



WESTBURY
BAPTIST CHURCH

ARE
YOU
IN?

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2021 Fall | Winter Edition



OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Westbury Baptist Church is a multigenerational, multiethnic community of believers who seek to Engage, Equip and Empower any person who desires to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We will do this by . . .

- **Engaging** more fully in our relationship with God and with one another through meaningful worship experiences each week.
- **Equipping** the people of God with the Word of God through small group Bible study opportunities for all ages.
- **Empowering** individuals to live out the unique calling God has placed on their lives to serve within the church, and within the world.

JOIN US . . .

Sundays for Bible study and worship.

Bible Study, 9:15 AM
Worship, 10:45 AM

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So the question *Are You In?*, is an invitation.

I've decided I want to run a marathon again. After I completed my last, and only, marathon, one of my mentors made me promise I would wait 10 years before doing it again in order to allow my body to recover. It's now been 16 years and I want to do it again. However, I should clarify, there is a big difference between *wanting* to run a marathon and actually *running* a marathon.

For my first marathon I trained everyday of the week for 18 weeks. Of course training began long before the first day of the 18 weeks considering the first week began with a 3 mile run and concluded with a 6 mile long run. Not everyday consisted of running, non-running days were filled with cross-training and rest. And while rest seems easy enough, I had to be very intentional about rest so as not to undo the progress I made during the week. By week 15 the long run increased from 6 miles to 20 miles. When you factor in the additional work of proper nutrition, stretching and managing everyday responsibilities, training for a marathon requires hours of dedication. This is often the deciding factor between wanting to run a marathon and actually running one.

As the saying goes: *Life is a marathon, not a sprint*. Few things we do in our lifetime only require a small commitment. The evidence of this truth is found in our calendars. While they may only show us when we need to be where, we manage them daily in order to make sure we don't miss what we believe we're supposed to be a part of. We arrange a portion of one day in order to have more flexibility on another. We cancel or reschedule one event in order to make room for another. Everyday we spend hours preparing for the things we are a part of: work, exercise, vacation, gatherings, etc.

After all the work we do in preparing for moments, have you ever wondered *are we really in?* I mean, we spend so much of our lives scheduling and preparing for so many different moments, when the moment actually arrives, are we really able to be present in the moment, or are we already moving to the next?

Consider a vacation for example. Vacations don't happen on their own, we spend time determining locations and making arrangements for when we are away, in addition to doubling up on work so we can be away. And when we're actually on vacation, the greatest temptation is to think about what needs to be done when we get home in order to return to our normal lives. It's why we often feel we need a vacation from our vacation.

I finished my first full, 26 mile marathon in 4 hours, 44 minutes, and 55 seconds. This is rather slow compared to David Cheruiyot's 2 hours, 14 minutes, 50 seconds that year, but it's better than the guy who never signed up for the marathon to begin with. Then again, I never decided to run a marathon to compete against either of them, I did it for myself, and because I was trying to impress a girl I thought was really cute. But I did it. I put in the work to train myself, I ran the race, and that girl is now my wife. A lot of us spend our lives trying to keep up with others, trying to sprint the marathon at the pace of those around us as if we're going to get a special medal from a race committee on the day we die. In the process we lose sight of who we are, and compromise what we once believed was most valuable: our relationship with God and the person we were becoming in Christ.

The purpose of the Church is never to compete with the things this world has to offer. Remember when the rich young man told Jesus he wanted eternal life, Jesus told him to sell what had become most important to him and come follow Him. Unfortunately the young man walked away sad because he didn't want to do it. Jesus never forces someone to follow Him, nor did He ever guilt someone to. He invited them. And the Church should be no different. We don't force people to be a part of what God is doing here, and we don't need to guilt people into doing it either. But we want to invite everyone to be a part.

So the question *Are You In?* is an invitation. It's an invitation to be a part of what we've been praying for over the past 90 days. It's an invitation to be a part of the movement of God in this church. Sure, there's a place for spectators, but the real experience happens when we're active participants.

