

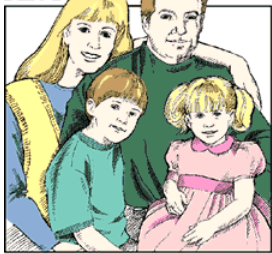


# The Anchor

For the month of June 2011

I had an idea the other day I want to share with you in this article. I've been asking some of our people what brought them to Westport Baptist Church? And why do they attend here? We all know there are "many" churches in our area for people to attend but all those who have joined our church and attend our church have a reason for doing so. So I thought I would ask our people to write down in a letter the reasons why they attend Westport Baptist Church and give it to us to read. We are going to read them and each month in our newsletter we are going to choose one to print in the Anchor along with a picture of the family or person who wrote it. To encourage people to write this for us we are going to give a \$50.00 Wal-mart gift card to everyone whose article we use. We will use a total of four. You can send your article to Susie here at the church by email [wbcSusie@bellsouth.net](mailto:wbcSusie@bellsouth.net) or you can give it to her when you come to church. I'm hoping that many of our church families will respond.

PHOTOS



Now being taken for the Church Directory

Another thing we have going here at our church is we're trying to get "every member" involved in our new Pictorial Directory. We have had many people join our church since our last directory was done so a new directory is needed. This time we are trying something new. Susie had the idea that she along with some help from a few others could put together our own directory without the help of an outside company. We have some people in our church who have volunteered to take pictures of our members. You or your family may have already had your picture taken by someone the past few weeks here at the church, I know many have. But this is one of those things we do that "every member" needs to help us with. We want as many pictures of our families and members as we can get in our new directory so if you haven't had your picture taken yet then please plan to get it taken this Sunday. Susie will be in the church foyer at the visitor's center before and after church to give you directions. It will not take you but a few minutes to do this, so please plan to help us with this. This is one of those things we need for our church families so our people can learn who one another are. God has been so good to us to send us many new members since our last pictorial directory and we want everyone to know who you are.

In just a few short weeks school will be out for another year and summer will be here. People are planning their summer vacations. I trust that those of you who are fortunate to get to go on vacation will have a good, safe trip and a happy time with your family. Some kids will be going off to summer camps. Some teens will be going on a mission trip to help people with needs. Everyone just seems to be busier during the summer enjoying the things God has given to us. I pray that during these summer months our people will remain faithful as most have been in the past. Faithful in your attendance! Faithful in your giving! Faithful in your service to what the Lord has given you to do here at our church. I hope when you go on a vacation you will take time to go to church somewhere. Sometimes we come back to our own church more appreciative of what we have when we do this.

Pastor Mike Young

## June

### Dates to Remember:

- June 4, Youth Car Wash
- June 5, Senior Graduation Service
- June 12, Pre-project meeting for Parents and Students going on the Mission Trip
- June 18, Youth Carwinds Concert
- June 19, Father's Day
- June 27-July 2, Youth Mission Trip
- July 11-15, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- July 25-29, Children's Camp
- August 13, Community Visitation
- August 18, Senior Adult Trip to Flatrock Playhouse
- August 20, Community Visitation
- August 24, Back To School Bash
- August 31, Awana Begins Again

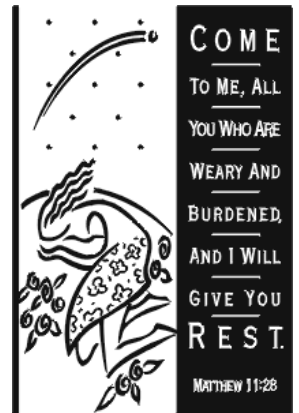


## *Vacation or Rest?*

Summer vacation often means “go to the beach” and we come home exhausted. Jesus said “Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”(Mt.11:28) Only in Jesus do we find rest from sin and sorrow. He did not say “Do!”, but “Come!” Many spoiled babies had rejected his call to salvation, but submissive children had yielded and been delivered from sin’s shackles. If we want true rest we must come trust Jesus as Lord of our lives. “Take my yoke upon you!” Jesus says; team up with Me! Take Jesus into your heart by faith; surrender to His leadership and walk with Him. He will walk you into a Sunday School class to learn of Him and He will walk you into a neighbor’s yard to share the offer of God’s salvation. Christians, we must take Christ’s yoke upon us to put off our burdens and put on power. Are you burdened with grief over the death of a loved one? Spend time with Jesus and off load some of that burden. Are you defeated by a habit? Team up with The Lord’s power and let Him set you free. “Ye shall find rest unto your souls.” Salvation gives you peace with God, but supplication gives you the peace OF God. “in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God ..shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Are you fretting or are you praying with thanksgiving? Are you doubting or are you trusting? Are you trying or are you resting in the Lord?

