



Westfield
Baptist Church

Christ-centered. Family-focused. Bible-based.

May 2024 Newsletter

Happy
Mother's
Day

Mother's Day Photos

The Worship Committee will be offering free Mother's Day Photos on Sunday, May 12 before and after the Worship Service. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall to have your family photo taken. Both digital and physical copies will be prepared for you.

Mother's Day Special Offering

We will be collecting a special Mother's Day offering in honor of all moms, grandmothers, aunts, and special ladies in your lives. This offering will go to support the Legacy Center of Mt. Airy. The Legacy Center is committed to helping women and men in crisis because of an unexpected pregnancy. You can learn more about this organization through their website: www.legacymtairy.org



What is a Creed and Why Does it Matter?

A creed is, in its simplest form, a summary of Christian faith. The church agrees upon a short synopsis of what they believe, writes it down, and, often enough, recites it congregationally. But why? We know what we believe at Westfield, right? Why write it down? Why recite it as a congregation?

To be fair, it is much more challenging to go theologically awry these days thanks in part to centuries of Christian creeds and confessions. You need not be a student of history to quickly identify what is loosely “orthodox” in the Christian faith. All the same, it happens on the daily - more and more churches are slipping into theological liberalism, denying the deity of Christ, the inspired and infallible nature of the Scriptures, the reality of sin, man’s need to be saved, and so on and so forth. This is where creeds come to bear. Creeds are often written in response to such controversies.

One of the earliest Christian creeds that we have, the Nicene Creed (325 AD), was written in response to such controversies. A clergyman by the name of Arius had begun to argue that Jesus, while God’s son, was a created being. In other words, Christ had a beginning. He was not coeternal with the Father, but rather he generated from the Father. His arguments were largely based upon Colossians 1:15-20, our text of study this Sunday (5/5). Arius famously said, “if the Father begat the Son, then he who was begotten had a beginning in existence, and from this it follows there was a time when the Son was not.”

In retrospect, it’s fairly simple to prove Arius theologically erroneous (John 1:1-3, John 10:30, Col 2:9, Heb 1:3, John 5:18), but at the time, Arius proved a real threat to the church. For it was necessary, brothers and sisters, that God himself come to our rescue. Who else but God could live a perfectly righteous life? Who else, but God, could atone for the mountain of sins that we had accrued? Who else, but God, could overcome death?

And so, the church rallied in 325 AD, developing the Nicene Creed in direct opposition to Arius’ heretical teachings. Isn’t it

neat to consider the unity in Christian thought throughout the centuries? We still believe today what the Apostles believed during that first century!

Food for thought –

What heresies threaten the church today?

How can we take measures against theological drift, both personally and corporately?

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one, holy, world-wide and apostolic church. We acknowledge one Baptist for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastor Blake Bowman



Wednesday Night Meals

6:30 PM

- May 1: Chicken Dumplings
- May 8: Chicken and Mashed Potato Bowls
- May 15: Pizza
- May 22: Ribs, Baked beans, and corn
- May 29: Spaghetti

As a reminder, our Wednesday Night meals are open to everyone! We'd love for you to join us and get to know our kids and students.

A Note from Tricia, Youth and Children's Ministry Director

One of my favorite "memes" each April is a picture of Justin Timberlake saying "It's going to be May." Almost every year, I start seeing the same meme pop up around the last few weeks of April. It seems like it comes faster and faster each year. It's hard to believe it's already May, which means summer is just around the corner. Summer is such a busy time of year for youth and children's ministry. I love it though! I love all the relationships that are built during the summertime, our kids and students have time to hang out with each other, encourage one another, and just be kids! It's so fun and I'm here for it!

I'm here for the fun, I'm here for the Gospel conversations, I'm here for the messy situations, I'm here for the growing, I'm here the hard days, I'm here for our amazing volunteers, I'm here for our kids and students, I'm here for our families.

Last week, I was able to attend the Orange Conference outside of Atlanta. It was an amazing few days of worship, learning, growing, and building relationships. The theme for the week was "I'm here for it". I was reminded of showing up for our kids and students throughout their lives. I was inspired to spend time planning and asking God where he wants to lead this ministry over the next few years. I was able to spend time networking with other leaders in children's and youth ministry. I was reminded of the importance of creating safe and welcoming spaces for our families and have begun working on plans to help us create such environments. One of the most precious moments was getting to worship alongside my niece's children's ministry leader, who also happens to be at the church where I had my first ministry. I was so encouraged to hear what God is doing in her life and through her ministry.

Thank you, Westfield Baptist Church Family, for allowing me the opportunity to attend the Orange Conference this year. I'm incredibly blessed by your support and encouragement. I'm so thankful that you continually pour into and invest in our kids and students. You always show up and support and pray for our families. Thank you for being "here for it".

Tricia Lowe



WML Meeting

Monday, May 6

12:00 PM

At the home of Frances Cox

Let's Keep in Touch

Jimmy and Penny Lancaster

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(336) 406-1050

jimmy@yadtel.net

New Summer Reading Program

Beginning Wednesday, May 29!

We are excited to announce a partnership between the church library and Westfield Kids and Student Ministry beginning this summer!

Sebrina Mabe and Tricia Lowe are working hard to prepare a summer reading program for all Kids and Students, Kindergarten through 12th Grade. We will have Reading Bingo Cards, Book tracking journals, and prizes for reading.

If your family is not already registered with the church library, stop by today to get registered!



WBC GOLDEN AGERS

BINGO!

