

**Opportunities Include**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
9:00 AM	Prayer at the Altar
9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Morning Worship
4:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice
5:00 PM	Student Ministry Training
5:30 PM	Orchestra Practice
6:00 PM	Evening Worship
<b>MONDAY</b>	
7:00 PM	Visitation
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
10:00 AM	Ladies Prayer Time
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
6:30 PM	Children's Summer Program
6:45 PM	Impact Student Ministry
7:00 PM	Adult Worship Service

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**July Birthdays**

7/01	Jack Sipe	7/22	Jamie Clark
7/02	Michelle Rounds	7/22	Georgia Oxendine
7/02	Caroline Wylie	7/23	Marie Brock
7/03	Amy Broome	7/24	Bob Barnes
7/03	Cheryl Caldwell	7/24	Pastor Walker
7/06	Hallie Crumpton	7/25	Jackie Lineberger
7/06	Susan Ellis	7/26	Billy King
7/06	Tony Luckey	7/28	Paul Lee
7/06	Evelyn Overcash	7/29	Gina Catoe
7/06	Jadan Rounds	7/29	Jim Mahan
7/08	Landon Broome	7/29	Taylor Stamey
7/08	Keith Caldwell	7/30	Bryan Field
7/08	Summer Hughes	7/30	Davis Whitley
7/10	John Coyle	7/31	Bradley Alexander
7/10	Cathy Noble	7/31	Devin Fesperman
7/10	Shelton Sikes	7/31	Louise Hoyle
7/11	Lana Arndt		
7/12	Christian Belcher		
7/13	Beulah Hayes		
7/14	Brennan Dodson		
7/16	Heather Erdel		
7/18	Luke Waldron		
7/19	Ryan Miller		
7/19	Charles Richardson		
7/19	Linda Stephens		
7/20	Margie Alexander		
7/20	Brooke Feltz		
7/21	Edwin Price		
7/21	Daniel Smith		

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**



**July Anniversaries**

7/01/67	Paul and Linda Stephens
7/01/67	Rev. and Charlene Young
7/03/60	Clint and Beverly Cartner
7/04/71	Kenneth and Alene Jones
7/05/02	Mike and Jennifer Young
7/15/77	Tom and Gladys Riggs
7/16/05	Chris and Tara Stancil
7/17/70	Steve and Judith Vincent
7/17/93	Larry and Renee Whitley
7/18/92	Mark and Rona Wilkinson
7/19/58	William and Laura Lewis
7/24/99	Scott and Kim Dodson
7/27/69	Jim and Debby Schronce



**The Anchor**

For the month of July 2011

I mentioned to you in our last church newsletter that we are seeking people who would write down for us the reasons why they joined and attend Westport Baptist Church and then we would choose one family to highlight each month in our newsletter. This month we have chosen a letter given to us from David and Rachel Ann Curtis. Below you can read their story. We appreciate this family very much. Rachel Ann is our church pianist and God is using David in mission work around the world. Their children grew up while they were members of Westport.

I want to thank those who have sent us their story of why they have joined our church and attend. We will choose another story to use in next month's newsletter, so if you have not sent us your story yet then please do so soon. We want to hear from you. And do not forget for every person's story we use they will receive a \$50.00 gift card to Wal-Mart. Congratulations to David and Rachel Ann Curtis.

**Pastor Mike Young**



**CURTIS, DAVID & RACHEL ANN  
 AMY, SARAH, PRESTON**

It was July 1986 when we came to Westport Baptist Church. Our children were ages 11, 8 and 4. There were several things we were looking for in a church, such as children's programs and an emphasis on good music. However, the most important thing to us was that the preaching, teaching and outreach of the church be Biblical. The pastor at that time was Garry Baldwin who, like Pastor Mike, is a preacher and teacher of the Word. It didn't take long for us to see that Westport Baptist Church had all the qualities we were looking for and more. The "icing on the cake," however, was and is the sweet and loving nature of our brothers and sisters in Christ here at Westport. There have been ups and downs in our fellowship since 1986, but we are here because the Lord wants us here. We thank God for the continuing peace He has given us these last twenty-five years as we minister together with our Westport family.



**Curtis, David and Rachel Ann**

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**Dates to Remember:**

- June 27-July 2, Youth Mission Trip
- July 4, CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- July 11-15, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- July 23, Youth Lake Party
- July 25-29, Children's Camp
- August 13, Community Visitation
- August 18, Senior Adult Trip to Flat Rock Playhouse
- August 20, Community Visitation
- August 24, Back To School Bash
- August 31, Awana Begins Again
- Sept. 11, Special 911 Service



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!**

## True Freedom

True freedom is not doing whatever you want; that is lawlessness. Jesus said it is being a new creation in Him and walking in His new way of life. George Bernard Shaw once said "Liberty means responsibility; that is why most men dread it." God created man with free will but choosing sin and selfishness enslaved us to corruption and death. True freedom is overcoming our rotten sinful nature with Christ's new nature by His Spirit. God has commissioned every Christian as a soldier bearing the sword of the gospel. Bring some excitement to your life and your Sunday School class by pursuing the lost and showing them the love of Christ.

True freedom is tied to obedience to God's Word. The Lord said "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" A Sunday School class can help you stay in the Word and stay connected to other Christians. Others help sharpen our swords and they encourage us to continue the fight for godliness and truth. Yes, you are free to lay out of a class, but you might be throwing away your real freedom in Christ. Listen to Christ's Word often and stay close to His heart. Practicing sin makes one the servant of sin, but applying Christ's truth will set you free!

