



# The Western Wave



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 1 New Year's Day (Campus Closed)
  - Jan. 9 Spring 2016 Semester Begins
  - Jan. 13 Discover Coaching Event (See pg. 2)
  - Jan. 15 Spring 2016 Tuition Due
  - Jan. 16 "The Bible: What, Why, How" a Winter Lab at WestGate Church with speaker and Western professor, Tim Mackie (See pg. 4)
  - Jan. 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Campus Closed)
  - Feb. 26 Christian Therapist Fellowship, 12pm-2:30pm (more details to come)
  - Mar. 1-4 Returning Student Summer 2016 [Financial Aid deadline](#) (The new student deadline is March 28)
  - Mar. 3-5 [BASS Convention](#) (see pg. 3)
- Other [Community Calendar](#) Dates

## CAMPUS NEWS

### MAKING CHANGES TO YOUR SPRING REGISTRATION?

Dropping a course after Open Registration will result in a \$25.00 drop fee. Refund rates vary by course. To see what refund rate your course qualifies for, go to the registration tab in [SIS](#) and click "details" next to the course. A course is not officially dropped until you click "drop" on the registration tab of SIS. If adding a class after the

semester start date (January 9th), a late add fee of \$25.00 may apply.

### WOULD YOUR SPOUSE LIKE TO AUDIT A COURSE WITH YOU?

Don't forget, your spouse is invited to join you in your education at Western! Spouses of students enrolled in a master's program are invited to audit courses at a reduced rate (\$75 per audit hour; limit 1 course per

semester). Spouses of students enrolled in 8+ credits will receive a 75% scholarship toward the class they audit. Spouses of students enrolled in 4-7 credits will receive a 50% scholarship. Simply fill out and submit the [Non-Credit Application & Registration Form](#), register for your audit course, and the scholarship will be applied.

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Spouses may be enrolled in different courses. Check the online [course schedule](#) to see which courses are available for audit. Coaching courses excluded. Register soon as space is limited! Contact [Carrie Priest](#) with any questions.

**SUCCESS TIP – TIME BUDGETING**

Family, friendships, work, ministry, and personal practices may, at times, seem in competition with your studies. It can be hard to juggle everything! Take a moment to evaluate your commitments using the [Time Budgeting Tool](#). Input your activities and classes to get a realistic take on your time. Not enough time? Ask your advisor or another trusted person for insight on how you might prioritize things differently. Student Services is also available to help advise on course load or talk further. Contact Director of Student Services, Carrie Priest, at [carriepriest@westernseminary.edu](mailto:carriepriest@westernseminary.edu) or Assistant Dean of Student Development, Michelle Workman, at [mworkman@westernseminary.edu](mailto:mworkman@westernseminary.edu).

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**We're Hiring!**

We are looking to fill a number of part-time positions. Complete details of each position, as well as an application, can be found in our ministry binder and on our website at [www.western-seminary.edu/friends/employment](http://www.western-seminary.edu/friends/employment).

- **Outreach and Enrollment Counselor**, San Jose Campus  
*Application deadline: January 18*
- **Marital and Family Therapy Program Assistant**, San Jose Campus
- **ReGeneration Online Communications Assistant**, San Jose Campus or Santa Cruz area
- **ReGeneration Event Coordinator**, Portland or San Jose Campus

**Spring Courses To Consider**

Invite your friends to audit a class for only \$75/credit!

- **Wisdom from Church History - Part II**  
*Begins January 12* - Course ID – CHS 505Y  
Dr. Adam Nigh. 2 credits.
- **Providing Pastoral Counseling**  
*Begins January 25* - Course ID – PTS 507  
Dr. Norm Thiesen. 2 credits.
- **Select Topics in Biblical Literature - Revelation**  
*Begins January 25* - Course ID - BLS 560  
Dr. Gary Tuck. 2 credits.
- **Premarital Counseling**  
*Two day intensive - March 4-5* - Course ID – PTS 561L  
Dr. Norm Thiesen. 1 credit.



Refer to the [Spring 2016 Semester Class Schedule](#) and the [San Jose Campus Syllabi](#) for other course offerings and details.

