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Return Service Requested

- January**
- 1 Happy New Year!  
Church Office closed,  
No Wednesday services
  - 5 Pastor Jeff's first Sunday
  - 12 Deacons Meeting, 6:30  
p.m.
  - 18 Bookclub meets/the  
Carrs
  - 19 Business Meeting, 6:30  
p.m.
  - TBD Church-wide Birthday  
Party
  - TBD Church Council

# The Westfield Wire

January 2014

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With the new year, we also have a new pastor. Rev. Jeff Johnson's first Sunday will be the first Sunday of 2014—please join us for worship and fellowship and start the new year off right!

On Sunday, January 5th, there will be two opportunities for us to spend time getting to know Pastor Jeff and his family. Join us in the breezeway for coffee and donuts before Sunday, beginning around 8:45 a.m.

Following our 10:30 worship service, we'll go to the fellowship building to enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and finger foods as we fellowship.



**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.

**Praying in the New Year**

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests...” Ephesians 6:18

I’m glad to be your new pastor and excited about our new beginning together at Westfield Baptist Church! Since we last saw each other, our family had a wonderful Thanksgiving complete with the annual Johnson “backyard bowl” football game at grandma’s house and, as I write this column, we are just a few days from celebrating Christmas. We have our two



older children, Gracyn and Wynn, home for the holidays and our little 8 year-old Chloe has been begging to open Christmas presents every day for the past two weeks. So much for Advent and waiting!

I’ve been praying a lot lately since the Fall about the decision to become your pastor. In some very clear and other hard-to-describe ways, I feel a sense of call to come here. This was not exactly what I planned for this chapter of my life, but God has given me a growing sense of peace and confirmation that made our coming here feel right. Everything has not perfectly fallen into place (I’m not a big fan of perfect), but so many things have worked together, enough things to help us see that this is a good place for us to be.

As we start 2014 together, this may sound trite to some, and obvious to others, but I honestly believe the best way for us to ring in the new year is with prayer. Prayer opens our lives to the spirit of God. Prayer changes things in us which help us to be change agents in our world. The results of our praying will strengthen the witness of Westfield Baptist Church. Prayer will help to bring us together as pastor and people, and bring others into our church family.

The spiritual writer Anne Lamott says there are really only three essential prayers. Allow me to use her one-word prayers as insights into what I’m praying about in this new year:

HELP – “God help me to be the best person and pastor I can be for Westfield Baptist Church, always to lead with wisdom, love, and servanthood...”

THANKS – “Thank you for the people of this church and their trust in calling me to be their pastor. Thank you for their warm welcome to me and my family, their genuineness and their laughter...”

WOW – “God, your call continues to surprise me, and I pray you will continue to remind me of all the ways you are at work and surround Westfield Baptist Church with your surprises of joy and grace...”

My first day in the office will be January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and our first Sunday together in worship will be the 5<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing you then! God’s peace,

Jeff



Thank you, choir, for a job beautifully done with 2013’s Christmas Cantata. We have received many compliments from church members sharing how moved they were by your singing. Many have said that it was the best cantata ever. Your director agrees, at least for the time I’ve been here. Thank you for your hard work, and for your laughter, and as the song says, for always making room in your heart to worship and testify to our savior. Thanks and blessings,

Chris



Youth bowling party Friday, January 17. We’ll leave the church parking lot at 6 p.m. and be back by 9:30 p.m. Deadline to sign up is Monday, January 13; no cost if you bring a friend!



Mid-winter college retreat for multiple campus and church groups from North Carolina Cooperative Baptists. Chris is willing to take a group of WBC students! The retreat is February 1-2, at Camp Mundo Vista in Sophia NC. Cost is \$45, scholarships available. See Chris to sign up by January 15.



Westfield Family

Thank you dearly for the St. Nicholas figurine and the gift card. You are all a blessing to me.

Grace,  
Adam C. English



**Our Members at Home**

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Harnett Woods  
604 Lucas Road  
Room 217

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

Mary Frances Gordon  
Senior Citizens Village  
Room 115

# THIS MONTH USHERS

\* Joe Carr

Ronnie Autry  
Sylvia Campbell  
Angela Godwin  
Michael Murphy

## Deacon of the Week

Jan. 5 Edwin Bass 894-1899  
Jan. 12 Steve Cooney 270-307-3451  
Jan. 19 Lucy Simpson 892-3620  
Jan. 26 Sylvia Campbell 894-8853

## Children's Sunday School Teachers

Jan. 5 Logan Barefoot  
Jan. 12 The Bass family  
Jan. 19 Logan Barefoot  
Jan. 26 The Bass family

*Old year or new, Christians always have reason for hope. Thankfully, we can look beyond our earthly circumstances to the promise of new life with God forever.*

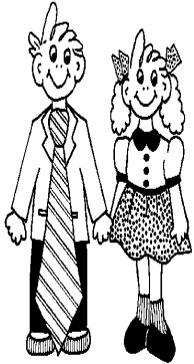
*As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."*

## Tithes & Gifts

through December 22, 2013

Budget Requirements	\$189,956
General Fund Offering	\$146,037
Difference	(\$43,918)

## CHILDREN'S



Jan. 5 Susan Murray  
Jan. 12 Melissa Scott  
Jan. 19 Joe Carr  
Jan. 26 Trent Carpenter

## Sermon



## NURSERY WORKERS

Jan. 5 Bebe Melvin	Jan. 12 Kim Carpenter
Jan. 19 Patty Parham	Jan. 26 Sylvia Campbell



January 1—Church office closed, no Wednesday activities  
January 2—Pastor Jeff's first day in the office  
January 5—Pastor Jeff's first Sunday; Communion during morning worship; fellowship time before Sunday School and after worship  
January 8—regular Wednesday night activities start back, including Kids Time, Youth Connection, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal



2 Verta Bass  
4 Elmona Stephenson  
13 Pearce Baker  
14 Evelyn McLamb  
17 Ethel Durham  
20 Linda Beam



Our food pantry for families and individuals in crisis is running low on critical supplies. Please bring donations of non-perishables (canned goods, peanut butter, crackers, rice, oatmeal, syrup, pancake batter, flour/bisquick, pasta and sauce, etc.) to the fellowship hall on Wednesday night where we can store it for our neighbors in need.

# Westfield Baptist Church January 2014



## Wednesday Schedule

5:45 p.m. Family Supper  
6:30 p.m. Discipleship (all ages)  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday Schedule

9:15 a.m. Bible Study for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b>  Church office closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  Pastor Jeff's First Sunday! Fellowship times at 8:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	<b>8</b>  Wednesday NIGHT Activities	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 6:30 p.m.  Deacons Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	<b>15</b>  Wednesday NIGHT Activities	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Youth Bowling Party 6 p.m.	<b>18</b>  Westfield Book Club Carr Residence 11 am "Velvet Elvis" by Rob Bell
<b>19</b> 6:30 p.m.  BUSINESS MEETING	<b>20</b>  Dream HONORING MLK	<b>21</b>  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	<b>22</b>  Wednesday NIGHT Activities	<b>23</b>  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	<b>29</b>  Wednesday NIGHT Activities	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	 Happy New Year!