



Westfield Baptist Church

Loving God. Loving Others

April and May 2025 Newsletter





Dear Westfield Family,

The past few weeks have been full—and I mean full. From our Spring Fling outreach to our Good Friday Tenebrae Service, from a beautiful Sunrise Service to our Easter Celebration, I've watched this church pour itself out in love to our Lord and to our community. You have given your time, your energy, your creativity, your sweat, and your very heart! It has been a joy to witness the body of Christ in action, working together, striving for the glory of God and the good of others.

But now, I would like to give you a different sort of encouragement. I would like to encourage you to rest.

One of the great gifts that God has given His people is the Sabbath. Long before the Ten Commandments were etched in stone, long before Israel ever wandered in the wilderness, God Himself rested. Not because He was tired, but because He was setting a pattern. A rhythm. A reminder. The Sabbath was made for man (Mark 2:27), not man for the Sabbath. God knows our limits better than we do. He knows that our souls need rest just as much as our bodies do.

There will always be another thing to do, another task to finish, another need to meet. And when the to-do list is endless, we often feel tempted to work endlessly.

Subtly, I think there's something sinful about that way of thinking. *If I don't do it, who will?*

Friends, God doesn't need us to save the world—or the Westfield Community, or Westfield Baptist Church, etc. The world already has a savior, and his name is Jesus.

If we're not careful, our overworking will become an exercise in unbelief. We can fall into the trap of thinking that if we stop, things will fall apart. But the gospel reminds us that the most important work has already been done. Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose again. He is building His church. He upholds the universe by the word of his power.

God allows us to take part in his work, not because he needs us, but because he loves us.

Because he loves us, he knows us.

Because he knows us, he knows that we need rest.

So, if you're tired, take a breath. Take a day. Turn off the to-do list, quiet the noise, and remember that God does not love you for what you produce. He loves you because you are His.

Taking a Sabbath is not wasted time. It's worshipful time. It's time that says, "God, I trust You more than I trust myself."

You've worked hard these past weeks—and I'm so grateful. But now, I hope you take a moment to rest. A rest that says, "Jesus is enough."

In Christ,
Pastor Blake



2025 Graduates

We would like to recognize all 8th grade, 12th grade, and college graduates in our June/July Newsletter as well at a Worship Service. Please send a picture, your name, school information and future plans to wbc1@surry.net by May 11.



A Note From Tricia

Whew! What a ride these past few months have been. As a church family, we've walked through some really tough moments—grieving the loss of some incredible people. But we've also had the joy of welcoming new folks into our church family. Like Solomon says in *Ecclesiastes 3:1*, "There's a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." Through it all, God's been working—and we get to decide if we'll trust Him and bring Him glory even when it's hard.

And it *has* been hard. For a lot of us—including myself. But even in the middle of the mess, there was still hope. I truly believe God is using the hard stuff to create something beautiful. One of the most beautiful things I've seen is how this church shows up for each other. Sometimes it comes in the form of casseroles and cakes and other times it comes in the form of just sitting and talking to each other. The love here is authentic!

I'm so thankful for Westfield. I can't believe I've lived here almost ten years! I've grown to love this little community more than I ever imagined. Like I always tell my family, "*there's just something special about little ole Westfield.*"

My prayer is that you feel that same kind of love and connection. Let's keep growing together—loving each other well, showing up with grace, and finding new ways to serve God side by side.

With love and gratitude,
Tricia



VBS 2025

AUGUST 4-6 (M-W)

Dinner served at 5:30

VBS BEGINS at 6:00 PM

We need YOUR HELP to make this VBS GREAT!

Outreach Team

We are looking for about 5-8 people who will plan and execute new ways to invite people to VBS. If you have creative ideas, an outgoing personality, and want to help VBS grow, please consider being a part of this team. We will have our first meeting in May.

Van Ministry Team

We are looking for a team of people who will volunteer to drive the van during the week of VBS. You will also be asked to go and visit the week prior to VBS to invite families and help them pre-register.

Decorations

Our theme for VBS is "Camping". We will be looking for decorations to borrow to help keep costs to a minimum. If you have any camping supplies that you would like to lend to us, please let Tricia, Melissa, or Brittany know and we will arrange a time to pick any donations up.



May 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	Every Monday Walk in Faith 4:15 pm		Every Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm	Every Thursday Walk in Faith 4:15 pm	Every Friday Prayer Meeting 11:30 am Y.A Bible Study 6:00 pm	
				1	2 Kids Ministry/Late Night 6-10pm	3
4 The Journeys in Con- cert Hot Dog Benefit	5 WMMU	6 Pastor Luncheon at 11:45am	7	8 Golden Agers- Farmers Market Leave at 9:30 am	9	10
11	12 Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Staff Relations 6:00 pm	14	15	16	17
18	19 Finance Meeting 6:30 pm	20 Prayers and Squares 1:00 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Youth Carowinds	28	29 Church Council 6:30 pm	30	31



June 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	Every Monday Walk in Faith 4:15 pm		Every Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm	Every Thursday Walk in Faith 4:15 pm	Every Friday Prayer Meeting 11:30 am Y.A. Bible Study 6:00 pm		
1	2 WMU	3 Pastor Lunch at 11:45a	4	5	6	7	
8	9 Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm	10 SBA Senior Adult Cook- out Staff Relations 6:00 pm	11	12	13	14	
15	16 Finance Meeting 6:30 pm	17 Prayers and Squares 1:00 pm	18	19	20	21 FH Reserved Bonnie Jessup	
22	23	24	25 Business Meeting and Meal	26	27	28	
29	MFuge Camp (Mon-Friday)						30