Grace & Peace,

Brandon 

SUNDAY

Small Group Bible Study at 9:15 AM

Adults

Catalyst

Young adults from varying paths of life who engage faith questions and pursue spiritual transformation

Grit and Grace

Adults, generally in their 30's & 40's, doing life together and seeking to honor God as we face challenges with balancing work and family

Bits and Pieces

People of all ages, in all of life stages, growing together in Christ

Seekers and Doers

Generally made up of adults 55+

Adventurers

65+ Traveling through the Bible one book at a time

Mature Singers

A group of mature adults still singing hymns and studying Bible lessons of salvation

Options

Adults of all ages studying the Bible, related themes and curriculum

The Gathering

Mostly single adults 50+ applying Biblical truths to our lives, sharing the good news with the lost, comforting those in pain, and showing Jesus' kindness to all

WBC Evening Adults Bible Study (Zoom)

A Zoom Bible study for adults of all ages and stages of life who work in other areas on Sunday morning or who cannot make it to church. Contact Tronie Gunn at tc_gunn@hotmail.com for more information or to sign up

Youth

Youth in 6th Grade – 12th Grade, Family Life Center upstairs on youth floor

Children

Children Birth – 5th Grade, Children's Building

Worship at 10:45 AM

Upcoming Worship Events

November 14th, Service of Consolation 4:00 PM, Choir Room

Come for a time of reflection as we begin this holiday season. This is a time to pour out your grief for the loss of loved ones or a burden you are carrying. Through music, scripture, and the lighting of candles, come lay your grief and burdens at the feet of Jesus.

November 28 - December 24 ADVENT SEASON



**December 4th, 6:00 PM
Sandra McCracken
in Concert**

**Tickets are \$15 per person.
Join us for a live concert
in the WBC sanctuary.
It will be the highlight of
the Christmas season!**



**BUY
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**December 5th, Sandra McCracken leads
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**December 5th, Westbury Winter Wonderland
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**December 8th, Heart to Hand Christmas
Luncheon, 11:00 AM**

December 12th, Christmas at Westbury

**December 12th, Randy and Karen Mitchell
Retirement Celebration**

December 19th, Christmas Unplugged

**December 24th, Candlelight Christmas Eve
Services, 5:00 PM and 6:45 PM**

MIDWEEK

MONDAYS

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT, 6:00 PM
Family Life Center, Gym

WEDNESDAYS

HEART TO HAND Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 AM, C109
Women of all ages gather Wednesday mornings to study *Elijah* by Priscilla Shirer. Childcare is provided

WEDNESDAY SUPPER, 5:00 PM, Parlor D,
Dinner is \$5/per for adults and students, and \$3/child for K-5th grade.

KIDS CROSSWALK, Beginning September 8th, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM, Children's Building
Children who are age 4 years old by September 1st through 5th grade are invited to learn how to walk with Jesus Christ as they participate in fun Bible study games, crafts and activities. This Fall, Children's Choir will be returning as Children's Worship Arts and is a part of Kids Crosswalk.



**REGISTER HERE
FOR CROSSWALK**

OVERFLOW, 6:15-7:00 PM, Parlor D
Adult Bible Study after the Wednesday Night Supper. Join us for a time of teaching and great fellowship.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE (WNL), 6:30-7:30 PM, Family Life Center, 2nd FL
Join the student ministry weekly for a time of worship, Bible study, and games.

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL, 6:30 PM,
In the Choir Room behind the Sanctuary
Love to sing? Join us for choir rehearsal every Wednesday.

PARENTING CLASS, 6:15 - 7:30 PM, C109
Throughout the semester parents of all ages will gather together to encourage one another in the journey of parenting. There is no cookie-cutter formula to successful parenting, nor is it a solo journey. One step at a time, one day at a time, together our desire is to point our children to Jesus.

THURSDAYS

YOUNG ADULT HANGOUT, 6:30 PM, Courtyard
The 20-somethings of the church gather in the Courtyard behind the Children's Building for a time of Bible study and fellowship.



"The Young Adult hangout is special, it's so rare to find a group of peers engaged in authentic fellowship and growth.

We've enjoyed getting to have a group where we can all learn from each other, despite the different stages of life we may all be in."

- Lucas and Amy Smith

SEMESTER at a Glance



September

September 14, Prime Timer Day Trip, For more information, contact randymitchell@wbchouston.org

September 25, Parents Night Out, 5:00-9:00 PM
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October 1-31, Youth Basketball League, Grades 1-8*

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October 5, Prime Bible Study

Join us as we study God's word. This study is led by different people. Each Bible study is followed by a hamburger lunch for \$3 per person.

