

## WELCOME HOME!

We're so glad you're here! Stop by the Connection Corner to grab some coffee or tea. Scan and fill out this QR code to let us know you came and you'll receive a special gift from your new friends at WCC.



## WCC KIDS



**SIGN UP FOR VBS 2026  
INVITE A FRIEND AND THEY  
GET TO REGISTER FOR FREE!**

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## NEXT GEN EVENTS

**THE BRIDGE: NEXT GEN**  
**WORSHIP NIGHT**  
**22 MAY @ 6:30PM**  
**GAZEBO AREA**  
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP,  
MUSIC, MESSAGE  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

### YOUTH FUNDRAISER: MAY 24 AT 12PM / WCC COURTYARD

Come to bless and support some of our under-resourced students!

### REGISTER NOW FOR YOUTH SUMMER CAMP (JULY 19-22)

For info and registration, contact: Caleb Chow  
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May 17, 2026

**WOODBIDGE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
*Helping all people meet,  
know & follow JESUS*

“So if the Son sets you free, you will  
be free indeed.” - John 8:36

Sunday Service at 10:30am  
5000 Barranca Pkwy Bldg A  
Irvine, CA 92604  
(949)552-1101  
[www.woodbridgechurch.org](http://www.woodbridgechurch.org)



## PASTOR'S CORNER

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Good Sunday morning, Woodbridge family! How awesome is it that we have the liberty to worship God today and everyday? Pretty awesome! Scripture speaks to us of freedom in Jesus: freedom from sin, shame, guilt, and most especially, the freedom to follow Him.

Today, we get to hear the story of Rafael, and how he found this kind of freedom while serving time in prison. I pray that you are moved, encouraged and blessed by his message of freedom in Christ.

**Message: Freedom From Bondage**

**Key verses: 2 Corinthians 5:17**

Pastor Frank Winans  
*Senior Pastor*

***"Everything comes from You, and we have given only what comes from Your hand." - 1 Chronicles 29:14***

Offerings Designation	Offerings received 05/10/2026	YTD Offerings	YTD Budget	YTD Difference
Ministry	10,120	249,909	301,440	(51,531)
Missions	1,169	27,278	36,180	(8,902)

*Note: As per IRS regulations, all donations to Woodbridge Community Church are income tax deductible and non-refundable, and are made with the understanding that WCC has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds.*

## TODAY

- 9:30 am | Prayer Time / Conference Room, Building A
- 10:30 am | In-Person and Online Worship Service / Worship Center
- 10:40 am | Children's Sunday School / WCC Kids, Building C
- 12:00 pm | Refreshments at the Courtyard  
Many thanks to Rose Santos' Hospitality Team
- 12:00 pm | VBS Volunteers Training / Bldg. B1-4
- 4:00 pm | Awana Store / Youth Center

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 18 at 6:30 pm | **Operation Christmas Child Night** / Bldg. B1-4
- May 22 at 6:30 pm | **The BRIDGE: Next Gen Worship Night** / Gazebo
- May 24 at 12:00 pm | **Youth Camp Fundraiser** / Courtyard

## ONGOING:

- Tuesdays 7:00 pm | College and Young Adults Meeting / Bldg. C-13
- Wednesdays 9:00am | The Word Speaks Bible Study / Bldg. B1-4
- Fridays 6:30 pm | Youth Group Meeting / Youth Center



# Donation Drive

Help us send the Gospel to the ends of the earth!  
Drop off small items\* (new, unused/gently used)  
into the donation bin in the church lobby.  
**\* small toys, craft and school supplies, hygiene items, any item that will make a child smile \***

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May 17, 2026

Title of Message: Freedom From Bondage

Key Verses: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Speaker: Rafael Maldonado



## Sermon Notes:

### Quick Review:

Looking back at your notes from last Sunday's testimony, was there anything you heard for the first time or caught your attention, or challenged, or confused you?

### Digging Deeper:

Read Psalm 1:1-6. What is influencing you?

1. How would you define "blessed" (v. 1), and how does it differ from the world's definition of happiness, success or fun?
2. From the testimony last Sunday, what factors in the speaker's family life and circumstances caused him to hang out with the "wrong" people and make destructive choices? What can we learn from that?
3. Why do you think some young people today get attracted to hang out with the "bad" crowd? Why do you think the "gangster" lifestyle can be attractive to some young people?
4. This passage warns against walking, standing, and sitting with the wrong crowd. Who or what can possibly influence your way of thinking (social media, podcasts, news, church, colleagues, etc.)? How can you tell if they are leading you toward or away from God? What safeguards can you take to ensure you're only influenced by good, and not evil?

Read Jeremiah 29:11-13. Can you trust God for everything?

1. Hurtful or tragic circumstances are sometimes blamed upon God. The reasoning goes, if God is all powerful and all good, how can He allow an evil and horrendous thing to happen to innocent victims? It's either, he is not all powerful or not all good. Based on this verse, how would you respond to this kind of reasoning?
2. The speaker shared such a painful life journey, which he now views from a more positive perspective. What part of his testimony can you relate with? Share a time in your life when a situation seemed hopeless and tragic but later revealed a purposeful outcome.

Read Romans 8:28-29. What is your life's purpose?

1. Many people claim this promise to mean that God will work every circumstance for good, without noting its conditions. What are the two specific conditions listed for those to whom this promise applies? Explain. How does this verse apply to you?
2. In what area of your life right now are you struggling to believe that God is working things out for your ultimate good?

### Taking it Home:

What is one thing you can apply to your life from this message and how can this group remember you in prayer this week?