After Jesus said “take my yoke,” he said “learn of Me.” God is teaching us through the trials and crises of life. He did not call us to understand all things but to TRUST Him in all things. Jesus said He, The Lord, is meek and lowly in heart. His followers must just humbly take the hits of life and trust His grace to see us through. Taking Christ’s yoke is also taking up the cross and dying to self. Daily dying is hard, but His resurrection power is worth it. Let us come, take up Christ’s yoke, for that alone frees our souls! Let’s hurry to invite others to Jesus! Sunday School is about being Team Jesus, together winning souls!

Pastor David Walker



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## *Student Ministry & Children’s Ministry News:*

We want to also say “Congratulations” to our graduates this year as well as each student that completed another school year. As you reflect back over your years in High School, I pray that you will be able to smile on all the memories. As well, that you will have made an Impact for the Savior while on the mission field of your campus. With the closing of one chapter of your life, you walk into a new beginning. Whether it is heading off to College or entering the work force, always remember to keep your eyes focused on God’s will for your life. He has promised that He will always be there for you! So again, we say Congratulation to the class of 2011!

Just want to remind everyone that on June 4<sup>th</sup> our students want to help clean your car, truck, van, and even campers (yes I have been asked if we will wash a camper) to help raise money for their mission trip. One of our local businesses has graciously allowed us to use their business to hold the event. So come on down from 8am-1pm on that Saturday to 1<sup>st</sup> Impressions Auto Care and watch as our students spread some suds!

### Upcoming Important Dates:

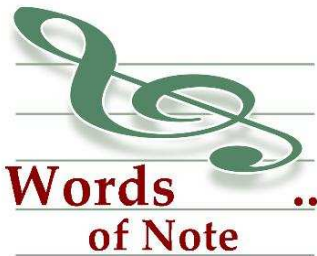
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Money due for Carowinds Trip    June 18<sup>th</sup> – Carowinds Trip
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Car Wash Fundraiser for Mission Trip (8am-1pm)
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Mission Trip Final Meeting for Parents/Students (Mandatory)
- June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> Leave for World Changers Mission Trip to Norfolk, VA

Our Summer Program is off to a great start. The teachers and assistants have been teaching the children about living for the Lord as His special agents. If you haven’t brought your children yet, don’t miss out on the adventures. Your children will have the opportunity to enjoy singing, bible studies, and just some plain out fun worshipping the Savior.

Also, I want to remind everyone to mark their calendars for July 11-15 for Vacation Bible School each night from 6:30-8:30pm. Our theme this year is one of my favorite, a Beach Bash, called SonSurf. If you thought about volunteering your time, but feel like its too late, don’t worry there is always room for you. Just go to our Church website and click on the VBS link and register to be a volunteer. There is always plenty of ways for you to use your abilities and talents for the Savior. Let’s get busy inviting our neighbors and friends for a great time at the SonSurf Beach Bash. Registration is already open and can be accessed through our link on the website.

Pastor John Waldron





Hey! You breathing now? Think about it! You breathe even without knowing it. It's automatic. Have you ever read in the book of Psalms chapter 150 verse 6 where it says, "Everything that hath breath, praise the Lord?" Do you praise him? Go look it up, it's there and that means me and you should praise Him in everything we do.



Let everything  
that has  
breath praise  
the LORD.

Psalm 150:6

We, in the music department are well aware of the fact that it's our joy to praise Him with music. The choir, the orchestra, the ones that play the piano and organ and also the ones that sing specials each service, that's what we do. This pleases the Lord. "Everything that hath breath, praise the Lord." You may say, "but I don't sing in the choir or play in instrument." You're in the congregation, do you sing? You say, "But I can't carry a tune in the bucket." Don't you think the Lord knows that?

Did you know your singing, regardless of how bad you may think, sounds just as good to Him as the choir's does? Remember, He made you. He knows. Man, I've heard some folk and I'm so glad He does know and fixes it for Heaven to hear. Just make a joyful noise unto the Lord, as the Word says. You'll be glad you did.

