

The Westfield Wire

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Coming Sundays in the New Year *Against the Odds*

Ever felt like the cards were stacked against you? And I'm not referring to Blackjack or Poker. I mean, have you ever looked upon a mountain in your life and thought, "I just can't make it over." You remember *The Little Engine That Could*, don't you? He thought the same thing at first, but with some determination and persistence - and thinking he could - he made it!

Over the next few weeks, we'll be looking at four biblical characters who had the odds stacked against them. There was the unlikely shepherd, the youngest of his brothers; and then a woman none the less, who lost a husband and her home. Then we look at a concubine (that's putting it nicely) who put her life in the hands of a king. Finally, he's the last but not the least, a man people seldom looked up to and despised by many.

Did you figure out who they are? Even if you did, I hope you'll plan to join us in the new year for this series. I think we'll realize that in our lives we've had experiences that were against the odds, just like these characters, and hopefully, also like these characters, we'll refocus on the One who puts the odds in our favor. The One who also faced unimaginable odds but lived to tell about it.

I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday!

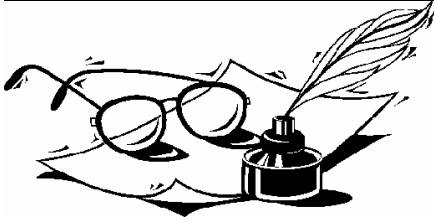


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Vision Statement

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

In the New Living Translation, Romans 6:4 reads, "For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live *new lives*."

The year 2009 is upon us; a new year with many new opportunities for ministry. But before we jump head first into 2009, let's take a moment and remember the past year.

Westfield experienced the birth of Trevor Dawson and the death of Red Lambeth. We reached out to our community through Operation Inasmuch. We witnessed six children profess their faith in Jesus Christ and rejoiced in their baptisms—new lives indeed. Westfield called a second full-time minister, commissioned another mission team to Charlotte for Operation Christmas Child, and met (exceeded) budget for the second consecutive year.

What blessings and new ministry opportunities does 2009 hold? For starters, WBC has an opportunity to help feed the hungry in our community by gathering food and partnering with Grace Chapel Church to pass out food bags to more than 600 families a month. There's an opportunity for discipleship and fellowship at the first WBC Book Club meeting, where *The Shack* will be discussed on January 17. You might even be interested in helping shape the future of our church and help Chris C. with our thriving youth and children's ministries.

As Christians, we have new lives through Jesus Christ. What new commitment will we make for Him this year? With whom will we share the Gospel for the first time? What new ministry will we physically help out with this year? I can't wait to see how God will use this church body called Westfield and the impact we will make for Him. God bless you and Happy New Year!

Love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris".

THIS MONTH USHERS

Ronnie Autry
Sylvia Campbell
Joe Carr
Michael Murphy
Cierra Smith
Pam Wilkes

Deacon of the Week

- Jan. 4** Brinson Hunter, 892-0376
- Jan. 11** Lawrence Campbell, 919-894-8853
- Jan. 18** Pearce Baker, 897-2040
- Jan. 25** Charlie Carpenter, 892-7029

CHILDREN'S



Sermon

- January 4**
Chris Cottingham
- January 11**
Susan Murray
- January 18**
Ed Taylor
- January 25**
Lu Murphy



Check with Patti Parham if you have not confirmed your date for placing flowers in the sanctuary for 2009. Postcards will be mailed the week before your Sunday as a reminder.

Happy New Year

2009

- January 4**
Paula Jones
- January 11**
worker needed
- January 18**
Michelle Dawson
- January 25**
Sylvia Campbell



Thank You!

Westfield staff thanks you for your gifts and the Christmas bonus we received. You are a generous and loving congregation. We appreciate your love and support as we continue to minister together.



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Happy Birthday!