October 8-10, The Branch Fall Retreat

The Branch Fall Retreat will be for students from 6th to 12th grade and held at Pineywoods Baptist Encampment in Woodville, TX. Speaker will be Nathan McCleskey. Worship will be led by Matthew Naizer and his band. Matthew and Nathan are both Branch Alumni. More information to come!

October 8-15, Day School Scholastic Book Fair

Purchase books to support our Weekday Programs.

October 12, Confused About Medicare? Class, 6:00-8:00 PM, FLC Gameroom

Toni King, Medicare expert, will be with us and walk through the maze that is Medicare. She will share all the latest news and changes for 2022. Sign up in Bible study or by call the Recreation office.

October 15-17, All Church Campout

The campout will be at Brazos Bend State Park. Join us as we celebrate God in the great outdoors. There are screened shelters and tent/RV sites available. For more information or to sign up, contact Randy Mitchell, 713.723.6428, ext. 312 or randymitchell@wbchouston.org. There will be a campfire each night, devotions around the campfire, and plenty of s'mores.

October 26, Prime Timer Day Trip

October 27, Houston Welcomes Refugees Welcome Kit Packing, 6:15 PM

October 31, Fall Carnival, 4:00-6:00 PM

We will be back in the Family Life Center for games, food, and fun! There is no charge for games. Carnival is located at the FLC. There will also be some Trunk or Treat activities in the parking lot. The Food Court will be back in the Gameroom and there is no charge.

November

November 1, Winter Day Camp (K-6th Grade)

Registration opens for Winter Day Camp. Camp will be full of fun games, non-stop activities, a daily Bible study, and hanging out with friends! Camp is open from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Dates and costs are:

December 20-22: (\$42/day)

December 27-30: (\$42/day or \$165/4-day week)

November 2, Prime Timer Bible Study, 10:30 AM

Join us as we study God's word. This study is led by different people. Each Bible study is followed by a hamburger lunch for \$3 per person.

November 4-6, Youth Basketball Evaluations

Players who have registered for our Youth Basketball League will be notified of their assigned grade level evaluations.

November 13, Parents Day Out, 10:00 AM-1:30 PM

Parents enjoy a day while your kids enjoy crafts, skating, games and more. This event is for registered babies through 5th grade.

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November 28, First Day of Advent

"Westbury's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is a family tradition. I think I have only missed one or two in my entire life. I love singing the Christmas hymns and there is always a beautiful choir anthem, usually Still, Still, Still. Being able to look out from the choir loft and see my whole family together for Christmas is the highlight for me. After the service we go back to Mom's and visit.

It's just a wonderful night that creates cherished memories."

**Sheri
Horn-Spears**



December

December 4, 6:00 PM, Sandra McCracken Concert

Tickets are \$15 per person. Join us for a live concert in the WBC sanctuary. It will be the highlight of the Christmas season. <http://bit.ly/mccracken-wbc>. On December 5th, Sandra McCracken will lead Sunday Worship.

December 5, Westbury Winter Wonderland, 5:00-7:30 PM

Join us for this event, formerly known as "Jingle and Mingle", and plan on having a festive time! Sample some great Christmas treats brought by WBC members. Santa will be making an appearance and there might even be a December snowfall . . .

December 6, Prime Timer Day Trip

For more information, contact Randy Mitchell, randymitchell@wbchouston.org.

December 7, Prime Timer Bible Study, 10:30 AM

Join us as we study God's word. This study is led by different people. Each Bible study is followed by a hamburger lunch for \$3 per person.

December 8, Heart to Hand Christmas Luncheon

To purchase a ticket, please call the church office.

December 8, Pizza and PJs, 6:00-7:30 PM

Kids wear their PJs to this fun pizza party. Kids Crosswalk will resume in January.

December 12, Christmas at Westbury

Our entire worship arts ministry will lead us in a Christmas experience worship service.

December 12, Randy and Karen Mitchell's Retirement Celebration, 3:00 PM

Join us in the Sanctuary for a chance to reflect on the impact Randy and Karen Mitchell have had at WBC. We will honor them both with a reception afterwards in the gym. Please come and celebrate alongside Randy and Karen!

