

Build the Body

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Westside Friends & Family
in this *Season of Lent*
(Ash Wednesday, 2/17 to Palm Sunday, 3/28)

On the Road to the Cross: A Journey with Jesus

Our travel guide:*
“To Seek & to Save”
by Sinclair Ferguson
(daily reflections from the
gospel of Luke)

Our departure times:
Wednesdays on Zoom
6-7 PM
Sundays at the Rec.
9:45-10:15 AM
(a 6-week study with a different
facilitator each week)



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~ WCPC's Mission Statement ~

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Understanding



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1 Chronicles 12:32

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Vision 2021 II

“...If you hold to my teaching, you are really one of my disciples.
Then you will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free...
if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:31-36).

In this, the second installment of my vision for WCPC, there are ten (10) stands, decisions, disciplines and practices we must adopt. In the interest of brevity, I'll not reprint the first part of the vision. So, you may want to refresh your memory (*The Times*, January 11, 2021) before continuing on with this the second Part.

Which begs the question, how do we move on from here? Above all, the first part must be undergirded with a strong eager witness for people to accept Christ as Savior and Lord. In order for the Church to pursue such a vision, there are ten stands, decisions, disciplines and practices we must adopt.

1. That we can only lead people to the Lord by being like Him, not by the Church being like the world and adopting its ways.
2. That teaching people to “put away their idols” is an essential prerequisite to leading them in spiritual growth.
3. That the practice of regular biblical worship, both corporately and privately, become a foundational issue in the life of our church members.
4. We must teach all believers that they are called of God, and help them to discover and live out that calling, as every member comes to understand the “priesthood of all believers.”
5. We must come to understand the difference between a “Christian survivalist mentality” which is negative and reactionary and a true biblical Remnant Lifestyle which is positive and proactive, and we should become a church who effectively prepares people for remnant living.
6. In order to carry out the vision as stated, we would have to make a deliberate decision regarding numerical and spiritual growth.
7. WCPC needs a bigger vision of its role for God in the Rio Rancho area, not with a view toward becoming one of the largest churches, but of becoming one of the few safe environments for the disillusioned consumer Christian.
8. We must maintain a strong evangelical staff sufficient to the size of our ministry, but continue the path we are on to becoming more and more a lay-oriented church.
9. WCPC has a call from God of a “sending” Body. To fulfill the vision, we must constantly identify, prepare and send people out into all sorts of Gospel ministry.
10. WCPC is uniquely set apart and called, in the Reformed tradition, to *Preach and Teach Biblical Truth and Live that Truth in Love.*

In our next issue, we'll examine the third and final phase of my vision for 2021.

~Vaya con Dios, Pastor Harry



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

***Praise & Thanksgiving:**

Our friend's daughter, Morgan, just found a kidney donor, a friend from first grade is a match! Thank you for your prayers, Westside!

~Tom & Ida

***Please pray for:**

Kathleen B., God's healing and strength following gallbladder surgery; **Dennis** (son/Cumberland Presbyterian Church Pastor Dennis B.) healing from Covid; **Lynette & Carley** (cousin/aunt/Judy T.), recovering from Covid; **Kristie** (daughter/Dell W.), traveling to Oregon to pick up 4-yr-old grandson; pray for safe travel, peace and wisdom from God

***Continue to Pray for:**

Dorothy A.; **Kristie C.** (nephew's wife/Don L., cancer); **Gretchen D.** (sister/Ann M.); **Wes & Diane R.** (friends/Cheryl B.), Wes in hospice care; **Zelda** (cousin/Ida M.) pneumonia in one lung, blood clot in the other due to Covid

***Those serving in the military:**

Nicolas B. (IS2 (IW)/Navy, Hawaii); **Josh L.** (SrA/Air Force, England); **Mark V.** (Major/Army)

2021 Session (Elders)
Gary B., Kevin F., Ida M., Steve N.,
& Ken Y.

2021 Diaconate (Deacons)
Toni M. & Judy T.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2021

February

- 03 - Zooming the Apostles' Creed
- 07 - Communion Sunday
Exploring the Apostles' Creed (at the Rec)
- 09 - Deacons' Meeting
- 10 - Inquirers' Class on Zoom*
- 13 - Inquirers' Class at the Rec*
- 17 - Ash Wednesday
Our Zoom Journey w/ Jesus kickoff
- 21 - Our Journey w/ Jesus at the Rec. kickoff
- 23 - Session Meeting

**For those interested in finding out more about our Denomination and Church.*

10:30 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

***AT THE REC**

***ON FACEBOOK**

(find the link on our church website)

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Weekly Meetings (during Lent)

Wednesdays

***Zoom Journey with Jesus**

6-7 PM

6 weeks, 2/17 - 3/24

Contact: Nancy N., 259-7725

Fridays

***Barricklow Covenant Group**

7-8:30 PM

"Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven"

Contact: Gary B., 417-0331

Sundays

***Journey with Jesus at the Rec**

9:45-10:15 AM

6 weeks, 2/21 - 3/28

Contact: Nancy N. 259-7725

Bulletin Board...

***Happy February Birthdays to:**

- Carl Buzzard, Feb. 1
- Mark Smith, Feb. 1
- Josh Meier, Feb. 5
- Maria Sandberg, Feb. 11
- Megan Meier, Feb. 14
- Missy Trainum, Feb. 15
- Cecilia Montañó, Feb. 27



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I BELIEVE...

*in God the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son
our Lord...*

Here begin the opening affirmations in the ancient confession of faith known as the **Apostles' Creed**, the subject of a 4-week study at Westside, on Zoom and in person, that wraps up this week.

Is the Apostles' Creed inspired Scripture? No, but it is a concise summary of what is contained there. Was it written by the Apostles? No, but captures in a nutshell the apostolic testimony given to the Church.

Creeds became a useful tool in the early church, for those approaching baptism and church membership, to memorize essential teachings of the Christian faith and recite them as they were lowered into the water. Creeds were also employed to push back against false teaching that was seeping into the church; for example, the popular gnostic ideas that the material world was irredeemably evil, created by a lesser god and that Jesus only appeared to be human and his bodily resurrection was only a spiritual resurrection. Against these teachings, the Apostles' Creed stood unapologetically firm; I BELIEVE.

Once again, our Zoom study proved to be a popular vehicle for the Body of Christ ("the holy catholic church"), locally and out-of-state, to gather together in study and fellowship ("the communion of saints")! Be sure to READ about our next Zoom study in this edition of *The TIMES* (back page). *We'd love for you to join us!*