April Birthdays

- 1 Karoline Overby
- 4 BJ Love, Doreen Tilley
- 11 Chad Davis
- 12 Blake Bowman
- 13 Olivia Fogleman
- 18 Peggy Jessup
- 19 Linda Trivette
- 20 Jan Harris, Phillip Simmons
- 23 Brad Nieten, Melissa Sutphin
- 27 Abigail Fogleman



May Birthdays

- 4 Frances Cox, Bonnie Jessup
- 6 Kelly Elliott
- 8 Norma Simmons
- 15 Donnie Inman
- 16 Lydia Bowman
- 23 Jeremy Smith
- 25 Belle Smith
- 31 Lois 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 27105

Roxie Owens

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

Edith Epperson

Blue Ridge Nursing Center
105 Landmark Dr
Stuart, VA 24171

Homebound

Sue & Kelly Davis

6679 Westfield Road
Westfield, NC 27053

Marie Jessup

131 Marshall Johnson Road
Pilot Mountain, NC 27041

Golden Agers Farmers Market Trip



May 15th There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board above the water cooler. The church van will leave WBC at 9:30 am.

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HOT DOG SUPPER & THE JOURNEYS



MAY 4

**DINNER AT 5 PM
MUSIC AT 6 PM**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
VICKIE BURLESON**

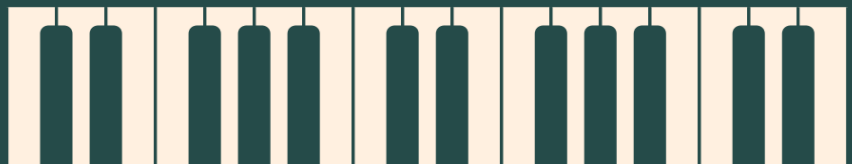


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WESTFIELD, NC 27053**



MAY 2

**WBC KIDS
LATE NIGHT**

K-5TH GRADE KIDS

**NERF BATTLE
HIDE N SEEK**

**PIZZA DINNER!
ICE CREAM SUNDAES!**

**6:00-10:00 PM
\$5 PER KID
\$20 MAX PER FAMILY**

**WESTFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
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336-351-3311**



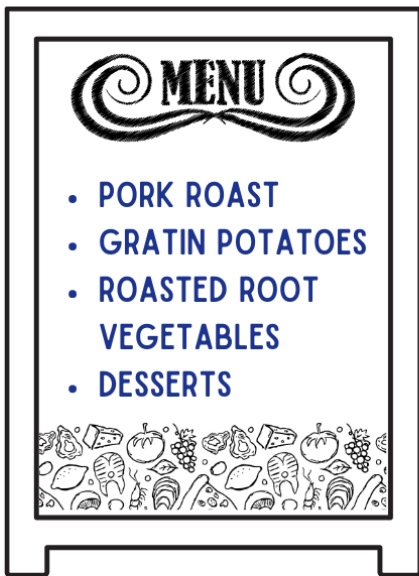
**SIGN UP ONLINE TO
RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**



Westfield
KIDS
Ministry



CAMP DINNER



- PORK ROAST
- GRATIN POTATOES
- ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES
- DESSERTS

SUNDAY, MAY 18
6:00 PM

EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED SUPPORT OUR KIDS AND STUDENTS GOING TO CAMP THIS SUMMER IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A DINNER TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION.

**PLEASE RSVP BEFORE MAY 11 BY CALLING OR EMAILING TRICIA LOWE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.
(WBC1@SURRY.NET OR 336-351-3311)**



6th-12th
Graders

CAROWINDS TRIP

Tuesday, May 27

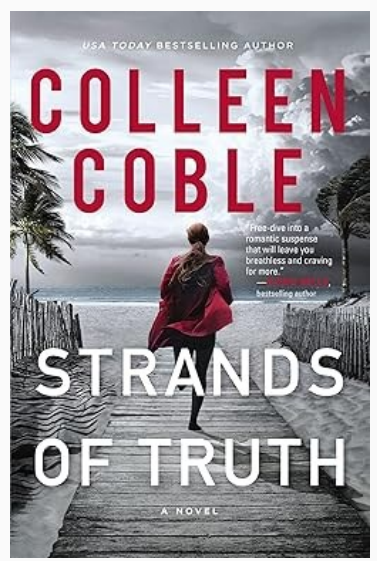
\$40 plus lunch money

**You must sign up and
pay before May 18**





WBC Library Book of the Month



Strands of Truth by Colleen Coble

Harper Taylor is used to being alone—after all, she grew up in one foster home after another. Oliver Jackson finally took her under his wing when she was a runaway teenager, and now Harper pours her marine biology knowledge into Oliver’s research as his business partner. But she’s never stopped wishing for a family of her own.

When a DNA test reveals a half sister living just two hours away, Harper is shocked. She meets with Annabelle, whose story is strikingly similar to her own. Is it just a coincidence that both of their mothers died tragically, without revealing their father’s name?

When Harper’s business partner is attacked, his son Ridge steps in to help. Ridge still sees Harper as a troubled teen even all these years later, but he soon finds himself working with her to uncover dangerous secrets that threaten to destroy them all. Ridge and Harper must unravel her past before they can have any hope for the future.

Harper’s childhood is resurfacing—but will the truth save her or pull her under?



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Sundays:

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

Wednesday

- 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
- Kids & Student Ministry

Telephone Conference System

336-374-1445, code 27053