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Saturday, September 15 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Family Fun Day is just around the corner! We encourage EVERYONE to join in the activities. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors—it's not just for kids! The Children's Ministry Team is planning an awesome day! We'll have games (for all ages), inflatables, face painting, hot dogs, and MORE! And it's all FREE! If you haven't been contacted yet about helping, get in touch with Chris Cottingham, any member of the Children's Ministry Team, or sign-up on the bulletin board in the education wing.



Westfield Staff

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Secretary Marian Honeycutt

Organist Joyce Ballard



October
 5-7 Chris C away
 7 Church Council
 Communion
 13 Men's workday
 14 Cookie Walk
 Deacons' Meeting
 21 Business Meeting
 27 Book Club (17 Second Miracle)
 28 Trunk or Treat

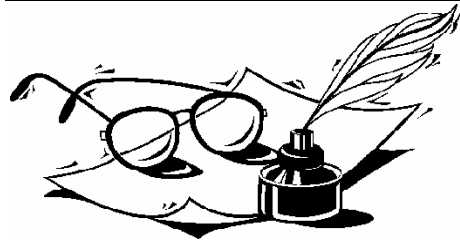
November
 4 48th Homecoming!
 10 Men's workday
 21 No Wednesday Night activities
 22 Thanksgiving
 23-24 Operation Christmas Child



Family Fun Day will also include a health fair, where members of the community can come to receive flu shots. See Ray and Teresa McLemore for details.

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.



Pastoral Pondering

This is a chaotic time. We're gearing up for presidential elections, worrying over jobs, maybe dealing with health issues or the loss of loved ones. For kids and parents, it's the beginning of another school year. Westfield is without a senior pastor. Chaos and change are all around us.

Losing a pastor is more than saying goodbye to a preaching style we're used to, or even to people we love. Expectations, hopes, and dreams for the future

have to change. Some are excited, some unsure, many of us somewhere in the middle. Perhaps especially if you've been excited about the direction of WBC, change is unsettling.

There's lots of advice in the air these days. We need a young pastor, or an experienced one. We need somebody who fits in, or somebody to shake us up. We need to be thoughtful and deliberate. No, we need swift action. We need young people, or we should capitalize on our appeal to seniors. We need to reach out to people not like us. We're happy the way we are.

We've received good and godly pastoral advice. Chris Dawson, drawing from 2 Corinthians 13: 11, had "One Last Thing" to tell us. Reminding us to comfort and build each other up, we should strive to "become complete" in our walk with Christ. Dan Deaton, Director of Missions for our local Baptist association, reminded us to "be strong and courageous," as God will not leave or forsake us (Joshua 1: 5 - 7). Our interim pastor, Adam English, in (as of this writing) his latest sermon, brought our attention to Jesus's encounter with the woman at the well (John 4). Relax, Adam reminded us. Christ offers himself as a free gift to us. Just receive from him.

I tend to think in song lyrics, and lately I've been remembering a song by Twila Paris. *"Can't imagine what the future holds, but I've already made my choice. And this is where I stand, until He moves me on; and I will listen to His voice."*

Whatever the future holds, Christ is part of it. In the chaos of many voices, our true Pastor, Jesus Christ, speaks to us. No human pastor - interim, associate, or senior - has all the answers. But Jesus is the answer to every question. As we relax and receive Him, as we take courage, as we comfort and build each other up, remember that He is speaking. May we listen to His voice.

Grace and peace,

Chris Cottingham



through August 26, 2012

Budget Requirements	\$ 127,855
General Fund Offerings	124,759
Difference	(3,096)

News from the Dawsons

Westfield Family,

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you for more than 6 years and for remembering me and my family with the gifts of candlestick holders, candles, decorative plate & holder. It will always remind me of my time of ministry with you. I love you all!!

Grace & Peace,
Chris Dawson

New Contact Info

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Sydney, Bayley & Trevor

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Dear Westfield family,

Ray & I knew when we first came here that this was a loving church. Now I know how much.

Thank you so very much for your concerns, cards and most importantly, prayers during and following my mother's - Betty Hairr - eye surgery. She is doing great (she had a corneal transplant) and her vision is already better than before. The doctor is amazed. We're not, because we know the power of prayer. Thank you.

