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Return Service Requested

December

- 1 First Sunday of Advent & Hanging of the Greens
 Christmas Store @ Sr Village 2 p.m.
- 8 WBC Post Office opens
 Children's Christmas Party 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Moravian Love Feast 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Choir at Senior Village 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Choir Christmas Party 6—8 p.m.
 @ the Marks
- 15 Christmas Cantata 10:30 a.m.
 Christmas Caroling 5 p.m.
 (Soup & Sandwiches following)
- 18 Adam's Last Day
- 24 Church Office Closed
 Christmas Eve Communion Service 5:30 p.m.
- 25 Merry Christmas!

January

- 1 Happy New Year! Church Office closed,
 No Wednesday services
- 5 Pastor Jeff's first Sunday
- 12 Deacons Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- TBD Church-wide Birthday Party
- TBD Church Council

The Westfield Wire

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! By the grace of God, Westfield will start 2014 with a new senior Pastor. We had a wonderful day of worship on November 24, as we heard Rev. Jeffrey Lynn Johnson preach and met him, his wife Jennifer, and their youngest child, daughter Chloe. Following worship, in a special business session, WBC called Jeff as our new pastor. Jeff's first Sunday will be January 5, 2014.

We look forward to getting to know Jeff, Jenny, and the family as they begin their life and ministry here with us. In the meantime, here are a few tidbits. Jeff is 49 years old, and for 3 years has been Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator at Community Home Care and Hospice in Wilson. Jeff has more than 20 years of experience in ministry; his primary areas of church ministry included education, small group leadership, and youth and single adult programming.

He graduated from Campbell University Magna cum laude with a B.A. in Religion/ Spanish in 1996; from Southeastern Seminary with a Master of Divinity with Languages in 1989; and is pursuing his Doctor of Psychology from the Alamance Institute for Pastoral Counseling. He has additional training in intentional interim ministry and Clinical Pastoral Education. Jennifer is a graduate of Peace College and ECU with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education, and currently works with Hunter Elementary School as the Magnet School Coordinator. Jeff and Jenny have been married 24 years and have 3 children—Gracyn Noelle (age 20), Wynn Samuel (age 18), and Chloe Elyse (age 8).



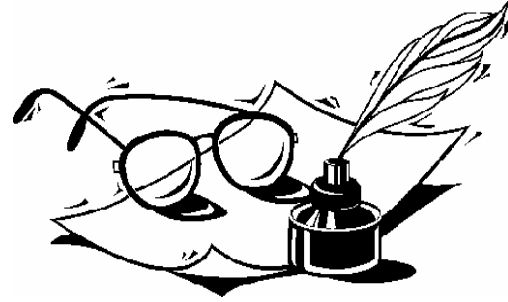
Westfield Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church of Dunn joint Wednesday night Christmas extravaganza! Two nights only!

Dec. 4, Westfield will be meeting at First Presbyterian for a meal at 5:45 and program at 6:30 led by Dr. English on the topic of St. Nicholas and Advent. Then, on Dec 11, Westfield will host First Presbyterian for a meal and program. It will be a fun and meaningful time to join with brothers and sisters in Christ and learn about St. Nicholas and the meaning of the Christmas season.

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.

In a short essay from 1844 on “Gifts,” the important American writer Ralph Waldo Emerson scrutinized the act of gift-giving with startling sharpness. He observed that the ideal gift is one that is fitting – fitting for the occasion, fitting for the giver, and fitting of the recipient. That is, we look for some object that will convey just the right degree of love and gratitude and will also complement the recipient’s character and personality. It should be something that brings joy to the one who receives and satisfaction to the one who gives. Doing this might sound easy, but it’s harder than it looks. “Our tokens of compliment and love are for the most part barbarous,” Emerson complained. “Rings and other jewels are not gifts, but apologies for gifts. The only gift is a portion of thyself. Thou must bleed for me.”



From the Pastor's Pen

A real gift is the product of one’s time and talent – the brightly colored produce of the garden, the helping hand of a friend, the tender artwork of a child. “But it is a cold, lifeless business when you go to the shops to buy me something, which does not represent your life and talent.” Prepackaged consumer goods are not true gifts, but substitutions for gifts. The truest gift is the gift of oneself, the gift of love. We give presents as a way to express our love and our care for each other. But let’s not forget that these things don’t take the place of our love and our care. They merely represent that love.

This Christmas, make sure that you give your love in addition to presents. Make sure that the person you are giving to knows how much you care about him or her. Don’t just let the gift do the talking, say it or write it in a card or express it with a hug and a kiss. The truest gift is the gift of your love.

Adam



Join Us for Caroling

**Sunday, December 15
5 p.m.
Supper to follow**

Not sure what a Moravian Lovefeast is? Join us **Sunday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m.** for a beautiful, delicious devotional as we celebrate the love of Christ this Christmas.



