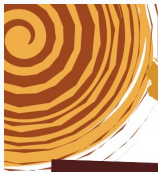




Westfield Baptist Church

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

October 2024 Newsletter



**\$15
PER PLATE**



WESTFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

BBQ FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 11
4-7 PM

Craft your feast with either
Pulled Pork or Grilled
Chicken, accompanied by two
sides, and a sweet finale.

Supports the Christmas Backpack
Program for Appalachian
Christmas Outreach

Tickets can be purchased from any member
of Baptist Men, Student Ministry, or
contacting the church office.

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Westfield, NC 27053

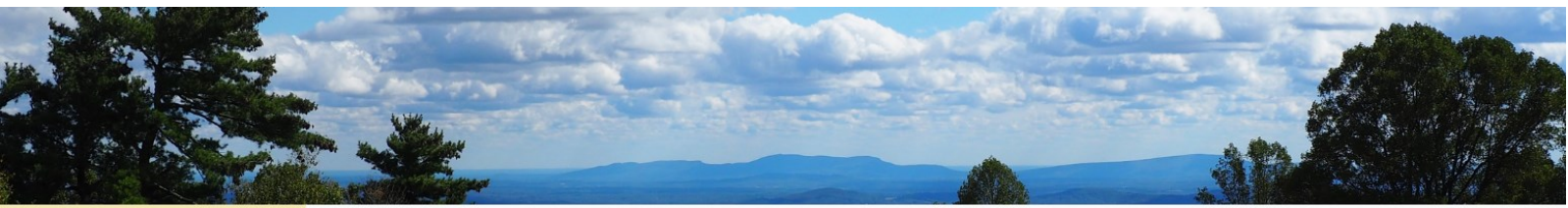
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During the month of
October, we will be
collecting WOW items for
the shoeboxes. Wow items
include: Doll, large toys,
soccer ball and pump,
stuffed animal, musical
instruments, large toy truck
or car, anything that would
bring a child joy!



October Events:

- Mon, Oct 7: WMU, 12:00pm, Frances Cox's Home
- Fri, Oct 11: BBQ Fundraiser
- Sun, Oct 13: Deacon Installation
- Sun, Oct 20: Kids and Student Fall Fun Day
- Sun, Oct 27: Lord's Supper, Deacon Family Meal, Christmas Backpack Stuffing
- Thur, Oct 31: Trick or Treat Party



The Honeymoon is Over

As with many things in life, when a church calls a new pastor, there tends to be a "honeymoon" phase. You know the expression—a period in which all is good, and everyone loves one another with ease. There's a fresh excitement in the air, old grievances seem easier to ignore, and faults or imperfections feel minor and not worth mentioning. The world feels lighter, and the mood feels jovial. But eventually, as is true in any relationship, the honeymoon comes to an end, and pastor and church must learn to live with one another—and, more importantly, to love one another—despite their imperfections.

Now that the initial excitement has settled, we find ourselves moving into a deeper, more meaningful phase of church life together. This is where the real work begins. Relationships are not sustained on feelings of newness or the thrill of the beginning. They are built on commitment, grace, and the ability to forgive. For a church, this often requires an embracing of the many challenges that come with real growth—spiritual growth, relational growth, and numerical growth nearly always come in tandem with growing pains.

As we navigate this next chapter, I want to encourage you to lean into this season with patience and grace, not just for me as your pastor, but for one another. We are all growing and changing together. The church is not a perfect institution, but it is a divinely appointed one. It is in the hard work of living life together—of bearing one another's burdens, speaking truth in love, and forgiving as we have been forgiven—that we truly reflect the body of Christ.

In Colossians 3:13-14, Paul writes, "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." As we move past the honeymoon phase, this is the charge for all of us. Love must be at the center of everything we do. It's easy to love when things are going well, but real, Christlike love endures when things get tough.

In the weeks and months ahead, let's commit to practicing that kind of love. Let's be honest, humble, and patient with one another. There will be challenges, but there will also be great joy as we grow together as a church family. The honeymoon may be over, but a deeper, richer journey has only just begun. And in that, there is much to look forward to.

May God be glorified in his Church.

In Christ,

Pastor Blake





A NOTE FROM TRICIA

As we enter the final months of 2024, I want to encourage you to take a moment to slow down and savor the beauty of the world around you. One of the creators I follow on Instagram has recently started taking morning walks to notice the little things—like dew on blades of grass, hidden birdhouses in trees, and the way the morning sun illuminates the day. She shares these moments on her Instagram stories, and it has inspired me to embrace a slower pace.

Last week, during a power outage, Brandon and I ventured outside into the darkness to gaze at the stars. It was breathtaking to see the countless stars shimmering in the night sky. In that moment, I was reminded of Psalm 147:4: God knows each star by name. If He cares for every star, how much more must He care for us!

How might your day transform if you took just a few moments each day to appreciate God's incredible creation? Would you feel rejuvenated? Would you feel loved and valued? Would you find yourself in awe of our Creator? Would you want to share these moments with others?

