

Overview: Westwood Baptist Church Profile

Demographic Information

Section 2A: Your Church Participation

1. How long have you been a member of Westwood?

not a member	8	6.2%
one year or less	4	3.1%
2-4 years	10	7.8%
5-9 years	17	13.2%
10-19 years	36	27.9%
20 or more years	54	41.9%
Total responses	<u>129</u>	

2. How long does it usually take you to travel from home to church?

5 minutes or less	22	17.2%
6-10 minutes	29	22.7%
11-15 minutes	39	30.5%
16-30 minutes	28	21.9%
31-44 minutes	9	7.0%
45 or more minutes	1	0.8%
Total responses	<u>128</u>	

3. On the average, about how many times have you attended church worship during the past year?

none	1	0.8%
about once or twice a year	1	0.8%
once or twice every three months	5	3.8%
about once a month	4	3.1%
about two or three times a month	32	24.6%
four times a month or more	87	66.9%
Total responses	<u>130</u>	

4. In how many church organizations, committees, and groups do you hold membership (not counting congregational membership itself?)

none	23	17.6%
one	30	22.9%
two	27	20.6%
three	31	23.7%
four or more	20	15.3%
Total responses	<u>131</u>	

5a. Has your involvement in the congregation increased, decreased, or remained the same in the past few years?

increased	37	28.7%
remained the same	63	48.8%
decreased	29	22.5%
Total responses	<u>129</u>	

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5b. If your participation has INCREASED, which of the following are reasons for that? (check all that apply):

Total responses		36
more time available	6	16.7%
because of children	4	11.1%
accepted office or other new responsibilities	27	75.0%
better health	0	0.0%
stronger faith	4	11.1%
more positive attitude toward the church	8	22.2%

5c. If your participation has DECREASED, which of the following are reasons for that? (check all that apply):

Total responses		26
less time available	16	61.5%
because of children	1	3.8%
given up office or other new responsibilities	4	15.4%
health problems	5	19.2%
decreased faith	1	3.8%
more negative attitude toward the church	5	19.2%

6. Approximately how much does your family household contribute to our church per year? (IF single or widowed, you as an individual?)

under \$200	6	5.5%
\$200 - 599	7	6.4%
\$600 - 999	7	6.4%
\$1,000 - 1,499	3	2.8%
\$1,500 - 2,499	9	8.3%
\$2,500 - 3,999	5	4.6%
\$3,500 - 4,999	15	13.8%
\$5,000 - 7,499	25	22.9%
over \$7,500	32	29.4%
Total responses	<u>109</u>	

7. How many persons or families have you invited to visit or join the church in the past year?

none	37	28.7%
one	38	29.5%
two	20	15.5%
three	14	10.9%
four or more	20	15.5%
Total responses	<u>129</u>	

8. How many of your closest friends attend this church?

none	31	24.2%
one	6	4.7%
two	11	8.6%
three	4	3.1%
four or more	76	59.4%
Total responses	<u>128</u>	

Section 2B: Background Information About Yourself

9. Gender			
	female	70	53.8%
	male	60	46.2%
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10. Age?			
	under 20	11	8.5%
	20 - 24	7	5.4%
	25 - 34	5	3.8%
	35 - 44	15	11.5%
	45 - 54	18	13.8%
	55 - 64	25	19.2%
	65 - 74	20	15.4%
	75 or over	29	22.3%
	Total responses	<u>130</u>	

11. Racial/Ethnic Background			
	white	124	96.1%
	native american	0	0.0%
	black	0	0.0%
	pacific islander	0	0.0%
	hispanic	0	0.0%
	mixed	4	3.1%
	asian	0	0.0%
	partially black	1	0.8%
	Total responses	<u>129</u>	

12. Marital status?			
	single, never married	21	16.3%
	living in a committed relationship	2	1.6%
	married	85	65.9%
	widowed	13	10.1%
	separated or divorced	8	6.2%
	Total responses	<u>129</u>	

13. If you have children living at home, how many are in each age group?			
	age 0 - 5		
		0	1
		1	9
	Total responses	<u>10</u>	

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age 6 - 12

0	1	4.3%
1	18	78.3%
2	3	13.0%
3	1	4.3%
Total responses	<u>23</u>	

age 13 - 18

0	1	4.5%
1	15	68.2%
2	5	22.7%
3	1	4.5%
Total responses	<u>22</u>	

age 19 and over

0	1	5.9%
1	10	58.8%
2	6	35.3%
Total responses	<u>17</u>	

14. Which best describes your current household?

one person living alone	19	14.6%
a couple without children	44	33.8%
one adult with child/children	5	3.8%
two or more adults with child/children	47	36.2%
several adults living in the same household	15	11.5%
Total responses	<u>130</u>	

