

A WORD FROM WESTWOOD

Moving into the 21st Century

Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, where does it all begin? Sometimes it does seem like technological overload. But like the Apostle Paul who made use of the Roman Areopagus (Mars Hill) to present the risen Christ to the Athenians (Acts 17:16-34), we must be willing to present Christ in all forms available today. The internet today is what the telephone was when Bell patented the idea in the late 1800s; and is the "new" way to communicate with the world.

Social networking sites have become the medium that people connect to family, friends, coworkers, and interests across the internet. Because of this, Westwood wants to be available to a growing number of people who use these social networking sites everyday.

You may be thinking that this is all too much for you to get involved in. That's ok, we just want to be available to a larger audience that is ONLY possible through the power of the internet. There are many ways you can get involved in social net-

working on the internet if you so desire.

First, check out our new website: www.westwoodfresno.com. Here you can find loads of information about Westwood Baptist Church and what is happening. The Articles of Faith, Constitution, calendar and much more are available at the click of a mouse. From the website, you can see recent Twitter posts from pastor Nunez as well as link to our facebook profile.

To follow Westwood on Twitter just go to: www.twitter.com/Westwoodfresno. Also, you can become a fan of Westwood on Facebook by searching for "Westwood Baptist Church".

We hope that you will not only be connected to Westwood through these Social Media sites, but that you will connect to Westwood on a weekly basis at our worship services!

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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"

And the Lord added to their number...

The Lord has brought a lot of exciting changes to Westwood Baptist Church. Pastor Nunez finished the sermon series: Foundation Stones of a Living Church based on Acts 2:41-47. Several frequent attendees requested to be added to our fellowship by requesting membership. On May 1, 2010 Westwood added 6, yes that's right 6, members to our

ranks. The vote was unanimous! These new members are: Carol Stephens, Saima Nunez, Daniel Bradshaw, Leslie Torres and two returning members Keith and Melody McCombs. Please take a moment to send them an email or a letter congratulating them on their membership. If you do not have their email address or contact information please feel free to contact

Pastor Mario at:

pastor@westwoodfresno.com.

Also, along the lines of growth, we have had several visiting families attending Westwood on a weekly basis, with one family reviewing the constitution to see if Westwood is where they would like to have their church home. We are trusting in the Lord that as we focus on Him and our spiritual growth, He will take care of us and our numerical growth.

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Upcoming Events:

Pastor Foote Appreciation service @ Sunnyside

May 23

Sermon Series: Free in Christ (Romans 8)

May 29-July 4

Jim Garcines ABWE Missionary @ 6:00pm

June 13

Vacation Bible School, 6:30pm daily.

July 19- 24

Missionaries Mike & June Bradley furlough

July-October 2010

Tom Meyer: Scripture spoken

Sep 12 & Sep 19

Service Times:

Sunday Family Bible Hour: 9:00am

Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Wednesday AWANA: 6:30pm

Wednesday night Bible Study: 6:45pm

Pulpit Committee update

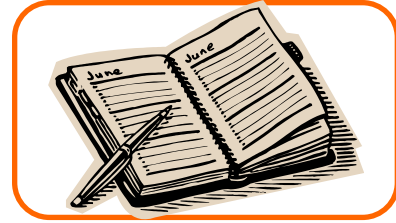
The pulpit committee has been hard at working at preparing all the necessary paperwork that is needed in order to publish the senior pastor position. The pastoral profile has been completed and is ready to be added to the package. The congregational surveys have been sent out, and should have been received by the all of the members and regular attendees.

If you have not received a congregational survey and would like one, please contact jkstephens@comcast.net and John Stephens will be glad to get one to you. These surveys have been made drastically smaller and should only take 5 minutes to complete. When you receive the survey, please be sure to fill it out and bring it in to the church, or mail it to the church. Once the surveys are completed, they will be ready to be added to the package. The demographic information on the area surrounding Westwood Baptist Church has also been completed and is ready to be added to the package.

There is still a financial shortfall as to what we would like to pay the senior pastor when he is called. This is going to be a significant hurdle that needs to be overcome. However, we know that where God leads He feeds, and we believe that when His timing is correct, God will supply all that we need in the area of finances. We would like to pay our senior pastor well so he can focus on the duties of shepherding the sheep.

We believe this is a biblical precedent: 1 Timothy 5:17-18 says, ***“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of a double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.”*** and 1 Corinthians 9:14 says, ***“In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.”***

Please pray that the Lord will provide the required finances necessary to pay the pastor whenever he is called.



Free in Christ!

The Scripture says in Romans 8:1, ***“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*** But many times we don't know what that means. We don't know what true freedom looks like. What does it mean that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus? What does it mean when the Bible says we are free in Christ? (Romans 8:2)

How do we live out that freedom? What does true freedom in Christ look like?

Do you want to be free from fear and doubt? Do you want to have complete assurance that you are forgiven by God and guaranteed entrance into God's eternal kingdom? Then don't miss pastor Mario's next sermon series: **“Free in Christ”** that begins on May 30 and ends on Independence day July 4, 2010.

Won't you make it a point to join us each Sunday for this exciting sermon series? Come learn how you can experience true and lasting freedom in Christ!

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Prayer Requests:

- Please continue to pray for the pulpit committee as they seek the Lord's man for the senior pastor position.
- Please pray for the health of our membership: physical, emotional and spiritual.
- Finances. In order to have a senior pastor we need to be able to pay him. Please pray that the finances will be there to pay the pastor a proper salary when he is called.
- Pray for VBS, that we would not lose focus on the reason we are doing this vital ministry.
- Pray that we will be able to regain our focus for the upcoming AWANA year, and for a fruitful upcoming AWANA season.