The choir is learning some new music and we're excited to be singing them for services in the real near future. I have found a song that I have been trying to find ever since coming to Westport. It's a song that I have used before, years ago, and I'm so excited for you that I can hardly wait to learn it with the choir. It has a part that reads during the background music and tells the names of God for each book of the Bible. It starts with Genesis and ends with Revelations. By the time the narration ends with Revelations, the choir begins with "No other name but the name of Jesus," your soul will be thrilled.

By the way; I don't want to forget about our orchestra. I know there are some of you that used to play an instrument. Maybe you were in the school band and haven't played in a while, that's ok. If you come in each Sunday and play what you can, you'll be surprised how much will come back to your memory. I would love to hear from you and talk about it. Don't hesitate.

We're always looking for folk to sing in the choir also. Would love to have more men. Ladies, you're welcomed also. Practice is each Sunday from 4:30 until 5:45. pm. I'm praying for 50 singers each Sunday. You want to be a part of the choir? You breathing? God says, "Everything that hath breath, praise the Lord."

I'll be looking for you. Come join the excitement! Let's praise Him together. Keep on singing!!

Pastor Jerry Mattheiss

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**Kindness** Acts 9:26 *"And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple."*

When Saul (his Hebrew name and Paul his Gentile name) witnessed the stoning of Stephen, the Spirit of God convicted him due to what Stephen said in Acts 7:60. We never know how our words can affect the behavior of another person. Saul's efforts reflected the behavior of someone under conviction - they get worst in their actions. Saul got involved in reaping havoc on the believers, but his Damascus road experience made a new man out of him!

After a few years, Saul came to Jerusalem to join with the disciples in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to an unbelieving group of people. He was hesitant due to his previous life as a persecutor of the church, and he knew the disciples would have difficulties in accepting him as one of their own. Barnabas received Saul as a brother and brought him to the disciples, and because of Barnabas' kindness to Saul, the disciples accepted Saul into their group.

Kindness is an attitude that can go much further than words can take you.

Upcoming June Activities for the Jolly Seniors

June 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday school class outing at Shelby Sander's home

(More information is forthcoming)

Pastor Don Greene



## Opportunities Include

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

7:00 PM	Visitation
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### TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Ladies Prayer Time
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### WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM	Children's Summer Program
6:45 PM	Impact Student Ministry
7:00 PM	Adult Worship Service

### Important Information on how we can be contacted:

Website - [www.westportbaptist.net](http://www.westportbaptist.net)

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# June Birthdays

6/01	Bella Lee	6/25	Bayli Bryan
6/02	Sammie Atwell	6/25	Jennifer McGinnis
6/02	Leona Hall	6/25	Sean Rounds
6/02	Todd Taylor	6/26	Ruth Hatfield
6/04	Bob Mann	6/26	Christy Roche
6/04	Kevin Mason	6/26	Mary Wylie
6/05	Christy Anderson	6/27	Lahna Stancil
6/06	Caleb Anderson		
6/07	Hannah Lanning		
6/08	Linda Gibson	6/04/55	Loyd and Bobbie Ridenhour
6/08	Tyler Perryman	6/05/76	David and April Walker
6/08	Alisa Wilson	6/08/96	Jody and Christy Anderson
6/09	Barbara Perryman	6/09/07	Brody and Denise Taylor
6/10	Mark Wilkinson	6/11/71	Jerry and Wilma Hudgins
6/11	Mark McGinnis	6/12/04	Clint and Rebecca Spicer
6/12	Wayne Brock	6/13/71	Jim and Nancy Stewart
6/13	Chris Belcher	6/15/06	Jack and Ana Jones
6/14	Louise Burgess	6/15/63	Charles and Michelle Williams
6/14	Vivian Cartee	6/16/56	Gerald and Carolyn Johnson
6/14	Colton Clark	6/17/85	Mel and Dee Owens
6/17	Karen Bumgarner	6/17/66	Larry and Jean Walker
6/18	Alene Jones	6/20/08	Jason and Courtney Wylie
6/18	John Ragan	6/24/61	Jerry and Lucia Boone
6/19	Seth Irvin	6/24/71	John and Kay Ragan
6/19	Charles Whitley	6/24/72	Jerry and Jan Rodgers
6/23	Chancellor Sikes	6/25/60	Wayne and Marie Brock
6/23	Mike Young, III	6/25/82	Mike and Kathy Watts
6/24	Zachary McGinnis	6/26/04	Derek and Brooke Feltz
		6/27/98	Larry and Heather Morris



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

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