

Ride the Wave

UPCOMING MESSAGES

March 26	Interpretation Matters.....	Acts 6:11–7:53
April 2	Persecuted.....	Acts 7:54–60
April 9	Prepared to Proclaim	Acts 8:26–40

For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

ROMANS 10:13–15 (NLT)



SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

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 Chanhassen
 8:15, 9:30, 11:00am
 & 5:00pm

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 Minnetonka
 9:30 & 11:00am

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A STUDY IN ACTS

March 19, 2017

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WELCOME TO WESTWOOD!

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

Welcome to Westwood! 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 typically concludes with a song.



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. Come, let's give our love to God, who first loved us.



EASTER SERVICES & RSVP INFORMATION

As you begin to plan for Easter, we hope Westwood is part of your celebration. Let us know which service you and your guests will be attending. Simply go to our website: westwoodcc.org/easter

Chanhassen Campus:

Saturday, April 15
4:00 and 6:00pm

Sunday, April 16

7:40, 9:00, 10:30am and 12:00pm

Minnetonka Campus:

Sunday, April 16
9:30 and 11:00am



BECOME A BETTER LEADER

The Transformational Leadership: Foundations class will help you grow in your leadership skills, both inside Westwood and outside. Learn a practical transformational leadership philosophy that can transform your teams.

Tuesdays, April 25-May 23, 6:30-8:30pm
Hosted at the Chanhassen Campus. Register online.

Message Notes

Ride the Wave #11
The Mess of Success
Acts 6:1-7

1. Ice Breaker: What was your first paying job? How old were you?
2. David Brickner mentioned “If you ride the wave you should expect to get wet and you can count on spending some time beneath the waves as well as on top.” Share with the group a time in your life where you experienced success that became messy.
3. **Read Acts 6:1-7** In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”
This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.
 - A. How did the apostles respond to resolve this problem?
 - B. What starts as a small problem can quickly grow into a big conflict. How can we as Christians respond to conflict in a healthy way?
4. How do you measure success? What would it look like to seek success in God’s eyes first?
5. When you experience failure do you hide, cover up and pretend or do you “seek first the kingdom of God”? Why?
6. David mentioned that “Anything done on behalf of God is a spiritual service and important to God and to His people.” Where are you serving on behalf of God and His church? Where are you “Riding the Wave”? What does “Riding the Wave” look like for you? If you are not serving, where do you feel God is prompting you to serve? Is it with the neglected widows or somewhere else? What keeps you from responding to this prompting?