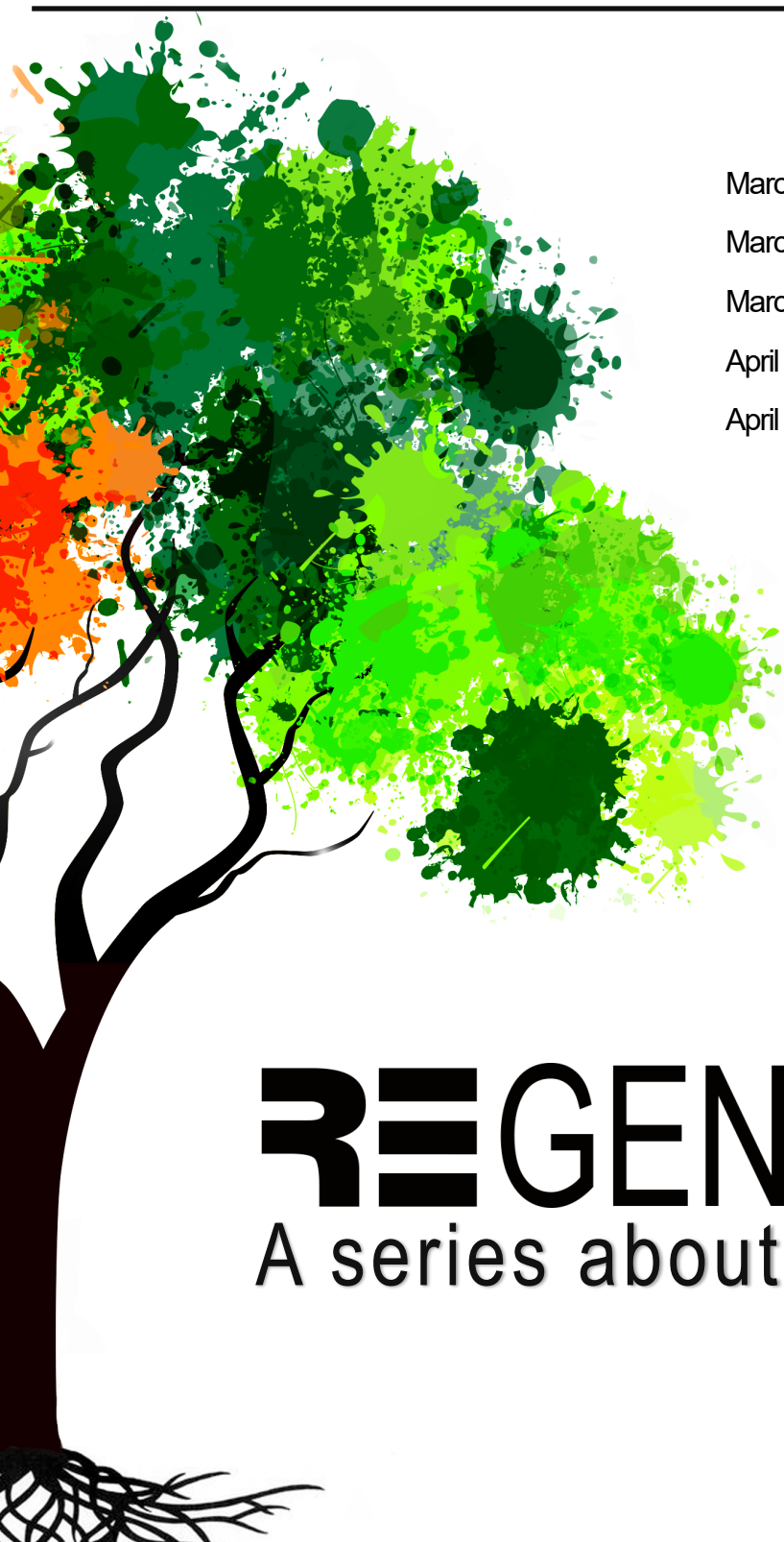


Northwest Christian Church

A growing family journeying together to be more like Jesus

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March 12: Generational Theory: Diversity is God's Design

