



Worship with
Us

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Westwood

Service Times
Every Sunday at 11:00 AM

Grow in Discipleship | Connect in Community | Serve in Love

Friday, May 26, 2023

Five Things...

Happy Memorial Day Weekend everyone! I hope you have planned some restful moments this weekend. Here are five things happening around Westwood that we need you to know about...

1. Thank you to everyone who pledged to the Nehemiah Fund this past Sunday. We received pledges that totaled \$181,379.99. We have already received \$31,655 in gifts to the fund. We are well on our way to providing for the future of our buildings and ministry. Praise Be To God!
2. This Sunday we are celebrating Pentecost. Be sure and wear red (if you like) as we talk about the Power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
3. Our summer sermon schedule starts next week (June 4th). I will be doing a three-week series based on the benediction I say each and every Sunday. Then, in July, we will have a series of interactive sermons, much like we did last summer. We will be focusing each Sunday in July on a different Psalm.
4. Mark your calendar for June 11th for our Quarterly Church Conference. We will be discussing and voting on the 2023-2024 church budget. The budget will be sent out via e-mail early next week for you to look over.
5. Also, mark your calendar for Sunday, June 4th as we celebrate our graduates. We have a large group of kids graduating from High School this year. Come and let them know how proud you are of them!

See you on Sunday!

~Bryan

Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday, May 28, is Pentecost Sunday. Everyone is

encouraged to wear **RED** to the worship service!



Deacon Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking recommendations from the congregation for men and women to serve as new deacons beginning in September. Any church member may recommend as many as two persons for each vacancy. There are five vacancies to fill. Please give prayerful consideration to this selection process. Nomination forms can be found in Sunday's worship guide and by clicking below. You may also email your nominations to Pastor Stephen (stephen.gray@westwood-baptist.org). Please return your nominations by Monday, June 5.

[Click Here for the Deacon Nomination Form](#)

The Table Survey

The Table has ended for the school year, but we need your feedback! Please take a moment to click the link below and take a quick survey - even if you did not attend any Tables this year! We need as much feedback as we can get!

[Take The Table Survey](#)

Men on Mission

Our next Men on Mission fellowship will be tomorrow, May 27, at 7:30 a.m. in Room 204. It also will be broadcast on Zoom (button below). The lesson is titled "What Is Mine Is Yours" based on Luke 10:25-37. Please join us.

~ Rich Hawk

[Join Our Meeting](#)

Memorial Day

The church office will be closed this Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day. Enjoy your weekend!



Graduate Recognition

We will recognize our high school, college, and all 2023 graduates in worship on Sunday, June 4. Please email the church office by Wednesday, May 31 to be sure your graduate is recognized this day, and include the name of the graduate's school.

Your Help Is Still Needed With Afghan Refugees!

Westwood has been involved with resettling Afghan refugees for quite some time. We have donated furniture, bought household goods, moved in, and settled apartments. We have enrolled children in school and helped folks get cars.

Now the real work starts! In order for the new refugees to successfully settle, they need to have English skills. The better their English, the better the jobs they can get. And YOU CAN HELP!! Volunteers are needed to help with ESL classes at the William Ramsey Center, located at 5650 Sanger Avenue, Alexandria, VA. Volunteers are needed on many days, at many times. This is a great opportunity to develop relationships with our new neighbors.

What would you do to help in an ESL class? Here is a note from a recent class:

"Tonight was all about ordering food and eating at restaurants! Our evening conversational ESL class studied menus, talked about appetizers and daily specials, and ate halal donuts. Our Guatemalan and Afghan students compared notes on dessert recipes and pizza toppings! It was a GREAT evening! Thanks to the students and volunteers for making it so much fun."

~ [Fresh Start Refugee Assistance Center - FSRAC](#) — at [William Ramsey Rec Center](#).

WE NEED ESL VOLUNTEERS - even this week! Please sign up and SHARE this information widely. We have increased the number of classes we are offering, and we need more volunteers. No preparation is required. Sign up for a session and we will teach you what to do. The SignUp Genius has two documents attached with lots of information. Thank you!

Please sign up on the SignUp Genius below.

[Volunteer to Help Teach
ESL](#)



The Neighborhood Open Houses

Westwood will hold three Open Houses for The Neighborhood this summer. Everything you need to know about the program is listed on our flyer (click the button below) and more on our website (also button below). Please, share this information with your friends, your family, and your neighbors! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Emily.

Open House Dates:

- Saturday, June 3, 12-2 p.m.
- Saturday, August 12, 12-2 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 16, 6-8 p.m.

[Flyer for The
Neighborhood](#)

[Visit The Neighborhood
Website](#)

Don Forester Scholarship Applications Available

We are now receiving applications for the Don Forester Scholarship. Criteria for the scholarship are:

- Student must be attending a local high school, trade school, or accredited two or four-year college or university.
- Student must be active in the life and ministry of Westwood Baptist Church.
- Student will **submit an application for consideration no later than this Wednesday, May 31**, to be considered for the award.
- A student can receive this award only one time during his or her college career.

Scholarship applications can be found in the church office or email scholarship@westwood-baptist.org for an electronic version.

Donations to this scholarship fund may be made throughout the year and should be designated to "The Don Forester Scholarship Fund."

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. We have many Sundays still open for signups. Please write your name and the dedication you want 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.

ECHO UPDATES for May

ECHO's Needs This Month

ECHO's Clothing Room is now offering clients spring and summer clothing. ECHO needs new or gently used t-shirts in child and adult sizes; sweatpants for both genders in child and adult sizes; sneakers in sizes for men, big boys, and big girls; girls shorts or jeans, sizes 4 to 18; boys shorts or jeans, sizes 6 through 18; and new men's underwear.

Volunteer Opportunities

ECHO volunteers usually enjoy their tasks and the camaraderie of working with other volunteers. They often stay with ECHO for years. We currently have a few volunteer openings. We could use help in each of the following areas: Clothing Room, assisting clients in choosing clothing for their families on Monday or Thursday mornings, or two Tuesday evenings a month; Food Room, assisting clients as they choose groceries on Thursday evenings; Donation Door, helping donors with boxes and bags of donations/writing receipts on Tuesday evenings; and Housewares, assessing and shelving donated household goods on Thursday evenings. If you would like to find out more about volunteering at ECHO, please email: Volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org

ECHO's hours of operation at its headquarters at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road are weekdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00, and one Saturday morning a month.

May 29 - Closed for Memorial Day

~ Jane Curtis, ECHO Outreach Chair

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.



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 Power of the Spirit"

Romans 8

Westwood Baptist Church
May 28, 2023 ~ 11:00 am
In-Person or Online

[Click Here for Online
Worship](#)

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

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!* will meet this Sunday at 6 pm in Whitten Hall for dinner and conversation.

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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