



## Watsonville Christian Church

### Our Mission

To teach everyone

To live unconditionally surrendered

To Jesus Christ

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### Welcome!

10 a.m.: Worship Service

Spiritual Growth Bulletin

**Sunday Service Ministry:** The hall is open by 9 a.m. for set-up. You are welcome to help. Thank you.

**Sunday Prayer Ministry:** After set-up you're invited to pray for our worship service, give thanks, or pray for others.

**Young Children:** We enjoy having young children brought to church but to avoid distractions we ask those with them to sit in the back. Thank you for bringing them and helping everyone gain as much as possible from our worship service.

**Thanks & Prayer Time:** 1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; Luke 19:46 He said to them, "My house will be a house of prayer". The purpose, *in less than two minutes*, is to give thanks, offer or request prayer. *Please* do not go longer than two minutes. Participation is voluntary and not required.

**Bibles & Sermons:** If you don't have a Bible with you you're encouraged to take one from the entrance table to follow along during the sermon. You're welcome to keep it and write in it or hi-lite parts that are most helpful. It can be wise to take notes during the sermon of scriptures and points to put into practice. Welcome Packets and handouts are also on the entrance table.

**Grow to be Christ-like!** *Correctly apply* Spiritual Disciplines and become all we can be! 1) *Pray* 2) *Listen* 3) *Study* 4) *Fast* 5) *Meditate* 6) *Fellowship* 7) *Serve* 8) *Give* 9) *Solitude* 10) *Worship* 11) *Balance* 12) *Simplify* 13) *Sacrifice* 14) *Trust* 15) *Obey*. Crucify the 7 Deadly Sins! 1) *Ego* 2) *Envy* 3) *Anger* 4) *Laziness* 5) *Greed* 6) *Gluttony* 7) *Lust*.

**Grow Spiritually with Fellowship:** Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching. We have monthly Communion. After services we have snacks or potlucks to encourage you to stay and spend time in encouraging and uplifting fellowship. Fellowship is needed to grow spiritually. You're welcome to bring snacks each Sunday and other food for potlucks. Thank you.

**Card Ministry:** Cards are available to sign on our eating table.

**Visitation Ministry:** Matthew 25:39-40 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

**Every Thursday 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Bible Study, Prayer, & Outreach: For Becoming Christ-like, Caring For One Another, & Bringing the Church into our Community.** Bible Studies: Various Bible Scriptures & How to *Live* Them. Questions: 1) How *have* we *lived* them, 2) how *are* we *living* them, & 3) how *can* we best *live* them in the future? At [Valley Heights Senior Community, Multi-Use Room-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 925 Freedom Blvd. in Watsonville.](#) James 1:27b ...visit...widows in their affliction. For details call 784-1429.

***Feed Yourself Spiritually Each Day!*** *Pray continually* (1 Thessalonians 5:17), *listen* to our Lord, and *follow* Him (John 10:27). *Pray* for discernment and guidance before studying. Get *informed* to be *transformed* into Christ-likeness (Romans 12:1-2). Get renewed each day (2 Corinthians 4:16). Knowledge alone puffs up (1 Corinthians 8:1); it must be *applied* (Matthew 4:4). Get into God's Word and God's Word into you. The main things are the plain things and the plain things are the main things. Major in the majors; minor in the minors. Keep the main thing (Jesus as Lord and Savior) the main thing. Dallas Willard: "It's easier to debate the Bible than it is to submit to it". Here are helpful tools:

- Bible for study: NIV (New International Version). For accuracy it can be compared to the NASU (New American Standard Updated) and GNB (Good News Bible). Some of these translations might also include "Life Application" comments which tell how to *apply* what you read to your life. Information on translations can be found in "How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth" by Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart.
- NIV Concordance
- Bible Dictionaries: Nelson's, Unger's, Fausset's
- Nave's Topical Bible
- Paraphrases: TLB (The Living Bible), MSG (The Message)
- Bible Software for computers: Biblesoft, Bible Explorer, Logos, QuickVerse, WordSearch
- Audio Bibles: Pocket-Size (GoBible.com), CD's, cassettes, & HeavenWord (has different versions; for computers; also displays the scriptures being read)
- Word Studies: Vines, A.T. Robertson's, Vincent's, UBS (United Bible Societies) Handbook Series
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE)
- Treasury of Scripture Knowledge: shows other scriptures that relate to the topic, such as examples of faith although it may not contain that word
- Commentaries: Barnes Notes, Adam Clarke's, Jamieson/Fausset/Brown, Wycliffe's, J.Vernon McGee, Expositors, Wesley's, William Barclay, Matthew Henry, Keil & Delitzsch
- Bible Atlases
- Memorization: Proverbs 3:5-7, John 10:27, Matthew 6:33, 2 Corinthians 5:15, 2 Corinthians 10:5 and others
- KKMC Christian Radio, 880 AM
- Books: "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" by Phillip W. Keller, "Humility & Absolute Surrender" by Andrew Murray
- Videos: The Visual Bible's "Matthew", "The Gospel of John", & "Acts"
- Our Welcome Packet & website [watcc.org](http://watcc.org); headquarters website [gci.org](http://gci.org). Focus on the Family magazines for adults, young adults, teens & pre-teens: [family.org](http://family.org), 800-232-6459. Biblical accuracy of books, individuals, programs: [equip.org](http://equip.org); accuracy of internet stories: [snopes.com](http://snopes.com) & [truthorfiction.com](http://truthorfiction.com).

*Please note:* We do not endorse every book, or everything on radio, television, internet etc. like the un-Biblical Health/Wealth/Prosperity gospel, Word of Faith movement ("Name It & Claim It") and/or add or subtract from God's Word (Matthew 28:20, Acts 20:27, 2 Timothy 4:2-4, Revelation 22:18-19).

***Thank You for your Prayers, Tithes, & Offerings*** to do ***JESUS GREAT COMMISSION*** of Matthew 28:19 "***...GO... MAKE DISCIPLES...***". Donations to WCC (Watsonville Christian Church) are tax deductible, pay for Bibles, hall rental, radio ministry, website, newspaper and postcard invitations, Christian Odyssey, Together magazines, equipment, supplies etc., and can be put in the Tithes & Offerings box or mailed to WCC, P.O. Box 1097, Freedom, CA 95019. Automatic monthly or periodic donations can be made from a checking account, credit or debit card. Semi-annual and annual receipts are given. A Quarterly Financial Report is given during services. We encourage the Biblical practice of tithing (Genesis 14:20b, 28:22b, Proverbs 3:9a-TLB, Malachi 3:8-10, Matthew 6:21, Acts 20:35, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

***If You Have a Prayer Request & Providing Your E-mail address*** e-mail Pastor John at [JohnJester@aol.com](mailto:JohnJester@aol.com). He'll send other's prayer requests and occasionally other information. If you don't have e-mail call 784-1429 to have a request comprised to send, get copies of other's prayer requests, or put a request in our periodic ***Prayer Bulletin***.

***Birthdays:***

***Wedding Anniversaries:***