- 2 Verta Bass
- 2 Dorothy Murray
- 4 Elmona Stephenson
- 13 Pearce Baker

Weekly Schedule of Services

Sunday

- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Connection
- 5:15 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Kids Time
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study

January 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Office Closed	2 Youth Bowling Party 6 p.m.	3
4 Mtg: Youth Advisory & Parents, 4 p.m. Communion	5	6	7 Kids Time Workers Meeting 6 p.m.	8	9	10
11 YOUTH CONNECTION resumes 4 p.m. Deacons Meeting 6:15 p.m.	12	13	14 Kids Time resumes 6 p.m.	15	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 Westfield Book Club Co-Ed IV Class, 10 a.m. The Shack, Wm. P. Young
18 Baptist Men's Day 8 a.m. - Breakfast 10:30 a.m. - Lead Worship Church Wide Birthday 11:30 a.m. Business Meeting New Date 6:30 p.m.	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 THE INAUGURATION	21	22	23	24
25 CHURCH COUNCIL 6:15 p.m.	26	27	28 Visitation Team	29	30	31

Kids
Time

January 7 - Meeting (Kids Time workers & Children's Advisory Committee)

Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

Agenda: Spring & Summer schedule, program changes

January 14 - Kids Time Resumes

The tentative schedule follows - please call the Church Office ASAP if you can't work these days! We also still need a craft/game person for January 21.

	Tour Guides	Teachers	Cooks
Jan. 14	Jimmy, Sylvia, Pearce	Angela, Jane, Joyce	Michelle & Nicole
Jan. 21	Lawrence, Paula, Gray	Kim, <i>vacant</i> , Joyce	Midge & Nancy
Jan. 28	Brinson, Ed, Michelle	Judy, Chris C, Joyce	Joe & Jennifer



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 Britthaven of Harnett
 604 Lucas Road, Room 400

Mary Dozier
 Dunn Rehab
 711 Susan Tart Road, Room 419

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

Verona Singleton
 307 West A Street, Erwin
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2008 Record of Our Giving

YTD Budget Requirements	\$ 180,000
YTD General Fund Offerings	\$ 182,571
Difference	\$2,571



In our economy, some churches have seen giving decrease and found it necessary to adjust their budgets. Praise the Lord! Westfield exceeded its 2008 budget! Thank you for your gifts!

**Senior Citizens Village Outreach
 2009 Schedule**

- Feb. 9 Valentine Svc (WOM p.m.), 7 p.m.
- April 9 Easter Svc (WOM a.m.), 10:30 a.m.
- June 23 Devotional Svc (Baptist Men), 7 p.m.
- Dec. 3 Cantata (Choir), 7 p.m.
- Dec. 6 Christmas Store (WOM), 2 p.m.



Change a Life. Change the World.™

Women on Mission (WOM) Day

Sunday, February 8

Guest Speaker: Karen Sneed
All Jesus Ministries

All women are encouraged to participate in leading worship. We need ushers and choir members!

YOUTH CONNECTION

Friday, January 2 - Bowling

Rainbow Lanes, Clayton
Departing church at 6 p.m.
Returning around 9 p.m.
(\$12 shoe rental and two games)

Sunday, January 4 - Meeting (Youth Advisory Committee & Parents)

Fellowship Hall, 4 p.m.
Agenda: Ski Trip, Summer Mission Trip/Camp, youth weekend February 20-22 with a Campbell University United Ministries Impact Team, and other upcoming activities

Sunday, January 11 - Youth Connection

Regular meetings resume, 4 p.m.

Sunday January 18 - Youth Fellowship

Details TBD

There are a lot of activities coming up and a lot of decisions to be made – please be in prayer for God's guidance.

CHOIR CORNER

An After Christmas Party is still in the works - stay tuned for details! (And since we had a Choir Christmas Party in October, this one's really not late!)

Thanks to the choir for all its hard work and beautiful singing during the Christmas season. Chris C had a great time preparing this year's Christmas Cantata with all of you. Thanks to our accompanists, soloists, narrators, and all who faithfully offered their devotion as well as their voices to lead our church and community in "worshipping the king."

New choir members are always welcome to join us - and now is a great time, before we've started Easter music!! We'll make room in the choir loft somehow!



Chris C.

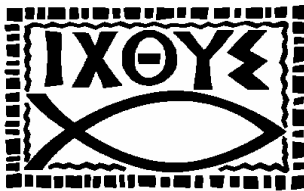


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Pianist Brad Gardner

Upcoming Events



February

- 8 WOM Day - Karen Sneed, Guest Speaker
- 8 Focus on WMU Week begins
- 9 Senior Citizens Village Valentines, 7 p.m.
- 15 Business Meeting (3rd Sunday), 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Ash Wednesday