So, how do you begin to slow down? Many of us have incredible cameras on our phones. Each morning, take a few moments to walk around your home—inside or out—and find something beautiful to capture. It could be a blooming flower, a favorite tool, the breakfast your spouse made, or a steaming cup of coffee. Then, at night, before you drift off to sleep, look at the picture and reflect on the ways God has blessed you throughout the day. Pray for others to experience the beauty of God's creation. Take time to read through Scripture and ask God to reveal other ways for you to embrace a slower, more mindful pace.

In Christ,
Tricia Lowe



FALL Fun Day



OCT
20
5-7 PM



Paint a
pumpkin



Hayrides

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun fall afternoon. We'll have small pumpkins to paint, board and card games to play, fall themed snacks to enjoy and hayrides. Parents are invited to attend as well.

Christmas Backpack Outreach

Please take a tag and leave one with your name on it. You can leave your donations in the marked box. Please bring all donations before
Wednesday, October 23.



Sunday, October 27

Everyone is invited to join us for a special meal after the 11:00 am Worship Service.



The Deacons will be serving the Lord's Super to their "Deacon Families"

We will have a lunch afterwards. The Deacons will provide the meat and ask everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

After lunch we will work together to fill the backpacks for the Christmas Backpack Outreach.

Westfield Baptist Church and
Westfield Volunteer Fire Department

Trick or Treat Party

October 31
6-8 pm



FREE EVENT!

Chicken Stew and Hot Dogs

Decorated Trunks with Candy and Small Toys

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Westfield Volunteer Fire Department
3386 Old Westfield Rd
Westfield, NC 27053
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October 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		
		1 Staff Relations 6:00 p	2	3	4	5
6	7 WMU 11:30 a	8	9	10 Deacons Mtg 6:30 pm	11	12
13	14 Finance 6:30p	15 Prayers and Squares 1:00 p	16	17 Golden Agers Bingo 1p	18	19
20 Family Ministry Fall Day 5-7pm	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Lord's Super/ Potluck	28	29	30	31		



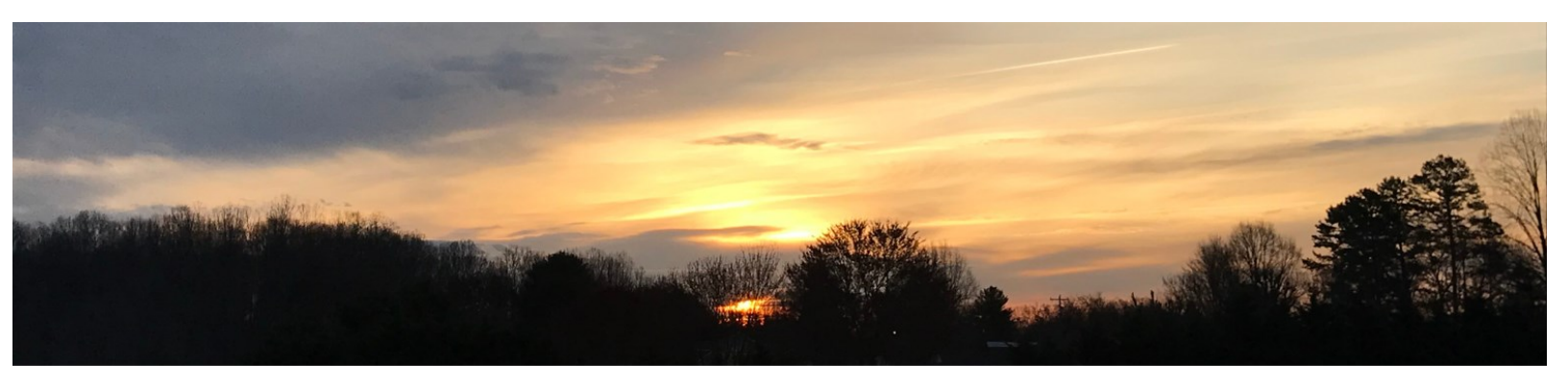
November 2024

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		
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3	4 WMU 11:30 a	5 Staff Relations 6:00 p	6	7	8	9
10	11 Finance 6:30p	12 Golden Agers Mrs.Hanes Cookies and Hamricks	13	14 Deacons Mtg 6:30 pm	15	16
17	18	19 Prayers and Squares 1:00 p	20 Friendsgiving 7p	21 Golden Agers Bingo	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30



December 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 Family Ministry Jingle Jam 5pm	2 WMU 11:30 a	3 Golden Agers Southern Supreme Staff Relations 6:00 p	4	5	6	7
8	9 Finance 6:30p	10	11	12	13	14 June Tilley FH
15	16	17 Prayers and Squares 1:00 p	18	19 Golden Agers Christmas Party Deacons Mtg 6:30 pm	20	21 Jill Smith FH
22	23 D. Jessup FH	24 Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31				



October Birthdays

2 Chloe Sloop
4 Frank Jessup
9 Pryce Taylor
11 Tatum Love
12 Elizabeth George
18 Iris Kuhl
20 Amber Bowman
23 Caleb Sloop
31 Pam Davis



Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Trevella Collins

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

Roxie Owens

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

Hazel Burkhart

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

Iris Kuhl

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

Homebound

Sue & Kelly Davis

6679 Westfield Road
Westfield, NC 27053

Marie Jessup

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

Edith Epperson

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

Barbara Lowe

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



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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 & Student Ministry

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

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