December 14, Prime Timer Christmas Banquet, 6:30 PM

Join us for a great time of food, music, and fellowship. Special Guest - Steve Adell.

December 15, Day School Christmas Program, 11:00 AM

December 19, Christmas Unplugged

A simple time of Christmas Worship

December 24, Candlelight Christmas Eve Services, 5:00 and 6:45 PM

December 26, Impact Church Lunches

Join us as we prepare lunches to take to Impact Church near downtown Houston. Each Sunday, they feed 250-300 of Houston's homeless and less fortunate. We will prepare the lunches during Bible study and take them to Impact Church immediately after church.

CHILDREN

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"We have enjoyed fellowship with others especially in this pandemic. Madeleine loves being around other children and having activities to do. She also loves learning about Jesus. - Lesley Casler



Scan For Children "In the Know"



YOUTH

"Fall Retreat is a special time to take a weekend and step back from the busyness of everyday life. It's a time to examine and grow in your relationship with God while making new memories with friends!"

-Meagan McCleskey



THE BRANCH STUDENT MINISTRY FALL RETREAT, October 8-10

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FALL RETREAT

"In the Know"

If you would like to be in the know, via email or text, on what Westbury Baptist Church is offering in the Children's and/or Youth Ministries, please scan the QR codes with your phone's camera app to signup online.

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ADULTS

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PRIME TIMERS CHRISTMAS BANQUET

December 14th, 6:30 PM

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MISSIONS

MCNAMARA ELEMENTARY

Over the past 13 years WBC has built a strong relationship with the faculty, staff and families of McNamara Elementary. While COVID has limited our interactions drastically, it will never be able to undo the relationship which we have formed. Throughout the semester we will continue to seek ways to support the work at this great school. We'll make opportunities known through email, social media, our website and word of mouth.

HOUSTON WELCOMES REFUGEES: A NEW WBC MISSION INITIATIVE

September 21st

If anyone is interested in learning more about HWR, please be checking their website for opportunities for an online or in-person orientation to learn how you can serve refugees arriving in our city.

<https://www.houstonwelcomesrefugees.com/get-involved-index>

Once your orientation is completed, please watch for an email invitation from HWR to attend a training session.

HOUSTON WELCOMES REFUGEES WELCOME KIT PACKING

October 27th, 6:15 PM

We will pack welcome kits for incoming refugees. Be looking for lists of what you can donate at wbchouston.org/hwr. Consider working as a family or a Bible study group to fulfill these kits.

IMPACT CHURCH LUNCHES

December 26th

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**Check out all WBC
has to offer at:
WBCHOUSTON.ORG**

WEEKDAY PROGRAMS

Weekday programs provides:

- Childcare: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM, 6 months to 3 year olds
- Mother's Day Out: Mondays and Fridays, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 15 months to 3 year olds
- Day School: 9:00 AM - 12 :00 PM, 3 year olds to Pre-K

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

October 8th- 15th

Purchase books to support our Weekday Programs

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 15th, 11:00 AM



FAMILY LIFE CENTER

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

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IT'S BACK! WBC FALL CARNIVAL

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Family Life Center - games, food, and fun! No charge for games. Carnival is located at the FLC. Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. Food Court in the Gameroom and is free. Pumpkin Patch Photos available too!

WINTER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

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NEXT STEPS

These pages are filled with many opportunities to get involved in the life of Westbury Baptist Church. At the same time, trying to choose what you can and cannot be a part of can be overwhelming. Our ongoing goal is to simplify one's church experience. We will seek to do this by pursuing excellence in what we do in order that what you participate in will be valuable to you.

So what should you do next?



PRAY.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how God is inviting you to be a part of WBC.



CONTACT OUR STAFF.

We not only want to know you're going to be a part of these things, but we also want to make ourselves available to answer any questions you may have, or assist with obstacles which may hinder your participation.



INVITE.

Sometimes being a part of something may make you anxious because you're not sure what to expect, or you may feel you won't know anyone. Bring a friend with you and experience it together.



LET US KNOW.

We want to hear from you. If our goal is to pursue excellence in what we do, then we only know if we're being successful in this endeavor if we hear from you. Drop us a line, give us a call, we want to hear what God is doing in your life.

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