

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus and "Good morning"! Today, we will be looking at what the Bible teaches about work and wealth.

If this is your first visit to our church, you've recently started attending, or have any questions about Jesus or our church, please visit the Welcome Center immediately after the service. Friendly people will be there to greet you and answer your questions. We would love to help you meet, know, and follow Jesus and personally welcome you to our WCC family!

Key verses: Colossians 3:23-24; Genesis 2:1-2; John 5:17;  
1 Thessalonians 4:9, 11-12

**Message: America and the Protestant Work Ethic**  
**Series: IN GOD WE TRUST**

*Pastor Frank Winans*  
Senior Pastor

## WCC Kids Ministry

Hello Church Family,

Blessed Sunday to all! We had an amazing time at the Fall Festival. If you invited a friend and have not received your prize, please see Ms. Rhina to pick up a prize for you and your friend. Today, the kids will learn about the parting of the Red Sea: God makes a way when things feel hopeless. After service, WCC Kids choir will have rehearsal in Room C-2.

**November 9: Operation Christmas Child Packing Party**

Bring your gift items to church and let's pack out shoe boxes together! Join us from **12:00-2:00 PM** in Bldg B.

**December 7: Scuba Christmas Musical**

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus! Festivities start at **5:30 PM** starting with Christmas Tree Lighting, followed by the Scuba Christmas Musical; then a special church Christmas Party.

**December 12: Parent's Night Out 3**

Drop off your children with us from **6:00-9:00 PM** for a fun-filled kids program including a Bible story, craft, games, dinner and movie while you enjoy a well-deserved break. *Please register online by December 9.*

**December 15: Gingerbread Bash**

Join us from **12:00-1:00** for a fun event for the whole family; enjoy lunch, gingerbread nativity making, games and fellowship. *Please register online by December 8.*

## TODAY:

- 9:30 am | **Prayer Time** | Bldg. A - Conference Room
- 10:30 am | **In-Person and Online Communion Service**
- 12:00 pml **HOSPITALITY** Thanks to Rose Santos' Team
- 12:15 pm | **Sunday School with Pastor Michael/B1-4**  
**WCC Kids Musical Rehearsal/C-2**  
**WCC Choir Practice /Main Sanctuary**
- 4-6 pml **AWANA/ Youth Center**



## Coming Up:

- Nov 4 Mon/ **Monday Night Football Prayer Fellowship/5:15 pm/B1-4**
- 6 Wed/ **The WORD Speaks Bible Study /9-11 am/Bldg B**
- 7 Thurs/ **Prayer Time with Pastor Frank/4 pm/Conference Room**
- 9 Sat/ **Men's Breakfast/ 8:30 am/B1-4**  
**WCC Shoebox Packing Party/12 pm/B1-4**
- 10 Sun/ **Youth Fundraising/12:15 pm**  
**Sunday School with Pastor Michael/B1-4**  
**Last day to turn in blankets for Blankets of Hope Project**
- 15 Fri / **Last day to place order for In-N-Out burgers**
- 15-17 / **Women's "Refresh and Reset" Retreat**
- 17 Sun/ **Church Info Meeting/right after service**  
**Sunday School with Pastor Michael/B1-4**
- 22 Fri/ **Four Seasons Fellowship Thanksgiving Gathering/11 am/B1-4**  
**Growth Group Ends**
- 24 Sun/ **"In-N-Out" Thanksgiving Sunday**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE FALL FESTIVAL  
A HUGE SUCCESS! GOD BLESS YOU RICHLY! 1 Corinthians 15:58**

Oct 27	Offerings	YTD Offerings	YTD Budget	YTD Difference
Ministry	9,875	484,258	573,650	(89,392)
Missions	655	70,089	80,020	(9,931)

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Welcome to Woodbridge Community Church.  
Thank you for joining us today.

Welcome Visitors and Guests! Please fill out the Welcome Card at the seat pocket in front of you and bring it to the Welcome Center at the church lobby! We have a welcome gift waiting for you. Or, just fill it up online using this QR code and ask for your welcome gift. Just mention that you filled up the Welcome Card online.

**LAST DAY TO COLLECT BALLOTS: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD**

2025  
PROPOSED BUDGET



PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025 - NOW READY FOR PICK UP

PLEASE MAKE TIME TO ATTEND OUR UPCOMING CHURCH INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON **NOVEMBER 17th** AND CHURCH VOTE ON **DECEMBER 8th** RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE.

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87447

**BREEZE ACCOUNT**

In compliance with new regulation, Woodbridge Church will not be able to send you text messages UNLESS you provide your consent . To give your consent, simply text YES to 87447. It's that easy!