I am thankful for our freedom fighters, those teachers who bravely each week share the Word that may convict and upset us, but frees us from the clutches of sin. Why not join them? How many around you need to be free in Christ? How much does America need to return to Christ and His Word to be set free immorality and decay? How long has it been since you invited a neighbor or coworker to your class or class party? Will you be faithful in attendance, faithful in living and faithful in sharing Christ? If so, then freedom will start to ring in hearts all around.

Pastor David Walker

(Preschool, children and adult workers, don't forget we meet at Westport, Sat. Aug. 6, 8:30a.m. to go to Salem for some great training. Saturday morning 8/20, will be for youth workers at Salem, 9-noon.)

## Student Ministry & Children's Ministry News:

As I am writing this article, there are seventeen of us in Norfolk, Virginia. We are part of about 300 people helping the people of the city through World Changers. They have prepared for several months now in order to be the hands and feet of Jesus. A few weeks ago our students went and served in the community by cleaning up at the Optimist Club and then followed it up by helping one of our church members. It was a firsthand experience of James 1:27. Our church family can be proud of our Student Ministry as they learn what service and missions is all about. I look forward to writing next month on all the great experiences that took place while in Norfolk.

On July 23 our students will have a Lake Party at the Perryman's house. It will be from 1:00pm till around 6:00pm. We will eat supper after having a fun time on the lake. Thank you in advance to the Perryman's for their hospitality.

Summer is flying by and before you know it July will be gone. This month will be busy for our children's ministry. On July 11<sup>th</sup> we have our first night of VBS followed by an action packed week at our Beach Bash while following Jesus. I pray you are making plans to bring your children and watch as our children grow in their faith. On that Friday night July 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a Family Fun Night. We will kick off the evening with our children performing the songs of Son Surf Beach Bash followed with all the parents going with their child to Bible class. As each class finishes their class we will have pizza, sno cones, ice cream and of course some water games for everyone.

Remember these Dates:

July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Vacation Bible School 6:30pm-8:30pm

July 25<sup>th</sup> – Leave for Children's Camp

July 29<sup>th</sup> – Return home from Camp

Pastor John Waldron



"Then you will know  
the truth,  
and the truth  
will set you free."

John 8:32

## Words of Note

Do you ever just stop and think sometimes about church and the music we sing and play? Who wrote it? Where were they born? What was the occasion? What inspired the writer? Do we continue to sing the song? Do we know the song? Is it a favorite? What does the song really say? What's the message in it? Think of the current songs you know that are sung at church or on your child's "ipod". What are they listening to? Do you really know? Better check it out.

Let me tell you a story about a well known hymn. Ever notice when at funerals or special occasions with Christians, especially, the music that is used? It's not the current "fad" or current "wave" or whatever, it's the solid hymns we have known for years. Know why? THEY SAY SOMETHING!!

Oh yeah, the hymn: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

A friend of mine, Lindsay Terry, compiled a book of Musical Memos and did extensive study on several well known hymns such as this one. The town is Port Hope, Canada. A monument is being erected, not for the leading citizen who just died, but for a poor, unselfish, working man who gave most of his life helping those who couldn't repay him.

Joseph Scriven was born in Dublin in 1820. In this youth, Ireland had the prospect of a great citizen with high ideals and great aspirations. He was engaged to a lovely lass who promised to share his exalted dreams. On the eve of their wedding, her body was pulled from a pond into which she had accidentally fallen and drowned. Young Scriven never overcame the shock. Although a graduate of Trinity College, and ready to embark on a brilliant career, he began to wander trying to forget. His journey took him to Canada where he spent his last 41-66 years. He became very devout in his Christian beliefs. The belief's drove him to servile labor for poor widows and sick people, not requiring any pay.

It was not known that Mr. Scriven had any poetic gifts until a short time before his death. A friend, who was sitting with him in an illness, discovered a poem that he had written to his mother in a time of sorrow, not intending that anyone else should see it. Some time later his body, just as his youthful lover's, was pulled from a small lake near his lonely home. The poem that his neighbor discovered while at his home was: "What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear, What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer, Oh what peace we often forfeit; Oh what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer."

A good scripture verse for this is 1st Peter 5:7. "Casting all your care upon him, for He careth for you." The poem later was set to music and has become one of the best loved of all gospel songs written. Mr Scriven will be remembered as the man who helped others when they couldn't help themselves. Have you helped someone today? If you know the song, sing it to yourself today.

Make sure your children learn the hymns. They will stay with them all through their lives. All the "hip-hop, blam-blam, racket-making, noise-breaking" stuff will come and go. Not the hymns. Know why? THEY SAY SOMETHING!!! Tell God today you're thankful for these men of old that felt His presence on their lives.

May the Lord bless you, Pastor Jerry Mattheiss

## When the Bible Speaks Luke 19:8 **"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord;..."**

When Luke was writing the gospel news or the history of the early church, he never tried to bring attention to himself. He always addressed the main character in the scripture. For instance, in the book of Acts, he used the pronoun "us" or "we" in the text so the reader can ascertain Luke had joined Paul or that Paul had come to his location. I believe this is outstanding for the personality of Luke - don't look at me - look at the person actually doing the work for Jesus Christ. In Luke's writings, he introduced himself in a subtle way, and you have to read the scriptures carefully to understand what Luke was doing.

In the scripture verse above, Luke said something profound when he referred to Zacchaeus' respond to the statement Jesus said about going to Zacchaeus' home. Normally, Luke would have said **"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto" Jesus**, but he did not; Luke called Jesus **"Lord."** This tells me that Jesus was Luke's **"Lord."**

What a great testimony Luke made about Jesus, and we can say that also: that Jesus Christ is our **"Lord!"**

Pastor Don Greene

Upcoming Activities for the Jolly Seniors in July July 19th - Lunch at the Box Car grill.

