

WARREN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP LOVING GOD TO LOVE OTHERS

JANUARY 26, 2020 | 9:00 & 10:45 AM

JOHN 20:19-31



Growing in Fouth

A weekly devotion in a transformational faith journey.

TOUCHING JESUS

PASTOR CARY WACKER

There is a large chasm that lays between faith and doubt. But God's transforming grace can bridge that gap. And when you truly encounter the Lord Jesus Christ, the doubt that once governed your mind will begin to fade.

In John 20, Thomas represents all the individuals who hear the testimony about Jesus and the Gospel message, yet doubt its reality. These people want to see real evidence of God's transforming grace and new life. They want to see Jesus!

"So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

Many of the disciples were excited because they had seen the Lord, but because Thomas had not been present, he remained skeptical. Thus, his response was "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." Thomas was demanding proof before he would believe and accept the witness of the disciples. He wanted to physically touch the wounds from the nails and spear.

The world today is full of skeptics and doubters of Jesus and His offer for New Life. They desire evidence from His followers that Jesus is alive. So how do we, as His followers, give them this evidence they seek? Because at the base of it, we need to represent Jesus to a world full of skeptics. The Apostle Paul said it best,

"Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin" (Romans 6:3–7).

How will the doubter begin to believe? Through the living testimony of the Believer that Jesus is alive, and through the life of the Believer that walks in the newness of life. The Believer's life and testimony are the tangible evidence that Jesus is alive. Let's give them Jesus!

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 26

- 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services
- 9:00 & 10:45 am Prayer Group, Office Conference Room
- 9:00 & 10:45 am Children's Ministry, Downstairs
- 9:00 am Youth Group (Proverbs), Upper Room
- 9:00 am Adult Class (Colossians), Room 206
- 3:00 pm Annual Business Meeting, Worship Center
- 5:00 pm Life Group: Lloyd Meyers, Meyers' Home

Monday, January 27

6:00 am - Devoted to Prayer, Upper Room

- 6:30 pm YAC Dinner, The Cave
 - Life Group: Bob Kunders, Jim & Thelma Hay's
 - Life Group: Butcher/Allison, Dan & Mary Larson's

Tuesday, January 28

- 9:00 am Men's Coffee, Lobby
- 9:30 am Keenager's Ladies Bible Study, Cory Schumacher's
- 6:30 pm Life Group: Jan Coopersmith, Criss Firebaugh's

Wednesday, January 29

- 5:30 am Men's Bible Study (Matthew 7), Upper Room
- 9:00 am TLC Women's Bible Study, Upper Room
- 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Worship Center
- 6:30 pm Journey Through the Bible (Jeremiah), Worship Ctr
 - TLC Women's Bible Study, Room 206
 - Youth Group (Proverbs), Upper Room/Cave
 - Awana Kids Club, Downstairs

Thursday, January 30

Friday, January 31

4:00 pm - Youth Winter Retreat, Black Diamond Camp

Saturday, February 1

- Youth Winter Retreat

Sunday, February 2

- 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services (Communion)
- 9:00 & 10:45 am Prayer Group, Office Conference Room
- 9:00 & 10:45 am Children's Ministry, Downstairs
- 9:00 am Adult Class (Colossians), Room 206
- 4:00 pm Youth Winter Retreat Returning
- 5:00 pm Life Group: Lloyd Meyers, Meyers' Home

Connection Points

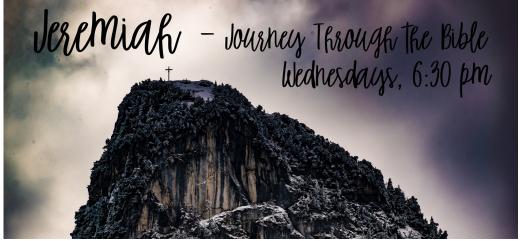
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WORSHIP CENTER 3:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND HOWEVER ONLY MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO VOTE





Connection Points

devoted to prayer

WEEKLY GATHERING DEVOTED TO PRAYER

MONDAYS 6:00 AM UPPER ROOM

ANY AND ALL ARE WELCOME

LED BY FRED BUTCHER

WCF Men's Retreat

Twin Rocks Friends Camp February 28 - March 1

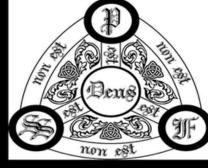
- 5:00 pm Registration
- 7:00 pm 1st Session begins

Cost \$140 Before February 14

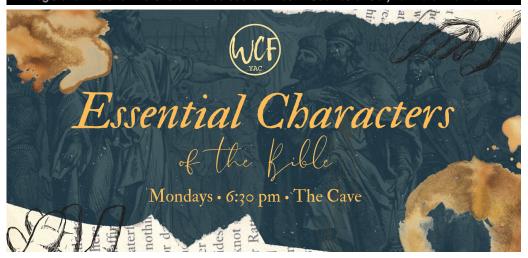
Cost \$155 After February 14

(Meals and Bedding included)

Register online or at the Church Office 503-397-4387 - See Pastor Cary for more information







Ministry Highlights

WCF Annual Family Camp

Join us for the Annual Family Camp at Fort Stevens State Park, July 21-26. We have **3-Night**, **4-Night** and **5-Night** reservations. An additional \$30 non-refundable fee will be added upon check out. This will cover administration fees and TWO FULL DINNERS (Thursday & Friday night).

Please sign up and pay online, wcf-ministries.com/family-camp/ *First come (registered and paid in full), first served. Contact Stacy at stacysullivan18@gmail.com with any questions. **Payment due upon** registration.

Stephen and Satomi Sakamoto

- Praise for being able to spend time with family over the holidays.
 Pray for their elderly parents, for salvation, and confidence of salvation.
- Pray for their Bible study group consistent attendance, eagerness to know God, and a desire for eternal life. Many housewives with toddlers attend.
- Pray for Satomi's ministry in "Baby Heartful," for relationships to build, to connect with the spiritually hungry mothers, and discernment on who to invite into beginner Bible studies.
- Please pray for Saito church plant team. Pray for safety, health, healing from chronic pains, preparations, for humility and obedience before Jesus and each other, pray for those who will be affected by the church plant and hearing the Gospel.
- Finally, please pray for TEAM Asia Pacific regional conference, February 9-19.



My Notes John 20:19-31 My Take Away is:

Thanks For Coming!

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Sunday Services 9:00 & 10:45 am

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