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Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.   Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:  
Monday & Tuesday 10 a.m.—2 p.m.  
Wednesday & Thursday 10 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Friday—Office Closed

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WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

# The Westsider

## From Aaron's Desk

There is something mesmerizing about watching a musician create beautiful, improvised music. I love watching a musical artist take the stage and create flowing melody in real time, on the spot, seemingly unrehearsed. It's amazing to watch music being created out of what seems like thin air in the moment. Improv works within the boundaries of rhythm, chord progressions and space; but within those boundaries nearly anything can happen.

What's surprising to learn is how much musician improv artists practice their art. They spend hours and hours playing chords, scales and drilling certain rifts. They spend countless amounts of time going over chord progressions until they are totally memorized. They spend a lot of time listening to and watching others create for inspiration. It actually takes a lot of work to improvise! It's never as free flowing as it looks in the moment, actually! All that beauty comes from hours of practice.

I have always wondered if that's part of what Luke

10:1-12 is about. Jesus sends his followers, in pairs, to go into towns where he intends to go. Jesus invites them to do the ministries he does and preach the sermons he preaches; the kingdom of God is near. They rely on the hospitality of strangers and put themselves at the mercy of the world around them. In a way, they are practicing for what life will be like when Jesus is no longer with them. They are drilling and rehearsing their chords, scales and rifts.

Engaging the world as a Christian is an act of improvisation. There are boundaries - culture, time, relationships, etc. - but the way the message is lived out and spoken changes from situation to situation. And like all improv, this must be rehearsed. The message, the ministry and act of trusting in God are all elements that Christians must rehearse. I wonder if that's part of what Luke 10 is about?

I used to have a trumpet teacher who would tell me over and over (and over and over and over) again

that, "Practicing is not getting ready for the performance, practicing is the performance." He was known to kick people out of his studio if they weren't taking their practice seriously enough. In fact, he often instructed his students to practice where others could hear them, which goes against conventional practice advice. This way, students would usually practice harder and to a more proficient level. He taught us that practice matters, maybe even as much as the performance does!

The sent seventy might only be practicing what they will one day do on their own, but their practice matters and makes a big difference. Their practice is their work and it touches the lives of the many homes that they enter bringing the healing ministry and words of God's near kingdom.

Peace,  
Aaron

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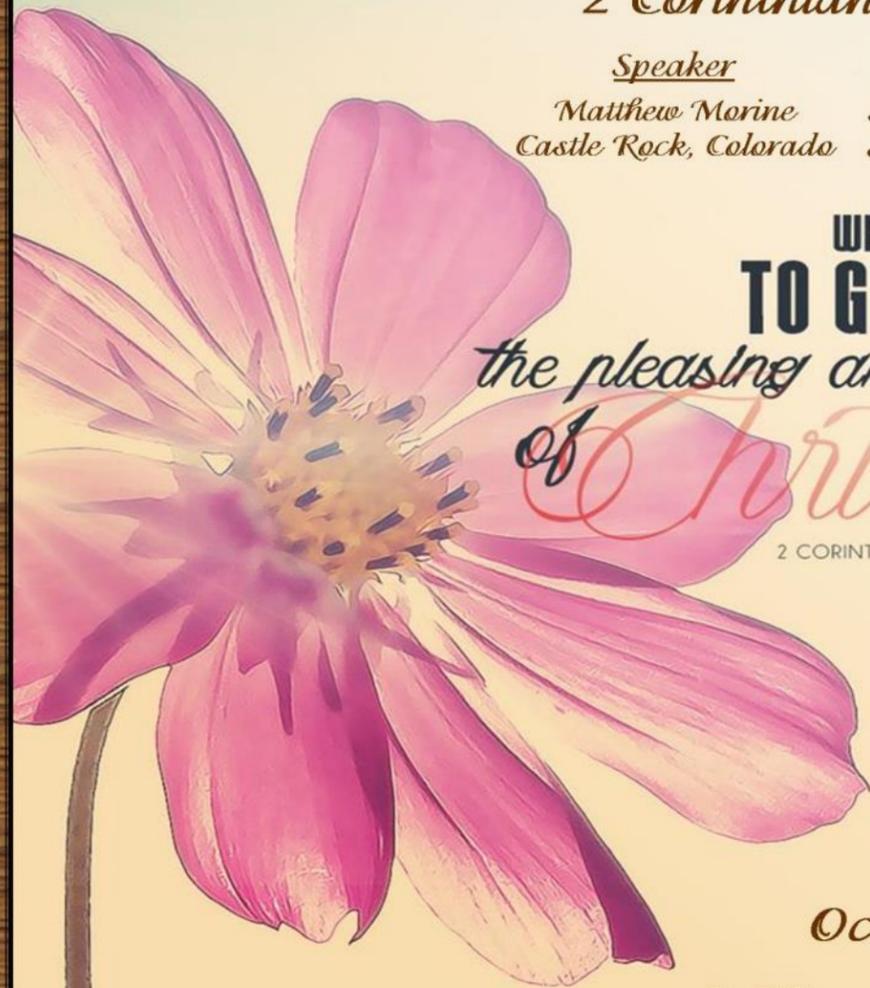


