



Watsonville Christian Church

Our Mission

To teach everyone
to live unconditionally
surrendered to Jesus Christ

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Welcome!

10 a.m. Worship Service
Spiritual Growth Bulletin

Sundays: We open by 9 a.m. to set-up for our Worship Service, fellowship & food area, etc. There's much work to be done. Thanks to those who come early to help! We greatly appreciate your service! (Colossians 3:23-24, Hebrews 6:10-12) After set-up everyone is invited to a prayer meeting to pray for our Worship Service, give thanks, offer other prayers, or just sit-in and listen. (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, Philippians 4:6)

Thanks & Prayer Time: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; Luke 19:46 He said to them, "My house will be a house of prayer." This time is to give thanks, offer, or request prayer. Please don't go longer than two minutes. Participation is voluntary; not required.

Bibles & Sermons: You're invited to take an **NIV-2011 edition Bible** from the entrance table to follow along during the sermon, keep it and write in it or hi-lite parts that are most helpful. It can be wise to take notes during the sermon of scriptures and points to put into practice. **So you can study ahead, here's the schedule of expository (verse-by-verse) sermons: TODAY: Nehemiah 13, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jonah, James, Joshua, Philemon, Philippians, Ruth.** Other sermons will be given for Palm Sunday, Easter/Resurrection Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and possibly other occasions.

Grow to be Christ-like! Correctly apply Spiritual Disciplines, crucify The 7 Deadly Sins, and become ALL you can be! 1) *Pray* 2) *Listen* 3) *Study* 4) *Fast* 5) *Meditate* 6) *Fellowship* 7) *Serve* 8) *Give* 9) *Solitude* 10) *Worship* 11) *Thank* 12) *Balance* 13) *Simplify* 14) *Sacrifice* 15) *Trust* 16) *Silence* 17) *Quiet* 18) *Memorize* 19) *Rest* 20) *Obey*. The 7 Deadly Sins: 1) *Ego* 2) *Envy* 3) *Anger* 4) *Laziness* 5) *Greed* 6) *Gluttony* 7) *Lust*

Grow Spiritually with Weekly Attendance, Serving, & Fellowship: We encourage you to attend every Sunday, as possible, for your *maximum* spiritual growth. **Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.** Ideally, come early, stay late, and participate! After services we fellowship and have snacks. You're invited to bring snacks each Sunday to share with others. Thank you! NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17: Communion & Annual Christmas Potluck. Please see the sign-up sheet to list what you would like to bring. Thanks! This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends!

Communion is served once a month. The small piece of broken bread is a symbol of Jesus broken body and the tiny cup of grape juice a symbol of His shed blood. By eating and drinking these symbols we express our thanks and faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:26-29)

Baptism: If you've repented and accepted Jesus Christ as both your Lord and Savior and haven't been baptized please see Pastor John. There is no age limit on how old someone must be to be baptized. (Acts 2:36-39)

Card Ministry: Cards are available to sign on our eating tables.

Feed Yourself Spiritually Each Day! *Pray continually* (1 Thessalonians 5:17), *listen* to our Lord, and *follow* Him (John 10:27). *Pray* for discernment and guidance before studying. Get *informed* to be *transformed* into Christ-likeness (Romans 12:1-2). Get renewed each day (2 Corinthians 4:16). Knowledge alone puffs up (1 Corinthians 8:1); it must be *applied* (Matthew 4:4). Get into God's Word, and God's Word into you. The main things are the plain things and the plain things are the main things. Major in the majors; minor in the minors. Here are study helps:

- Bible for study: NIV-2011 (New International Version-2011 edition). For accuracy it can be compared to the NASU (New American Standard Updated), ESV (English Standard Version), and GNB (Good News Bible). These recommendations are from chapter two "The Basic Tool: A Good Translation" of "How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth" by Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart excerpts of which are on our website watcc.org.
- Audio Bibles: our website watcc.org & elsewhere
- Concordance: look up a word such as "faith" and see everywhere it appears in the Bible
- Willmington's Bible Handbook
- Christian Radio: KKMC-880 AM, KCBC-770 AM, KFAQ-1100 AM
- Videos: The Visual Bible's "Matthew," "The Gospel of John," "Acts"
- Websites: watcc.org & Grace Communion International (GCI) gci.org. Biblical accuracy of books, individuals, programs: equip.org. Christian counseling: Focus on the Family (800-232-6459).

Please note: We don't endorse every book, or everything on radio, television, internet etc. such as the un-Biblical Health/Wealth/Prosperity gospel, Word of Faith movement ("Name It & Claim It") or anything that alters, adds or subtracts from the Bible. (Matthew 28:20, Acts 20:27, 2 Timothy 4:2-4, Revelation 22:18-19)

Pre-teens & Teens: Please help us in assisting our youth gain as much as possible from their experience at church. They're invited to help set-up our hall and take-down as well. They're encouraged to have one of our Bibles and we encourage you to help them follow along in it during the sermon. We all have a responsibility to assist our youth in becoming ALL they can be, whether they are our biological children, grandchildren, foster children, or our spiritual children (those in our church). Deuteronomy 6:6-7 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 2 Timothy 3:15 ...from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures...

Thank You for Your Prayers, Tithes, & Offerings! "The church teaches that Christians have a spiritual duty to financially support their church and encourages each member to give as he or she is able and has been blessed by God." "The practice of tithing [10%], while not mandated, is encouraged as a good standard of Christian financial stewardship." – GCI. Genesis 28:22 "...of all that you [God] give me I will give you a tenth." The Biblical principle: Give to God *first*, before yourself, or others. To obey Jesus Great Commission (command) of Matthew 28:19 "...go...make disciples [Christians]," we teach as many as funds allow by our radio messages, website, and Worship Services. (Isaiah 55:11. Luke 14:23, Revelation 3:8) Donations to WCC (Watsonville Christian Church) are tax deductible, and pay for Bibles, hall rental, radio ministry, website, newspaper & on-line ad, picnics, equipment, supplies etc., and can be put in the Tithes & Offerings box or mailed to WCC, P.O. Box 1097, Freedom, CA 95019. Automatic monthly or periodic donations can be made from a checking account, credit or debit card. You'll receive a semi-annual & annual receipt. Quarterly financial reports & annual budget are given during services. (2 Corinthians 8:20-21)

Become a Prayer Warrior! Join the 32 of us on our Prayer Warrior email team. We'll send prayer requests to you for praying. To join, and if you have a prayer request, email Pastor John at JohnJester@aol.com. If you don't have email, call our Church Secretary, Josie Cruz, at 784-1429 to get copies of requests or to comprise a request. (Ephesians 6:18)

Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversary: