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# The Westfield Wire

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## Christmas in August Dinner & Auction for Missions Friday, August 24, 6 p.m.



- ❑ Dinner is from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- ❑ We will have take-out plates ready by 5:00 for those who want to pick them up early.
- ❑ Cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.
- ❑ There will be both a Silent Auction and Live Auction with Steve Cooney as auctioneer.
- ❑ We need donations of new or handmade items for both auctions and, of course, baked goods and other food items.
- ❑ Tickets can be purchased from Pam Wilkes or Jennifer Carr or any WMU lady.
- ❑ Come enjoy church wide fellowship to benefit missions!

**September**

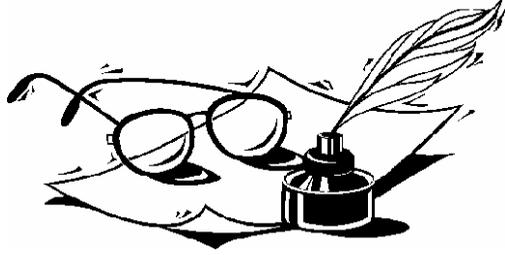
- 5 K.I.S.S. & Wednesday Activities Resume
- 8 Men's Workday
- 9 Deacons Meeting
- 15 Family Fun Day
- 16 Business Meeting
- 30 5th Sunday Fellowship

**October**

- 5-7 Chris C away
- 7 Church Council  
Communion
- 13 Men's workday
- 14 Cookie Walk  
Deacons' Meeting
- 21 Business Meeting
- 28 Basketball court closed until April

### 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.



*from the Pastor's Pen*

**W**hen I was a student at Mount Olive College, my dad went to the campus to visit me. Well this was before cell phones and I did not know he was coming. I am not sure where I was at the time of his arrival (I'm sure I was in the library studying) but when I returned to my dorm room I found the following note: "I was here but you were gone; now you're here and I'm gone."

This story came to mind as I say farewell to you.

There are different ways of saying goodbye so I thought I would "Google" famous farewell quotes or sayings, and after reading dozens I settled on sharing two of them. The first one comes from the Apostle Paul in his second letter to the church in Corinth. Paul wrote, "Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11 NKJV) As Paul gave his last words of wisdom to the Corinthian Christians as a source of hope, I pray this last newsletter article from me will also be a source of hope for you. Become the Christian God intended you to be. Forget the past, you can't change it. Today start a new journey with Jesus as your guide. Become the body of Christ that comforts one another and build each other up; do not be a source of contention or spite. Do not act like mindless robots, but remember when all the differences of opinion are said and done that you will remain Christ-centered, and that will create a life of peace and harmony. And when a church achieves that attitude then God will be with you in all things, the small and the big.

The second famous farewell that caught my eye was an Irish blessing penned by an anonymous writer: "May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand." So I am not going to say goodbye; I am simply going to say—"until we meet again." I believe it will happen one day, whether it is on this earth or the day when we will all worship in the presence of Christ our Savior for eternity. I look forward to both.

Grace & Peace,

*Chris*

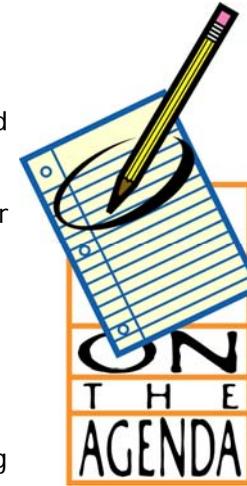


through July 22, 2012

Budget Requirements	\$ 109,590
General Fund Offerings	108,655
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(935)</b>

From the July business meeting:

- o Covered Dish Lunch honoring The Dawsons on August 5. A gift will be presented that day as it is Pastor Dawson's last day as pastor of Westfield.
- o Created a committee exploring the potential of Westfield hosting a new Harnett Area Youth Soccer Club (H.A.Y.S.)
- o Voted on financial support for the Union Mission trip (August 13-16)
- o Incorrect church directory information will be corrected on an insert.
- o Received report from the Nominating Committee that its work is ongoing.



This special thank-you note is sent to you today and holds more appreciation than words can ever say! Thank you for all your love, prayers, and cards of encouragement. I know the Lord is hearing your prayers, as well as ours, and healing is already on its way!!

God bless you all,  
Bill & Retha House  
Ashley Barefoot

To my Westfield Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for the love, food and kindness in our time of need. There are no words that can fully express my thanks.

What a wonderful church family I have and what a comfort your love has given to me and my family.

My God and Lord and Savior has taken my Jim home but he has given me blessings and strength to sustain me through it all. He let me know Jim is with Him and my praises have been non-stop and always will be.

I was amazed at the lives Jim touched and he probably would be as well, so let us remember every day that the next person we touch may open their eyes in some way to the love of God and our precious Lord and Savior.

I believe through the love from this church family, some eyes were opened and hearts softened, and seeds planted.

God Bless You All,  
Love in Christ,

Roberta

Thank you so much for keeping me in your prayers. Thank you for the card you have sent. Please continue to pray for me. I've still got a long road ahead. God will lead me there.

Terry West



**Literacy Fair ~ Union Mission, Roanoke Rapids August 13 - 16**

new and gently used books  
*for all school aged children*

monetary donations  
*memo " Union Mission"*

used clothing  
*for the thrift store*

pantry items  
*paper towels, toilet paper, sugar, etc.*

prayer  
*In all things through prayer and supplication let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*

**Freshman Move-in Day August 18**

**Operation Christmas Child November 23 - 24**

TOYS - cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, toys that light up/make noise (extra batteries), Etch A Sketch®, Slinky®

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons/markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads/paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books

HYGIENE ITEMS - toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth

OTHER - hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE - In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes, mirrors or glass containers; aerosol cans

Early one morning, a mother woke her son, who whined about having to go to school.

"Give me two reasons why you don't want to go," she said.

"Well," he complained, "the kids don't like me, and neither do the teachers!"

"Nonsense," she said. "Come get ready."

"Give me two reasons why I should go," the son protested.

"Well, for one, you're 52," she said. "For another, you're the principal!"



**Birthdays & Anniversaries in 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
- 22 Ken Beam
- 24 McArthur Bullard
- 24 Jim & Jane Marks
- 28 Allison Holbert

**Family Fun Day September 15**

**Our Members at Home**

Evelene Gardner  
Harnett Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation  
604 Lucas Road  
Room 217

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

Mary Frances Gordon  
Senior Citizens Village  
Room 115

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## August 2012



### Sundays

9:15 a.m. Bible Study for all ages  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
 3-5 p.m. Basketball Ministry

### Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

### Ushers for August

Pearce Baker Jimmy Marks  
 Steve Cooney Charles Wilkes  
 \*Violet Jackson

\*Team Leader

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> Pastor Vacation, 1st - 4th  Bible Study, 6:30 pm Choir Practice, 7:30 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Deacon: Brinson Hunter, 892-0376 Flowers: Jim & Jane Marks Nursery: Bebe Melvin Children's Sermon: Susan Murray Basketball: Susan M. & Jonathan Harwood  Covered Dish Luncheon - Pastor's Last Sunday Church Council - 6:30 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	<b>8</b>  Bible Study, 6:30 pm Choir Practice, 7:30 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Deacon: Jimmy Marks, 892-4738 Flowers: Johnny & Lucy Simpson Nursery: Sylvia Campbell Children's Sermon: Trent Carpenter Basketball: Nonie & Jordan Tripp  Deacons Meeting, 6:30 pm	<b>13</b>  Union Mission Trip Monday-Thursday	<b>14</b>  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	<b>15</b>  Bible Study, 6:30 pm Choir Practice, 7:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>18</b>  Campbell Move-in Day
<b>19</b> Deacon: Nonie Roberson, 892-5087 Flowers: Adrian Smith Nursery: Carolyn Hair Children's Sermon: Joe Carr Basketball: Vicky Cooney & Chris C  Business Meeting, 6:30 pm	<b>20</b>  Campbell Street Fair	<b>21</b>  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	<b>22</b>  Bible Study, 6:30 pm Choir Practice, 7:30 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Christmas in August Dinner & Auction	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Deacon: Michael Murphy, 892-7717 Flowers: Lib McLamb Nursery: Kim Carpenter Children's Sermon: Ed Taylor Basketball: Opal Colville & Gray Scott	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	<b>29</b>  Bible Study, 6:30 pm Choir Practice, 7:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	