# Together With Love in Christ

## What's That Smell?

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

*Speaker*                      *Worship Leader*  
Matthew Morine              Stephen Maxwell  
Castle Rock, Colorado      Atlanta, Georgia



**WE ARE  
TO GOD**  
*the pleasing aroma  
of Christ.*  
2 CORINTHIANS 2:15

*Sunday*

*October 22nd*

*9:20 a.m.—Noon*

*Red Lion on the River At Jantzen Beach*

*No Children's Programs Provided*

# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> All Church Pot-luck Scouts in bldg. 4-7 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> ←-----Aaron out of town-----→ NCO 9 am—12:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> NW Christian College Day at SW
<b>8</b> Menlo Drive Clean up	<b>9</b> Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. NCO 7-8:30 pm	<b>10</b> Boy Scouts in bldg. 7-9 pm	<b>11</b> NCO 7-8:30 pm	<b>12</b> NCO 9 am—12:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Scouts in bldg. 4-7 p.m.
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> NCO 7-8:30 pm	<b>17</b> Boy Scouts in bldg. 7-9 pm	<b>18</b> NCO 7-8:30 pm	<b>19</b> NCO 9 am—12:30 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> CCS Auction
<b>22</b> T.L.C. area wide worship at the Red Lion 9:30 a.m.	<b>23</b> Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. NCO 7-8:30 pm	<b>24</b> Boy Scouts in bldg. 7-9 pm	<b>25</b> NCO 7-8:30 pm	<b>26</b> NCO 9 am—12:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> NCO 7-8:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Boy Scouts in bldg. 7-9 pm	NCO 7-8:30 pm	NCO 9 am—12:30 pm		Building in use Offsite event Information Church Event

## Plan Ahead—Christmas is coming!



One of Westside's traditional programs is the annual Christmas "shoebox" filling. Working with Samaritan's Purse, each year we have provided nearly 100 boxes filled with small gifts for children around the world.

As you go about preparing for "back-to-school" shopping, be thinking about Operation Christmas Child as well. Many of the school items currently on sale are also on the list for Operation Christmas Child. If you can pick up one or two additional items — pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, small pads of paper, etc. — you can put them in the box in the lobby so we will be well-prepared to fill the shoeboxes when the time comes.

A list of suggested items is located in the church lobby. We especially need more pencils, pens, notebooks, crayons, bar soap, small stuffed animals, toothbrushes & covers, combs/brushes, and small toys.



### Westside Family Camp "In Celebration of Gifts"

**Oct. 13-15**

**Camp Yamhill**

**All weekend = \$83.70**

See Mary Wolfe or Bonnie Miller for a registration form.

