

this week's calendar of events

Sunday, February 10

Sunday Morning PrayerConference Room9:00 am
 Nursery (Birth - 17 months)NurseryBoth Services
 Toddlers (18-35 months)Toddler RoomBoth Services
 Lil' Ventures (3-5 year olds)Lil' Ventures RoomBoth Services
 Kid-Venture (Kindergarten-3rd grade)Great RoomBoth Services
 Club 45 (4th & 5th grade)Rock Room9:15 am
 Adult Ed ClassConference Room9:15 am
 VelocityConference Room10:15 am
 SMACK Talk (Middle School)Rock Room10:45 am
 Small Groups (Senior High)Offsite7-8:30 pm

Tuesday, February 12

Creative ArtsConference Room9:15-10 am
 Wooddale Youth PastorsRock Room10:30 am-1:30 pm
 Rock Solid (4 years-Grade 5)Entire Facility6:30-7:45 pm

Wednesday, February 13

SMACK Down (Middle School)Great Room7-8:30 pm
 Fusion (Senior High)Rock Room7-8:30 pm

Thursday, February 14

Women's Morning Bible Study SocialRock Room10-11:30 am

Friday, February 15

Acquire The Fire (departure)Target Center4 pm

Saturday, February 16

Acquire The Fire (return)Target Center7:30 pm

prayer transformation guides

More guides have arrived! Pastor Jerry Schommer spoke about these during his December 23 message. If you did not get one the first time around, please stop by the Welcome Center to get a copy.



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parent/child dedication today

Congratulations to the following who will be dedicating their child today.

First Service

<i>Child</i>	<i>Parents</i>
Micah Xavier	Ben & Erica Gores
Zachary Hans	Kris & Amie Forsline
Connor Paul	Paul & Anne Dixon
Truman Matthew	Marie & Troy Lindloff

Second Service

<i>Child</i>	<i>Parents</i>
Owen James	Curtis & Rebecca Zimmerman
Sebastyen Cardell	Lisa Fries

stephen ministry sunday-February 24

Celebrate with us on Sunday, February 24 as we launch a new and exciting program called Stephen Ministry. You will hear updates about this new ministry and Woodcrest's Stephen Ministry Leaders will be commissioned during the morning services. In addition, an informational meeting will be held



in the Conference Room between services (10:15-10:45 am) on Sunday, February 24 and Sunday, March 2. You can also stop by the Stephen Ministry table today for more information.

get connected by joining a small group!

Interested in joining a small group? Check out *Grouplink* on **Sunday, February 24**, following the 10:45 am service. *Grouplink* is a fun, informal, social event where people interested in joining a group have the opportunity to make personal connections with others in order to form, or join, a small group. Lunch and childcare will be provided. If you are looking to get connected through *Grouplink*, please register at the Welcome Center. If you have questions, call Randy Chall (Woodcrest's Small Group Associate) at the church office.



Church Staff:

Jerry Schommer
Senior Pastor

Pete Parker
Executive Pastor

Steve Olson
Worship Director

Randy Chall
Worship/Small Group Associate

Ben Gores
Student Ministry Director

Joshua Kirsch
Student Ministry Associate

Darla Benjamin
Children's Ministry Director

Karen Palmquist
Children's Ministry Associate

Deb Nutting
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Jodi Nelson
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Office Manager

Sandi Andrusko
Graphics/Communications Specialist

Beth Westerback
Administrative Assistant

Barb Wing
Administrative Assistant

Pao Her
Custodial/Facilities Coordinator

sunday services

9:15 am
10:45 am

You Are Invited to the
**Woodcrest Church
Annual Meeting**

Sunday, February 17 in the Rock Room
Dessert at 5:30 pm, Meeting at 6:00 pm
Childcare provided for children (birth-4th grade)

The Elder Board candidate biographies, a list of new members to be ratified, and a list of Nominating Committee candidates are available at the Welcome Center.

Absentee ballots are available in the church office today and next Sunday for members unable to attend the meeting.

Stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a copy of the Annual Report.

new adult education class

An adult education opportunity meets during the **9:15 am** worship hour through March 16. Join us in the Conference Room, as we explore “Biblical Questions You Were Always Afraid To Ask!” Mike Bussian and Pete Parker are serving as class facilitators. All you need is your Bible and your critical thinking skills. This class will give opportunities to increase your Bible knowledge and enjoy some great fellowship. No sign-up is necessary.

membership class

Our next Membership Class will be held on **Sundays, April 27, May 4 & 11** during the second service (10:45 am) in the Conference Room. This class meets these three days for one hour each time. If you would like to attend, please call the church office or indicate on your Connection Card.

children’s ministry today

Nursery: (Birth to 17 months) both services

Toddlers: (18-35 months) meets during both services in the Toddler Room

Today: Jesus Loves the Little Children

Lil’ Ventures: (3-5 year olds) meets during both services in the Lil’ Ventures Room

Today: Jesus Tells About the Lost Sheep

Kid-Venture: (Kindergarten-3rd graders) meets during both services in the Great Room

Today: The Unforgiving Servant

Club 45: (4th/5th graders) meets during the 9:15 am service in the Rock Room

Today: Ten Commandments–Lesson 3

what’s coming up?

Rock Solid Children’s Mid-Week Program

Meets this Tuesday evening, 6:30-7:45 pm.

student ministry today

Middle School S.M.A.C.K. TALK: Meets Sunday mornings at 10:45 am in the Rock Room.

High School Small Groups: Meets Sunday evenings, 7-8:30 pm, at local homes.

what’s coming up?

MIDDLE SCHOOL

S.M.A.C.K. Down

Meets this Wednesday evening, 7-8:30 pm.

SENIOR HIGH

Fusion

Meets this Wednesday evening, 7-8:30 pm.

Acquire the Fire Conference

Come join thousands of other teenagers from around the Midwest at the Target Center for awesome worship, inspiring messages, and powerful dramas, **February 15-16**, Target Center; \$75/student; Registration deadline is February 13.

feed my starving children

Our next service opportunities are:

Thursday, February 28 (sign up now at the Welcome Center), **Tuesday, March 25** (middle school event) and **Monday, April 21**. Times for all dates listed are **8-9:30 pm** at the Eagan location.

connecting library shelves needed

Our Resource Center is in need of additional wooden shelves. If you have any to donate, please contact Kent at kandrusko@gmail.com.

men’s bible study

The Men’s Bible Study topic for **Thursday, February 28** is “Why Bad Things Happen to Good People.” Please join us 6:30-8 pm. (Note we will not meet February 14.)

prayer gatherings

Everyone is invited to Pastor Jerry and Deb Schommer’s home (542 Spruce Street in Eagan) for a time of prayer on **February 19, March 18 and April 15 at 7 pm**. This prayer time will be for anyone who is in need of prayer, wants to learn to pray, and/or has a heart for prayer. Fellowship and refreshments will follow.

usher team leader needed

Please call the church office, 651-681-9800 for more information about this volunteer opportunity.

jericho ministry

Jericho Ministry is looking for individuals who would like to volunteer during Jericho Ministry Parent’s Night Out Events. This would be a three hour, every-other month time commitment. Call Darla Benjamin at the church office for more information or to volunteer.

lost & found

If you have lost anything here at church, we moved our lost and found bin in back of the Welcome Center. Feel free to look through it at any time.

Not To Us

Child Dedications

**Here Is Our King
You Are Worthy of My Praise
My Savior My God
Marvelous Light**

Highlights
Pete Parker

Video*
The Heart of Stephen Ministry

Message
Jerry Schommer

Benediction

***Offering**

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Romans 11:1-36 (NIV)

¹ ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ²God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: ³"Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me" ⁴And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." ⁵So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. ⁶And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

⁷What then? What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the elect did. The others were hardened, ⁸as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear, to this very day." ⁹And David says: "May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. ¹⁰ May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever."

¹¹ Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. ¹² But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!

¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry ¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

¹⁷ If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, ¹⁸ do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." ²⁰ Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

²² Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. ²³ And if they do not persist in unbe-

Faith On Fire **Consider God's Kindness** Romans 11:1-36

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lief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴ After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

²⁵ I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

²⁷ And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

²⁸ As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is

concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³² For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.