

West End Church of Christ
**CONGREGATIONAL
INITIATIVES**

March 2017

West End Shepherds

A shepherd sees that his sheep are properly nourished, are led to pure waters, are protected from harm, and should just one go astray he diligently seeks to bring that lost sheep back to the fold.



Mark
Burroughs



Kevin
Giles



Bob
Graham



Chuck
McCallister



Mark
Newby



David
Rollins



Paul
Shirley



Stanley
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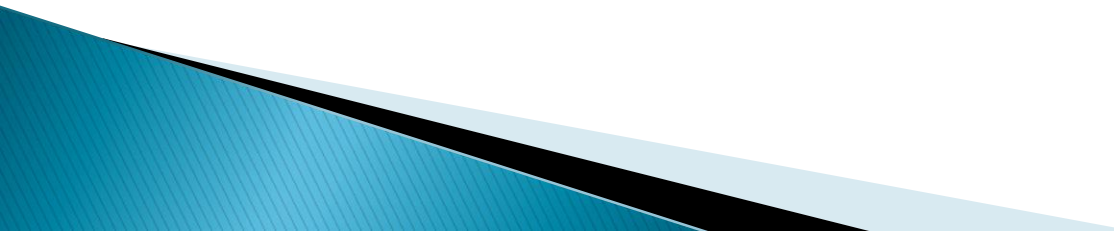


Bob
Waters



Jim
Worley

Our Goals as Elders

- ▶ The West End elders sincerely desire to please the Lord in all of our efforts as we serve the congregation.
 - ▶ Our primary goal, of course, is for all the West End family of God, and all those who would become part of our family, to have heaven as their eternal home.
 - ▶ We want each and every one of us to be prepared to meet our Lord whenever that day may come.
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West End Initiatives

- ▶ In order to accomplish these goals, we believe as the Bible instructs that we must each “desire the sincere milk of the word” and that we must “preach the word in season and”.
- ▶ We believe and acknowledge that as a congregation we strive to
 - ▶ Teach our children about our God from infancy to adulthood,
 - ▶ Encourage one another unto love and good works,
 - ▶ Provide numerous venues for service to God and one another,
 - ▶ Love one another fervently with the sincere love of the Lord.
- ▶ When it comes to the Lord’s work, we want to excel in what we do and thus we intend implement the following initiatives to help us do so.

Initiative #1

▶ Continue to Encourage Bible Reading and Personal Study

- Daily Bible Reading Suggested Methodology
- Develop and Introduce by the Fourth Quarter a New Adult Curriculum with the following objectives:
 - Study the entire Bible over the course of four years.
 - Greatly encourage home Bible study in preparation for weekly classes.

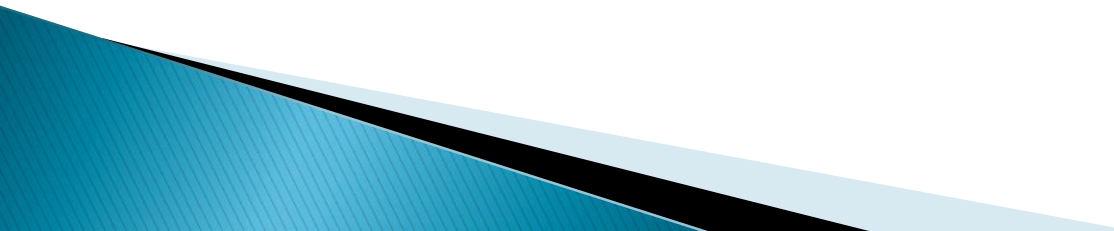
Initiative #2

▶ Facilities and Equipment

- Some upgrades to the facilities will be done this year
 - Carpet the Foyer
 - Install new ceiling tiles in Foyer
 - Perform ceiling/roof repairs in Lighthouse
- Update our streaming services
- Evaluate our auditorium sound system for improvement
- Evaluate hearing impaired technology in auditorium for improvement
- Continue to evaluate and develop Master Plan to support anticipated growth
 - Fellowship space
 - Classroom space

