

# The Westfield Wire

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**E**arly Christians spent the first day of the new year reflecting on past mistakes and resolving to improve themselves in the new year. New year's resolutions are common for many people today as well. Ask someone and you're likely to hear a goal to lose weight, spend less, save more, exercise, read the Bible, or spend more time with God.

Many resolutions, however, go unachieved. We're often eager the first few days of the new year to exact change in our lives; however, as the weeks—or days in some cases—pass, the effort seems too much. It's much easier to keep the status quo and we fall back into our regular routine.

As 2012 begins, the pastor will be taking a new look at the Old Testament, beginning with Genesis. Genesis reveals a new creation, a new temptation, and a new people. The book of Leviticus gives us a new code for worship and holy living. Numbers tells of a new land with a new leader, Joshua.

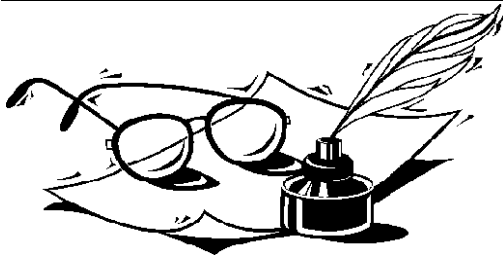
Through this journey we will learn—and hopefully put into practice—God's intention for our lives. In other words, the things we will learn from the Old Testament should shape us so that New Year's resolutions are not required. As we are reminded of God's original plan for His Creation, may we renew our commitment to fulfilling our responsibilities. God isn't looking for us to make new year's resolutions; He wants us to create new beginnings.

Join us, beginning in January, for a new look at an old book.



## 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*

**T**he Advent season at WBC was another memorable time for me—remembering the beauty of the sanctuary; watching the children deliver Christmas cards to friends and family; being reminded each week of the hope, peace, joy, and love that can be experienced when we know Jesus Christ as our personal savior; the Christmas Eve service with the sharing of communion and passing the light of Christ; and the intimate worship we shared on Christmas Day.

One element of worship on that day that was moving to me was after the reading of Matthew chapter two and the gifts of the Magi, the congregation came to the front and we gave our gifts to Jesus—after all, we were celebrating His birthday. Some people came forward and gave their offerings, and others came to the front and wrote their gifts down on a piece of paper. Some of the following gifts were given to Jesus on December 25, 2011:

- ✝ Jesus, today and every day I give you all of me.
- ✝ Jesus, I want to love more.
- ✝ Jesus, we want to be more involved in our church.
- ✝ Jesus, I want to give you more gifts of service and love to others.
- ✝ Jesus, I give you my praise and thankfulness for all you have done for me.
- ✝ Jesus, I give you more of my time and self.
- ✝ Jesus, I give you everything I have.

As we embark on a New Year, I hope and pray we find more ways to give new gifts to Jesus. I believe the more we give of ourselves the more room there is for us to be filled by Him. What gift will you give Jesus this year? And I don't mean wait until it's His birthday. And I'm not talking about making a New Year's Resolution. What can we give the Creator of the Universe? What can we give the Savior of the World? He asked us to love God first and others second. The best gift we can give Jesus this year is love!

Grace & Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the words "Grace &amp; Peace,".

# THIS MONTH USHERS

- Ronnie Autry
- Ken Beam
- Sylvia Campbell
- Joe Carr
- Michael Murphy
- Pam Wilkes



Jan. 1 The Lord's Supper

The flower list for January was not available for printing. If you are unsure whether you have flowers in the month of January, please contact Carolyn Hair.

## Deacon of the Week

- Jan. 1 Midge Carpenter, 892-7029
- Jan. 8 Ed Taylor, 897-8736
- Jan. 15 Lawrence Campbell, 919-894-8853
- Jan. 22 Angela Godwin, 892-8860
- Jan. 29 Brinson Hunter, 892-0376