**DISCOVER COACHING**

Discover how coaching can: **January 13, 2016**  
**7pm-9pm**

- Help people grow and achieve their goals
- Empower you to listen well and ask good questions
- Increase your leadership know-how
- Maximize your ministry and kingdom impact

at Western Seminary San Jose  
Learn how to help people navigate their lives from where they are to where they aspire to be.  
**RSVP by Jan. 6**  
Learn more about [coach training](#).

Also, an opportunity to experience:

**Introduction to Coaching**  
**January 14-15**

A two-day intensive course  
from 8:30am-4:30pm

The Master's level spring application deadline (for credit) has passed. The Non-credit application deadline (for audit/enrichment) is January 7, 2016.



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CONFERENCE ON MARCH 3-5**

The 2016 BASS Conference will be on March 3-5 at Redwood Chapel Community Church at 19300 Redwood Rd. in Castro Valley. [The General Sessions](#) speakers for this year's conference are Chuck Bomar (Thursday), Dr. Claybon Lea, Jr. (Friday) and Justin Buzzard (Saturday). Some students and alums from Western Seminary will be leading workshops:

[Matthew Blevins](#) - GSD, '14

[Valerie Doyle](#) - MA in MFT, '06

[Peter Lam](#) - Former student

[Sik-Lam Wong](#) - MA in MFT, '13

[Pira Tritasavit](#) - MDiv and coaching, '11

[Peter Wang](#) - MA in General Ministry, '98

[Colleen Lam Nguyen](#) - MA in MFT, '10

[Winnis Chiang](#) - MA in MFT, '98

[Kirk Bertsche](#) - MA in Exegetical Theology, '05

Western Seminary will have a booth. Stop by and say "hi" and send your friends and ministry partners our way! For more information about BASS, visit [www.bassconvention.org](http://www.bassconvention.org).

**MINISTRY & EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES**

We receive regular contact from churches and para-church organizations. Please see the Ministry and Employment Opportunities and Counseling binders in the front lobby for more information about the recent (and previous) postings below. You may also check out other [ministry opportunities](#) on our website.

**Director of Christian Outreach  
and Assimilation (20-40 hrs./wk.)**

[Holy Cross Lutheran Church](#)  
15885 Los Gatos Almaden Rd.,  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Key responsibilities: 1) play a key role in helping Holy Cross to engage and equip its members to carry out their calling; 2) actively participate in outreach activities and worship; 3) design, lead, oversee and assess outreach programs; and 4) lead and inspire others to follow-up with visitors to

the church and outreach activities. The ideal candidate will have: 1) bachelor's degree with a ministry focus; 2) 5+ years of experience in ministry/mission, including 2 years in a leadership role; 3) spiritual gifts of faith and evangelism; 4) strong communication and organization skills; and, 5) basic computer skills and familiarity with use of the internet and social networking as a business tool.

# Welcome, Thomas Lucking!



Thomas Lucking has split his career between solving computer software problems and pursuing questions of life through psychological and theological lenses. He has worked for large technology companies like Microsoft and Texas Instruments as well as small churches and counseling centers. Thomas has received degrees in counseling psychology, theology, and completed his dissertation research on the effects of digital technology on human well-being. He is a practicing therapist and is on the board of the Bay Area's largest non-profit mental health provider. He also works in Christian ministry and media, serving as a lay deacon for the community of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Soquel. Starting this spring semester, Thomas will be teaching Family Systems Therapy for Western Seminary's Marital and Family Therapy program. Please welcome Thomas!

**Some FUN FACTS about Thomas:**

- I am from New Jersey where the state rock is concrete and the state bird is the Eastern Goldfinch but it commutes from Philly.
- My travels have taken me from teaching English in Beijing to touring the Holy Land's sacred sites.
- Mountain biking is an important part of my regular self-care and therapy.
- Hang-gliding above Queenstown NZ gave me pause for some deep reflection (after I landed of course).
- I take regular monastic retreats for dedicated time with God. These have been a regular source of sustenance in my life.
- Support of the marginalized has been an important part of my ministries. I currently work with people without homes through our church congregation. I have spent time in Ecuador learning about the effects of the civil war with Catholic Relief Services and time in Appalachia serving the needs of the local communities.
- My brush with fame is a picture of me with Bill Gates on Hawaii at a Microsoft event.
- I am an amateur photographer and can show you some stunning photos of East coast Fall foliage!