15. What is your highest level of formal education?

less than high school graduate	9	7.0%
high school graduate	3	2.3%
some college, trade, or vocational school	19	14.8%
college degree	32	25.0%
post graduate work or degreee	65	50.8%
Total responses	<u>128</u>	

16. Are you?

retired	39	32.2%
employed full time	48	39.7%
employed part time	16	13.2%
not currently employed	3	2.5%
full time "houseperson"	2	1.7%
student	13	10.7%
Total responses	<u>121</u>	

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17. If currently employed, presently job hunting, or retired, what is/was your occupation?		
service worker: police, barbers, janitors, beauticians, waiters, ushers, etc.	5	5.1%
clerical worker: bookkeepers, secretaries, mail carriers, telephone operators, etc.	6	6.1%
farmer/rancher	0	0.0%
operative or laborer: semiskilled and unskilled workers in constructions and manufacturing, etc.	0	0.0%
tradesperson: carpenters, masons, plumbers, electricians, machinists, etc.	1	1.0%
sales worker: insurance and real estate agents brokers, sales persons, etc.	7	7.1%
proprietor, manager, or public official: city manager, credit officers, buyers, floor mangers, etc.	1	1.0%
professional, technical: teachers, doctors, computer programmer, architects, acccountants, artists, etc.	67	67.7%
military	3	3.0%
mother of four, office mananger	1	1.0%
trade negotiator, teacher	1	1.0%
consultant	1	1.0%
military officer	1	1.0%
landscape arch./planner	1	1.0%
commercial driver	1	1.0%
work with children	1	1.0%
government	1	1.0%
CEO	1	1.0%
Total responses	99	
18. Are you self employed or an independent business person?		
yes	11	9.5%
no	105	90.5%
Total responses	116	
19. If married, is your spouse employed?		
yes, full time	43	50.0%
yes, part time	8	9.3%
no	35	40.7%
Total responses	86	

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20. What is your household income range?

under \$25,000	2	1.9%
\$25,000 - 49,999	7	6.6%
\$50,000 - 74,999	9	8.5%
\$75,000 - 99,999	14	13.2%
\$100,000 - \$149,000	21	19.8%
\$150,000 or more	53	50.0%
Total responses	<u>106</u>	

21. How many years have you lived in this general area?

one year of less	0	0.0%
2 - 4 years	2	1.6%
5 - 9 years	5	3.9%
10 - 19 years	30	23.3%
20 or more years	92	71.3%
Total responses	<u>129</u>	

22. How likely is it that you might move out of this general area within the next few years?

definitely will move	5	3.9%
probably will move	11	8.6%
might move (50/50)	16	12.5%
probably will not move	31	24.2%
very unlikely to move	65	50.8%
Total responses	<u>128</u>	

23. In what denomination were you raised? If you were involved with more than one denomination when you were growing up, with which did you have the greatest identification?

baptist	78	60.9%
disciples of Christ	1	0.8%
episcopal	1	0.8%
lutheran	4	3.1%
methodist	14	10.9%
presbyterian	7	5.5%
united church of Christ	2	1.6%
unitarian/universalist	0	0.0%
other protestant	7	5.5%
roman catholic	7	5.5%
none	2	1.6%
christian scientist in high scholl & college	1	0.8%
many	1	0.8%
chr. Reformed	1	0.8%
evangelical	1	0.8%
reformed church of america	1	0.8%
Total responses	<u>128</u>	

Member Preferences

Section 3A: Worship

24. For you, personally, how important are each of the following in the mix of qualities that make a good worship service?

