



## Resources for Hope



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### 'Come Let Us Adore Him' Message Series

Amidst the decorations, the lights and the cold winter nights, the season of Christmas stands upon one simple truth: the gospel of Jesus Christ! What incredible news it is that Jesus left heaven and came to earth on a rescue mission for the purpose of reconciling man back to God.

But why was it necessary for God to come to earth? Why did the baby Jesus have to be born of a virgin? Why does it seem like the world has stolen the true meaning of Christmas? What is the Joy brought to the world through Jesus? Join us at Westside Fellowship this December as Pastor Jacob Danieley unpacks the answer to each of these questions. Won't you "Come, Let us Adore Him!"

## Jacob Danieley, Named as Senior Pastor of Westside

Jacob, Elizabeth, Jaden (13), Lilly (10), and Maisie (6 weeks) Danieley are natives to Alamance County and the Western Alamance community. Jacob and Elizabeth met while attending Western Alamance High School together and were married shortly thereafter. Both were raised locally within Christian homes and started attending Westside Fellowship in 2016 after being led to Christ by their "spiritual parents" Mike and Stephanie Mitchener.

Jacob and Elizabeth have a deep love for Christ, the One True Church, Westside Fellowship, and the Western Alamance community. Of significant importance to the Danieleys is their love for ministry within the marriage relationship, and the necessity for all couples to embrace and exercise living out a Christ-Centered Marriage. In their time at Westside, Jacob and Elizabeth



have had the opportunity to share in ministry in several different capacities including: as small group leaders, as co-coordinators of the annual Marriage Retreat, children's ministry workers, and most recently Jacob has served as Worship Pastor.

Jacob is finishing his Master of Divinity and has already completed his Master of Arts in Ministry from Piedmont Divinity School. Previously, Jacob earned a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science from Elon University. In addition to serving as the

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## Danieley to Serve as Senior Pastor (continued from Page 1)...

Worship Pastor at Westside Fellowship, Jacob has served as an Associate Professor at Guilford Technical Community College since 2016.

Jacob and Elizabeth share the view that all Christians are “called into full-time ministry” by carrying out the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Elizabeth has served alongside Jacob in ministry as: a co-leader, with Jacob, of the Danieley small group; a key organizer of the annual Marriage Retreat; an active member at Westside, and a math teacher at Western Alamance High School. Elizabeth earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has a particular passion for women’s and children’s ministries.

Jacob and Elizabeth are truly honored to have the opportunity to serve the Lord, and the people of Westside, through this new ministry opportunity. They look forward to getting to know each person at Westside better over the coming weeks and months, and are thrilled to see the ways in which the Lord is going to use Westside Fellowship to bring much glory and honor to the name of Jesus Christ!



## Christmas Family Fun Night Friday, Dec. 11



You and your family are invited to the Worship Center on Friday, December 11 at 6 p.m. to decorate gingerbread houses. Following the time of decorating, you are invited to attend the Move Night on the lawn behind the Worship Center. Enjoy the movie, *The Star*, at 7 p.m. from the warmth of your car, or bundled up on the lawn. Hot Chocolate, popcorn and cookies will be served during the movie.

To reserve your gingerbread house for decorating, scan the QR code or call the church office at 336-524-0098.



## Make a Difference in Alamance County

Westside will collect nonperishable food items to be distributed during the Christmas holiday to families in need in Alamance County. **Donations for the Food Pantry will be collected until Wednesday, Dec. 16 and can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk of the Worship Center or at the Big House.** For more info, contact the church office at 336-524-0098.

Canned chicken	Tuna Helper	1 lb. Rice Bags
Beef Stew	Soup Kits	Dried Pasta
Tuna	Pancake Mix	Spaghetti Sauce
Applesauce	Syrup	Mayo
Instant Potatoes	Grits	Snack Cracker
Granola Bars	Jelly	Packs
Chicken Helper	Peanut Butter	Cereal
Hamburger Helper	Mac ‘n’ Cheese	Shelf Stable Milk
	Saltines	

## New Ministries Ahead for Pastor Kurt and Pastor Steve

Westside Fellowship has had the honor of having Pastor Kurt Ward and Pastor Steve Janicello on staff for many years. During his ten years at Westside, Pastor Steve served as the Worship Leader and later transitioned to Children’s and Youth Pastor. Pastor Kurt initially served as the Youth Pastor for three years and transitioned to serve as Associate Pastor for ten years. They have both recently announced their new ministry opportunities. Although they will both be greatly missed, we join them in the excitement and challenge they face in taking the good news of Jesus Christ to new territories.

Pastor Kurt’s impact among the body at Westside has been immensely deep. This is evidenced by words of appreciation from one member who wrote, “You possess a

kind and genuine heart that has touched anyone who meets you.” After 15 months of praying for a specific community in Burlington, God has made it clear to Pastor Kurt and Marsha that He is calling them to plant a church in a multicultural community in East Burlington. He will join Northside Baptist Church during the month of December to close out its books. In January 2021, Pastor Kurt and Marsha will reopen the church as Northside Fellowship in the existing building.

Words such as, “Amazing servant of God with the most loving and humble heart” were penned on notes of encouragement for Pastor Steve. A student from his youth group wrote about him, “Because of you, I have been able to experience Jesus in a way I never had before.” Pastor Steve and his wife, Christie,

are being called by God to a church in Graham to be the senior pastor of an elderly church community. He will be doing family ministry with a strategic vision to help revitalize the existing church. Pastor Steve and Christie are thankful for the faithful support of the people of Westside. “They have left an indelible mark in our development,” said Janicello.

In some of their last words, Pastor Kurt and Pastor Steve have exhorted those listening to obey God and follow Him. Pray for the Ward family and the Janicello family. Pray for the community around their respective churches. Pray for the people they will encounter through the churches they represent. Pray that many people will be reconciled to God!

## Do You Need a Gift of Hope?

Sometimes the events surrounding holidays can be some of the most joyous moments. Other times those same events come with memories that are not filled with joy, but expose deep wounds of grief, hurt or regret. The circumstances surrounding holidays can be hard. *Life* has been hard. It may seem hopeless. In the book of Romans, God is referred to as the God of hope. “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 15:13). He is the source of our hope. The Holy Spirit enables us to give hope to others as an “overflow” of hope within ourselves.

As you’re reading this, maybe you are in need of a “lifeline” to get you to that source of hope. You may *know* that God is the source of hope because you have exhausted all of your resources to find it elsewhere, but perhaps you need help getting *to* Him. There are many resources that provide a guide to the Lord as our hope.

One of which is very dear to Westside Fellowship. It is a particular Bible study, “*Lord Heal My Hurts*,” by Kay Arthur. A participant of the study stated, “It really changed my life. It gave me hope.” The study was so impactful that the participant began sharing the same hope through the study with other women.

Other resources to offer hope are DivorceCare and GriefShare. Both resources are designed to walk alongside individuals through what can be life’s most difficult experiences—loss through divorce or death.

Another resource is through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors. Their website addresses a variety of topics such as God’s character, Biblical approach to counseling others, and “finding strength and hope in the midst of overwhelming trials.”

