



WESTLAKE NEWS

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Others!

We will soon enter the season of Lent, which invites us to more intentionally reflect upon Christ's life, particularly his sacrificial death on the cross for us, enabling us to experience abundant life, eternal life, and a purpose *in* life.

In [Luke 19:10](#) we hear Jesus declare: *“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*

As we sing *“Amazing Grace,”* we identify the reality that we were among the lost. Had Jesus not come to earth nor died on the cross, scripture clearly points to the fact that we would be facing eternity apart from God. What if Jesus would have been primarily been thinking of his own life instead of others (including us)?

Going to the cross was anything but easy to face. In His humanness, we sense his anxiety at the prospects of this:

In John 12:27-28 we find these words:

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

In Luke 22:41-44 we read:

“He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.”

If Christ truly lives and reigns in our heart and is truly Lord of our church, will we not have the same passion for the lost as He did? Like Him, in our humanness, we will anguish at the sacrifice it will take to reach lost people. It is anything but easy. Our natural tendency is to be self-centered and focus on what *we* want rather than the purpose for which Christ has called us. Hopefully we will not shy away from this, but will continually say, *“Not my will, but yours be done.”* Jesus’ fixation was not on His own life, but on the needs of others.

Consider the following:

Dear Delegates of the Salvation Army Convention:

OTHERS!

Lord, let me live from day to day

In such a self-forgetful way

That even when I kneel to pray,

My prayer shall be for others.

Others, Lord, yes, others;

Let this my motto be.

Help me to live for others

That I may live like Thee.

Signed, General Booth.

-From the first meeting of the Salvation Army

This prayer seems an appropriate prayer for us to regularly pray during this Lenten Season (actual every day of all seasons). Why? So we can reflect the attitude that Christ had, an attitude which ultimately enabled us to experience life in all its dimensions. Earnestly praying this prayer will enable us to be life-giving to those around us.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Roger

**WESTLAKE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

December 31, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET

	MONTH	YTD	BUDGET
INCOME	9,276	160,522	134,121
EXPENSES	17,963	160,522	181,195
INCOME VS EXPENSES	(8,688)	0	

Dear members of Westlake,

Thank you so much for your donation of 13 gifts for the residents of our Maple Grove neighborhood.

Christmas can be a challenging and difficult time for many of our residents. Thanks to your generosity our residents were able to experience the feeling of joyfulness.

We truly appreciate that you took the time to personalize the gifts for each resident. Thank you for helping to make the Christmas season special for our residents again this year.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Raleigh &

Kim Flanders

Dear friends at Westlake,

Thank you so much for the goody bag and the carolers. It was an uplifting day for me.

Best wishes for the New Year. Miss seeing all of you.

Love,

Grace Taylor



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

PW is so proud of our women at Westlake always being ready to help when needed. Thank you to all of those who helped with the recent funeral dinners.

THANK YOU

Our missions for February are:

Greeting Card covers for (Local educational development centers, hospital use, and Operation Christmas Child project. Put them in the container on the bench in the foyer,

AND

our mission of gathering coats (new or gently used) for the Charitable Union will continue all year long. This will help CU get ready for next winter. We need all sizes from toddlers to High School. Bring them to the church and we will see that they are distributed.

We are always in need of extra help for our projects each month. If you can help at any time, please contact a PW Board member or come to our Board meetings. We need your input.

Don't forget to wear orange on the 25th day of the month. This symbolizes that we are fighting human trafficking.

With Sympathy...

May the love, peace, and strength of Almighty God be with the families of Gordon Dyer and Don Korten, both of whom passed away these past couple of months.