



Westfield Baptist Church

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

April 2024 Newsletter

You provide NC children food while pointing them to Jesus.



HELP PROVIDE THREE MEALS EVERY DAY

Because too many have gone without.

When children come into Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) care, it is obvious they have gone without: **without food, without love, without hope.** One of the first ways our children learn that they are loved is when their cottage parents serve them the regular meals they were unable to count on before arriving. This is because their families let them down. When a child can't depend on loved ones to meet his or her basic needs, trusting any adult becomes almost impossible.

How does the Food Roundup help?

When your church, along with NC Baptists across the state, collect food, supplies and gift cards through the Food Roundup, you ensure that we can provide three meals a day plus snacks to our boys and girls and everyone we serve. Children's trust is restored! **Boys and girls see that they are loved not only by churches and caregivers but by a Heavenly Father our efforts point them too.**

By filling their plates, you fill their hearts.



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Slides, ads and other resources are at bchfoodroundup.org
For more information call 336-474-1277

Special Offering

During the month of April, we will be collecting a special offering for the Baptist Children's Home Food Round-up.

If you would like to give towards this offering, please mark your giving envelopes, "BCH Food Round Up".

This month at WBC

- Friday, April 5
Family Ministry UNO night
6:30-8:30 pm
- Monday, April 9
WMU at Coach's Mt. Airy
12:00 pm
- Friday, April 12-Sunday, April 14
Student Ministry Spring Retreat
- Tuesday, April 16
Prayers and Squares
1:00 pm
- Thursday, April 18
Golden Agers
Internet and Social Media Workshop
1:00pm
- Sunday, April 21
Rev. Blake Bowman Installation Service
11:00 am Worship and Lunch
- Sunday, April 28
Lancaster Family Appreciation
9:15 am



Dear Westfield Baptist Church,

I struggle to express just how grateful Amber and I are to have joined the WBC family. Already, you have blessed our hearts, and we hope to soon bless yours.

Amber and I are convinced that it has been God's kind providence that led us to WBC. Allow me a moment to brag on God and share the remarkable story of how He called us to Westfield.

Providential Timing

One late, December night, I received a text from our friend Darrell Tate, the pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church. Darrell spoke to me of Westfield and your search for a senior pastor.

As the Pastoral Search Committee was closing the door on entertaining additional applicants, I contacted brother Mark Oakley and submitted my resume, truly at the 11th hour.

Simultaneously, God began to grant Amber and I an increasingly clear sense that our time with the International Mission Board had come to an end, and that for the first time in four years, He was leading us back to the U.S.

Our return to the States, Westfield's search for a pastor, Pastor Darrell's connection - God aligned the stars to make all this possible.

Praise be to God, who works together all things according to His perfect timing.

Providential Experiences

When we learned of the hurts and trials that WBC has endured during recent years, we knew that God was in this. During our time in Mexico, God allowed Amber and I to serve as agents of restoration. Long-standing land disputes and blood feuds between families had resulted in seemingly irreconcilable differences and wounds that simply wouldn't heal.

But blessed be our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is the great Peacemaker. God restored this community and brought about unity, healing, peace, and ultimately growth, in place of division, hurt, confusion, and decay.

God was providentially preparing Amber and I, as I shepherded a church through long-standing conflicts and multiple church splits, even as WBC actively endured similar trials and tribulations.

Praise be to God, who has providentially aligned our experiences.

Providential Hearts

Ultimately, we knew that God was calling us to WBC when we heard of your heart for your community. Your passion to reach the lost around you, your generosity to provide for those most in need, and your willingness to roll up your sleeves and work hard to see Christ's name made great in Westfield and beyond, won Amber and I over.

WBC family – we share your heart. We are burdened for the lost. We care deeply for the oppressed and the least fortunate. And we too are willing to roll up our sleeves and do the work.

Praise be to God who has knit our hearts to yours and given us unity in our passion to see the community of Westfield transformed by the Gospel.

Friends, for these reasons and many more, we know that God has called us to WBC. His providential hand has made it abundantly clear, and we are all but too excited to walk in the good works of which God has prepared for us beforehand.

There is but one truly good man, WBC family, and his name is Jesus.

