

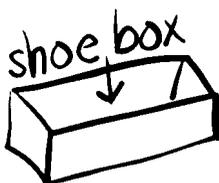
The Westfield Wire

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Westfield Baptist Church

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The Journey of a Shoe Box



- ▶ Wrap shoe box (or purchase one)
- ▶ Determine the age category for a boy or a girl (2-4, 5-9, 10-14)
- ▶ Fill the box with appropriate toys and other items: toothbrushes & toothpaste; soap & washcloth; hard candy in plastic bags; clothing—shorts, t-shirts, socks, underwear, flip flops); plush toys; for girls—hair brushes & hair clips, purses, dolls; for boys—cars & balls (deflate the ball and add a pump); unisex toys—Etch-a-sketch, flashlights & batteries, crayons & coloring books; school supplies—pens, pencils & sharpeners, notepads, paper, solar calculators, art supplies
- ▶ Don't forget a personal note & photo!
- ▶ Label your box and enclose a check to cover shipping—you also can donate online, print out a label and follow where your box goes! www.samaritanspurse.org/ezgive
- ▶ Pray for the child who will receive your gift
- ▶ WBC volunteers will deliver the box to the Charlotte, NC processing center Thanksgiving weekend
- ▶ At the processing center many volunteers (including from WBC) process the boxes and load them on trucks that carry sea containers
- ▶ Trucks take sea containers to port where they are loaded on cargo ships (1,194 sea containers were filled in 2009—more than enough to fill two cargo ships)
 - ▶ Pastors & local leaders transport gifts to their churches & communities
 - ▶ In addition to the shoe box, children receive a gospel presentation and “The Greatest Gift of All” booklet
- ▶ Children participate in a discipleship program and receive a Bible or New Testament in their language (since 1999, 5,564,713 children have completed the program and 2,894,588 decisions have been made for Christ)



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

I just returned from the Hopeful Imagination seminar, hosted by FBC-Wilmington. The tag line for this seminar was *Traditional Churches Finding God's Way in a Challenging World*. When I read that I immediately thought about Westfield. We're a traditional church. We live in a challenging world. But do we have any hope of being the church God wants us to be?

And are we imaginative, or do we do the same old same old?

I must confess, after attending Hopeful Imagination for a day and a half, I was re-energized about my ministry at Westfield Baptist Church. I learned a generous congregation focuses on the needs of others. I also learned about Finding and Following Your Church's Future. The leader of this session, George Bullard, said "vision plus intentionality" will help a congregation find its full Kingdom potential. In other words, without it, the church will no longer exist ten years from now.

The session that really opened my eyes was entitled, Leadership in Times of High Anxiety. Dr. Bill Wilson, a key leader in the Center for Congregational Health, said "There is no better time to be the local church. Don't waste the crisis." The bottom line is there is a crisis in churches with cultural changes and financial shortfalls happening everywhere. The keys to helping overcome this crisis that Wilson shared were: leadership has an internal focus, not external; leadership is with the people, not to the people; leadership looks into the future, not the past; and leadership works through conflict, not around it.

What really got me thinking were the following two questions that Dr. Wilson asked—"Why am I here, and what is God trying to do with me?" I want every person reading this to answer those two questions and discover God's plan for His church.

Love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent 'C' at the beginning.

THIS MONTH USHERS

David Rose
 Steve or Vicky Cooney
 Pearce Baker
 Daniel Brewington
 Violet Jackson
 Jimmy Marks
 Charles Wilkes

Deacon of the Week

Nov. 7 Lucy Simpson, 892-3620
 Nov. 14 Ed Taylor, 897-8736
 Nov. 21 Abe Elmore, 892-6661
 Nov. 28 Brinson Hunter, 892-0376

CHILDREN'S



Sermon

November 7
 Charlie Carpenter
November 14
 Susan Murray
November 21
 Trent Carpenter
November 28
 Joe Carr



November 7 Parham Family
 November 14 Ronnie & Jeannie Autry
 November 21 David & Nancy Rose

K.I.S.S. Menu

Keep It Simple Suppers

November 3

Turkey, Dressing & Gravy
 Yams
 Lima Beans
 Cranberry Sauce

November 10

Ham
 Green Beans
 Pineapple Casserole
 Rolls

November 17

BBQ Chicken
 Green Beans
 Boiled Potatoes

Dessert, Tea & Water each week



NURSERY WORKERS

Nov. 7 Judy Taylor	Nov. 14 Bebe Melvin
Nov. 18 vacant	Nov. 28 vacant



Westfield Baptist Church

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Charles & Pam Wilkes
- 3 Grace Wise
- 4 Alice Holt
- 9 Carolyn Hair
- 10 Cierra Smith
- 15 Rita Tart
- 18 Jordan Hair
- 20 Pam Wilkes
- 23 Steve Cooney
- 24 Joyce Ballard

Weekly Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Family Dinner
6:30 p.m. Discipleship for all ages
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

November 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 All Saints'	2 Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	3 Wednesday NIGHT Activities Deadline to Sign-Up for Youth Lock-In	4	5 Youth Lock-In 	6
7 Homecoming Remember! Time Changes this Sunday!	8 Baptist State Convention of NC—November 8-10	9 Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	10 Wednesday NIGHT Activities	11 VETERANS Day	12	13 Westfield Book Club Home of the Carr's 11 a.m.
14 Church Council 5:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting 6:30 p.m.	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	17 Wednesday NIGHT Activities	18	19	20
21 BUSINESS MEETING 6:30 p.m.	22	23 Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m. Cantata Practice 7 p.m.	24 No Evening Activities	25 Thanksgiving	26	27 OCC - Charlotte
28 First Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens 5:30 p.m. Week of Prayer for International Missions	29	30 Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m. Cantata Practice 7 p.m.	31 Wednesday NIGHT Activities	1 Covered Dish Dinner	Remember our covered dish luncheon following worship on Sunday, November 7! Odum Home residents & staff will lead us in worship that day.	

