



Westfield
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

January 2024 Newsletter

Happy
New Year



Westfield Baptist Church



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW





**Sunday Morning -
Ephesians Series**

- Jan 14th – Ephesians 4:1-6
- Jan 21st – Ephesians 4:7-10
- Jan 28th – Ephesians 4:11-16

**Wednesday Study -
The Lord's Prayer**

- Jan 10th – Our Father in Heaven
- Jan 17th – Hallowed Be Your Name
- Jan 24th – Your Kingdom Come
- Jan 31st – Your Will Be Done



From My Heart,

What a month of celebrations! Each awe-inspiring experience was filled with memorable moments of JOY and GLADNESS!! Each week, we witnessed tangible expressions of God's gracious love...whether it be through beautiful Christmas cards, words & deeds of affirmation, times of fellowship & ministry and experiences of worship & reflection – through it all we, as a family, were reminded of how grateful we are for God "joining our hearts & lives' together in ministry!

As we approach a NEW YEAR, may we remember the words of the Psalmist,

"One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." - Psalm 27:4

The pursuit of Christian maturity doesn't just happen to us. It is not incidental or accidental. It is the result of making "growing in Christ" a TOP priority in our life. In the day and time in which we live, this is becoming more & more difficult, because so many things cry out for our time & attention. We must come to the place of making our walk with the Lord the CENTERPIECE of our lives. The apostle Paul said it this way, "This ONE thing I do..."

In 2024, let's be careful we don't get caught up in the "many things" and sacrifice the "one thing" God desires for us – to **SEEK first HIS Kingdom and LOVE HIM** above everything else! The best way to experience this reality in our daily lives is to make our **TIME** with **HIM** our **FIRST priority**...digging deep into **HIS Word** and growing closer to **HIM** through **PRAYER!!** Please pick up your copy of the 5 Day Bible Reading Plan. This is a different plan than we used last year. You'll read an Old Testament & New Testament passage; along with an occasional passage in the Psalms.

Here are some items on my prayer list as we enter 2024,

- Pastor Search Team – as they discern who God is calling as your next Pastor
- Tricia & Her Leadership Team – as they build upon all God has done in 2023
- Byron & Fellow Deacons – as they intentionally seek to serve their families
- Doreen & Worship Team – as they provide leadership for worship & begin planning for another community outreach; as well as, our seasonal emphasis
- Kathy & SS Teachers – as they faithfully teach God's Word & continue developing devoted followers of Christ
- Chris & Bldg/Grds Team – as they oversee the completion of repairs & renovation of the Children's area
- Jill & Finance Team – as they guide us to be 'good stewards' of all the Lord has blessed us with financially
- Prayers & Squares – as they lovingly sew prayer quilts together so others know of God's care
- Doris & Missions Team – as they provide opportunities for us to be 'on mission' locally & globally
- Brenda & Golden Agers – as they seek to create engaging opportunities of fellowship for Senior Saints of WBC & surrounding community
- Grace & Benevolent Team – as they seek to be the 'hands & feet' of Jesus in meeting the basic needs of our neighbors

We'll begin a new study on Wednesday nights based on the Lord's Prayer recorded in Matthew 6:9-13. We'll examine each phrase & the impact its message should have upon our daily lives. On Sunday mornings, we'll resume our series in Ephesians – beginning in chapter 4.

Please know of my desire to "walk along beside each of you" and cheer you along life's way. If there are specific ways I can do that for YOU, please don't hesitate to share them with me. You can reach me at the church office or my cell (336) 406-1050, email me at wbcpastor@surry.net or just drop by & let's visit together.

As we embark on 2024 – may these words from a Crosswalk devotional be our prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come before You in awe of Your grace and mercy towards us as undeserving sinners. There are no words to express our gratitude for the Gift of Salvation found in Your Son & Our Savior – Jesus Christ!

As we approach 2024, we release control over our calendars and surrender each day to You.

We ask that our faith remain strong as we face trials, uncertainty, and life.

That our love for others be evident to our neighbors without a personal relationship with You and especially amongst the 'household of faith' at Westfield.

Lord, we ask for the Holy Spirit to enlighten our hearts and minds so we can truly know You more and more each day. May the eyes of our hearts be open and receptive to receiving your Truths.

When we sin & fall short, help us be quick to confess it to You.

When others hurt & disappoint us, help us to forgive and love them graciously.

May we cling to the eternal hope found in Christ & Him alone!

May we remember the Power of Christ which lives within us as believers.

We thank You for the lessons and blessings of the past year

and look forward to the opportunities and adventures of a New Year.

May we use our time, talents, and treasures to bring Glory to Your Name & bless the lives of others!

I LOVE each of YOU and am eternally grateful to GOD for giving me the privilege of being your shepherd in this season of transition!!

