

KABOOM

Stars, Dust & Sand | 02.11.18 | Joel K. Johnson

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.

Genesis 22:15-17 (NIV)

Our confession: I believe in Jesus

Our history: alienation from God

Genesis 3

God's vision: healing for the nations

Genesis 12:1-3

Our identity: Jesus is Lord

Romans 10:9

Our 10-10-10 vision: the Jesus sneeze here, near and far

WELCOME TO WESTWOOD!

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

Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some handy information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. Our Westwood Kids desk would be glad to help you.

BIBLE READING PLAN

Join us in reading the Bible together. Look for readings that correspond to our message series KABOOM on the back of the program each week. Missed a week? You can find it at westwoodcc.org/readingplan

- FEBRUARY 11-17**
- Romans 10:8-10**
 - Philippians 2:9-11**
 - Colossians 2:6-7**
 - 1 Peter 3:15**
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4-6**

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday Services

Minnetonka: 6:00pm
Chanhassen: 6:00 & 7:30pm
Kids programs for birth-age 5 are available.

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 21

Lenten Services

6:00-6:30pm, both campuses
No kids programs.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23-24 CHANHASSEN

Food Pack Event

Give hope to the hungry. Pack food for people in ravaged areas of the world. Feed My Starving Children will join us again as our packing partner. Register for a two-hour shift online.

OPEN FORUMS SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 18, 11:00AM FEBRUARY 25, 9:30AM CHANHASSEN

Open Forum & Special Business Meeting

An exciting part of Westwood's 10-year vision includes the launching of a multisite campus in the Eden Prairie/Bloomington/Edina area targeted for September 2018. A proposal for funding this campus launch will be presented to the congregation at a brief special congregational meeting on Sunday, March 4, at 12:15pm in the Woodside Room on the Chanhassen campus. To learn more about this opportunity prior to the meeting, attend one of the open forums the two Sundays prior to the meeting.

CAMPUS EVENTS

For campus-specific events, small groups and other ways to connect, visit westwoodcc.org

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THE 10-YEAR VISION

10
— Multisite campuses, church plants & microsite locations

// HERE

100
— Culturally-diverse congregations in the Twin Cities

// NEAR

1000
— Churches planted in unreached areas of the world

// FAR

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. // Matthew 28:19

We're excited about our future!

Out of the abundance of what Jesus has done for us and in us, we are setting out on a 10-year vision of renewed passion for multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ and multiplying church environments where disciples are made.

WELCOME NEXT

MULTIPLYING IS IN OUR DNA! Just as Westwood was started in 1995 by Eden Prairie's Wooddale Church to reach into the nearby community of Chanhassen, we carried on that vision by starting two churches and a multisite campus in Minnetonka. Our "Welcome Next" 10-year vision includes major multisite campus launches every other year, with targeted "micro-site" launches in between.

MULTIPLYING CHURCHES "HERE"

→ In the places people live and work these congregations will develop disciples and leaders to multiply and launch, again and again.

MULTIPLYING CHURCHES "NEAR"

→ As we're adding Westwood campuses in our region of the Twin Cities, we'll also help start independent churches for the nearly 1,000,000 immigrants and culturally diverse communities in the Twin Cities, a significantly under-churched population.

MULTIPLYING CHURCHES "FAR"

→ We'll join in meaningful church planting work that is being done in the 41% of the world that still doesn't have access to the Gospel. This great work is already having incredible impact through training pastors and releasing them to start "micro-churches."

HOW WILL WE CREATE NEW CHURCH ENVIRONMENTS?

When we grow in Christ and help others to follow Jesus—churches follow!

We're developing a discipleship pathway to help people move forward in their relationship with God—a map to become more like Jesus and live engaged with His purposes for our life.



"The Welcome Next vision shows us a natural progression, through sanctification and obedience, of living out the teachings of the Abrahamic Covenant, the Great Commission and Great Commandment—all of which are at the core of our very existence as Christ followers."

SCOTT STURM,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
WESTWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Read more stories and affirmations that surround this vision:
WESTWOODCC.ORG/NEXT10

Kaboom: Stars, Dust and Sand #1

1. Have you ever felt like people (Christians or non-Christians) are trying to put you in a box in terms of your faith in Christ? Give examples?
2. Did you grow up in a faith tradition that utilized the Apostles Creed? If so, what did it mean to you? And if not, do you find it helpful to join other voices in declaring together our core beliefs?
3. Why do we try to put God in a box? And why is it important that we avoid such practice? Read Ephesians 3:17-19. What is it saying about Jesus – who He is and what happens in our heart when we receive Him.
4. Our Confession states: “I believe in Jesus.” What does that mean to you?
5. Pastor Joel talked about the history of mankind and how we were made to live in harmony with God but were marred by the sin of our first parents and the ripple effect of that action is seen today. Four consequences of their sin is played out in our lives: Alienation in our relationship with God, self, others, and nature. Be transparent, humble and honest and discuss how you have seen these consequences played out in your own life.
6. We are made in the image of God, marred by sin, but remade in the image of God through Jesus Christ. God divides the nations in Genesis 11 in order to protect people from complete annihilation. In Genesis 12 he raises up Abraham and promises to bless him and through Him to bless the scattered nations. In other words, God does not give up on us, or want anyone to perish. Through this one man, a nation will be born to bring blessing, not just to this people (the Jews) but to the nations. Read Genesis 22:17 to see God’s vision. Then read Genesis 3:7-9, 14. How is Jesus connected to the blessing of the nations? Do you see that the vision of stars, dust and sand includes you? What does that mean in terms healing in our relationship with God, self, others and nature?
7. Read Romans 10:9. What does Jesus ask of us? How important is it that we identify “Jesus as Lord?” If Jesus is Lord, then gives examples of what is ‘not’ lord of our lives.
8. What is now the joyful task of the church? Review Westwood’s ten-year vision. What does each ‘10’ stand for? How does it fit into God’s big vision and how do you fit into God’s vision for these next ten years in terms of offering your life, your gifts, talents, abilities, or financial resources?
9. Conclude by praying for souls of lost people to be found here, near, and far. Pray for God to guide our steps in 10-10-10.