There is but one truly good shepherd, WBC, and his name is Jesus.

Even so, with every ounce of grace that God affords me, it is my heart to serve as the Lord's under-shepherd, guiding WBC into a season of deeper affections for and greater obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.

May this chapter of WBC's long, noble history be one of which it can be said -

"Truly, God was with us."

"We grew to understand and apply God's word better."

"We shared our faith and saw our friends and neighbors come to Christ."

"Our love for the Lord and for one another erupted and spilled over and touched Westfield, Pilot Mountain, Surry and Stokes Counties, and beyond."

With great excitement and love,

Pastor Blake



A note from Tricia Lowe, Youth and Children's Ministry Director

One year ago, I followed God's leading and stepped back into Children's and Youth Ministry. It's been a busy year full of events, lessons, meetings, and growing. We've welcomed new families, we've created new opportunities to serve, we've laughed a lot, we've hosted community events, we have served others well, and we've watched friendships blossom. I'm so thankful for all the support and encouragement I have been given this year! I couldn't do this ministry without each and everyone one of you.

This Spring has already been a busy few weeks with the Spring Fling, Easter Dinner, and our Easter Sunday services. We had a tremendous turn out for our first annual Spring Fling with the WVFD. It was such a joy to get to love on our community, get to know our neighbors, and enjoy a beautiful day together. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event possible through your donations, your gifts from Amazon, and volunteering at the event. I'm looking forward to seeing how this outreach grows each year.

On Friday, April 12, our student ministry team will be taking 12 middle and high school students to Fort Caswell for a Spring Retreat. Our students are so excited to go back to the beach and spend time together. Will you join me in praying for hearts to be touched during this retreat? I know God is going to do something great during the weekend and I'm thankful for this opportunity to be a part of it.

Summer is quickly approaching. VBS is just a few months away as well as kids ministry camp and student ministry camp. If you haven't signed up to serve at VBS, please prayerfully consider where you would like to volunteer this year! If we have all volunteer roles filled before April 28, I'll give away a dinner for two to 13 Bones. Visit our VBS table for more information. I'm also looking for one male adult to go to Kids Camp, June 17-21. We have 4 awesome boys that are going to camp and you will have a great time getting to know them. If you are interested in going, please let me know!

Thank you for being a part of WBC! I'm glad you are here. If I can ever be of help to you or your family, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Tricia Lowe



GOLDEN AGERS

Internet and Social Media Safety
Workshop



Thursday, April 18
1:00 PM
WBC Fellowship Hall



Pastor Blake Bowman
Installation Service

Sunday, April 21
During the 11:00 AM
Worship Service

Lunch following
the Worship Service



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Upcoming Events

LANCASTER FAMILY

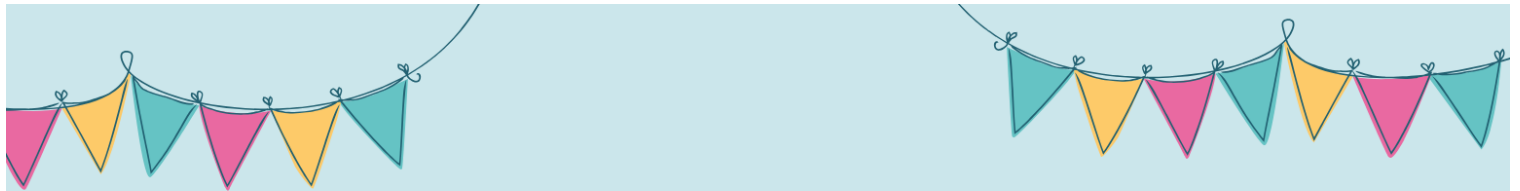
Appreciation Breakfast

Sunday, April 28

9:15 am

We invite you to come enjoy
coffee, juice, donuts, and
pastries as we spend time
with Pastor Jimmy and
family.





WESTFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

CRAFT & VENDOR MARKET



6713 WESTFIELD RD, WESTFIELD NC

SATURDAY
MAY 4TH
9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

HAND MADE ITEMS AND
OTHER LOCAL VENDORS WELCOME

\$20 INDOOR BOOTH
\$15 OUTDOOR BOOTH

*Proceeds from this event go directly to help cover
the cost of children and youth summer events*



PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT
WESTFIELDBAPTISTCHURCH.ORG/CRAFT-AND-VENDOR-MARKET



VBS 2024

June 9-12 (Sun-Wed)

6:00-8:15 pm

Dinner served each night

Volunteer sign ups now open!

