

"To Know, Love, & Follow Jesus by Serving All" From the Letter to

Missions Invitations & Offering

Moment in Missions

Opening Song

"Holy Forever"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:17-26

Worship in Singing

"King of Kings"

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:43-48

Time of Prayer

Worship in Song

"The Jesus Way"

(Children ages K-5th grade are dismissed to Junior Church)

Message

"From the Letter to the Heart"

Song of Response

"His Mercy is More"

Benediction

New to WGT?

New Here? Scan the QR code and tell us about yourself! Stop at the Welcome Center outside the sanctuary for a small gift and for info about our church! Thanks for gathering with us! If you would like further information, please visit our website:

www.westgreentree.org/new-to-wgt



Visitor Check In

From the Letter to the Heart

Matthew 5:17-48

The law was heavily focused on _____.

- *"You shall not murder."*
- *"You shall not commit adultery."*
- *"You shall not bear false witness."*

Jesus starts by making a clear statement that He is not abolishing the law or the prophets, but His role is to fulfill them

Jesus reaffirms the _____ of all the Scriptures

Just as God gave Moses and the Israelites the law on the mountain, Jesus is giving the _____ of the law on this mountain.

With each example Jesus contrasts what was said in the Torah/Ten Commandments in its traditional interpretation with His more stringent requirements.

Jesus exposes the truth: the physical act is just _____; the desire of the heart is _____. You can have a perfectly clean outward appearance while harboring a heart full of malice, greed, and lust.

Jesus raises the bar to an agonizing height, culminating in verse 48: *"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."*

But look back at how Jesus began this teaching:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." — Matthew 5:17

Where we failed, _____. He lived a completely _____, _____. He perfectly _____ His enemies; He perfectly _____ His heart; He perfectly _____ every single stroke of the Law.

On the cross, Jesus took the punishment that our broken hearts deserved.

This is the beautiful reality of the Gospel: when you place your faith in Jesus Christ, a divine exchange takes place. Your sin is placed on Him, and His perfect _____ is credited to you.

When God the Father looks at you today, He does not see your failures, your hidden anger, or your compromised past. He looks at you and He sees the perfect _____ of Jesus.

Announcements

- **Open Prayer Night** is this Tuesday, October 27th, at 7 pm.
- **Operation Christmas Child Underway!** Pick up a shoebox, fill it with school supplies, personal hygiene items & small toys. Questions? See the Witness Ministry Team. Filled boxes are due November 15th.
- Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour Saturday, October 31st!!
- **Hawthorne's Woods Family Picnic** Saturday, November 7th. **TIME CHANGE!! Meal begins at 4 pm** (main dish is provided). Sign up at the Information Center & plan to bring a side dish to share & a chair!
- **The Fall Congregational Forum is Tuesday, November 10th, at 7 pm.** All are encouraged & welcome to attend. Only current, active members are permitted to vote. Report packets are available at the welcome desk.
- **Holiday Poinsettias!** Place your poinsettia order in memory or in honor of loved ones! Order forms are available at the welcome desk and are due by November 15th.
- **A Community Christmas Kickoff** outreach event, sponsored by WGT, will take place Sunday, November 29th, from 4:30 pm – 7 pm. Help is needed with refreshments, baking, décor, parking & greeting. Please see Pastor Shawn or Ryan if interested in helping.
- The Christmas season is fast approaching; don't forget to add the **Christmas Fellowship Meal** to your to-do list! We are looking for volunteers to help. Please consider joining us for one (or more) of our food prep dates: 12/19 at 4pm, 12/20 at 11am, 12/23 at 9am, or 12/25 at 9am. Visit the Christmas Fellowship Meal table to sign up or see Brienna Brown with questions.
- **2027 Offering Envelopes** are available. Contact the church office if you need a box for the new year!