### January 1

Charlie Carpenter

### January 8

Susan Murray

### January 15

Trent Carpenter

### January 22

Joe Carr

### January 29

Ed Taylor

## CHILDREN'S



### Sermon

## K.I.S.S. Menu

Keep It Simple Suppers

### January 4

Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread

### January 11

Parmesan Noodles, Peas, Fruit

### January 18

Barbeque Chicken, Green Beans, Potatoes

### January 25

Soup & Sandwiches

Dessert, Tea, Milk & Water each week

## NURSERY WORKERS



January 1  
Bebe Melvin

January 8  
Patti Parham

January 15  
Paula Jones

January 22  
Melissa Scott

January 29  
Sylvia Campbell





Westfield Baptist Church



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

Weekly Schedule of Services


Sunday

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

Wednesday

- 5:45 p.m. K.I.S.S.
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship for all ages
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

January 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Communion 10:30 am  New Year's College Bash @ The Dawsons 3 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Silent Prayer 7-:30 pm	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Men's Breakfast 8:15 am  Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Silent Prayer 7-:30 pm  Youth Advisory 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Are You Able? Men's Workday
<b>15</b> His Daughters Women's Study Group 4 pm  Ensemble Practice 5:45 pm  Business Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b>  Silent Prayer 7-:30 pm	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Westfield Book Club Home of the Carr's 11 am
<b>22</b> Baptist Men's Day Jim Edminson, Guest Speaker	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>  Silent Prayer 7-:30 pm	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Church Wide Birthday Party 11:30 am  His Daughters Women's Study Group, 4 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Silent Prayer 7-:30 pm				

The logo for "missionary work" features the word "missionary" in a large, black, sans-serif font. The letters "i" and "s" are colored blue and green respectively. Above the "i" and "s" are stylized human figures in blue and green, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. Below "missionary" is the word "work" in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font.

# missionary work

RL Davis from Union Grove, North Carolina has volunteered with Samaritan's Purse in Haiti since the earthquake that occurred in 2010. As a building contractor, he helped build temporary homes. He also found opportunities for sharing the Gospel with Haitian workers and children. He has made at least five trips to Haiti since the devastating earthquake, rebuilding homes, teaching construction skills to Haitian workers and ministering to orphans.

This past year, Davis was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease). His speech has been affected already, but Davis continues to desire to serve God on the mission field.

Pray for Davis and others who are battling life-threatening illnesses. Pray for a desire among us to serve God right here and wherever He might lead. Pray for medical missions teams in Haiti and around the world.

From *PrayerPoint, A Prayer Ministry of Samaritan's Purse, January/February 2012*





through December 25, 2011

Budget Requirements	\$ 189,956
General Fund Offerings	169,791
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$ 20,165)</b>

Westfield maintains a small food pantry to help families in need. If you would like to make a contribution, you can place your donations in the box in the breezeway.

Items needed include:  
canned meats, spaghetti noodles &

sauce, macaroni, peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, pancake mix, pancake syrup, pudding, Jell-O, boxed potatoes, beans, rice, and



## 2012 Senior Citizens Village Ministry Schedule

Monday, February 6, 7 pm  
WOM Evening Group & CiAs

Thursday, March 22, 6:30 pm  
Co-Ed IV

Sunday, April 1, 4 pm  
Choir Easter Cantata

Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 pm  
Baptist Men

Sunday, December 2, 2 pm  
WOM Christmas Store

Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 pm  
Choir Christmas Cantata

Thank you so much for the prayers, phone calls, cards, letters, visits and the many acts of kindness extended to my family during the sickness and death of our brother, Charles Baker.

We love and appreciate you, Pearce and Betty Baker



### Our Members at Home

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Room 400

**Evelene Gardner**  
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**Mary Frances Gordon**  
Senior Citizens Village  
Room 115



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**Secretary** Marian Honeycutt

**Organist** Joyce Ballard

**Pianist** Vacant

### February

- 9 LRBA VBS Curriculum Preview, 7 pm
- TBD WMU Focus Sunday
- 12 Deacons Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 12 His Daughters (Women's Study Group), 4 pm
- 19 Business Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 22 Ash Wednesday
- 26 His Daughters, 4 pm



### March

- 5 Youth Ministry Team, 6:30 pm
- 11 His Daughters, 4 pm
- Deacons Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 18 Business Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 25 His Daughters, 4 pm

### April

- 1 Palm Sunday, Easter Cantata
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 15 Annual Corporate & Business Meeting, 6:30 pm