Jimmy




A Note from Tricia

I can hardly believe it's a New Year! 2023 was an amazing year filled with unexpected joys, trusting God, and a whole lot of fun. I'm incredibly thankful to be serving at WBC and I am looking forward to what 2024 holds.

This morning, Jimmy asked me if I had a "word of the year" for the Kids and Student Ministry. After some reflection on the past year and what I hope this next year will bring, I decided "relationships" was the word I really want to focus on within our ministry. I want our kids and students to develop deep relationships with each other, but more importantly I want them to find a deep personal friendship with Jesus Christ. I have a personal goal that we will see at least 2 kids and students come to know Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. I ask for you join me in praying that God will work in the hearts of those who have not made that personal decision yet.

Over the last few months, I've been working on coming up with a plan for what we will be learning on Sunday mornings in Kids Worship and on Wednesday Nights with our Kids and Students. I'm excited to see how the Lord works through those opportunities. I will share those plans with you following this article. Parents, I encourage you to ask your kids on the way home from church each week, what they learned and how they want to apply that to their daily life.



I've been looking for ways to spend more time with our middle school and high school students as well as provide them an opportunity to grow deeper in their Bible study habits. I know that Wednesday nights are usually full with sports and extra curricular activities which can make it it's hard for some of our older students to come on a regular basis. After talking to a few students, they said their Sunday nights are usually free. So beginning in February we will start meeting on Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00 pm. We will rotate between meeting twice a month and an 8 week Bible Study. Our first Sunday Night event will be a church wide worship night on February 4 and then we will meet in the youth room on February 18 for a game night. We will begin an 8 week Bible study that will meet March 3- April 28 (except for Easter Sunday). Throughout the summer we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and then in September we will start another 8 week Bible Study. At the end of 2024 we will evaluate the year and see if this is something we want to continue. If you know a middle school or high school student who isn't plugged into our student ministry, this is a great time to invite them to join us!

As a reminder: it's time to sign up for summer camp! The deadline to sign up is January 28 with a \$75 deposit. I've included all the dates and information for camp on the next page. Our first fundraiser will be a chili cook off on Sunday, January 28. You can sign up to bring a pot of chili on the Event Bulletin Board. If you have questions about camp or what to expect, please come and talk to me. I love camp and want your kids and students to experience camp this summer!

2024 is going to be a great year! Let's work together to continue the good work that God is doing at WBC!

Tricia Lowe



What are we learning?

Kids Worship (Sundays at 11:00 AM)

“How to Train Your Attitude”

Memory Verse: “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things”
Colossians 3:2 (NIV)

- January 7: **Words:** Taming the Tongue (James 3:1-13)
- January 14: **Gratitude:** Jesus Heals Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)
- January 21: **Compassion:** Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
- January 28: **Obedience:** Joshua’s final message to Israel (Joshua 24:15-15)

Wednesday Night Kids and Student Ministry (6:30 pm)

“Hey God”

Memory Verse: “Always be joyful. Never stop praying”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 (NirV)

- 
- January 3: Introduction to Prayer, creating Prayer Journals
 - January 10: Hey God...it's Samson (Judges 16:21-31)
 - January 17: Hey God...it's Hannah (1 Samuel 1:9-18, 24-28)
 - January 24: Hey God...it's Jonah (Jonah 1:15-2:10)
 - January 31: Hey God...it's Solomon (1 Kings 3:5-14)
 - February 7: Hey God...it's Elijah (1 Kings 19:1-16)
 - February 14: Hey God...it's Daniel (Daniel 6:1-22)
 - February 21: Hey God...it's Your Son (Matthew 26:36-46)
 - February 28: Hey God...it's Peter's Friends (Acts 12:1-19)

Summer Camp 2024

We are excited to begin sign ups for Summer Camp 2024. We wanted to give you the dates and cost as soon as possible so that you can make plans to attend! Sign Up sheets are located in the Youth Wing. A \$75 deposit will be required to reserve your spot. All deposit must be paid no later than Sunday, January 28.



Centri-Kid
(Completed 2nd - 6th Grade)
June 17-21, 2024
Gardner-Webb University
Boiling Springs, NC

Centrifuge
(Completed 6th-12 Grade)
July 15-19, 2024
Milligan University
Johnson City, TN

2024 SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER

CHILI COOK-OFF



SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

12:00 PM

Do you have what it takes to become
WBC's Chili Cook-Off Winner?
Sign up today to bring your best pot of chili!
Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 pots of chili.



Worship Night

Featuring:

Peace Haven Baptist Church Worship Team

Sunday, February 4, 2024
5:30 pm

Westfield Baptist Church

6713 Westfield Rd

Westfield, NC 27053

The Worship Committee and those who help lead hymns on Sunday mornings are invited to a dinner and a debriefing session following the Worship Night. Our goal for this event is to help you feel comfortable leading Worship on Sunday mornings. Please let the church office know before February 1 if you plan to attend.



January BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Joshua Fogleman
- 10 Avery Tilley
- 13 Jimmy Christian
- 14 Rogene Eads
- 15 Roylene Rosell
- 19 Angie Chambers
- 22 London Watson
- 23 Jimmie Simmons
- 27 Darrin Haywood
- 28 James Paul Jessup
- 30 Christian Mabe

January Worship Leaders

- **January 7:** Michael Fogleman, Kelly Elliott, Lyndsey Haywood
- **January 14:** Mallory Estrada, Landri Taylor, Sophia Estrada
- **January 21:** Doreen Tilley, Penny Lancaster, Carrie Taylor
- **January 28:** Stacey Watson, Chris Sloop, Darrin Haywood

If you would like to be added to the rotation,
please contact Doreen Tilley

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Trevella Collins

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

Hazel Burkhart

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

Roxie Owens

Room #203
Ridgecrest Assisted Living
1000 Ridge Crest Lane
Mt Airy, NC 27030
336-673-0365

Carol Jessup

Twelve Oaks Assisted Living &
Memory Care
1297 Galax Trail
Mt. Airy, NC 27030
336-786-1130

Iris Kuhl

Walnut Ridge Assisted Living,
411 Windmill Street
Walnut Cove, NC 27052.

Homebound

Sue & Kelly Davis

6679 Westfield Road
Westfield, NC 27053

Edith Epperson

1536 Asbury Road
Westfield, NC 27053
336-351-2284

Marie Jessup

131 Marshall Johnson Road
Pilot Mountain, NC 27041
336-351-2872

Barbara Lowe

10670 NC Hwy. 89 W
Westfield, NC 27053
336-351-2727



January 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. Bible Study 6:30 pm Kids/Students 6:30 pm	Every Thurs. Walk in Faith 4:30 pm		
	1	2 Staff Relations 6p	3	4 Bld/Grds Meeting 6:30pm	5	6
7 Fellowship Hall Reserved Co-ed 1 SS	8	9 Finance Com. 6:30 pm	10	11	12	13
14 Men's B-fast 9:00 am	15 Deacons Mtg 6:30 pm School Holiday Tricia on Vacation (14-21)	16 Prayers and Squares 1:00p	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Fellowship Hall Reserved (T. Rogers)
28 Camp Deposits Due Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser	29 SBA Qtrly Mtg Little Richmond 7:00 pm	30	31			



February 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. Bible Study 6:30 pm Kids/Students	Every Thurs. Walk in Faith 4:30 pm		
Heck-Jones Offering				1	2	3
4 Worship Night 5:30 pm	5 WMU 11:30 a	6 Staff Relations 6:00pm	7	8	9	10 Ladies Appreciation Lunch 1:00pm
11 Men's B-fast 9:00a	12	13 SBA Senior Saints Lunch at Mt.Carmel, 11:30 am Finance Comm. Mtg, 6:30 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18 Student Ministry Group 5:30-7:00 p	19 Deacons Mtg 6:30 p President's Day	20 Prayers and Squares 1:00 p	21	22	23 Caswell Women's Retreat (23-25) SCS Staff Development	24
25	26	27	28	29 Church Council 6:30 p		



January Book of the Month



He thinks she's an elderly widow. She's convinced he's a grumpy old man. Neither could be further from the truth.

After a short and difficult marriage, recently widowed Edith Sherman has learned her lesson. Forget love. Forget marriage. She plans to fill her thirties with adventure. As she awaits the final paperwork for a humanitarian trip to South Africa, she accepts a short-term nursing position in a small Midwestern town. The last thing she needs is a handsome local catching her eye. How inconvenient is that?

Henry Hobbes isn't exactly thrilled to have Edith, who he assumes is an elderly widow, dumped on him as a houseguest for the summer. But he'd do almost anything for his niece, who is practically like a sister to him given how close they are in age. Especially since Edith will be working nights and Henry works most days. When he and Edith keep missing each other in person, they begin exchanging notes—short messages at first, then longer letters, sharing increasingly personal parts of their lives.

By the time Henry realizes his mistake—that Edith is actually the brown-eyed beauty he keeps bumping into around town—their hearts are so intertwined he hopes they never unravel. But with her departure date rapidly approaching, and Henry's roots firmly planted at home, Edith must ultimately decide if the adventure of her dreams is the one right in front of her.



Sundays:

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesday

6:30 pm Kids and Students Bible Study & Dinner

6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Telephone Conference System

336-374-1445, code 27053

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

336-351-3311

wbc1@surry.net

www.westfieldbaptistchurch.org

We're on Facebook and Instagram!