

# The Anchor

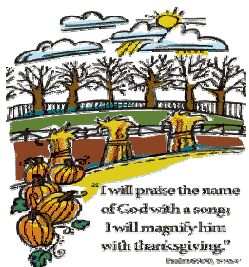


For the month of October 2011



## Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 9, Deacon Ordination PM Service
- Oct. 16, Quarterly Business Meeting
- Oct. 18, Senior Adult Trip to Mt. Airy
- Oct. 19, Wednesday Night Supper
- Oct. 21, Free Dental Clinic Dr. Wilmer's Office
- Oct. 23, Communion PM Service
- Oct. 30, 5th Sunday Night Music
- October 31,  
HALLELUJAH  
PARTY  
6:30-8:30 pm
- Nov. 7, 8 and 10,  
Upward Evaluations
- Nov. 11, Awana Sparks Movie Night
- Nov. 17, Choir Practice 7 pm
- Nov. 18, Awana T&T Lock-In
- Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Meal
- Nov. 23, No Wednesday Evening service
- Nov. 24, THANKSGIVING
- Nov. 26, Preliminary Decorating for Hanging of the Greens
- Nov. 27, HANGING OF THE GREENS PM Service



I wonder how many of our church members know we have a Church Covenant and what it says? The dictionary defines a “Covenant” as, “*A solemn agreement to do certain things between two or more persons or groups.*” If we search the Scripture we would find many times where covenants were made between “God and Man,” “people with people,” “countries with other countries.”

A church covenant is a voluntary agreement by members of a church whereby they promise to conduct their lives in such a way as to glorify God and promote the ongoing of His church. In other words “nobody is going to force any member of Westport Baptist Church to do what the church covenant says all members are suppose to do.” However, every member of our church should strive to do what the church covenant says, because it is an agreement between every member and our church.

I thought it would be a good thing to print Westport Baptist Church’s covenant on the front of this month’s Anchor so every member could be reminded of the covenant that was made with the church when they became a member. So please read over our “Church Covenant” carefully so all will understand our duties to each other.

## WESTPORT BAPTIST’S CHURCH COVENANT

The church covenant is a voluntary agreement by members of a Baptist Church whereby they promise to conduct their lives in such a way as to glorify God and promote the ongoing of His church. Every member should study it carefully, refer to it often, and seek to live by it. It clearly outlines the obligations of church membership. The form of covenant is as follows:



Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s Word.

I ran across this poem by Russel Kelfer and thought you might enjoy reading it.

*You are who you are for a reason; you're part of an intricate plan.  
You're a precious and perfect unique design, called God's special woman or man.*

*You look like you look for a reason, our God makes no mistakes.  
He knit you together within the womb, you're just what He wanted to make.*

*The parents you have are the ones He chose and no matter how you may feel,  
they were custom-designed with God's plan in mind, and they bear the Master's seal.*

*No, that trauma you faced was not easy, and God wept that it hurt you so,  
but it was allowed to shape your heart, so that into His likeness you'd grow.*

*You are who you are for a reason; you've been formed by the Master's rod,  
You are who you are beloved, because there is a God.*



Pastor Don Greene

Activities for Jolly Seniors    October 18 - Mount Airy

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Can you believe it? Summer has come and gone! Where in the world does the time go? Vacations, birthdays, family reunions, homecomings, you name it, all kinds of reasons to have something to look forward to during the year. Well, you know what? There's still lot's of good times left to look forward to around here at Westport.

We're excited about our "Hallelujah Party" at the end of October for everyone. Now, this is a big fun time. Time for the whole family, together to enjoy. Oh yeah! What about Thanksgiving? Don't forget that. We always have a much thankful time in our church during this particular time. How thankful we are about how God has blessed us. I know in the music ministry here, I'm always thankful for the opportunity to be here and how God has blessed with such tremendous folk to work with.

I think of our choir. What a blessing they are to me, personally. I actually look forward to each Sunday evening for choir practice. They encourage me. The Lord has given us some wonderful, talented folk. The next time you see one of them, thank them for being a blessing for their singing. What would our services be without them? (flat and dull) Oh we have great preaching but without a choir, don't even think about it.

Right now the choir is preparing for Christmas. Another big Sunday for us. That's December 18th in our morning service. We're learning a new cantata, "Mary, Did You Know?" It also has a dvd along with the story. Don't even think about missing this. Lot's of beautiful music involved. You will love it.

How about the duet not long ago with Kim Taylor and Erin Hudgins? Wasn't that good? There will be more exciting specials in the future. Oh Yeah, the last Sunday in October we will have lots and lots of good music in our evening service. Plans are already in the making. You never know who you'll hear singing or playing that night. Come see for yourself.

Help me pray for our orchestra. We need about three or four more players. Need a trumpet player and trombone player along with any other orchestra type player. We meet with them each Sunday at 5:30 in the auditorium. We do still have some faithful folk and I really appreciate them. What an addition to our song services on Sunday's.

