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Westlake Church Lausanne
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Rooted in the Gospel Radical Transformation

OUR VISION

Our vision can be summarised as *Rooted in the Gospel, Radical transformation*: that, as individuals and as a church, we would be so deeply rooted in the gospel, and the gospel so deeply rooted in us, that it would have a wonderful, radically transforming effect on our lives.

OUR VALUES

Worship

We want God to be the passion of our lives and to worship Him for who He is.

The Gospel

We want all our people to be able to live in the good of, and forever be grateful to God for, all that Jesus Christ has done for us through His death and resurrection.

Biblical Teaching

We are committed to, and passionate about biblical teaching and preaching. We want our teaching, across all ages of the church to develop in us a love for God and a desire to live for His glory in every area of our lives.

Mission

We believe everyone needs to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and we want to do everything that we can to see that happen. That means every member of Westlake Lausanne seeing themselves as missionaries to their own tribe: to their work colleagues, their friends and their neighbours. It means, as a church, we organise events that enable people to hear the good news of Jesus. It means we regularly support individuals and organisations around the globe who are working to see that happen. We are also honoured to have a strong local connection with Medair, a humanitarian organisation working in some of the world's most troubled areas, to bring help and care to the most vulnerable, guided by its Christian ethos.

Our Marriages and Families

We want to do everything we can to build strong marriages and families, and see our children grow up with a deep passion and love for Christ and His kingdom.

Fellowship

We love getting together and sharing our lives together. We do that through small groups, church family meals and occasional retreats and camps.



Statement of Faith

As well as other biblical teaching, the church professes the following basic doctrines and principles:

- The divine inspiration and authority of the Holy Scriptures as originally given, and their supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The unity of God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- The creation of all things, both visible and invisible, by the Word of God; all creation being in, through and for Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God.
- The universal sinfulness and guilt of mankind since the Fall, rendering him subject to God's wrath and condemnation and necessitating the regeneration of his whole being.
- The believer's redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin solely through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, the only Representative and Substitute for mankind; this redemption is received through personal faith in Jesus Christ.
- The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- The second coming of Jesus Christ.
- The resurrection of mankind, and the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and the eternal punishment of the impenitent.
- The work of the Holy Spirit, convicting mankind of sin, bringing the sinner to repentance toward God and Faith in Jesus Christ.
- The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit, granting new life and power to the believer and granting gifts to the Church.
- The unity and common priesthood of all believers, who together form the one Universal Church, the body of which Christ is the head.
- The believers' common objective to live Christ-centered lives (Ephesians 4:1-3) under the Lord's authority and to make disciples of Jesus Christ according to His commandment (Matthew 28: 19- 20).

Background & Leadership

HISTORY

Westlake Church Lausanne was planted by our sister church, Westlake Nyon, in late 2005. Alan Wilson, pastor of Westlake Nyon, provided the pastoral oversight. Initially we met monthly, then fortnightly and, since the beginning of 2008, we have been meeting weekly. With Alan's departure back to Northern Ireland, Martin Slack joined the other elders as Westlake Church Lausanne's first full-time pastor. Since it was planted, the church has grown in number. In addition to the Sunday morning meetings, we now have a Sunday evening service, Sunday school programs for all ages from crèche to youth, mid-week small groups meeting across Lausanne and surrounding areas, and on Friday nights, ReFuel & discipleship for our young people.

LEADERSHIP

Westlake Church Lausanne is currently led by a team of elders. They are:

Martin Slack

Martin is married to Su and they have four daughters. He has been the pastor of Westlake Lausanne since April 2008.

Dan Dubei

Dan is married to Mia and they have two sons and one daughter.

Daniel Constam

Daniel is married to Angelika and they have one son and two daughters.



Clive Wilder-Smith
Clive is married to Luzia and they have one son.

John Bottimore
John is married to Kim and they have a son and a daughter.

Tom Rizzo
Tom is married to Karen and they have a son and a daughter.

On a Sunday...

SERVICES

Our worship is contemporary in style, and we aim to mingle modern and historic songs that enable us to express our hearts in God-exalting worship. We are committed to expository preaching of the Bible in a way that helps us apply it to our lives. We are convinced that the word of God remains utterly relevant to us all.

The Morning Service

Our morning service starts at 10.30am. At the morning service, adults and children are together for worship until about 11am. Our children and young people then leave for their own groups where they enjoy teaching appropriate for their age. After the sermon we usually spend a short time in worship, responding with our hearts to what we have heard.



The meeting finishes at around 12 noon, and the children, young people and adults join together for refreshments and occasionally a 'Bring & Share' lunch. It's a great opportunity to meet people, get to know them and share the joys and trials of living in Switzerland! Twice each month we have Communion, where we remember and thank God for Christ's sacrifice of Himself for us. We welcome everyone who knows and loves the Lord Jesus to take part in this with us.

