



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

July 6, 2025
4th Sunday after
Pentecost

Speaker: Pastor Alan Yu

During Worship

- ▶ Be still and prepare your heart for worship.
- ▶ Please close the main hall doors gently during worship services.
- ▶ Please take care of your personal belongings to avoid theft.

Offering

- ▶ Welcome to donate via E-transfer, email: westsidebaptistoffering@gmail.com
- ▶ To donate by cash or cheque, please use an offering envelope and put it into the offering bag during worship.
- ▶ When making a donation, please indicate your donation envelope number and your full legal name. The offering envelope number can be obtained from the church office.

Notes to CitRUs parents:

- ▶ The enrollment age for CitRUs Children's Ministry starts from age 3; one parent can accompany children under 3 to participate in worship in Room B.
- ▶ Classes are held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at Room E & F.
- ▶ Please supervise your children after you have picked them up from the classroom.

Parking

- ▶ The upstairs parking lot (Parking Lot 1) is designated for new comers, people with reduced mobility, the elderly and families with young children.
- ▶ The indoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2) will be closed at 1:00 pm on Sundays. Afterwards, you will have to wait until 10:00 am on Tuesday morning to collect your vehicle.
- ▶ Additional parking spaces are available at 8508 Ash Street (Parking Lot 3) on Saturdays from 4:00 - 7:00pm and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maps are available in the foyer.
- ▶ To be considerate of our neighbors, please do not park in the residential area.
- ▶ When parking in the outdoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2), please be careful not to block the emergency exits and keep a distance of 3 feet from the building's exterior wall so that the emergency exit doors can be fully opened.
- ▶ Please park and lock your bike/e-bike outside. Do not park the bike inside the building.
- ▶ Congregants are required to register online annually to park at the church or 8508 Ash during worship services. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/TDSft5sAJgk5QMeN8>



Scripture Reading Plan

- ▶ This week's Bible reading plan includes 1 and 2 Thessalonians, letters Paul wrote to a young church in the key Macedonian city of Thessalonica. Paul encouraged believers who were suffering for their faith, urging them to remain steadfast and hopeful for Christ's return.
- ▶ Due to ongoing persecution, some mistakenly believed the Day of the Lord had already come, causing fear, confusion, and even a halt to normal life. Paul wrote to correct these misunderstandings and teach proper doctrine about the Second Coming of Jesus. These letters not only address future events but also guide how to live faithfully in the present.
- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ July 6 (Sunday): 1 Thessalonians 2:1-19
 - ▶ July 7 (Monday): 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
 - ▶ July 8 (Tuesday): 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
 - ▶ July 9 (Wednesday): 1 Thessalonians 5:1-28
 - ▶ July 10 (Thursday): 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
 - ▶ July 11 (Friday): 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
 - ▶ July 12 (Saturday): 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
 - ▶ July 13 (Sunday): Acts 19:1-20

Co·Mission

32. Soberness in Trials

[1Thessalonians 5:1-22]

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. [1 Thessalonians 5:6]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

1. Thessalonica

2. First Thessalonians

Content

1. Be Awake And Sober

2. Live in Peace with Each Other

My Reflection

► What did God tell me through the message today?

My Reflection

- What did God tell me through the message today?

3. Hold on to What is Good

Conclusion

My Prayer Response

- Write down your responsive prayer for God's word today.

My Action Response

- What changes will you make in response to God's word today?

Small Group Discussions

Testimony

1. Please share about your scripture reading this week. What do you find rewarding? What do you find frustration?

Know

2. Please review your sermon notes for this week. What did you learn that you did not know previously?
3. Read together again 1Thessalonians 5:1-22. What impression does this passage give you? What is the most intriguing saying in this passage to you? Why?
4. What are the historical and missionary contexts behind Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians?
5. What does it mean to "be awake and sober" in the context of this passage?
6. Why does Paul use the metaphor of "breastplate" and "helmet" for faith, love, and hope?
7. What role do community relationships play in living out our hope in Christ's return?
8. What does it mean to "hold on to what is good and reject every kind of evil"?

Feel

9. Have you ever struggled with seeing the goodness of God during a time of trial? How did you respond?
10. How do you feel when needed to admonish others or receive admonishment in the church community?
11. What stirs in your heart when you consider the image of the church as an eternal community?
12. What does it feel like to live with "faith, love, and hope" as spiritual armour?

Plan

13. What are the hindrances (including internal and external) for you to stay spiritually "awake and sober" in daily life? What are the effective ways to remove these hindrances? Please ask your group members for advice.

Do

14. Resolve to stay spiritually "awake and sober" in daily life. Share how practically you'll do this with your group members.
15. Invite a group member to be your accountability partner, and give him/her permission to rebuke you when you have not followed through on your resolution.
16. Commit to stay spiritually "awake and sober" in daily life. Ask the Holy Spirit to mould you more into the likeness of Jesus.

Announcements

- ▶ The Deacon Board recommends the appointment of **Joseph Ng** as Assistant Pastor for Youth Ministry, with the term starting on August 1, 2025. This recommendation will be presented for discernment and voting at the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. A **meet-and-greet session** will be held today from 12:45 PM to 1:30 PM, giving the congregation an opportunity to meet and interact with Joseph.

- ▶ The **Semi-annual Congregational Meeting** will take place on July 20 at 2:00 PM in the main hall. Members are kindly requested to attend on time. The agenda is as follow:

1. Pastoral Report
2. Introduction of the new Church Clerk and Treasurer
3. Semi-annual financial report
4. Calling of Assistant Pastor
Motion: Call Joseph Ng to be Assistant Pastor
5. Any Other Business

- ▶ **Registration for CitRUs and GZone for the 2025-2026 school year has begun!** Make sure you understand about the new programs before you register:

- ▶ **Registration for CitRUs:**
<https://forms.gle/UYYWHEbsJq3NuB4eA>

- ▶ **Registration for GZone:**
<https://forms.gle/BXTBwubMWkbGR7tL8>

- ▶ **Vacation Bible School** still has limited spots available and is suitable for children going to be Grades 1 to 5 in September 2025. Spots are limited, and the fee is \$99 per child. The VBS will be held from August 18 to 22, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Registration link: tinyurl.com/WBC2025VBS



- ▶ The church is joining Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) to participate the **Active In Mission**, supporting food aid programs in 14 countries, including Canada. This year's national fundraising goal is CAD \$100,000.

- ▶ There are 20 fundraisers from WBC this year. Please donate on the individual participant's page: <https://www.activeinmission.ca/t/wbc> Donations are eligible for a tax receipt issued by CBM.



- ▶ A **BBQ event** will be held on July 27 (Sunday) between 11:00am - 2:00pm at Riverfront Park. All are welcome to join. If you decided to join, please complete the online consent form at <https://forms.gle/WX18qkuEgCAMcmuh8>

