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# The Westfield Wire

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## Christmas in August Dinner & Auction for Missions Friday, August 22, 6 p.m.

- ▶ The annual Christmas in August dinner & auction will begin at 6:00PM. Tickets for the BBQ dinner will be \$7.00 for adults & \$4.00 for children ages 4–9, free for ages 3 and under.
- ▶ Tickets are on sale now. All monies raised by the dinner and auction are used to support global missions.
- ▶ Items to be sold at auction must be new or very lightly used. Auction items should be brought to the church fellowship hall no later than Wednesday, August 20. Items not sold during the auction must be picked up afterwards or they will be given to a local charity.
- ▶ Contact Jennifer Carr and Pam Wilkes for your tickets.

### Upcoming Events

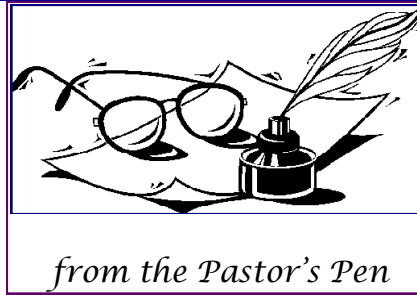
August	
10	Deacons' Meeting
16	Training Extravaganza
17	Business Meeting
22	Christmas in August Auction/BBQ
29	Down by the Creek Bank— Rescheduled for September, date TBD
September	
3	School Year Schedule/Wednesday Night Suppers Resume
6	WBC Book Club "Meet the Millenials"
7	Deacon/Servanthood Sunday Promotion Sunday
12–14	Youth Beach Retreat
14	Deacons' Meeting
21	Business Meeting

### Vision Statement

To share Christ with all by leading and nurturing through a Ministry of love, fellowship, Bible study, prayer, worship, praise and proclamation of the Gospel; to seek God's guidance as we respond to needs and serve as missionaries to our community and beyond.

“Four out of Five Surveyed...”

This little saying first came into the public discourse many years ago with a commercial for Trident gum. It went something like, “Four out of five dentists surveyed Recommend Trident gum to their patients who chew gum...” Did Jif peanut butter more recently modify the mantra to say “Four out of five choosy moms choose Jif.?” I’m not sure, but you get the idea.



“Four out of five surveyed” is an advertising slogan designed to influence someone’s opinion or product choice. I’m sure the one out of five had their reasons, but they appear to be the oddballs. Eighty percent is a runaway in election year politics. It’s pretty much a consensus.

Politics and TV commercials aside, the church has some interesting “four out of five surveyed” statistics. Some are perilous and others promising:

**Four out of five churches in America are either plateaued or declining** – we’ve been hearing this statistic for the last generation, yet it stands. For whatever reason-the larger cultural influences, decreasing membership, shrinking funds-a scary number of leaky church boats can’t continue bailing water and appear headed, as one author has put it, “all the way down, down to the bottom of the sea.” My denial of this fact officially ended a few years ago when I saw a church for sale on a real estate postcard in the mail, a church in a community right down the road from where I lived. Four out of five churches plateaued or declining is pretty perilous.

What are some of the promising “four out of five surveyed” statistics to counteract this consensus of churches on life support and for sale to the highest bidder?

**Four out of five folks who come to Christ or make a lasting connection to church do so because of the witness of a friend or relative** (McIntosh and Martin, Church Growth, Inc.). That’s probably who introduced you to church or talked with you or mentored you or lived before you a compelling relationship with Jesus. A professional minister can be instrumental in this process, but nothing should deter us from inviting a friend to a place or event where he/she might encounter Christ. Your influence trumps the minister’s.



Fall is arriving and school will soon be back in session. We will be re-opening the upstairs classrooms for some of the children, youth and young adults. We will continue the classes downstairs that are already there. There will be a place for everyone. This is a good time to visit with friends for studying the Bible.

Sunday school will begin the new year on Sunday, September 7, 2014. Classes will start at 9:15 a.m. Invite someone to come with you! We are expecting great things to happen at Westfield this year.

Jackie Elmore,  
Sunday School Director



through July 27, 2014

Budget Requirements	\$114,750.00
General Fund Offerings	\$ 86,057.00
Difference	\$ 28,693.00

**Extravaganza**



Members from WBC will be attending a free training opportunity offered by Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh in partnership with the Raleigh Baptist Association. Free continental breakfast is provided along with three one hour workshops on dozens of topics—deacon ministry, missions, leading small groups/Bible studies for various age groups, spiritual health, leadership, church money matters, media, 21st century cultural changes, etc. Deacons, new committee chairs, mission leaders, Sunday School leaders, and all interested members are encouraged to load up the church bus and come with us on Saturday, August 16!



**Our Members at Home**

**Lynn Blackley**  
Apt.#248, Abbottswood at Stonehenge  
7900 Creedmor Rd, Raleigh NC 27613

**Evelene Gardner**  
Harnett Woods room 217  
604 Lucas Road

**O.W. “Bill” Godwin, Jr.**  
1505 Lakeshore Drive, Dunn  
892-7347

**Mary Frances Gordon**  
Senior Citizens Village room 115

# THIS MONTH USHERS

**\*Violet Jackson**  
**Betty Bass**  
**Steve Cooney**  
**Jimmy Marks**  
**Charles Wilkes**



<b>Aug. 3</b>	Children's Church
<b>Aug. 10</b>	Melissa Scott
<b>Aug. 17</b>	Children's Church
<b>Aug. 24</b>	Trent Carpenter
<b>Aug. 31</b>	Charlie Carpenter
<b>Sept. 7</b>	Children's Church
<b>Sept. 14</b>	Joe Carr
<b>Sept. 21</b>	Children's Church
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Jeff Johnson



