

# The Westfield Wire

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Westfield Baptist Church

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## Wednesday Nights at Westfield *beginning September 1*

5:45 p.m.

Family Supper

Adults \$4, children ages 3-10 \$2, family max \$12

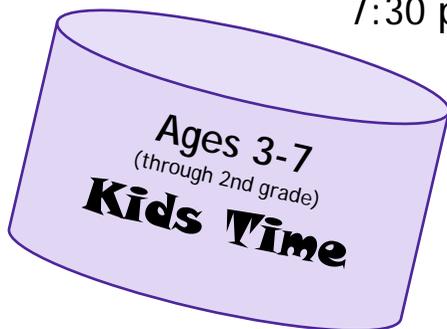
*Make reservations by noon on Monday*

6:30 p.m.

Discipleship for all ages

7:30 p.m.

Adult Choir



### 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

*“Jesus tends to his sheep. And he will tend to you. If you will let him. How? How do you let him? The steps are so simple. First, go to him. David would trust his wounds to no other person but God. He said, ‘You anoint my head with oil.’ . . . For only God can heal. God heals the brokenhearted. Before you go anywhere else with your disappointments, go to God.*

*Your first step is to go to the right person. Go to God. Your second step is to assume the right posture. Bow before God. In order to be anointed, the sheep must stand still, lower their heads, and let the shepherd do his work. Peter urges us to ‘be humble under God’s powerful hand so he will lift you up when the right time comes’ (1 Peter 5:6). When we come to God, we make requests, we don’t make demands. We come with high hopes and a humble heart. We state what we want, but we pray for what is right. . . . ‘God will always give what is right to his people who cry to him night and day, and he will not be slow to answer them’ (Luke 18:57).*

*We go to him. We bow before him, and we trust in him. The sheep doesn’t understand why the oil repels the flies. The sheep doesn’t understand how the oil heals the wounds. In fact, all the sheep knows is that something happens in the presence of the shepherd. And that’s all we need to know as well. ‘Lord, I give myself to you; my God, I trust you’ (Psalm 25:1-2). Go. Bow. Trust. Worth a try, don’t you think?”*

Max Lucado gives us a fresh perspective on how to pray. Go to God in a humble posture and trust that His will be done and not our own. What a great tone for Westfield to set in the new church year.

**M**ax Lucado has written a book entitled, *Traveling Light*. Lucado shares with his readers the promises of Psalm 23 and I wanted to share an excerpt with you on how Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

*“Jesus tends to his sheep. And he will tend to you. If you will let him. How? How do you let*

Love in Christ,

*Chris*

# USHERS

THIS MONTH

D. Jackson  
Charlie Carpenter  
Jennifer Carr  
Abe Elmore  
Lou Murphy  
Susan Murray

## Deacon of the Week

Sept. 5 Lucy Simpson, 892-3620  
Sept. 12 Lawrence Campbell, 919-894-8853  
Sept. 19 Abe Elmore, 892-6661  
Sept. 26 David Rose, 891-4151

### CHILDREN'S



### Sermon

September 5  
Chris Dawson  
September 12  
Special Guest  
September 19  
Joe Carr  
September 26  
Ed Taylor



September 5 Doug & Lila Godwin  
September 12 Ronnie & Jeannie Autry  
September 19 Carolyn Hair  
September 26 Pearce & Betty Baker



<b>September 5</b> Paula Jones	<b>September 19</b> Vacant
<b>September 12</b> Carolyn Hair	<b>September 26</b> Vacant

## K.I.S.S. Menus

Keep It Simple Suppers

<b>September 1</b> Stew Beef & Rice Green Beans Cornbread Dessert	<b>September 15</b> BBQ Chicken Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Dessert
<b>September 8</b> Hamburger & Gravy Creamed Potatoes Applesauce Dessert	<b>September 22</b> Chicken Casserole Green Beans Cooked Apples Dessert
<b>September 29</b> PIZZA Dessert	



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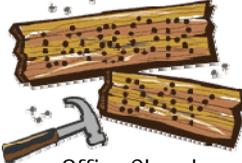
**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 1 Angela Godwin
- 2 Sydney Dawson
- 5 Winnie Ruth Smith
- 9 Tim Harris
- 10 Jimmy Bailey
- 14 Keith Brewington
- 18 Trent Carpenter
- 18 Jack & Bebe Melvin
- 19 Anya Smith
- 21 Betty Baker
- 21 Andrea Godwin
- 21 Edith Parker
- 23 Jim Allen
- 24 McKenzie Bass
- 26 Carolyn Brewington
- 28 Larry Jones

**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

**September 2010**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>The Outreach Committee invites you to join them in silent prayer time on Tuesday evenings from 7-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.</p> <p><i>The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.</i> James 5:16</p>			<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Youth Fall Beach Retreat Money Due \$130	<b>6</b>  Office Closed	<b>7</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> *Pastor's D.Min. Seminar	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Deacons Meeting</b>  6:30 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Pennsylvania Trip	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Men's Breakfast 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Youth Fall Beach Retreat Myrtle Beach Sept. 24-26 *Pastor's D.Min. Seminar	<b>25</b> 
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b>	* The Pastor attends Doctor of Ministry program seminars at Campbell University Divinity School every other week on Thursday afternoons and all day Friday. If you need to contact the pastor, feel free to leave a message on his cell or at home. The Associate Pastor will be available for immediate response as needed during these times.	