Kids Sign ups begin May 5



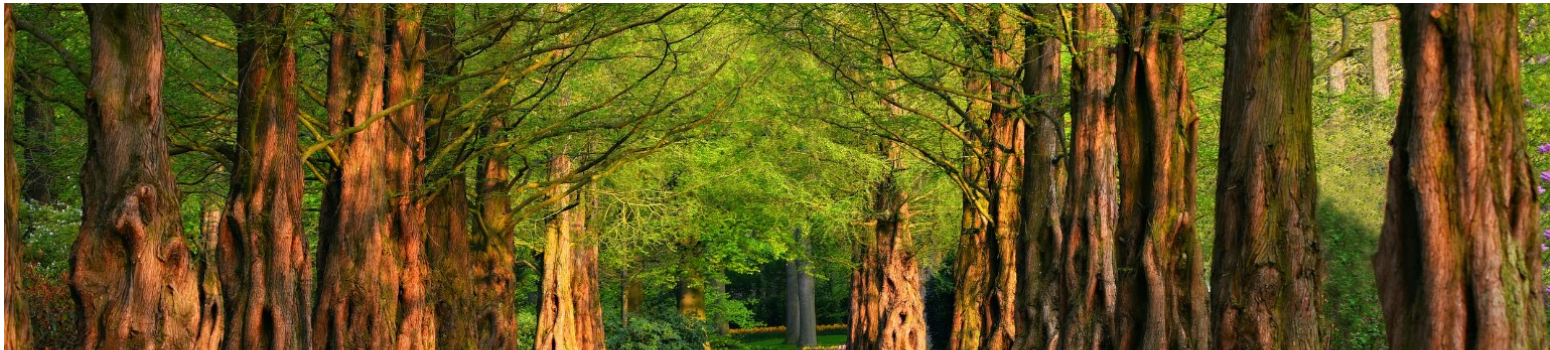
April 2024

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 6:30pm Bible Study Kids/Students 7:00 pm	Every Thurs. Walk in Faith 4:30 pm		
BCH Food Round-up	1	2 Staff Relations 6:00 p	3	4	5 UNO Game Night 6:30-8:30 p	6
7 FH Reserved C. Manuel Worship Committee 4:00pm Student Min. Small Group 5:30-6:30pm	8 WMU 12:00 pm, Coach's Mt. Airy	9 Finance Mtg 7:30 pm	10	11	12 Youth Retreat at Caswell (12-14)	13
14	15 Deacons Mtg 6:30 pm	16 Prayers and Squares 1:00 p	17	18 Golden Agers 1:00 pm	19	20
21 Men's Breakfast 9:00a Student Min. Small Group 5:30-6:30pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Tricia at Ministry Conference			
28 Student Min. Small Group 5:30-6:30pm	29	30				



May 2024

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			1	2	3	4 Craft show Fundraiser
5 Student Min. Small Group 5:30-6:30pm	6 WMU 11:30 a	7 Staff Relations 6:00 p	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13 Finance 6:30p Election (2nd Primary) Fellowship Hall closed for Voting (Mon-Wed)	14	15	16	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	



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Karoline Overby
- 4 B.J. Love, Doreen Tilley
- 11 Chad Davis, Wayne Nester
- 13 Martha Collins, Olivia Fogleman
- 14 Halen Brannock
- 18 Peggy Jessup
- 19 Linda Trivette
- 20 Jan Harris, Philip Simmons
- 22 Brad Nieten
- 23 Melissa Sutphin
- 27 Abigail Fogleman



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Sundays:

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

Wednesday

- 6:30 pm Family Dinner
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
Kids and Student Ministry

Telephone Conference System
336-374-1445, code 27053

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Trevella Collins

Priddy Manor
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1294 Priddy Rd.
King, NC 27021

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1000 Ridge Crest Lane
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336-673-0365

Carol Jessup

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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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