The Evening Service

Our evening service starts at 6:30pm. At the evening service, no children's program is provided, and for this reason, families with young children are advised to attend the morning service. The service is led by our 20s and 30s group, but youth, students and older adults are also very welcome! There is the same emphasis on worship and Bible teaching (the sermon is on the same Bible passage as the morning), but the style is more informal, the service less family-focused, and there is opportunity for Q & A as part of the service.



Children's Ministry

Each Sunday morning we have groups designed for children of differing ages. We have a great team of volunteer helpers who are committed to helping you raise your children to love God.

Our children's groups:

CRECHE

The children sing songs and have Bible stories as well as free play, activities and snacks.

AGE 3-4 & 5-7

As well as taking up an offering to help support a young boy in the Third World, the children worship with lively kids' songs, learn a memory verse, play a game or have a drama and then hear a Bible story and take part in craft activities.



AGE 8-10

Our older children have a more in depth Bible study where they are able to get into God's word, think about it and ask and answer some serious questions!

All our children's work is designed to help the kids learn more about God and put Him at the centre of their lives. It is conducted in English but, where necessary, support in French is also available.

Special Events

We have occasional special events such as Christmas parties, Sunday School picnics, and Discover - an action packed, fun day when the Christian gospel is explained very simply and clearly.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Group at Westlake Church, Lausanne consists of a culturally diverse and yet exceptionally welcoming bunch of 11-18 year olds. Our desire is to learn more about God and each other and what it means to be a Christian;

building great

friendships along the way. The youth group is led by Mark Bateman and his wife Nicola.



Youth Programme

FRIDAY NIGHTS...



On the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month we meet in a home in Lutry from 7:00-9:30pm for a meal, worship, prayer, Bible teaching, fellowship and games. With a very lively atmosphere we look at various topics and issues that young people are facing today and what it means to be a Christian in all spheres of life. We split into small groups where necessary ie. 11-14, 15-18 to cover more age appropriate topics. On alternate Fridays to Refuel we have Youth Discipleship, where we study God's word together as we fellowship, snack and play games. This runs from 7:30-9:30pm.

SUNDAY MORNINGS...

On alternate Sundays, the young people either stay in the main congregation or leave after the worship time for a separate sermon on the same Bible message as the main meeting. On the weeks when the young people stay in for the sermon, a youth note booklet is prepared to assist with the sermon (which is also uploaded to the website weekly.) These notes can be picked-up from the table at the back every Sunday.



EVENTS & RETREATS

We hold a youth retreat in the Autumn every year. We also attempt to do regular socials taking advantage of Switzerland's seasons. For example sledging, bonfires, Christmas parties, film nights, camping etc. We are also exploring the possibility of mission's trips and youth conferences.



Small Groups

Home groups are a great means of God's grace in our lives. They help us get the word of God into our hearts and lives, keep us accountable and provide a network of friends to care for us and leaders to pastor us. Our small groups provide an excellent means not just to meet friends and provide much needed practical support and wisdom in your time here, but they also provide the means for us to care for and pray for one another as well as spur one another on in our walk with Jesus Christ. We have a number of home groups, including a young adults (20's & 30's) group, in and around Lausanne that meet either mid- or end-of-week. We would be delighted to put you in touch with one.



STUDENTS



Westlake has a student group, led by elder and professor Tom Rizzo and his wife Karen. The group meets every Wednesday for Bible study and prayer, as well as doing social events and an annual retreat. The church meets on the doorstep of the EPFL and UNIL. Under-grad, post-grad and post-doc students find their way here.

If you are coming to Lausanne to study, we would love to meet you, serve you, help you integrate and help ensure your time here is one of great growth and progress in your faith.



Other Ministries

MEN'S MINISTRY



Our Men's Ministry is built around friendship, recreation and teaching. Our aim is simple: to see each man in the church grow in God and in grace, to form genuine and accountable relationships with other men and to become all that God would have us

be as men,
husbands,
fathers,
workers and



leaders. Westlake has recently started a monthly Mens' Prayer Breakfast on the first Saturday of every month and men of all ages are warmly welcome.

Men's social events are organized regularly. For example once a year we have our Men 'n Boy's Ski Day: a day of skiing followed by a thermal bath and a fondue!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Twice a year Westlake Lausanne ladies get together for a Saturday morning breakfast where we talk through issues relevant to our lives from a Biblical perspective. They're a great time to connect with other women in the church.



We also hold regular social events to build friendships among the ladies of the church, and to invite our friends.

In addition to these larger events the following ladies' Bible studies meet regularly :

- One meets every Friday morning at La Conversion
- One meets every Tuesday morning in St.Sulpice/Preverenges/Morges

