

I want to be a Christian that speaks volumes into the lives of those around me. Not through my eloquent speeches or profound sermons. Not through my emails, blogs or devotions. I want to speak volumes through my life. The trick is living a life that is visible to others— yet transparent and not hypocritical. I have to live out loud without hesitancy, without apology and without fear. That's a tall order that involves a series of daily, intentional choices. And so, I ask myself a series of questions to help me make these choices often.

Am I insulating myself in a Christian bubble that eliminates me from encountering people who need Jesus?

Am I sharing stories of what Jesus means to me and has done for me with those I encounter?

Am I staying grounded in God's word and praying without ceasing?

Am I the same person behind closed doors that I am around others?

Am I readily admitting my own faults and struggles to others?

Am I quick to forgive others, to not judge them and to try to see them through God's eyes and not my own?

Do I have someone I am accountable to, and do I listen when they call me on the carpet?

What would my family and friends say about who I really am?

What would God say about who I really am? Who am I when no one else is looking?

One of the biggest complaints I hear against Christianity is that Christians profess to believe one thing, but act entirely different. We profess to have love, but don't act lovingly. We profess to be humble but act proud. We profess to be forgiving but exercise harsh judgment. We say we follow Jesus but exemplify none of His character qualities—avoiding the people He came to serve in the process.

Last summer, a neighbor of mine stopped me at the pool. "I see you running every day," she said. "I admire that dedication you have to run even when it's so hot outside." As I walked away from that conversation, I thought about what she had unknowingly showed me. I have never seen her peeking out her window or waving from her yard. I never knew she saw me, never noticed her noticing me. And yet she was watching.

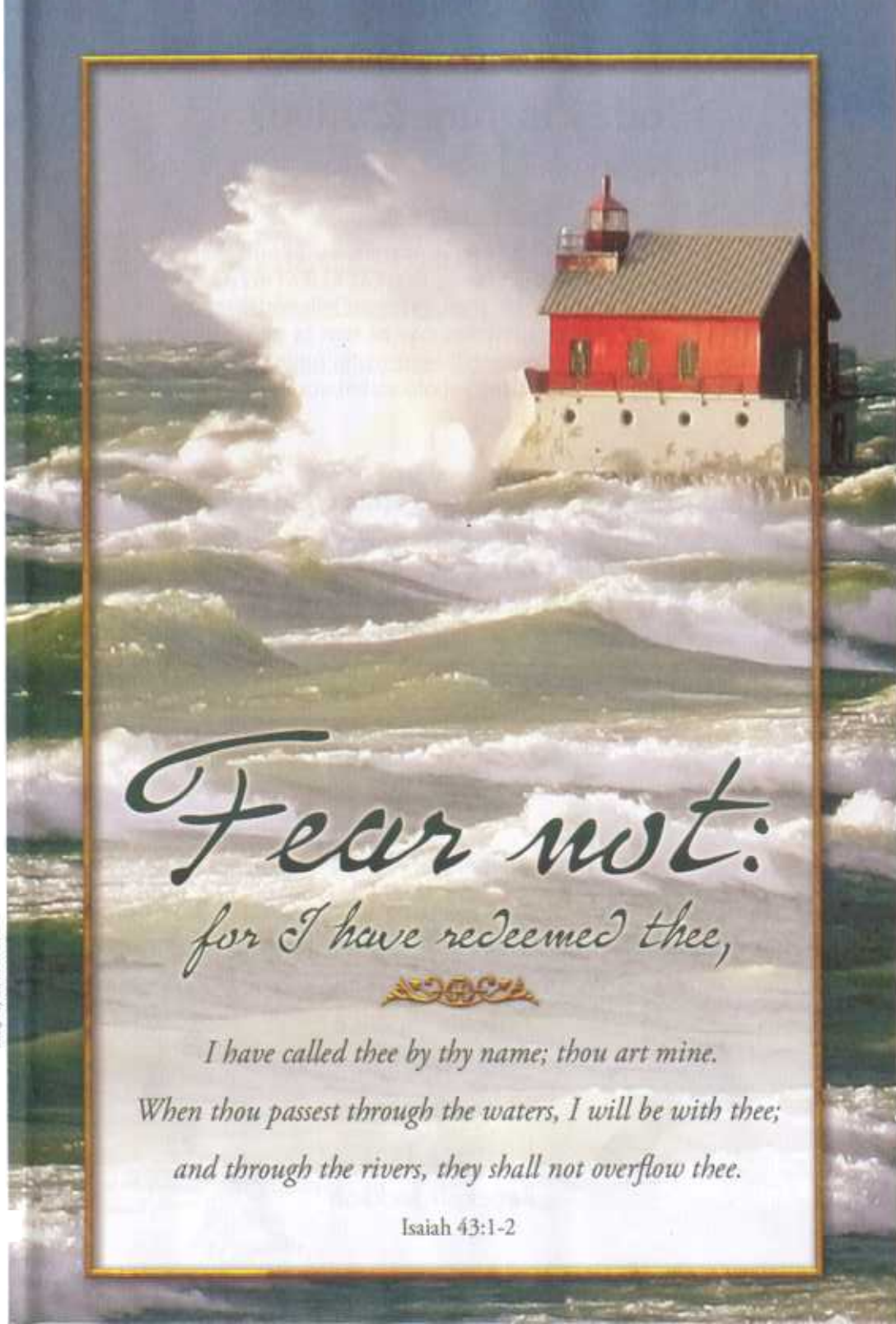
We may never know the numbers of people who unknowingly watch us run the race of life. They will see us struggle and strain, falter and even fall. But it is our dedication that will speak volumes. The fact that we keep going out there and trying again that they will remember. When we live a life that is visible, transparent and committed to God, we speak volumes to those around us. Even though we might never know we did.

Lord help me to live a life that is visible and attractive to those who don't know me.

~ Marybeth Whalen  
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*Fear not:  
for I have redeemed thee,*



*I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.  
When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.*

Isaiah 43:1-2

# Welcome Home to Westwood Hills!

Today is June 28, 2009.

## We are located at:

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Pastor's Blog Page: <http://ebobkuschel.wordpress.com>

## Welcome to the Westwood Hills Church of God!

God is moving in our Church and changing lives through the power of the Word and the Holy Spirit and my desire is for you to experience it for yourself. At Westwood Hills, you can always count on being loved and having the opportunity to worship and praise the Lord, because at Westwood Hills, it's always ALL ABOUT HIM!

E . Bob Kuschel, Ph.D.  
Senior Pastor

## Congratulations!

The Church and Pastor's Council have selected the below listed members to serve as the Church Finance Committee:

Priscilla Spence  
Jim Windham  
Johnny Bohannon  
Hoang Tang  
Rebekah Jackson



## "Church Matters"

*Anyone Interested in attending youth camps please contact  
Robbie Kuschel.*

**June 29 - July 3:** Young Teen Camp @ Wimauma

**July 5:** **Great Day of Prayer**

**July 12:** Communion Sunday

**August 23:** Family Day

**August 30:** Larry and Marla Johnson (missionaries from Guatemala) will be our guest.

### Prayer List

Sandy Kuschel

Gloria Broglia

Bishop Waymon Miller

Simeon Micah Caton

Lucas Cook

Sandra Pagel

### Happy Birthday

Rebekah Jackson 6/30

James Guerino 7/8

Jayme Tate 7/10

Gloria Broglia 7/11

Angela Tang 7/12

Tehya-lani Locke 7/15

Frances Jethro 7/16

Jesus

Others

Yourselves