Scholarships available

## Coming Events

### October

- 1 All Church Potluck
- 7 Northwest Christian College Day
- 8 Menlo Drive Clean-up
- 9 Women's Bible Study
- 10 Columbus Day
- 13-15 Family Camp
- 21 CCS Auction
- 22 TLC at Red Lion Jantzen Beach
- 23 Women's Bible Class
- 31 Halloween

## With Gratitude in Your Hearts Sing . . .

It was on a Wednesday night in March, 1862, during the dark and depressing days of the Civil War, when a young visiting Baptist minister stepped into the pulpit of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

Joseph Henry Gilmore was the son of Joseph A. Gilmore, governor of New Hampshire from 1863-65. The younger Gilmore was educated at Phillips Academy (Andover, MA), graduated with honors from Brown University (Providence, RI) and Newton Theological Seminary (Newton, MA). Ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1862, he served churches in New Hampshire (1862-64) and New York (1865-67).

During the Civil War he served temporarily as a private secretary to his father and edited the Daily Monitor of Concord, NH. From 1861 to 1862 he was professor of Hebrew at Newton Theological Seminary. On the evening of March 26, 1862, at the age of 28, he was filling in as a guest speaker for the Philadelphia church. His lecture that night was based on Psalm 23, the familiar words of the shepherd boy David. Gilmore reflected that he was especially impressed with the blessedness of being led by God. Feeling the need for God's guidance during those days of war prompted him to dwell at length on God's leadership.

Over and over he contemplated the words, "He leadeth me beside the still waters . . . He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness." He urged his listeners to follow God's leading as sheep follow their shepherd. He referenced the cloud and pillar of fire that led the Israelites out of Egypt and through the desert. He encouraged his flock to look for God's guiding hand in the difficulties of life.

Later, that evening, he and his wife visited in the home of one of the church deacons. The evening's sermon continued to resonate in his mind, haunting him until he could distill his thoughts on paper. He began to write down the words on the back of the page on which he had written his sermon notes. He started with these lines:

He leadeth me! O blessed thought;  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught;  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

When he finished, he had four stanzas and a chorus, and gave himself permission to forget about that sermon and the poem that flowed from it. But his wife didn't forget. Without his knowledge, she sent a copy to a Boston paper, "The Watchman and Reflector," where it was first published. That was where composer William Bradbury discovered it and set it to music and added the words,

"His faithful follower I would be,  
For by His hand He leadeth me."

Three years later Gilmore was in Rochester, NY, to "try out" as the preacher for the Second Baptist Church. Prior to the beginning of the meeting, he picked up a hymnal, curious about what songs they were using in New York. The book opened to the page containing "He Leadeth Me" and Gilmore discovered for the first time that his poem had found a place among the songs of the church.

Since that time, the hymn has been translated into several languages and sung around the world. Servicemen during World War II were even surprised to find it being sung by primitive Polynesians in the South Pacific.

The Philadelphia church where Gilmore had written the song was demolished in 1926 to make room for a large office building. A bronze plaque was cast and placed on the corner of the building containing the words of the first verse "in recognition of the beauty and fame of the Hymn, and in remembrance of its distinguished author."