a. Providing time for members to greet one another		
need to have more emphasis	2	1.6%
very satisfied	56	44.8%
generally satisfied	61	48.8%
receives too much attention	6	4.8%
	<u>125</u>	
b. Providing worship that is emotionally moving		
need to have more emphasis	27	21.3%
very satisfied	24	18.9%
generally satisfied	73	57.5%
receives too much attention	3	2.4%
	<u>127</u>	
c. Providing worship that is intellectually challenging		
need to have more emphasis	40	32.0%
very satisfied	36	28.8%
generally satisfied	45	36.0%
receives too much attention	4	3.2%
	<u>125</u>	
d. Attention given to sacraments		
need to have more emphasis	9	7.3%
very satisfied	57	46.0%
generally satisfied	54	43.5%
receives too much attention	4	3.2%
	<u>124</u>	
e. Lay participation on leading worship		
need to have more emphasis	6	4.7%
very satisfied	72	55.8%
generally satisfied	49	38.0%
receives too much attention	2	1.6%
	<u>129</u>	
f. Use of inclusive, nonsexist language		
need to have more emphasis	6	4.9%
very satisfied	62	50.4%
generally satisfied	42	34.1%
receives too much attention	13	10.6%
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g. Use of creeds or statements of faith		
need to have more emphasis	9	7.5%
very satisfied	40	33.3%
generally satisfied	62	51.7%
receives too much attention	9	7.5%
	<u>120</u>	
h. Silent prayer/meditation		
need to have more emphasis	14	11.0%
very satisfied	51	40.2%
generally satisfied	60	47.2%
receives too much attention	2	1.6%
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i. Having parts of the worship especially for children		
need to have more emphasis	4	3.1%
very satisfied	78	60.5%
generally satisfied	40	31.0%
receives too much attention	7	5.4%
	<u>129</u>	
j. Use of new or unfamiliar hymns		
need to have more emphasis	24	19.4%
very satisfied	23	18.5%
generally satisfied	63	50.8%
receives too much attention	14	11.3%
	<u>124</u>	
k. Corporate prayer in which the entire congregation participates		
need to have more emphasis	14	11.0%
very satisfied	42	33.1%
generally satisfied	64	50.4%
receives too much attention	7	5.5%
	<u>127</u>	
l. Providing worship at times other than Sunday morning		
need to have more emphasis	36	28.6%
very satisfied	28	22.2%
generally satisfied	55	43.7%
receives too much attention	7	5.6%
	<u>126</u>	
m. Use of contemporary worship styles, music and language		
need to have more emphasis	45	35.4%
very satisfied	17	13.4%
generally satisfied	42	33.1%
receives too much attention	23	18.1%
	<u>127</u>	

25. For you, personally, how important are each of the following in the mix of qualities that make a good sermon?

a. Sets forth a clear faith position as a guide to making decisions and living a faithful life		
essential	51	40.5%
important	63	50.0%
not very important	11	8.7%
downright distracting	1	0.8%
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b. Based on a clear, unambiguous religious authority		
essential	29	24.4%
important	64	53.8%
not very important	22	18.5%
downright distracting	4	3.4%
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c. Touches directly on my everyday life		
essential	49	38.6%
important	70	55.1%
not very important	8	6.3%
downright distracting	0	0.0%
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	127	
d. Contains scholarly or literary illustrations		
essential	17	13.4%
important	64	50.4%
not very important	46	36.2%
downright distracting	0	0.0%
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e. Is biblically based and illustrated		
essential	69	53.9%
important	49	38.3%
not very important	10	7.8%
downright distracting	0	0.0%
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f. Makes me reflect on issues that go beyond my personal life and local community		
essential	53	42.1%
important	67	53.2%
not very important	5	4.0%
downright distracting	1	0.8%
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g. Is challenging and thought provoking		
essential	69	53.9%
important	56	43.8%
not very important	3	2.3%
downright distracting	0	0.0%
	<u>128</u>	
h. Obviously flows from the depth of the preacher's own faith and spiritual convictions		
essential	38	29.9%
important	73	57.5%
not very important	15	11.8%
downright distracting	1	0.8%
	<u>127</u>	
i. Is comforting and reassuring		
essential	21	16.8%
important	60	48.0%
not very important	42	33.6%
downright distracting	2	1.6%
	<u>125</u>	
j. Is carefully composed and skillfully delivered		
essential	27	21.8%
important	90	72.6%
not very important	7	5.6%
downright distracting	0	0.0%
	<u>124</u>	
k. Is spiritually moving and inspirational		
essential	46	35.9%
important	69	53.9%
not very important	12	9.4%
downright distracting	1	0.8%
	<u>128</u>	
l. Sets forth various sides of a issue without advocating one position as the only Christian position		
essential	29	23.8%
important	57	46.7%
not very important	25	20.5%
downright distracting	11	9.0%
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26. Please identify to what extent you are satisfied with the following aspects of your church:

a. The music (choir, anthems, and instrumentals) during Sunday worship		
very satisfied	46	36.2%
satisfied	45	35.4%
dissatisfied	26	20.5%
very dissatisfied	10	7.9%
	<u>127</u>	
b. The congregation's Sunday worship, other than the music		
very satisfied	24	20.5%
satisfied	81	69.2%
dissatisfied	12	10.3%
very dissatisfied	0	0.0%
	<u>117</u>	
c. The way your spiritual needs are being met in the worship service		
very satisfied	22	17.5%
satisfied	81	64.3%
dissatisfied	22	17.5%
very dissatisfied	1	0.8%
	<u>126</u>	

27. If you could choose any time on Sunday morning, what time would you prefer for worship to start?

before 8:00 AM	0	0.0%
8:00 AM	2	1.6%
8:30 AM	1	0.8%
9:00 AM	5	3.9%
9:30 AM	3	2.4%
10:00 AM	14	11.0%
10:30 AM	19	15.0%
11:00 AM	80	63.0%
11:30 AM or later	3	2.4%
Total responses	<u>127</u>	