Children's Corner

Kids Time (ages 3 - 7) continues to teach our kids about God's love through Bible stories, play, and art. The kids are having lots of fun learning about the Fruits of the Spirit, and our leaders, Jane Marks and Joyce Ballard, are having lots of fun playing with the kids and watching them grow. Thanks to our other helpers this month—Jim Marks, Vicky Cooney and Marion Kimble—who filled in during times that our regular leaders had to be away. We do need 1 or 2 more helpers - not on a full-time basis, but folks who'd help out when Jane or Joyce can't be there.

Our kids (ages 8 - 11) in Children in Action continue to learn more about missions from Michelle Dawson—by reading, through crafts, and through hands-on, feet-on-the-ground action. In October our CiAs sparked a prayer walk around Dunn, not just for themselves but our adults at Wednesday night Bible study as well. Way to lead out in missions, CiAs! The kids continue to learn and achieve, and three girls achieved their first badges! Expect to see more from our CiAs this year as they share what they are learning about God's mission in the world with the rest of us.

Adults, there are a lot of good things going on with the children at Westfield. We are seeing new kids and new families with kids visit at least semi-regularly. We also see a need for workers, especially in the nursery and the van ministry. Please be in prayer for our kids, our children's workers, and our visitors. Outreach to new families is impossible without strong and willing volunteers, and prayer support, for all ages!

Youth Connection

All youth events are open to youth in grades 6-12.

In October we asked hard questions about the Bible—how do we know it's true? Does it matter? Why are there so many translations? We challenged ourselves to demonstrate the Bible's truth to the non-Christian world by *living* what we *say*. We learned why the Bible matters by playing a wild game of field hockey-meets-dodge ball-meets-Quidditch, with the rules known only to the creator of the game, and found out that it's hard to play when you don't know the rules. Luckily, our Creator has given us rules to live by: loving God with all our being, loving our neighbor as ourselves, and treating even enemies the way we want to be treated. As for different translations, we learned about these and other tools (chronological Bibles; online helps; and talking to your ministers, Sunday School teachers, and parents) for helping us understand the Bible.

October was also fun, with a Fellowship (we roasted marshmallows and Chris' car was decorated with 400 Post-It Notes) and a trip to Hubb's Corn Maze. Despite our poor navigating everyone eventually made it out. We even managed to eat our ice cream without the yellow jackets getting us. One Wednesday we took a break from *talking* Bible to *doing* Bible. We visited the nurses' stations at BJRH and gave out thank you cards and Sherry's Bakery goodies. It was good to see our youth offering encouragement and praying for these health care workers who care for the sick in our community.

In November we have a Lock-In on the 5th; we can use extra chaperones (drivers and helpers). Bible study will focus on core Christian doctrines, and include a missions activity chosen by the youth group. Youth will elect reps to the Youth Advisory Committee. (Next meeting 12/6, 6:30 p.m.) We're also looking forward to an inter-Church Youth Volleyball game and cook-out on the 21st. There is a lot going on! God is moving. Pray for it, support it, be part of it!

Music Notes

WBC continues to be blessed with musical talent and servant hearts. We've been almost four months without a pianist (continue to pray!), but with practice, hard work and God's help, we have enjoyed great choir anthems, as well as soloists, a gospel trio, and a piano/organ duet. In November, we'll have guest musicians from the Odom Home (BCH), more soloists and ensembles, guitar, more great organ music, and more great choir anthems. Of course, Advent will be full of special music. Don't miss our Hanging of the Greens service on the evening of November 28!

A special thanks to Trent Carpenter, who continues to help out with directing, and Joyce Ballard, who graciously accompanies the choir on piano and organ. Church, please let the choir, Trent and Joyce know that you appreciate and support them. These volunteers are all walking an extra mile or three during this time of transition. Their faithfulness is an inspiration to me, and I hope to you.

I continue to wonder what God has in store for the future, and not just concerning a pianist. I wonder if God will lead us to use the hand bells that, right now, are gathering dust? Our youth have some singers and a guitarist among them—what plans does God have for those gifts? Are there folks sitting in the congregation that God wants in the choir loft? Do we have instrumentalists, dramatists, puppeteers, public speakers, sign language interpreters, or others whose gifts can lead us in worship in new ways? I'm praying about these things, and asking you to do the same.



through October 24, 2010

Budget Requirements	\$157,079
General Fund Offerings	141,992
Difference	(15,087)



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Mary Frances Gordon

Senior Citizens Village
Room 115

Sallie Parham

Senior Citizens Village
Room 121

Verona Singleton

307 West A Street, Erwin
897-7858

To Our Westfield Family,

Thank you so much for all you did for us when I was in the hospital, and after I came home. Thanks for the cards, calls, the visits, the food, the flowers, most of all for your prayers. We appreciate everything so much. Please continue to pray for me as I try to get my strength back.

May God Bless everyone of you.

Love D and Violet



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Secretary Vacant

Organist Joyce Ballard

Pianist Vacant



- December*
- 2 Choir Cantata Sr. Citizens' Village. 6:15 p.m.
 - 4 Staff Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
 - 5 Post Office opens
Choir Cantata WBC, 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Store Sr. Citizens' Village, 2 p.m.
 - 6 Youth Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.
 - 15 Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - 17 Christmas at the Dawson's, 5-9 p.m.
 - 24 Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 p.m.
 - 27-30 Pastor Away
- January*
- 9 Deacons Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - 16 Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- February*
- 13 Deacons Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - 20 Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m.