Bonnie Miller



Joseph Henry Gilmore

## Extended Prayer List

~Those with health concerns~

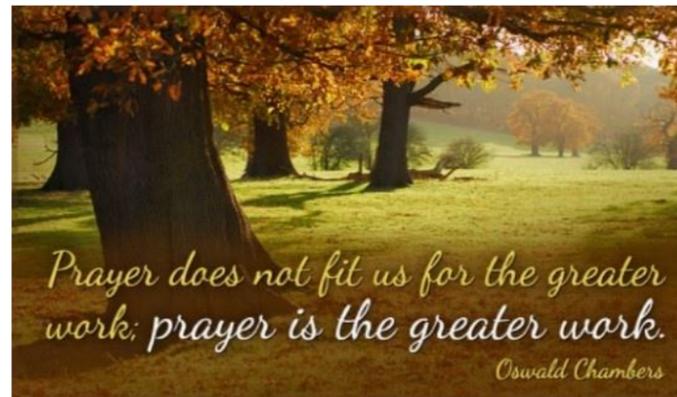
**Janice Ator**  
**Jasper Bawcom**  
**Linda Bisett**  
**Joyce Farguharson** (Melinda Coleman's sister)  
**Janet Maples**  
**Jim Maples**  
**Jon Morgan**  
**Ben Snodgrass**  
**Helen Urban**  
**Jennie** (Carolyn Mentzer's niece)

~Family and Friends battling cancer~

**Lauren Ray** (friend of Christy family)  
**Margo** (Ray Martus' sister)  
**Stephen Berry** (Greenlee Family Group)  
**Gay Stroud** (Loretta Stroud's daughter)  
**Betty Call** (Janet Maples' aunt)  
**Mary Ellen Taylor** (Josh VanderZanden's grand-mother)  
**Kendra Hornbostel** (friend of the Ators)  
**Patti** (mother of Linda Zagorski's sister-in-law)  
**Arnold Holloway** (friend of Kathy Skelton)

~Those who have lost loved ones~

**Martha Khoury** (Martha's aunt)  
**Annette Elder** (Annette's grandfather)  
**Jay Schneider** (Jay's mother)  
 Family of **Kelly Coburn**  
 Family of **LaVelle Stanley**  
**Kim Wingfield** (Kim's mother)  
**Nader Khoury** (Nader's father & mother)  
**Sue Bowman** (Sue's mother)  
**Mel Winters** (Mel's father and grandmother)



~College Students~

**Julia Khoury-Valentine**  
**Riley Toll**  
**Robert Towell**

~Those with special needs~

**Jim & Janet Maples**  
**Kayla VanderZanden**  
**Rebecca Dickerson**  
**Annette Elder**  
**Brittnie**, Mark Wingfield's niece

~Shepherds~

**Bob Greenlee**  
**Ray Martus**  
**Dwayne Towell**

~Staff and Volunteers~

**Aaron Metcalf**  
**Bonnie Miller**  
**Linda Coburn**

## October Service Opportunities

### Communion Prep

Bonnie Miller

### Slides

10/1 Bonnie Miller

10/8 Jay Schneider

10/15 Family Camp

10/22 Chelan Metcalf

10/29 Bonnie Miller

### Sound

Juanita Martus

Amy Schneider

Devon Busey

Chelan Metcalf

Income: \$14, 291.60

### September Income

\$

### Contribution Counters

Donna Urban, Ben Snodgrass

### Communion Servers

Jay Schneider, Linda Zagorski, Jevon Williams, Dwayne Towell, Stephen Mentzer

Miles Metcalf, Jasper Bawcom, Josh Stump, Kim Toll  
 Mel Winters, Robert Bristol, Bob Greenlee, Dwayne Towell, Stephen Mentzer

Matt Buckingham, Kim Toll, Jevon Williams, Miles Metcalf

Jay Schneider, Dwayne Towell, Stephen Mentzer, Jasper Bawcom, Bob Greenlee



## MENLO DRIVE CLEAN-UP

Sunday, Oct. 8, the Westside church will pitch in to keep our neighborhood clean and tidy. About three or four times per year we have committed to spend a few minutes in safety vests and gloves holding trash bags as we walk along the side of the street where we meet, picking up any trash that has been left there.

It only takes a few minutes, immediately following our morning worship assembly. See Penny Pierce to volunteer.

## October Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 1 Ezra Williams
- 1 Linda Zagorski
- 8 Ben Brower
- 17 Connie Turvey
- 18 Ben Snodgrass
- 20 Donna Urban
- 29 Renee Busey
- 31 Evelyn Rodriguez
- 31 Francisco Rodriguez