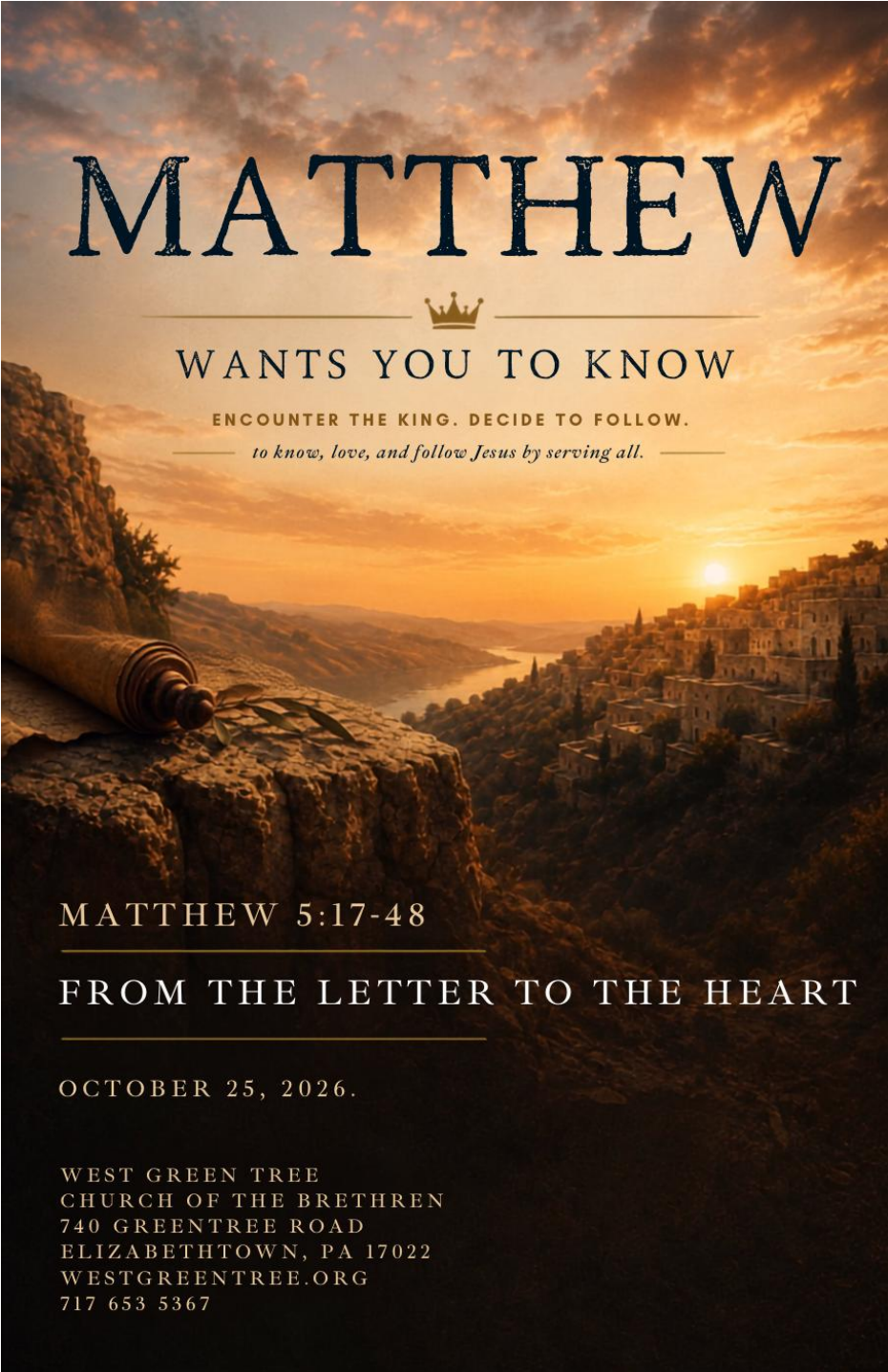
Prayer

If you would like anointing/prayer, come to the front of the sanctuary at the end of the service and a deacon or the pastor will be happy to pray with you. Prayer needs may be emailed to prayer@westgreentree.org, sent using the online form under 'worship' on the website or called in to the church office.

This week, our congregation is holding the Germantown Congregation in prayer. May our great God provide for them abundantly, and may they know, love, and follow Jesus by serving all.

This Week at West Green Tree

Monday, October 26	11:00 a. m.	Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday, October 27	7:00 p. m.	Open Prayer Night
Wednesday, October 28	6:30 p. m.	Youth
	7:00 p. m.	Prayer Shawl Gathering
Thursday, October 29	7:00 p. m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday, October 31	7:00 a. m.	Men's Bible Study



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ENCOUNTER THE KING. DECIDE TO FOLLOW.

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