CLEARing the Way for Living Water

Connecting People into God's Family,
Loving Them to Wholeness,
Empowering Them for Ministry,
and Reproducing Families to Do the Same

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

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<td>Main Worship for All Ages - <strong>AUDITORIUM</strong></td>
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<td>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</td>
<td>Snacks/Small Groups for All Ages - <strong>REFER TO THE MAP BELOW</strong></td>
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*Children not staying till 12:30 PM can be picked up at 11:30 AM from Room 101
*Children staying till 12:30 PM will be given snacks by the teachers
*At 12:30 PM, all children can be picked up from Room 101

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**Sunday Worship 10 AM & Small Groups 11:30 AM**
@ DePaul University Naperville –150 W. Warrenville Rd., Naperville, IL 60563

**Wednesday Night Prayer, 7 PM**
@ Blanchard Alliance Church, Warrenville – 30W251 Butterfield Rd., Warrenville, IL 60555

**Saturday Morning Prayer, 7 AM**
@ Blanchard Alliance Church, Warrenville – 30W251 Butterfield Rd., Warrenville, IL 60555

**Home Groups**
Assorted times in different homes. For details: info@livingwateralliance.org.
ORDER OF SERVICE

Praise and Worship
Offering Dedication
Prayer
Announcements*
Scripture:
Isaiah 59:1–21
Sermon:
Our Warrior King
Closing Worship
Benediction

* At this time, children (up to grade 5) will be dismissed to the children's ministry.

PASTOR'S CORNER

What does it mean to seek God? During Isaiah's day, God's people thrived in corporate worship. They not only sought God in worship but they fasted and humbled themselves before God. However, their lack of care for people uncovered their lack of concern for God Himself. If we seek God truly, then we will seek His righteousness wholeheartedly. Isaiah 58:6–14 unpacks the lifestyle of those who truly seek God.

Seeking God means seeking his righteousness in the world (Isa. 58:6–7). Righteousness is not only about being right with God but being right with people as well. Those who have been made right with God will be concerned with people (58:6–7). Do we seek God at the expense of caring for people in the image of God? Do we see the ways that people are yoked and burdened by bonds beyond their control? Do our hearts bring freedom to their bonds? When we seek this righteousness, then God unleashes his righteousness in the world (Isa. 58:8–9a). God shines his light, brings, releases his healing and sends his righteousness before us and protects us with his glory (58:8).

Also, God satisfies the desires of those who satisfy the desires of the afflicted (Isa. 58:9b–12). The LORD promises to "satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong" (58:11). Who is satisfied in this way? Those who pour themselves "out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted (58:10). Many feel like they must fill their needs first before they fill the needs of others, but our desires are satisfied as we satisfy the desires of the afflicted.

Finally, a heart that delights in God's purposes in the world must delight in God Himself lest we burn out (Isa. 58:13–14). However, a delight in God means that we delight in the Sabbath, not seeking our own pleasure but delighting in what brings Him pleasure! We seek God by seeking His righteousness in the world. May God open our eyes to the bonds of wickedness in our world today. May God raise us up with a heart of compassion to care for people and the systems that oppress them. May we seek God by seeking his purposes in our world, and experience the pouring out of his power and presence in our lives. It is only by the power of our God as seen in Jesus Christ that these bonds are broken. Jesus said, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well" (Matt. 6:33).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We are glad that you could join us. If you are here for the first time, please visit our Welcoming Table in the foyer for a small gift and more information about our church.

Grace Church of DuPage in February: Beginning next Sunday, February 2, we will worship at Grace Church of DuPage at 1:30 PM (27W344 Galusha Ave. Warrenville, IL 60555). Remember the time and location change, and please contact anybody who may not know to join us on at that time.

February Membership Intensive: If you would like to the next step of joining the life of Living Water, join our membership intensive! We will explore God’s story, our story in order to connect your story to what God is doing at Living Water. We will meet on Feb 14–16, 7–9:30 PM on Friday, 9 AM–12 PM on Sat, and 3–5 PM on Sun.

2013 Contribution Statements: If you have not received your contribution statement for giving for 2013, then stop by the finance table today or email finance@livingwateralliance.org. Thank you for supporting God’s work through our church in the past year.

Getting to the Heart of Parenting Conference (Feb 28–Mar 1): Wheaton Bible Church will be hosting an Dr. Paul David Tripp to help parents navigate the challenges of parenting from the riches of the gospel. The times are 7:30 –9:15 PM Friday and 9 AM–12:15 PM Saturday. Register at wheatonbible.org/parenting.

Restore Missions Conference (March 28–29): Mark your calendars! We will have a Restore Missions Conference this year to expand our heart and vision for God's work throughout the world. George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilization, will come to challenge us during that time!

Wednesday and Saturday Prayer Meeting at Blanchard Alliance Church, Warrenville: Start the new year with prayer! The engine that drives our church is our prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 7 PM and Saturdays at 7 AM. We meet at Blanchard Alliance Church, Warrenville campus (30W251 Butterfield Road, Warrenville, IL 60555), 1/4 mile west of Rte. 59 on Butterfield Rd. (Rte. 56), next to Emmanuel Baptist Church. Come join us!

Small Group Discussion Questions:
1. When we see the brokenness of our society (Isa. 59:1–8), we like to blame others. However, why does Isaiah confess in 59:9–13, even though he personally may not have contributed to that oppression? What role does confession and repentance play when we do not seem to be personally involved?
2. When we recognize our inability, our God intervenes to show His power! As we grieve over the brokenness of our world, then our God brings His salvation into that brokenness. Read over Isa. 59:14–20 again. What hope do these verses bring to the brokenness that you see around you?
3. Read Isa. 59:21–21. God does not save us from our sin and leave us, but he saves us from our sin and fills us with His Spirit and His Word. Why does He do that? What role does this shed upon our work, as we join in God's work as the Divine Warrior bringing His vengeance against His enemies in Isa. 59:7??