Please send all inquiries/responses to Rev. Scott D. Perry at [pastorsscott@holycrosslosgatos.com](mailto:pastorsscott@holycrosslosgatos.com).

**Worship and Arts Pastor/Director (FT)**  
[Regeneration Church](#)

238 E 15th Street, Oakland 94606

To lead a growing congregation of 200+

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adults over three Sunday services in worship of Jesus through music and the arts. Plan flow of services. Build and lead production teams. Coordinate and provide direction regarding announcement slides. Foster an artistic community with monthly gatherings. This position is not simply about building teams but making disciples. Full-time with compensation (\$60,000) and benefits to be decided by elder board based on candidate's experience and qualifications. Send resume to Steve Boutry at [steve@regenerationweb.com](mailto:steve@regenerationweb.com) or call 617-894-3721 for more information.

**PCC Kids' Ministry  
Elementary Assistant  
Peninsula Covenant Church  
3560 Farm Hill Blvd.  
Redwood City 94061**

To provide support to the Elementary program (grades 1st-5th) through material/classroom preparation and organization, as well as volunteer support during morning worship gatherings. 1 year term, 60 hours a month. This position does not include benefits, but it includes center membership. Send resume to Tom Netane at [Tomn@wearepcc.com](mailto:Tomn@wearepcc.com). Church phone: 650-365-8094. Tom's cell: 619-729-9271.

**PCC Kids' Ministry  
Early Childhood Assistant  
Peninsula Covenant Church  
3560 Farm Hill Blvd.  
Redwood City 94061**

To bring up children (infants through kindergarten) in the Christian faith by helping them experience God's love in a safe, loving, nurturing environment. Also carry out effective ministry to families with kids as needed at all morning worship gatherings and with various Kids' Ministry and Family Ministry programs throughout the year. 1 year term, 60 hours a month. This position does not include benefits, but it includes center membership. Send resume to Tom Netane at [Tomn@wearepcc.com](mailto:Tomn@wearepcc.com). Church phone: 650-365-8094. Tom's cell: 619-729-9271.

## "THE BIBLE - WHAT, WHY, HOW"

**Speaker: Tim Mackie, professor at Western Seminary  
Hosted by WestGate Church  
1735 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga (Saratoga Theater)  
Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 | 9am-3pm**

If the Bible is all we say it is, there are some difficult questions we have to confront. Does the Bible contradict itself? Where did this book actually come from and why should we trust it?

Join us at WestGate Church on Saturday, Jan. 16th from 9am-3pm as **Tim Mackie**, professor at Western Seminary, creative director for **The Bible Project**, and pastor at **Door of Hope** in Portland, Oregon, guides us through these difficult questions and more. Through thought-provoking teaching and Q&A dialogue, this Winger Lab will be inspiring, challenging, and ultimately, will leave with you a deeper confidence in the power of God's unfolding story.

The cost is \$5 and includes lunch. Sorry, childcare will not be provided. Sign up at [www.westgatechurch.org/labs](http://www.westgatechurch.org/labs).

## Buy on Amazon, Western Benefits!

Still need to buy your textbooks for the spring semester? Western Seminary in Oregon and California are Amazon Associates. Whether you're planning to buy books or e-books, or electronics, any purchases made through our Amazon Associates account will mean that 4%-10% of each qualifying purchase price will go back to Western Seminary. The proceeds will be used to help underwrite seminary scholarships. In order for Western Seminary to receive the benefit, you must make your purchase by following the links on the [course syllabi](#) or through the Amazon portal at the bottom of the [San Jose Students page](#). Here are just some of the benefits Western will receive:

- 10% on:** • Game Downloads • Jewelry
- 8% on:** • Products on [myhabit.com](http://myhabit.com)
- 7% on:** • Amazon Fire TV and Echo
- 6% on:** • Gift cards redeemable on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)
- 5% on:** • Amazon MP3 • Amazon Video Products
- 4% on:** • Books • Electronics • DVDs • Kindle tablets

