

WELCOME

to Word of Life Church

*It's great to have you
with us this weekend!*

Our passion is to be an authentic expression of the kingdom of Jesus and our purpose is to help you discover and experience the God-centered life, as well as to be a place where you can connect, grow, and serve. Please feel at home, and may something new and wonderful happen in your life this weekend.

Pastor Brian and Peri Zahnd

Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture for the Week: Matthew 11:2-11

Psalm for the Day, December 15: Psalm 49



Calendar-at-a-Glance

- 12/15 • MYC
- Men's Fraternity
- 12/18 • Wednesday Noon Prayer Service
- Celebrate Recovery
- 12/21 • Saint Joseph Symphony
- 12/24 • Christmas Eve Services
- 12/29 • No MYC
- 1/12 • New Member Sunday
- 1/19 • Baptism

FAMILY MATTERS

• Congratulations

~Scott and Mekelle McBee, on the birth of their daughter, River Kathleen, on November 27. Proud grandparents are Keith and Mindy Konicy.

• Remember in Prayer

~Sally Buckner and family, in the death of her husband, Kevin, on November 27.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

• Project 58

This week, your donations purchased a table and chairs for the Valley Community Center, an organization that supports the needy and feeds the hungry in our community. Project 58 also helped an ill family with groceries and a utility bill payment.

• Christmas Eve Drivers Needed

If you would be willing to give a fellow church member in your area a ride to one of our Christmas Eve services, please call Megan Taylor at the church office.

• Operation Helping Hands

Volunteers needed to assist a WOLC widow with some home repairs. Plumbing, painting, and basic repair knowledge are helpful but not necessary. Sign up in the foyer or call Megan Taylor at the church office.

EVENTS

• Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24 ~ 6 PM & 9 PM

Word of Life is the place to be on Tuesday night, December 24th, for our Christmas Eve services. This spectacular evening features a beautiful candlelight communion service, the Christmas story with live nativity, and much more. We encourage you to invite friends and family to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Word of Life on Christmas Eve.

• School of Prayer January 2014

Pastor Brian's next Prayer School will begin Wednesday morning, January 8, 7:30 AM in the Upper Room. Each class will be 45 minutes long. There are five sessions: January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5. You can register in the foyer, via the Word of Life mobile app, or call the church office.

Prayer for the Week

*Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us;
and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins,
let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.*

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EVENTS

• Saint Joseph Symphony

Saturday, December 21 @ 7 PM

Word of Life's very own Eric Stark is the featured guest artist at the 2013 Saint Joseph Symphony Holiday Concert. Eric, the Word of Life Choir and other Word of Life musicians will be performing Saturday, December 21 at 7PM. To purchase tickets to this fantastic community event, go to the Missouri Theatre box office, call 233.7701 or go to saintjosephsymphony.org.

• New Member Sunday

January 12, 2014

What better way is there to begin the new year than by getting connected by membership to Word of Life Church, and to what Jesus is doing right here in our community of faith. It's easy to become a church member. You can join Word of Life during either service and the pastoral staff will be in the Life Center for a reception after the services. For more information, call the church office or visit the Discover Word of Life Church corner in Solomon's Porch.

• Baptism

Sunday, January 19, 2014

Baptism is essential for everyone who wants to follow Christ. It is the public declaration of each believer's identification with Jesus and with his church. If you've not been baptized yet, Sunday, January 19 will be a great opportunity to go for it! We will be baptizing in both services. It's easy to register for baptism; visit the foyer table, fill out a Connect Card and drop it in the offering, sign up online at WOLC.COM, or call the church office.

• MYC Service Cancelled

December 29th

Due to holiday events, we will not have MYC on December 29th. We encourage students to attend the Christmas Eve Service instead.

• Advent in the Upper Room

The Church year begins with the Advent season. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas Day, lasts through Christmas Eve, and is marked by a joyful spirit of expectation, anticipation, preparation, and longing. The word "Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the season is anticipating the birth of Jesus the Christ, in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. We encourage you to participate in Advent by joining us for Wednesday noon prayer in the Upper Room, where we'll have a special Advent emphasis each week.

ADVENT READING GUIDE

We invite you to enter into the season of Advent. Here's a list of the next 7 days from our Advent reading guide. The entire reading guide is on the Word of Life Mobile app.

Sunday, December 15 ~ Luke 1

Monday, December 16 ~ Luke 2

Tuesday, December 17 ~ Luke 3

Wednesday, December 18 ~ Luke 4

Thursday, December 19 ~ Luke 5

Friday, December 20 ~ Luke 6

Saturday, December 21 ~ Luke 7



SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mornings at 9 & 11

Friday Nights at 7 in the MYC

**Wednesday Prayer & Communion at noon
in The Upper Room**

Communion is served every Sunday.

The next Baptism is January 19.

The next New Member Sunday is January 12.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday, 9 AM—4 PM

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