



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**WESTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**Weekly Schedule**

**SUNDAY**

Bible Study (Nursery Provided) 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship (Nursery Provided) 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday Evening Meal 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Drill 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study (Nursery Provided) 6:30 p.m.

**Pastor**

**Josh Dennis**  
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**Music Director**

**Zach Zajicek**  
zachbeth@icloud.com

**Deacons**

John Tilley, John L. Moser,  
Jayson Jenkins, Troy Clark,  
Cliff Frazier, Jeff Douglas,  
Mike Bosley, Tom Witte,  
Zach Zajicek, Jonathan Henry,  
Ryan Chambers

**FROM THE PASTOR**

For this next quarter, I have selected John MacArthur's The Gospel According to Jesus. This book was first written several decades ago to address a conflict amongst evangelicals and has since been revised.

The name John MacArthur is familiar to most today because of his widespread radio presence. Many of us first heard MacArthur's voice on his radio broadcast, Grace to You, before even seeing the man on a screen. John MacArthur was a man who was marked by faithful expository preaching and bold conviction.

John F. MacArthur was born on June 19, 1939, to Jack and Irene MacArthur. He came from a long line of preachers, and it was no surprise to many that he would continue the family legacy of serving in the pulpit. MacArthur came to Grace Community Church in California in February of 1969 and pastored this church for over 56 years. He preached verse by verse through every New Testament book, which took him nearly forty years. MacArthur's preaching is just one aspect of his contribution to supporting the global church. His radio ministry has reached every continent. Beginning in 1985, he became the president of the Master's University and later that decade started the Master's Seminary, which has trained countless men for the ministry. He has written scores of books including his thirty-four-volume New Testament commentaries. The MacArthur Study Bible has been a tool and resource for many believers for the last two decades. John MacArthur passed away last summer on July 14, 2025. He was known by his closest friends as a faithful husband, father, and pastor. His legacy will no doubt reach on into many generations.

It was recently said by one Christian leader that John MacArthur's greatest contribution to the evangelical world is his book, The Gospel According to Jesus. In the 1980s a debate arose on the topic of what is called the lordship controversy. MacArthur perceived that the issue at hand was detrimental to the heart of the gospel. The controversy centered on the biblical truth that when God called a sinner to salvation in Jesus Christ, Christ was not only their Savior but their Lord. Therefore, the believer will follow Christ in devotion and obedience. The book triggered a debate that produced several books both from MacArthur and those who opposed the lordship salvation.

Though the debate is not as predominant as it was several decades ago, there are several who still to this day reject the idea that Christ calls for His disciples to follow Him in obedience. At the onset, the reader will find that MacArthur is a very generous and caring man. A pastor is the one behind the sentences, paragraphs, and chapters that make up this book. Though MacArthur charitably represents his opponents, his dedication to the Scriptures is most evident. He states early on that his convictions and conclusions were born out of a seven-year sermon series in the gospel of Matthew, hence, he aims to unpack the matter according to the life and preaching of Jesus. In the introduction, MacArthur states:

"My purpose in writing this book is to deal with the biblical accounts of Jesus' major evangelistic encounters and His teaching on the way of salvation. We will explore a series of questions: Who is Jesus? How is He to be identified in the gospel proclamation and received by sinners? What is saving faith? What occurs in the saving act?"

The Gospel According to Jesus will be an excellent aid for us as a local body as we journey through Paul's epistle to the Galatians. Paul's purpose in writing his letter to the Galatians was to defend the one true gospel. MacArthur had a similar occasion and therefore, I believe that you will be served well by this book. I pray that you will be enriched in the months ahead.

In Love,  
Josh





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### Wednesday Night Meal

Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm.  
\$6/Adult, \$4/Child 12&under,  
\$25 max per family

### Men & Women's Bible Study



Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

### KIDS CHOIR

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. during Bible Study



Join us for  
*Easter Sunday*  
April 5th

*He is Risen!*

### HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

Ages 9 & up  
April 11 @ 9am



### BIRTHDAYS

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## BIBLE DRILL

APRIL 12 ASSOCIATIONAL DRILL AT WBC

APRIL 25 STATE DRILL IN FLINT, TX

### SENIOR ADULT LUNCH

January 29 / 12:00 PM  
At the church



# April

2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Wed. Nt. Meal Bible Drill Bible Study & Kids Choir	2	3	4
5 Easter Resurrection Trail for Kids & Youth during Sunday School	6	7 Homeschool Co-Op	8 Wed. Nt. Meal Bible Drill Bible Study & Kids Choir	9	10	11 9:00 Hunter Safety Class
12 Association Drill @ WBC 6:30 Evening Service	13	14 Homeschool Co-Op	15 Wed. Nt. Meal Bible Drill Bible Study & Kids Choir	16	17	18
19 5:30 Church Council Mtg 6:30 Business Mtg., Corporate Prayer, Open Gym	20	21 Homeschool Co-Op	22 Wed. Nt. Meal Bible Drill Bible Study & Kids Choir	23	24	25 State Drill in Flint, TX
26 Evening Service	27	28 Homeschool Co-Op	29 Wed. Nt. Meal Bible Study & Kids Choir	30 12:00 Senior Adult Lunch		