Section 3B: Religious Beliefs and Personal Practices

28. Which one of the following best expresses your view of the Bible?

the Bible is an ancient book of history, legends and cultural stories recorded by man. It has little value today except as classic literature	0	0.0%
the Bible is a valuable book because it was written by wise and good people. I do not believe it is really God's word but it can teach us many moral precepts	2	1.6%
the Bible is the record of many different people's response to God and because of this, people and churches today must interpret the Bible's basic moral and religious teachings for themselves	30	23.4%
the Bible is the inspired word of God and its basic moral and religious teachings are clear and true, even if it reflects some human error	86	67.2%
the Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally	10	7.8%
Total responses	128	

29. Please rate your agreement or disagreement with the following belief statements.

a. There is no other way to salvation but through belief in Jesus Christ		
strongly agree	46	36.2%
agree	45	35.4%
neutral or unsure		0.0%
disagree	26	20.5%
strongly disagree	10	7.9%
	127	
b. Human beings have developed over millions of years from less advanced forms of life		
strongly agree	29	22.8%
agree	34	26.8%
neutral or unsure	23	18.1%
disagree	20	15.7%
strongly disagree	21	16.5%
	127	
c. Jesus' resurrection from the dead was an actual event		
strongly agree	94	72.3%
agree	24	18.5%
neutral or unsure	10	7.7%
disagree	2	1.5%
strongly disagree	0	0.0%
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d. All religions are equally good ways of helping a person find ultimate truth

strongly agree	8	6.3%
agree	20	15.7%
neutral or unsure	37	29.1%
disagree	37	29.1%
strongly disagree	25	19.7%
	<u>127</u>	

e. The Bible has answers for all the basic questions of life

strongly agree	29	22.5%
agree	64	49.6%
neutral or unsure	20	15.5%
disagree	15	11.6%
strongly disagree	1	0.8%
	<u>129</u>	

f. Social justice is at the heart of the Gospel

strongly agree	23	18.4%
agree	47	37.6%
neutral or unsure	29	23.2%
disagree	20	16.0%
strongly disagree	6	4.8%
	<u>125</u>	

g. It is often difficult to live out my faith in daily work, leisure and community live

strongly agree	9	7.1%
agree	45	35.4%
neutral or unsure	14	11.0%
disagree	54	42.5%
strongly disagree	5	3.9%
	<u>127</u>	

30. Please rate how often you engage in the following practices.

a. How often do you spend time in private devotional activity such a prayer, meditation, reading the Bible or other spiritual spiritual books

daily	58	45.0%
few times a week	35	27.1%
once a week	9	7.0%
few times a month	18	14.0%
seldom or never	9	7.0%
	<u>129</u>	

b. How often do you use the Web at home or at your office?

daily	105	80.8%
few times a week	14	10.8%
once a week	3	2.3%
few times a month	3	2.3%
seldom or never	5	3.8%
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c. How often do you use email?		
daily	107	82.9%
few times a week	11	8.5%
once a week	2	1.6%
few times a month	3	2.3%
seldom or never	6	4.7%
	<u>129</u>	
d. How often do you go on Facebook?		
daily	54	41.9%
few times a week	19	14.7%
once a week	4	3.1%
few times a month	3	2.3%
seldom or never	49	38.0%
	<u>129</u>	
e. How often do you look at religious internet sites?		
daily	8	6.3%
few times a week	25	19.8%
once a week	7	5.6%
few times a month	28	22.2%
seldom or never	58	46.0%
	<u>126</u>	
f. How often do you volunteer your time in social service?		
daily	5	4.0%
few times a week	20	15.9%
once a week	19	15.1%
few times a month	49	38.9%
seldom or never	33	26.2%
	<u>126</u>	

Section 3C: Evangelism

31. In thinking about what ORIGINALLY attracted you to this congregation, select from the list below those reasons that best match your reasons for coming. You may select more than one.

Total responses		125
the minister	67	53.6%
my friends are here	29	23.2%
the church's reputation	14	11.2%
adult education program	27	21.6%
children and youth program	64	51.2%
the music program	35	28.0%
the social outreach	21	16.8%
the worship style	59	47.2%
the self-help groups	1	0.8%
the denominational ties	34	27.2%

31. In thinking about what KEEPS you as part of this congregation, select from the list below those reasons that best match your reasons for coming. You may select more than one.

Total responses		126
the minister	35	27.8%
my friends are here	95	75.4%
the church's reputation	24	19.0%
adult education program	40	31.7%
children and youth program	42	33.3%
the music program	42	33.3%
the social outreach	37	29.4%
the worship style	67	53.2%
the self-help groups	3	2.4%
the denominational ties	27	21.4%