

# A WORD FROM WESTWOOD

## Pulpit Committee update

The Pulpit Committee moved on with three critical documents in February.

First, we put the finishing touches on the Pastor Leadership Profile document. This is, arguably, the most critical of all correspondence we generate. Because of this, we were very cautious to include as much information as practical from the brief three-question survey completed by our membership. We were also very sensitive to ensure that we didn't include any duties or responsibilities that would violate our Westwood Baptist Church Constitution.

Second, we completed the more comprehensive "Congregational Survey" questionnaire that will be made available to prospective candidates. The questionnaire will be distributed to members and regular attendees in March and summarized for the prospective candidate's packet.

Third, we began the process of

gathering relevant information about the community in the area around our church such as; population demographics, income statistics, population density, etc.

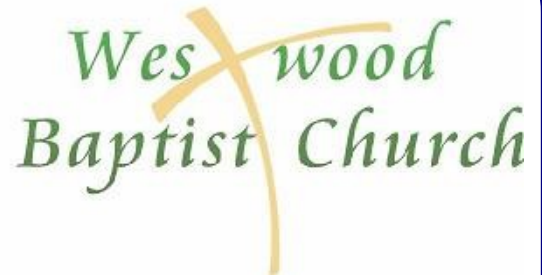
With respect to the brief three-question survey – we appreciate the well thought-out and genuine responses. Over 55% of our congregation responded.

The Pulpit Committee is working on summarizing the questionnaire responses and have it published to the congregation.

We expect to be ready to send our complete package to the appropriate agencies in late April or early May. Please continue to pray for God's guidance as we seek out the man God has already chosen.

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**Ephesians 4:13**

*"until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"*

## Cultivating Unity

Unity is a mark of an authentic New Testament church. In fact, one of Jesus' chief concerns when He prayed to the Father before He was led off to be crucified was, "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Unity does not mean that we are all on the same page theologically, or on the same spiritual maturity

level; it does mean however, that our disagreements should not divide us.

As believers, we WILL have disagreements and arguments (this is fallen human nature), but we cannot let these disagreements destroy our pursuit of genuine Christian unity. So, if there is a Christian brother or sister who has offended you, or you have

been having an ongoing disagreement with them, work at being reconciled with them. Paul urged the Ephesians to bear "with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (4:1-3) During this time of transition, let us take these words of the Apostle Paul seriously and work hard to maintain unity at Westwood Baptist Church.

Pastor Mario Nunez, Interim

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### Upcoming Events:

Dr. Paul Holritz of Biblical Ministries Worldwide will present his ministry to WBC.

**Mar 14**

**Service Times:**

The Lord's Passion Week

**Mar 28-Apr 4**

**Sunday Family Bible Hour: 9:00am**

Resurrection Sunday

**April 4**

**Sunday Worship: 10:30am**

The Lord's Table (Communion)

**April 11 (PM)**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm**

Sermon Series: "Free in Christ"

**May 30- Jul 4**

**Wednesday AWANA: 6:30pm**

Tom Meyer: Word of God from Memory

**Sep 12, 19**

**Wednesday night Bible Study: 6:45pm**

## Foundation Stones of a Living Church

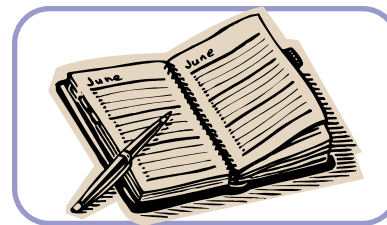
What makes a living church? When we look at churches, what do we use to gauge whether or not that church is living or not? Is it the size of the church? Is it the method of preaching? Is it the impact the church has on the community? Does a church have to be full of people to be considered healthy? On the other side of the coin, if a church has only 10 people, does that mean it is dead church?

Are we to merely look at numbers of members and regular attendees to gauge the health of the church? If we are treated with kindness as we enter the church, is that a mark of a living church? If we practice communion regularly, does that make us a living church? If we visit the sick, or have a wonderful worship time, does that make us a living church? Is it the stuff we DO that makes us a living church, or is it something much more?

The first century church was built on the “foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone” (Ephesians 2:20). These first Christians were endowed with power from the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) and because of this, and their obedience to the teachings of the Apostles and the Lord Jesus, they were able to turn the known world upside down.

If we want to be an authentic New Testament Church we would be wise to emulate what the first Christians did. During the months of March and April Pastor Nunez will be explaining Acts 2:41-47 so we can see what the first Christians did that made them a Living Church.

Won't you join us for the mini-series: “Foundation Stones of a Living Church”, during our Sunday morning worship at 10:30am?



### Foundation Stones:

- Baptized Membership
- Teaching
- The Fellowship
- Breaking of Bread
- Prayer
- Fear of God
- Giving
- Unity
- Joy
- Worship
- Good Testimony Outside
- Evangelism

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

-Acts 1:8

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### Prayer Requests:

- **Pulpit Committee**- Wisdom, Discernment, Patience in finding the right shepherd for WBC.
- **Our church family** – Personal holiness, Unity, Biblical thinking. That the Lord would add to us those who are being saved.
- **Outreach to community** – That Westwood would be known for a love for Jesus and a love for Fresno.
- **Pastor Mario and Michelle Nunez** – That God would continue to provide the time to work full time, fill pulpit supply, and not neglect his quality time with family. Michelle patience and endurance.