Baptist Men,
Thank you again for the ramp for Mother. It will really be useful.
Mrs. Verta Bass & Family

Dear Westfield Church Family,
All your calls, cards, food and beautiful flowers meant so very much to us during our recent loss of our mother, Ida Campbell. Thank you most of all for all your love and prayers.
Lawrence & Sylvia Campbell



Our Members at Home

Evelene Gardner
Harnett Woods
604 Lucas Road
Room 217

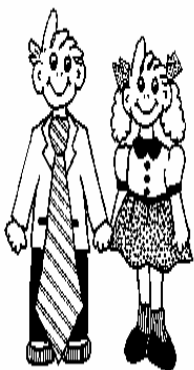
O.W. “Bill” Godwin, Jr.
1505 Lakeshore Drive, Dunn
892-7347

Mary Frances Gordon
Senior Citizens Village
Room 115

THIS MONTH USHERS

*Lutie Murphy
Pearce Baker
Charlie Carpenter
Ethel Durham
Abe Elmore

CHILDREN'S



Dec. 1 Susan Murray
Dec. 8 Melissa Scott
Dec. 15 Adam English
Dec. 22 Trent Carpenter
Dec. 29

Sermon

Charlie Carpenter



NURSERY WORKERS

Dec. 1 Bebe Melvin
Dec. 8 Kim Carpenter
Dec. 15 Patty Parham
Dec. 22 Sylvia Campbell
Dec. 29 Betty Bass

Deacon of the Week

Dec. 1 Sylvia Campbell 919-894-8853
Dec. 8 Charlie Carpenter 892-7029
Dec. 15 Abe Elmore 892-6661
Dec. 22 Angela Godwin 892-8860
Dec. 29 Ed Taylor 897-8736

Children's Sunday School Teachers

Dec. 1 Logan Barefoot
Dec. 8 The Bass family
Dec. 15 Logan Barefoot
Dec. 22 The Bass family
Dec. 29 Sylvia Campbell

Schedule Change:

The Christmas Cantata has been pushed back to Dec. 22 so that we can hear from Dr. English on his last Sunday, Dec. 15. Dr. English's last day with us will be Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Tithes & Gifts

through November 24, 2013
Budget Requirements \$175,344
General Fund Offering \$134,918
Difference (40,426)



Chris and Adam would like to say a big word of THANKS to the whole congregation for their gift cards and the words of encouragement given to them during Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a joy and an honor to serve at Westfield.



And on that note...we also owe HUGE THANKS to Dr. Adam English for his wonderful service as our interim Pastor these last 16 months. Adam has literally been a godsend and has gone above and beyond, personally and pastorally.

Thank you, Adam! We love you and will miss you.

[WBC family, Adam's last service as our interim will be Wed., Dec 18. Be here to offer Dr. English our thanks.]



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Marsha Bass
3 Christopher Cottingham
4 E. Ray McLemore
5 Violet Jackson
7 Nancy Rose
12 Lauren Bass
12 Lawrence Campbell
16 Ann Bailey
16 Bill Jackson, Jr.
16 L.B. (Bruce) & Winnie Ruth Smith
18 Michael Murphy
23 Nonie Roberson
25 Lauren Bass
25 Abe & Jackie Elmore
25 D & Violet Jackson
30 Michael & Lutie Murphy
31 Milton Murray

Westfield Post Office

Our post office will be open on Sunday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23. You may send Christmas Cards (to fellow members and attenders!) as a fun way to give Seasons' Greetings. Suggested donations are 25 cents for cards or 50 cents for packages. Proceeds go to the WMU mission fund.















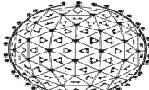



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Sunday Schedule

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 First Sunday of Advent & Hanging of the Greens  Christmas Store 2 p.m. Sr. Citizens Village	2	2  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	4 Joint Services at First Presbyterian Meal 5:45 pm Program on St. Nick 6:30 pm Choir (back @WBC) 7:30 pm	5	6  St. Nicholas Day!	7
8 Moravian Lovefeast 5:30 p.m.  Christmas Post Office Dec 8–22  Children's Christmas Party 11:30 a.m.	9	10  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	11 Joint Services at WBC Meal 5:45 pm Program on St. Nick 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	12  Christmas Cantata Sr. Village 6:30 p.m.	13	14  Choir Christmas Party 6–8 pm
15 Caroling at 5 p.m., Soup & sandwiches after!  Dr. English's Last Sunday	16 	17  Silent Prayer 7-7:30 pm	18 Dr. English's Last Day Join us for Dinner & Fellowship!	19	20	21
22 Choir Cantata, 10:30 a.m. 	23	24 5:30 p.m.  Christmas Eve Service	25  Merry Christmas!	26	27	28
29 Chris Preaching Congregational Carol Sing in morning worship	31  New Year's Eve					Happy Birthday, Jesus! 