Initiative #3

▶ Youth and Family Ministries

- ▶ Communicate Billy Bearden's expanded responsibilities as Youth and Family Minister
 - ▶ Plan, sponsor and conduct Middle School Youth Rally
 - ▶ Conduct Parenting Seminar in concert with the Middle School Youth Rally
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Initiative #4

▶ College Ministries

- Sponsor college-planned Spring and Fall Retreats
- Challenge college students and their friends with excellent Bible class teachers and topics
- Encourage and support social activities such as singings, bon fires, hikes, campouts, MNFTM, etc.
- Get more members actively involved in the mentor program to encourage the college students
- Continue Wednesday evening meals before Bible class

Initiative #5

▶ Spiritual Development

- Gospel meetings currently scheduled:
 - Wayne Miller – April 2017 – Unchanging Christ in a Changing World
 - Speaker (TBD), Apologetics Press – March 2018 – Topic to be decided
 - Bill Watkins, Crieve Hall Church of Christ – March 2019 – Topic to be decided
- New 4-year adult curriculum mentioned earlier
- Worship – Singing Seminar
- Service – Monday Night for the Master
- Edification – Bible Class Teacher Workshop
- Possible 2017 Summer Series with guest speakers


Initiative #6

▶ Leadership Development

- We must nurture the future leader's desire and confidence to serve as leaders so there is no hesitation for them to serve when the Lord calls.
- Quarterly Saturday-morning workshops with all men (oldsters and youngsters) of congregation with planned subjects and speakers, as well as working group discussions.
- Continued emphasis and sponsorship of on-going youth programs such as CBH, CUC, K4C, Bible Bowls, L2L, Alpha & Omega, etc., which provide opportunities for youth leadership development.
- Encourage youth participation in MNFTM, mission efforts, and mission point visits

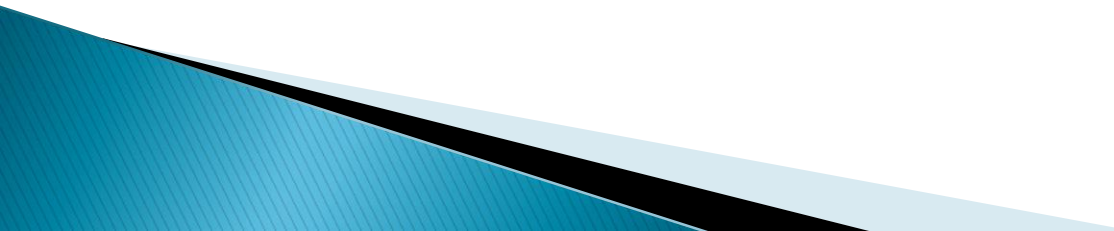
Initiative #7

▶ Increased and Continued Local Outreach

- Direct mailing of House to House Publication
 - Visitor follow-up via MNFTM
 - Bible correspondence course and prison ministry support via MNFTM
 - Active and challenging youth and college ministry programs
 - Well-advertised and conducted Gospel meetings and workshops
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Initiative #8

▶ Hispanic Ministry

- Plan and conduct an Hispanic Gospel Meeting
 - Further evaluate the need for a Minister for the Hispanic Ministry that speaks both Spanish and English.
 - Offer on-going English classes for Spanish-speaking people (both members and non-members)
 - Conduct combined worship services and fellowship activities semi-annually with the Hispanic Ministry.
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Initiative #9

▶ Missions

- Conduct a mission fair to familiarize members with the various mission efforts supported by West End.
- Identify specific members to correspond with our missionaries on an on-going basis.
- Publish an article every quarter in the bulletin highlighting a mission point.
- Evaluate the feasibility of a 2017 foreign mission trip to include our more mature youth, college students, and adults.
- Send a mission team to India for graduation in January 2018.

Summary

- ▶ Note that each of these initiatives requires our individual and collective participation and involvement in order to be successful.
 - ▶ Please evaluate how you can personally contribute to the success of each of these initiatives.
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