The Children's Advisory team is excited about the new year and new opportunities, and we hope you are too! We hope you'll be aware of what our kids are doing, and support them with your prayers and your presence as you get involved! We can always use more volunteers, and especially Wednesday night van drivers.

Our regular Kids Time program (a weekly Bible story and some combination of music, crafts, and games) is resuming for our 3 - 7 year olds. We'll be focusing on the Fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) and expect lots of fun and growth!

Meanwhile, our 3rd - 5th graders will begin Children in Action, a comprehensive missions education program for boys and girls supported by the WMU (Women's Missionary Union). Through participation in Children in Action, children grow in their knowledge, understanding, and application of the Bible. They also learn from the example of missionaries, believers, and hands-on mission action what it means to actively engage in ministering to others with the compassion of Christ.

As members of Children in Action, they will pray for missions, give to missions, learn about missions, and do missions through the power of Christ. Our kids will have lots of opportunities for fun, chances to win badges and awards, but most of all chances to learn how to make a difference for Christ!

Adults of the church - we often ask for volunteers to help minister to and teach our kids. But it's just as important to ask what we can learn from our kids, and how their example can minister to us! The Children in Action Motto is simple: Send me! The Children in Action Scripture verse, Philippians 4:13, is "I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength."

What is God sending you to do this month?

## Youth Connection

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

First, we are still looking to make some improvements to the youth space upstairs, so please keep your eyes and ears open for some bargain priced furniture for us - a couch, bean bags, bookshelves, etc.

Second, deadlines for sign-up for the Fall Beach Retreat (September 24 - 26) are fast approaching! You are guaranteed a slot if you sign up by September 5, but after that slots may be full, depending on how many kids the other churches bring. Cost is \$130, and includes a t-shirt, cost of participating in the Putt-Putt tournament, meals, and lodging Friday and Saturday night at the Isle of Palms motel. This is a low-cost motel which frequently serves youth groups - for retreats, not resort vacations! We'll bring our own towels and toiletries, and have the chance to focus on God, meet youth from other churches for Bible study, games, and fun. We'll take part in a sand sculpture contest and a dance, and spend lots of free time on the beach!

The theme for the Retreat is "Selfless," as we talk about putting Jesus in the driver's seat of our lives, with selflessness being the way to finding both HIS way, and our true selves.

Parents - I'm still looking for at least one "selfless" female chaperone! An additional male chaperone will also be fine!



## Music Notes

September will see us beginning to work on Christmas music. We have room for a few more singers for this year's Christmas cantata – so September is a great time for new folks to come to a choir rehearsal and join the fun!

Our search for a pianist is ongoing – please continue to pray that God will guide us, and pray for the person that God is preparing to meet this need! Pray for a person with the right heart as well as the right skills!

In the meantime, much thanks to our choir members for all their flexibility as we continue to make adjustments from week to week to allow both practice and worship leadership to go forward smoothly. Special thanks, especially, to Joyce

Ballard (moving from organ to choir to piano and back again) and Trent Carpenter (going from choir to directing and back again as needed), for using their talents and their good hearts to make this transition time so much better and easier!

And speaking of using one's talents and heart for ministry – I'm still looking for folks interested in worship leadership (whether sharing prayers or testimonies, singing, playing instruments, playing handbells, drama, puppetry, sign language, etc.) to step forward and make themselves known! If you have a passion for these or similar ministries, please contact Chris C ASAP!

*For surely*  
**I KNOW THE**  
**plans**  
*I have for*  
**YOU,**  
 says the  
*Lord...*  
**TO GIVE YOU A**  
**future**  
**WITH**  
*Hope.*  
 Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV



through August 22, 2010

Budget Requirements	\$ 124,202
General Fund Offerings	116,581
Difference	(7,621)



## Our Members at Home

**Mary Alice Campbell**  
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 Room 400

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**O.W. "Bill" Godwin, Jr.**  
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 892-7347

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

**Sallie Parham**  
 Senior Citizens Village  
 Room 121

**Verona Singleton**  
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**Secretary** Barbara Harden

**Organist** Joyce Ballard

**Pianist** Vacant



### October

- 3 Communion
- 7-8 Pastor's D.Min. Seminar
- 8-10 Pastor Away
- 10 Cookie Walk for Hunger
- 10 Deacons Meeting
- 17 Business Meeting
- 31 5th Sunday Night - Halloween

### November

- 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7 46<sup>th</sup> Homecoming - Odom Home (BCH Sunday)
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 14 Deacons Meeting
- 21 Business Meeting
- 25 Thanksgiving
- 26-27 OCC Charlotte

### December

- 2 Choir Cantata at Sr. Citizens' Village
- 4 Staff Breakfast
- 5 Christmas Store at Sr. Citizens' Village
- 17 Christmas at the Dawsons'
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 27-30 Pastor Away