**THURSDAY, MAY 16
1:00 PM**

Please bring a \$5 gift for Bingo prizes. We'd love for you to invite a friend to join you! Sign up on the Golden Agers Bulletin Board today!



VBS 2024

June 9-12 (Sun-Wed)

6:00-8:15 pm

Dinner served each night

Preschool- 5th Grade



**Register online today at
westfieldbaptistchurch.org/vbs or by
scanning the QR code**

Class of 2024

Congratulations!



Braydon Johnson

Graduating Pre-K at Pilot Elementary School and will begin Kindergarten in the Fall at Pilot Elementary. He will continue to play sports and hopes to join cub scouts with his brothers.



Mason Estrada

Finishing 5th grade at Pilot Elementary School and heading to 6th Grade at Pilot Middle School. He plans to continue his athletics and scouts.



Nate Grose

Finishing 5th grade at Pilot Elementary School and heading to 6th Grade at Pilot Middle School. He plans to continue playing sports and hanging out with friends!



Pryce Taylor

Finishing 5th grade at Pilot Elementary School and heading to 6th Grade at Pilot Middle School. He plans to continue playing sports, having fun, and enjoying life!



Lexi Allen

Finishing 5th grade at Shoals Elementary School and heading to 6th Grade at Pilot Middle School.



London Watson

Graduating 8th Grade at Pilot Mountain Middle School and will begin 9th Grade at East Surry High.



Isaiah Bowman

Graduating 8th Grade at Millennium Charter Academy and will continue to High School at Millennium in the Fall.

Happy GRADUATION

Class of 2024

Congratulations!



Samantha Farmer

Graduating from North Stokes High School. Samantha plans to attend Forsyth Technical Community College in the fall and after 2 years will transfer to UNCG . Her major will be in Business Administration.



Troy Haywood

Graduating from East Surry High School. Troy plans to attend NC State University and major in Materials Science Engineering.



Jackson Gray Hodges

Graduating from North Stokes High School. Jackson plans on attending Forsyth Tech and study business and culinary.



Levi Watson

Graduating from East Surry High School. Levi plans to attend Gulliford College as a member of the tennis team. He will major in Business and minor in Music.



Chloe N. Sloop

Chloe N. Sloop earned a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry and a Bachelor of Science in both Biochemistry and Health Science from Salem College in May 2024.

She plans to spend one year working and then continue her science education by pursuing a graduate degree in a health-related field.

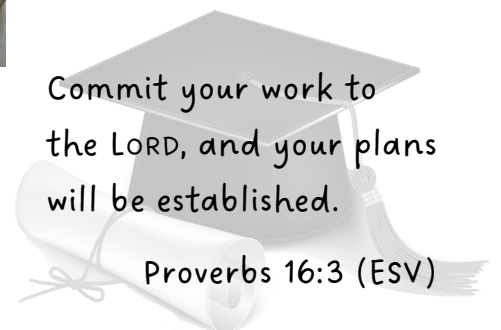


Austin Jessup

Graduating from Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina with a MBA. Austin is currently employed by Deloitte in Charlotte NC.

Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 16:3 (ESV)





May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday School 9:45 a Worship 11:00 a	Every Monday Walk in Faith 4:30 pm		Every Wed. Dinner at 6:30 pm Bible Study Kids/Students 7:00 pm	Every Thurs. Walk in Faith 4:30 pm		
			1	2	3	4 Craft show Fundraiser
5 Student Min. Small Group 5:30-6:30pm	6 WMU 12:00 pm Frances Cox Home	7 Staff Relations 6:00 p	8	9 Ladies Craft Night, 6:30p	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13 Finance 6:30p Election (2nd Primary) Fellowship Hall closed for Voting (Mon-Wed)	14	15	16 Golden Agers Bingo 1:00pm	17	18
19 Graduate Recognition Sunday Camp Fundraiser Dinner 6:00 pm	20 Deacons Mtg 6:30 pm	21 Prayers and Squares 1:00 p	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30	31	



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Fellowship Hall Reserved (D.Jessup)	3 WMU 11:30 a	4 Staff Relations 6:00 p	5	6	7	8
9	10 Finance 6:30p	11 VBS (9-12)	12	13	14	15
16 Student Min. Group Night 5:00-6:30pm	17 Deacons Mtg 6:30 pm	18 Prayers and Squares 1:00 p Centri-Kid Camp (17-21)	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Student Min. Group Night 5:00-6:30pm						



May Birthdays

4 Frances Cox, Bonnie Jessup

6 Kelly Elliott

8 Norma Simmons

10 Edith Epperson

15 Donnie Inman

16 Lydia Bowman

23 Jeremy Smith

25 Isabella Smith

31 Barbara Lowe, Lois Tilley



Sundays:
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Telephone Conference System
336-374-1445, code 27053

Wednesday
6:30 pm Family Dinner
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
Kids & Student Ministry

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Trevella Collins

Priddy Manor
Assisted Living
1294 Priddy Rd.
King, NC 27021

Carol Jessup

If you have current contact information, please let Golden Agers know.

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Arbor Ridge at Stanleyville
Apartment #124
350 Arbor View Lane
Winston Salem, NC 27106

Iris Kuhl

Walnut Ridge Assisted Living,
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Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Roxie Owens

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Ridgecrest Assisted Living
1000 Ridge Crest Lane
Mt Airy, NC 27030
336-673-0365

Homebound

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Marie Jessup

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Edith Epperson

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336-351-2284

Barbara Lowe

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"We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."
Colossians 1:28

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