

# SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Chanhasen  
8:20, 9:45, 11:10am  
& 5:00pm

Minnetonka  
9:45 & 11:10am

*LIVE WITH OPEN HANDS...  
AND BE AWAKENED,  
BE PREPARED AND  
BE A BLESSING.*

For stories of God at work in and  
through the people of Westwood visit  
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## FIT CHURCH MESSAGE SERIES THROUGH AUGUST 28

We get to be the church. And as the body of Christ, we need to be working right so that lives are being transformed and communities are impacted for the good. Because if we aren't they won't. Through the month of August, we'll learn what it means for a church to function like it should and how you play a vital role in that.

We're hiring! Here are a few of the positions we're looking to fill:

Database Coordinator (FT) | Campus Production Tech (PT) | Adult Ministries Administrative Assistant (PT)

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**FIT**  
CHURCH

AUGUST 21, 2016

# WELCOME TO WESTWOOD!

## Is this your first time here? So glad you came!

If you are unfamiliar with the flow of our service, here's the scoop: we begin with a few worship songs. The lyrics are found on the big screens. The songs are followed by a couple announcements, a time of prayer and offering. The sermon message is given, and the service concludes with a song.

Stop by the Info Spot just outside each worship venue before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some handy dandy information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. Our Kids' Welcome Desk downstairs would be glad to help you. Come, let's give our love to God who first loved us.



## EXPRESSING FAITH | CELEBRATING BAPTISM

Registration is open for Baptism classes and interviews for kids, students and adults. The classes and interviews are part of the preparation for Baptism on September 11. Check out details and register online.

**Chanhassen Campus Baptism:**  
12:30pm at Lake Ann

**Minnetonka Campus Baptism:**  
1:00pm at Shady Oak Beach



## CHILD DEDICATION

Child Dedication is our special way of celebrating the gift of a new baby, through birth or adoption. As a church family, we stand with parents in praying for their child and committing to help them raise their young one to grow to know Jesus. For information on having your child dedicated, head to our website.

# FIT CHURCH

TODAY'S MESSAGE

AUGUST 21, 2016

## TRIFECTA: JOYFUL, PRAYERFUL, THANKFUL

### 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NIV)

Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray continually, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

## Thessalonica and the Super Highway

**Message:** The FIT person and the healthy church know God's will and do it.

## What is God's will for you right now?

- Rejoice Always = Be \_\_\_\_\_ that God is with you \_\_\_\_\_ the time  
I Thessalonians 5:16
- Pray Continually = \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ the time  
I Thessalonians 5:17
- Give thanks in all circumstances = Express \_\_\_\_\_ to God  
\_\_\_\_\_ what happens.  
I Thessalonians 5:18

**SERVICE TIMES CHANGE** | Beginning **September 11**, our services times will shift.

**Chanhassen** | Worship Center: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00am & 5:00pm, Woodside Room: 9:30 & 11:00am

**Minnetonka** | 9:30 & 11:00am

Fit Church  
*Trifecta: Joyful, Prayerful, Thankful*

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Fill in the blank: What is God's will for me right now concerning \_\_\_\_\_? That is, what are you dealing with right now wherein you would like greater clarity concerning God's will for your life? Have each person share your desires for God's will in your life.
2. Paul and Silas were travelling from city to city sharing the good news of Christ in places it had never been heard before. They arrived at Thessalonica, one of the most important cities in Macedonia. When Rome conquered Macedonia in 168 BC they made Thessalonica the Capital city of the province, a population 200,000 in Paul's time. You can visit Thessalonica today – it's the second largest city in modern Greece. During Jesus' time, you could call it the New York City of the world because of its influence connecting people to NSEW. To have a healthy church planted here could have great influence. And that's what happened. Because Paul was forced out of Thessalonica after just a few months he had concern that the church stays healthy. Staying healthy is aligned with knowing and doing God's will. He gives three simple commands related to God's will:

**I Thessalonians 5:16-18** *Rejoice always,<sup>17</sup> pray continually,<sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Take the rest of the time to discuss the questions "What is God's will for you right now?" as it relates to the three injunctions given by Paul below.

**First:** What does it mean to rejoice always? (5:16-18). This theme is found throughout the Bible. Review the "flow" of how this is possible as described by Pastor Joel. Share practical stories of true experiences where this fruit of joy is evidenced in your life.

**Second:** How should we pray? (5:17). What does it mean to pray in this way? What happens if we choose to not lean into God for a couple of days. What are some of the reasons we have for not asking God for particular needs in our life?

**Third:** When should we give thanks? (5:18) Does this mean we should thank God for evil that comes to us and others or for suffering or difficulties? What does it mean to thank God in all circumstances? Give examples.

3. Why are the implications if we as individuals, and we as the church called Westwood, embraced God's will and lived out these three imperatives in greater measure?
4. Review: What is God's will for us? (5:16-18) Share with each other which one of the three is the greatest challenge for your own spiritual growth?