the last Diet Dr. Pepper we had in our house. I wasn't worried about it, however, because Saturday is our grocery day. I would just stop by 7-Eleven to get my Friday "fix" before heading into the office.

I pulled into the parking lot of the 7-Eleven to pick up enough to get me through the day (and no, this is not a discussion of addiction – I'll deal with that later!). However, when I went into the store the Diet Dr. Pepper was not in its usual location. I searched the whole store. 7-Eleven has stopped carrying Diet Dr. Pepper!!!

Maybe they will start again? Maybe I just missed the delivery? Doesn't matter. At that moment my day went from pretty good to pretty bad – at least that was what I was telling myself.

As I sat down in my office chair, drinking water (ugh!), I asked myself, "Is your day really ruined?" Of course, the answer was no. I was able to walk myself back. But if I am honest, I came really close to letting this trivial thing derail my day. And as I think about it – I do that a lot. Maybe you do too. I let one little thing determine what the rest of my day will be like. There's got to be a better way.

I believe letting little things spoil our days comes from a lack of faith. We don't have faith in our ability to recover. We don't have faith in the good outweighing the bad. We don't have faith that God's good gifts will overcome any temporary trouble we might have. We get in our minds that the way things are is the way things will always be.

Jesus reminds us in the Sermon on the Mount not to worry about the things of everyday life. Things that happen to us just because we are alive. There are bigger, more important things to be concerned about – primarily, seeking the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 6:33)

So, when something tries to derail your day, remember: this is temporary. Don't worry. And check what it is you are seeking.

And if all else fails, drive to Giant and get yourself a 12-pack of Diet Dr. Pepper for your office.

~ Bryan

## Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program, February 5-12, 2023

Winter is upon us, and in just two weeks Westwood will again open its hearts and doors to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. We participate in the county-wide Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program that is facilitated by FACETS. This is the 19th year of the program and the 16th year Westwood has participated.

We will give our neighbors in need a warm and safe place to sleep, a delicious dinner, welcoming fellowship, and a hot breakfast in the morning. We also give FACETS case managers an opportunity to meet with their clients to determine services that they need. Last year through case management FACETS was able to house 41 of our neighbors experiencing homelessness, and this year FACETS hopes to house even more!

Hypothermia Prevention Season began November 27 and runs through March 31. Our week of hosting begins at 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 5 and runs through morning breakfast on February 12.

### **SIGN UP TODAY! BE PART OF THE MINISTRY!**

- **All volunteers who interact with guests are requested to wear masks.**
- All volunteers who will be interacting with our guests are requested to be fully vaccinated for Covid and Flu for the health and safety of our members and our guests.
- Click the link button below and go to SignUp Genius to find times during the week when we need volunteers to come to Westwood and support the program. (PLEASE NOTE: Security Support slots will be staffed in conjunction with FACETS staff members, providing them a connection to the church and our facilities. You will not be working alone.)
- You can pick up a Warm Wishes card in the narthex. Choose a card or two that lists items that you will buy that are needed during the week.
- Contact Sandy Milam or Donna Young for further information.
- **Please be in prayer for our guests, for the many faith communities and their volunteers preparing for hosting, and for preparing your hearts and minds to service for these neighbors in need.**

[Volunteer for Hypothermia Shelter Week](#)

### **"Cookies for College Students" Is Back!**

Please sign up at the Welcome Center to make cookies/cookie bars to provide our college students with a care package of treats for Valentine's Day. Women on a Mission will pack them at our meeting on February 1.

Parents, if you would like your student to be included on the cookie mailing list, please sign up at the Welcome Center giving the student's **accurate, current mailing address** at school or at home. More details will follow, or you may contact Judi Kern.

~ Judi Kern

### **Monday Bible Study**

Our Monday Bible Study, *The Big Picture: Seeing God's Dream for Your Life* by Jevon and Nicole Caldwell-Gross, meets on Mondays from 10:00-11:30 am in Whitten Hall or you can join us on Zoom (link below). [Contact Pastor Stephen](#) for more information.

[Click Here to Join the Study on](#)

## WESTWOOD KIDS

### Nursery Volunteers

We need help in our nursery on Sunday mornings! We are looking to put together a team of individuals who would volunteer to be in our nursery during the worship service on a rotation. If you would be interested in volunteering with our smallest members on Sunday mornings, please see Pastor Emily.



## WESTWOOD KIDS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

# Valentine's Parent's Night Out



JOIN US FOR DINNER, A VALENTINE'S  
DAY THEMED CRAFT, AND GAMES.