March 19: Builders: Difference is a Blessing

March 26: Boomers: Unity is not Uniformity

April 2: Generation X: Unity in Mindset, Diversity in Method

April 9: Millennials: Unity is Worth Every Effort

REGENERATION

A series about unity in diversity



2017 Intentional Church Conference

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017
FEATURING GENE APPEL**

CELEBRATING **10** YEARS OF ICC

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Join us as we celebrate our 10th anniversary! For the last ten years, ICC has equipped hundreds of people to reach their communities for Jesus. We've been blessed to have Bob Russell, Don Wilson, Tim Harlow, and many others headline the ICC in the past. This year, we are excited to have a hometown favorite, Gene Appel, and Caleb Kaltenbach. This conference is designed to serve ALL ministry leaders - paid and volunteer.



GENE APPEL is the senior pastor of Eastside Christian Church in Anaheim, CA. An alumni of LCU, Gene has coached church leaders from around the world on how to lead churches through healthy change. He is co-author of *How to Change Your Church Without Killing It* and authored *Dreamed Intruders* and *Healing Hidden Hurts*.



CALEB KALTENBACH is the lead pastor of Discovery Church in Simi Valley, CA. In his book *Messy Grace*, Caleb tells his story of being raised in the LGBT community by his parents, accepting Christ, becoming a pastor, and looking at what the Bible has to say about sexual identity.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS are a great way to learn more regarding a specific topic as well as hear from others who may be facing some of the same issues as you. That's why we offer a variety of classes that can be applied to any ministry area.

Q & A With Gene Appel

Q & A With Caleb Kaltenbach

Ministering To Millennials

How To Train Teachers

Dealing With Addiction

Panel Discussion: Issues Facing The Local Church

Panel Discussion: Out Of The Box Ideas From The Front Line

Registration is Free. Email steve_higgs@comcast.net

Information for you

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY: GENERATIONS

For the first time in history, the church has five different generations worshipping together under the same roof. This is both exciting and challenging, as we attempt to figure out how to celebrate our diversity without sacrificing unity. This five-week study will take a close look at a different generation each week, asking three very important questions: What does the Bible say about this generation? What could the church be doing to better serve this generation? What could this generation be doing to better serve the church? This class will meet from March 12 - April 9 in room F2 (at the back/right of the Fellowship Hall) during the Sunday school hour.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We are hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Oak Grove Park on Saturday, April 15, at 10:00 am. Bring Your Own Basket! Birth-6th grade welcomed! Join us for fun in the park!

How you can help:

- We will be collecting small, individually wrapped candies during the month of March. Drop off your donations in the Connection Center.
- We will fill the Easter eggs on Friday, April 14, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to attend and still want to help, you can pick up eggs and candy and return them by Sunday, April 9, to the Connection Center.
- We will hide the eggs at Oak Grove Park on Saturday, April 15, at 9:00 am.

For more information contact Michelle Oberheim m_oberheim@comcast.net

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES AT OAK GROVE

- Andrea Rice, the librarian, needs help during their Book fair March 23rd-31st, from 9-2 each day. She needs help setting up, tearing down and help navigating students through. You can contact the school at 362-3550.
- All teachers could use help with reading. They need volunteers to read to students or listen to students read throughout the week from 7:40-11:30. If you would like to make arrangements check out the volunteer board by the church office for contact information or contact Michelle at m_oberheim@comcast.net.

Save the dates

3/10

SUPERSTART!

Upper Elementary Parents (3rd-5th), save the date for Superstart! March 10 - March 11.

3/12

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to "spring ahead" and set your clocks forward 1 hour (i.e., losing one hour).

3/17

CLASS PARTY

The Win-A-Couple class party will be at Noon on Friday, March 17. Sign-up sheet will be passed in class.

3/24

DEEPER LIFE RETREAT

Sr. High/ College Retreat. 7th annual Deeper Life Retreat at Little Galilee. The cost is just \$15 per person! If you're ready to live a deeper life in Christ, this is just what you've been looking for.