Much love,
Teresa McLemore

Westfield Baptist Church & Tuesday Night Prayer Group:

Thank you for your prayers & cards. It is so good to know you are praying for me and I appreciate it so much. My doctor said my eyes are getting better. Prayer does change things. To God be the Glory.

Thanks,
Trudy Elmore
Westfield Family,

Larry and I extend a heartfelt "thank you" to our Westfield family for all the prayers, visits, phone calls, e-mails and facebook posts during the time of Larry's recent heart attack and subsequent graft repair. We were and are touched by your acts of kindness; for you all have gone above and beyond in extending your love to us. He is doing so much better now.

God Bless You All,
Opal

Operation Christmas Child November 23 - 24

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

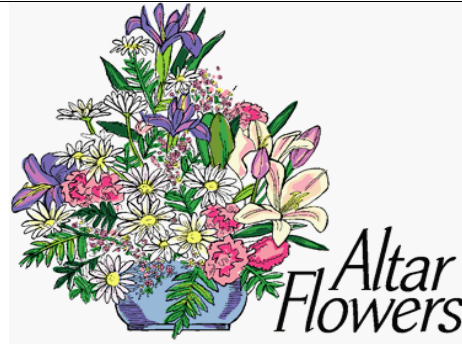
SCHOOL SUPPLIES - pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons/markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads/paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books

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



- Sept. 2: Pearce & Betty Baker
- Sept. 9: Ronnie & Jeannie Autry
- Sept. 16: Jack & Bebe Melvin
- Sept. 23: Jim & Jewel Allen
- Sept. 30: David & Nancy Rose

NURSERY WORKERS



- Sept 2: Bebe Melvin
- Sept 9: Sylvia Campbell

- Sept 16: Carolyn Hair
- Sept 23: Kim Carpenter
- Sept 30: Betty Bass



Deacon of the Week

- Sept. 2 Edwin Bass, 919-894-1899
- Sept. 9 Lawrence Campbell, 919-894-8853
- Sept. 16 Charlie Carpenter, 892-7029
- Sept. 23 Abe Elmore, 892-6661
- Sept 30 Angela Godwin, 892-8860



- * Charlie Carpenter
- Ethel Durham
- Abe Elmore
- Ray McLemore
- Lutie Murphy

Birthdays & Anniversaries in September

- 1 Angela Godwin
- 2 Sydney Dawson
- 5 Winnie Ruth Smith
- 5 Amy Stocks
- 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



Family Fun Day September 15 Volunteer now!



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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Sundays

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

Wednesdays

5:45 p.m. **Keep It Simple Supper**
 6:30 p.m. Discipleship for all ages
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

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2 Deacon: Edwin Bass, 919-894-1899 Flowers: Pearce & Betty Baker Nursery: Bebe Melvin Children's Sermon: Teresa McLemore Basketball: Ray McLemore, Opal Colville Church Council - 6:30 p.m.	3  Church Office Closed	4  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	5 K.I.S.S. Meals and Children's Programs Resume	6	7	8  Are You Able? Men's Workday
9 Deacon: Lawrence Campbell, 894-8853 Flowers: Ronnie & Jeannie Autry Nursery: Sylvia Campbell Children's Sermon: Lutie Murphy Basketball: Edwin Bass & Nonie Roberson Deacons Meeting, 6:30 pm	10 WMU Meeting 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall	11  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	12 	13	14	15  11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
16 Deacon: Charlie Carpenter, 892-7029 Flowers: Jack & BeBe Melvin Nursery: Carolyn Hair Children's Sermon: Chris Cottingham Basketball: J Harward, Susan Murray Business Meeting, 6:30 pm	17	18  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	19 	20	21 	22
23 Deacon: Abe Elmore, 892-6661 Flowers: Jim & Jewel Allen Nursery: Kim Carpenter Children's Sermon: Betty Bass Basketball: Jordan Tripp, Sylvia Campbell	24	25  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	26 	27	28	29
30 Deacon: Angela Godwin, 892-8860 Flowers: David & Nancy Rose Nursery: Betty Bass Children's Sermon: Melissa Scott Basketball: Chris C., Vicky Cooney 5th Sunday Fellowship, 6 p.m.						