<b>August 3</b>	Bebe Melvin
<b>August 10</b>	Kim Carpenter
<b>August 17</b>	Sylvia Campbell
<b>August 24</b>	Carolyn Hair
<b>August 31</b>	Patti Parham

## Deacon of the Week

<b>Aug 3</b>	<b>Angela Godwin</b>	<b>892-8860</b>
<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Ed Taylor</b>	<b>897-8736</b>
<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Edwin Bass</b>	<b>894-1899</b>
<b>Aug 24</b>	<b>Steve Cooney</b>	<b>270-307-3451</b>
<b>Aug 31</b>	<b>Lucy Simpson</b>	<b>892-3620</b>
<b>Sept 7</b>	<b>Sylvia Campbell</b>	<b>894-8893</b>
<b>Sept 14</b>	<b>Charlie Carpenter</b>	<b>892-7029</b>
<b>Sept 21</b>	<b>Abe Elmore</b>	<b>892-6661</b>
<b>Sept 28</b>	<b>Trent Carpenter</b>	<b>891-5670</b>

## Children's Sunday School

<b>Aug 3</b>	Logan Barefoot
<b>Aug 10</b>	The Bass Family
<b>Aug 17</b>	Logan Barefoot
<b>Aug 24</b>	The Bass Family
<b>Aug 31</b>	Logan Barefoot
<b>Sept 7</b>	Logan Barefoot
<b>Sept 14</b>	The Bass Family
<b>Sept 21</b>	Logan Barefoot
<b>Sept 28</b>	The Bass Family



<b>Aug. 3</b>	Jim & Janey Marks
<b>Aug. 10</b>	Open
<b>Aug. 17</b>	Lucy & Johnny Simpson
<b>Aug. 24</b>	Mike & Patti Parham
<b>Aug. 31</b>	Ed & Judy Taylor
<b>Sept. 7</b>	Jackie & Abe Elmore
<b>Sept. 14</b>	Ronnie & Jeanne Autry
<b>Sept. 21</b>	Chris Cottingham
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Open

Four out of five persons who participate in both bible study and worship remain healthy church members five years after their conversion experience. Only one out of five remains active in congregational life without involvement in and commitment to small-group bible study (Formations Teaching Guide, Smyth and Helwys, p.32). Walking the aisle or joining the church or saying "yes" to Jesus is only the beginning of a life of faith. It's not "fire insurance" and it's more than a "free ticket" to heaven. Spiritually healthy people are those who are leading and learning in small groups, helping to create beloved community, and growing spiritually each day for their life now. Surely you or someone you know needs just such a group.

As we wrap up the summer and think about the new church year starting in September, let's create a new consensus for the kingdom of God and our little corner of it at Westfield.

~Jeff



Some missions opportunities in August:

- ▶ Campbell University Street Fair will be Tuesday, August 19, 6—8 p.m. WBC will have a table to give out gift bags to welcome new students to our community. See Chris Cottingham, Associate Pastor for Students, if you would like to help man our table.
- ▶ For the gift bags, please donate bottled water, individually wrapped candies, chips, or crackers, homemade cookies, etc.; brought to the church on August 17. (No sooner than that for cookies, to maintain freshness, please!)
- ▶ WMU is leading our participation in the Buddy Backpack Program, dedicated to providing nutritious supplements to the many food-insecure children in our area, helping grow healthy, strong minds and bodies. We will be collecting items through Aug. 24: raisins (individual boxes), pop tarts, crackers, juice boxes. Also pop-top canned goods—ravioli, spaghetti, mac&cheese, apple sauce, potted meat, pudding. Thanks so much for your help!

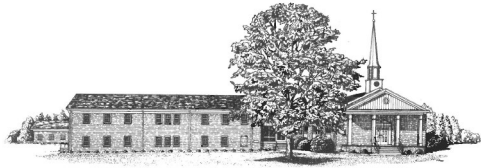


Dear Westfield Family,

Thank you for the graduation gifts that you presented to me during Graduation Sunday. The prayer journal and the guide to prayer will go with me to college and will help me as I begin this new chapter of my life. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for me for the future.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the gifts and your love and support.

Love, Sarah Holbert



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& Birthdays  
Anniversaries

August

- 2 Lisa Holbert
- 7 Terry Bass
- 7 William & Carolyn Hair
- 8 Joe Carr
- 9 D. Jackson
- 9 Christian Smith
- 10 John & Joyce Ballard
- 13 Trent & Kim Carpenter
- 14 Jackie Elmore
- 19 Jeff Johnson
- 22 Ken Beam
- 24 McArthur Bullard
- 24 Jim & Jane Marks
- 27 Wynn Johnson

# AUGUST 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Sunday Schedule (Summer)</b> 9:15 a.m. Bible Study for all ages 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship		<b>PRAY</b> for our Students 	<b>Wednesday Schedule (Summer)</b> 5:45 p.m. Youth Hangout Time 6:30 p.m. Adult/Youth Bible Study Kids Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> Wednesday NIGHT Activities	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Deacons Meeting</b>  6:30 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	<b>13</b> Wednesday NIGHT Activities	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>16</b> Extravaganza Training 
<b>17</b> Business Mtg 6:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> CU Street Fair 6—8 p.m.  Silent Prayer	<b>20</b> Wednesday NIGHT Activities	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Christmas in August Dinner & Auction	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> Wednesday NIGHT Activities	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Down by the Creekbank— rescheduled for September	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>						