If you've been involved in a church for long, you've heard all about Jesus - things he taught, what he expects from you, and his death on a cross. But who is he really? The Gospel of Mark is a fast-paced account of Jesus' life concerned with answering this very question: who is this guy? Over the weeks leading up to Easter, we'll see that Jesus is Master, Teacher, Son of God, Compassionate Servant, Messiah, King, our Sacrifice, and our Savior. This winter/spring, youth groups will meet together on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 to walk through the sixteen chapters of Mark's gospel and encounter Jesus on the move.



OPEN

TO BE GENEROUS IN EVERY WAY

believe

A lot of Jr. High students are posting on social media using #Blessed. Often times what we think we own is really on loan, and when students use #Blessed it's almost always associated with getting something for themselves. This year's theme from 2 Cor. 9:11 is about being generous in every way, because we are blessed by God.

Believe is a high-energy weekend event for Jr. High students only. This year, we'll head to the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, IL on March 3-4 for

this great conference. The cost to attend is \$110, which covers registration and hotel. There are still a few spots left for this amazing trip!



Life is busy - so busy that it's often difficult to hear God's voice amidst the chaos. This weekend for high school and college-age students is about learning to press "Pause" and turn our attention to the One who matters most. The cost to attend is only \$15... all meals included! Join us for a weekend away from your crazy schedule to calm your nerves, quiet your heart, and seek your Savior.

Jr/Sr High events calendar: March

3rd-4th: CIY Believe

4:00 Friday - 5:00 Saturday

5th: Youth Groups

6th-12th grade (6:00-7:30)

12th: Youth Groups

6th-12th grade (6:00-7:30)

19th: Youth Groups

6th-12th grade (6:00-7:30)

12th-26th: Deeper Life Retreat

High school/college @ Little Galilee

26th: Youth Groups

6th-12th grade (6:00-7:30)



Dr. Chae and his wife started their children Geon Orphanage 51 years ago and are still taking in children. They have raised more than a thousand children and are now taking care of 70 children, including 17 babies. Many of these children are children of defectors from North Korea. Their parents have died or been lost due to being separated from the children during their courses of escaping from North Korea.

Not only does Dr. Chae have the orphanage but also plants churches, is Chancellor of the Seoul Christian University, does radio broadcasting the Gospel message, publishes Christian books and supporting 12 Korean missionaries. One of their missionaries was caught by the North Korean police and was threatened to be killed.

Please pray for:

- (1) The safety of the missionaries in the communistic zone
- (2) Dr. Chae and his work for the Lord
- (3) The children in the Geon Orphanage

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 Robert Gerton, **Director of Worship**
 Michelle Oberheim, **Children's Ministries**
 Connie Honigs, **Adm. Assistant**

Monthly Financial Information

Date	Attendance	Giving	Now is the Time	Budget
2/5	138	\$5958.02	\$2300.00	\$6776.90
2/12	168	\$7348.02	\$1894.00	\$6776.90
2/19	122	\$4383.01	\$780.00	\$6776.90
2/26	145	\$7849.52	\$1063.00	\$6776.90

Elders

Zone 1 - Jay Dexter
 Steve Wiese

Zone 2 - Brent Owen
 Jim Seggerman

Zone 3 - Pat Owens
 Travis White

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm Praise Team Practice	2 9am Clothing Rm 7pm Committee Mtgs	3 <div>Jr. High Believe</div>	4 1pm Edwards Anniversary Party
5 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6-7:30pm Youth Group	6	7 10am Staff Mtg 9am Food Pantry	8 6pm Praise Team Practice	9 9am Clothing Rm 7pm Elders' Mtg	10 <div>SuperStart</div>	11
12 DAYLIGHT SAVING 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6-7:30pm Youth Group	13	14 10am Staff Mtg 9am Food Pantry	15 6pm Praise Team Practice	16 9am Clothing Rm	17 12pm Win-A-Couple Class Party	18
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March Birthdays!

3 Alexander Orme	13 Pat Owens	28 Emma Hembrough
4 Taylor Jones	14 Keith Chapman	28 Janet Huth
5 Tracey Parks	17 Duane Prentice	28 Aryssa Roth
6 Nicolas Josserand	22 Maverick Oberheim	
8 Tyler Orme	24 Faith Gerton	
10 Brad Knackmuhs	27 Nancy McCormick	