FEBRUARY 3, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
SIGN UP WITH PASTOR EMILY

### **Youth Furniture**

Are you looking to replace your furniture soon? The Youth Department is seeking to replace the couches in their space and may be interested in whatever you may be looking to part with in the near future. Please contact Charlie Burts at [burts1117@cox.net](mailto:burts1117@cox.net) if you have any info – thanks!

### **Postponed Dessert Auction**

The Youth dessert auction has been postponed. We will let you know when it is rescheduled!

### **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 Table**

If you have not yet joined us on Wednesday evenings for The Table, join us this week! Wednesday's menu is tacos!

*The Table* is an opportunity to connect with others in a relaxed atmosphere. It is also a GREAT opportunity to invite others to check out Westwood in a low-pressure way. It is our hope to use *The Table* to create community, connection, and friendships, and perhaps make a dent in loneliness. It is also a great opportunity to be the presence of Christ. Is there someone you can think of to invite?

If you had a Standing Reservation in the fall you do not need to make a new reservation; please call the office if you prefer to change it. Click the link below to make a new Standing Reservation or a reservation for this week only. All payments will be collected at the door. The cost is \$6 per person with an \$18 family max.

*A reminder: Those coming to The Table will need to enter using the main doors (3 or 8) instead of door number 5 due to The Neighborhood being in session.*

[Sign Up for The Table](#)

### **2023 Calendar for Sanctuary Flowers**

A calendar has been posted at the Welcome Center for those who wish to sign up to provide flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings in 2023. Please write your name and the dedication you wish to appear in the worship guide on a given date. Payment of \$35 is due the date of the flower dedication. Only one signup is allowed per Sunday.

### **BGAV College Scholarships**

College Scholarships are provided by Virginia Baptists for full-time students from cooperating churches of the BGAV who need aid in financing their undergraduate education at an accredited college or university. These funds are considered as grants and have no expectation of being repaid.

- Deadline: 12:00 pm EST, Saturday, April 1, 2023
- College Scholarship: Up to \$1,000 per year

The BGAV Scholarships and Ministerial Education Funds Committee uses six criteria to evaluate each applicant: scholastic ability, financial need, Christian service, BGAV commitment, and demonstrated leadership. Priority is first given to existing BGAV-partnered educational institutions and then to public and private colleges and universities.

Scholarship recipients are notified by letter the first week of June. Scholarship funds are sent directly to the college or university to be applied toward tuition, with half of the awarded amount being sent each semester.

For more information: <https://www.bgav.org/blog/scholarships-and-ministerial-education-funds#college>

## NEWS FROM ECHO

### **Please Check Food Donations**

Please be aware that ECHO does not distribute food items after their expiration date. Many of us don't pay a lot of attention to those printed dates and feel that foods can be just fine a bit past the date. However, ECHO policy is based on two important factors: The first is health and safety. The people whom ECHO serves are already having problems. We do not want to add to those problems by inadvertently giving them a food that could possibly be unsafe. The second reason, and just as important to us, is dignity and respect. Keeping our pantry shelves stocked with current supplies maintains that level of care and concern. Please help us by checking for expired foods and discarding them before you bring donations to ECHO.

### **Need for Children's Books**

If your children got new books as holiday gifts and you are trimming down your collection, consider donating gently used K-12 books to ECHO. Please label this donation "School Supplies" because ECHO uses these books in the Backpack Program.

### **ECHO's January News**

ECHO has resumed its post-holiday, normal schedule of operations: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday and 7:00 to 9:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Check ECHO's website or Facebook for emergency weather closures.

Donations that are most needed this month are: men's underwear (new), jeans, t-shirts; girls' size 5,6, 7 winter clothing. The Food Room needs cooking oil, Maseca flour, lemon juice, and canned meats.

ECHO has several volunteer openings that you can find out about by contacting:  
[Volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org](mailto:Volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org)

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# What God Does With Our Grief

Matthew 5:1-12

Westwood Baptist Church

January 22, 2023 ~ 11:00 am  
In-Person or Online

[Click Here for Online  
Worship](#)

[Click Here for This Week's Worship  
Guide](#)

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## Continuing Ways to Connect

### **Sunday School /Life Groups**

There is a Sunday School class or Adult Life Group for everyone at Westwood! Groups meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. and most have an online option as well. For more information or to talk about which group is best for you, please contact Pastor Stephen.

### **Sunday Night Live**

Youth *SNL!* meets this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in Whitten Hall. Come join us!

### **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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