**Sunday School with Pastor Michael Cranford**

Walking with the Spirit through the Book of Acts

The same Spirit who worked powerfully through faithful people in the early church desires to work in your life today. Come and experience His transforming power as Pastor Michael continues his series on Acts. Sundays from 12:15 to 1:30 pm in Bldg B1-4.



**FOUR SEASONS FELLOWSHIP (50+)**

Join our seasoned saints' Thanksgiving Feast as they gather for a special message from Pastor Graham **"Grateful and Blessed"** on Friday, November 22nd at 11 am in Bldg B1-4. There will be singing of hymns, sharing time and a sumptuous lunch being prepared by the ladies! Sign up in the lobby after the service.



**"IN-N-OUT" THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

On Sunday, November 24th, invite your family and friends as we celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness together as a church family. In lieu of the traditional potluck Thanksgiving feast that we've had in the past, we will have In-N-Out burger meals for \$10.00 each. Buy your tickets online or in the lobby after the service. Deadline to place your order: November 15th



**WCC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Join us for a special night of music, food, and fun on Saturday, December 7th. Tree Lighting Service starts at 5:30 pm in the lobby followed by **Scuba Christmas Musical** in the main sanctuary. We will conclude the night with good food and fun in the Family Life Center/Bldg B! Please bring your favorite dessert to share! We also need set-up and clean-up volunteers. Contact Fhina Chissek and Rhea Arellano for more details.

# IN GOD WE TRUST



November 3, 2024

Today's Message: America and the Protestant Work Ethic

Series: IN GOD WE TRUST

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#### Sermon Notes:

What is the Protestant Work Ethic:

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ in the past and \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
(Genesis 2:1-2; John 5:17)
2. God created \_\_\_\_\_ to work as well. (Genesis 2:15;  
1 Thessalonians 4:9-12)
  - a. To \_\_\_\_\_ for yourself and \_\_\_\_\_ others.  
(Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12)
  - b. To be a good \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-12)
3. When we work, we work unto the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Colossians 3:23-24)
4. Debt is \_\_\_\_\_ and we are to try and \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
(Proverbs 22:7)
5. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our wealth.  
(Matthew 25:14-30)
6. The Protestant Work Ethic creates a \_\_\_\_\_ for  
wealthy \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Small Group Questions

### Follow up questions from Sunday:

**Icebreaker:** What was your first job? What do you remember was the first thing you bought with your hard-earned money?

1. How would you define what a work ethic is and how do you think it affects people and societies?
2. Do you think everyone has a work ethic and how would you define yours? Who most influenced you in this?
3. What are the key words found in Colossians 3:23-24?
4. How do you think this verse should affect how we as Christians approach work?
5. It is estimated that the average American home in 2023 has \$8,674 in credit card debt. What do you think most of this debt was spent on? Outside of essentials like food, if someone can't afford something, do you think they should still buy it? Why or why not?
6. What does Proverbs 22:7 teach us about debt? How do you think this verse can be applied to our lives today?
7. In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus teaches about investing. What principle can we learn from this parable about the importance of investing? How do you go about investing in physical and spiritual things?
8. What are your impressions of the Protestant Work Ethic and how do you think this would affect a person and society if they followed it?
9. How does the Protestant Work Ethic affect your life?

### Something to think about this week...

*Martin Luther taught that all people could serve God through their work. A person's vocation was equated as their calling and "all callings were of equal spiritual dignity."*

Pray as a group for our country and that we as followers of Jesus will represent Him well in this season.

YOU'RE INVITED TO WCC'S

# Christmas Celebration

Saturday 7 December  
5:30 pm

TREE LIGHTING  
WCC KIDS MUSICAL  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

WoodbridgeChurch.org  
5000 Barranca Pkwy,  
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## WHAT'S GOING ON AT WOODBIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Saturday, November 9th

Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am Bldg B1-4

WCC OCC Shoebox Packing Party - 12 pm - Bldg B1-4

November 15th to 17th- Women's "Refresh & Reset" Retreat

Sunday, November 17th - Church Info Meeting

November 18th to 25th - National Collection Week (OCC shoeboxes)

Friday, November 22nd- Four Seasons Fellowship - 11 am Bldg B1-4

Sunday, November 24th - Thanksgiving Service 10:30 am

In-N-Out Lunch Fellowship - 12:00 pm

Sunday, December 1st - Dedication of Blankets of Hope

Saturday, December 7th 5:30 - 8:00 pm

\*7th Annual Tree Lighting Service\*WCC Kids Musical\*Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8th - CHURCH VOTE

Thursday, December 12th 6-9 PM- WCC Kids Parent's Night Out

Sunday, December 15th 12-1 PM - WCC Kids Gingerbread Bash

Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service 5:30 pm