If you play an instrument please come see me after church. I'll be happy to talk with you. Also the choir. We're always looking for singers. It wouldn't hurt my feelings if we had 50-60 singers with 15-20 orchestra players. Now that would be something, wouldn't it? God's willing, are you? Jump in, the water's fine. You'll be glad you did. Better go. You've had enough of me for now. Love you.



Lord bless you, Pastor Jerry Mattheiss

## The Heart of Our Problems

The heart of our national and personal problems is always our hearts. If we really loved the Lord with all our hearts and really loved our neighbors like ourselves, we would not be hurting, only helping one another. The Great Physician diagnosed it "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it? I the Lord search the heart.. to give to every man according to his ways.." (Jer.17). He warned the Pharisees "cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter that the outside of them may be clean also" (Mt.23:26). Christians can also clean up the exterior without dealing with inner rotteness. We need the Lord's control, not self-control, His righteousness, not self-righteousness. In the Sermon on the Mount, the first beatitude is on the poor in spirit, those who confess their brokenness and ask the King to rule their hearts. Does not our prayer need to be "Lord Jesus, I am in such spiritual need; come reign in me?"



*renew a right spirit  
within me...(Ps.51:10)*

The Jews thought the heart was more than the center of emotions. The heart was the sum total of the inner man, your control tower, your cockpit. Proverbs 4:23 says "Above all else guard your heart, for it is the well-spring of life." Don't let polluting programs and dirty thoughts be dumped into the well. Allow the Holy Spirit, the well of living water flow through your life. Jesus gives us this beautiful stream when we place our faith in Him. How is the state of your heart? It determines whether you lose your cool or keep it, whether you slander or keep quiet, whether you help a needy neighbor or ignore her. Let's pray "Create in ME a pure heart O God, renew a right spirit within me.."(Ps.51:10).

The Heart of your problem is the problem of your heart. Abide in Jesus! Fill up with Him and it will push out the bad. Renew your mind by surrendering to His Word. Dig into God's Word at home and also come grow together in a Sunday School class. May God fill our hearts with His truth and love.

You are in my heart, Pastor David Walker

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## Student Ministry & Children's Ministry News:

Our Awana program began Wednesday, September 7th. We have seen it grow in numbers each week. We have had 110 children on a Wednesday night already!! We have had 12 children to come forward for salvation or reassurance of salvation. To God be the Glory!! Thank you Awana leaders and workers for all your hard work!

Larry and Renee Whitley, and Gina Catoe are leading the youth. They continue to average 35 students on Wednesday evenings. Thank you for your hard work too.

Continue to pray for our children and youth program, also continue to pray as we search for the man that God would have us to call as Youth and Children's Pastor.



## **Hallelujah Party! HELP NEEDED!!!!!!**

**October 31st - 6:30-8:30 pm**

Our Youth are going to be working hard on this Monday night, and we need adults to please come along side them and help out. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule for different areas that we need help with. Please sign up!!

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### **YOU ARE INVITED!**

Ladies meet each Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Prayer Room in the Annex Building for a time of prayer.

You are invited to come and join us, it will truly make your day; a blessing to you and our Heavenly Father.

God   
Answers  
Prayers

**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

**TUESDAY**

10:00 AM Ladies Prayer Time

**WEDNESDAY**

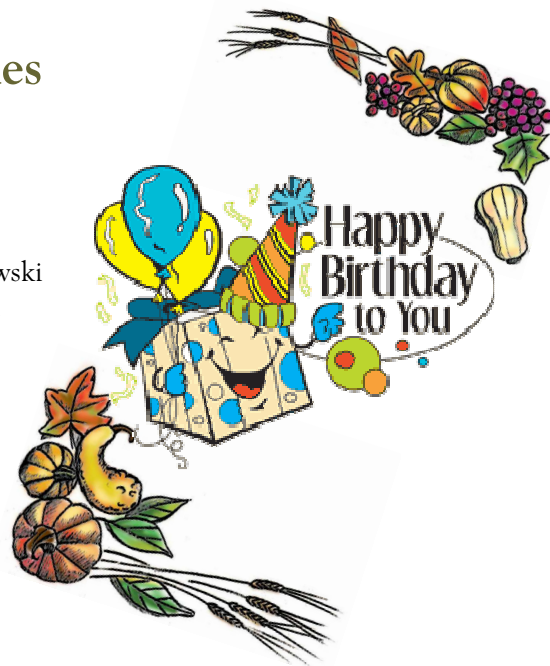
6:30 PM Impact Student Ministry  
 7:00 PM Summer Children's Program  
 7:00 PM Adult Worship Service

# October Birthdays

10/01 Brayden Cooke	10/17 Kevin Zhao	10/27 William Erdel
10/04 Nathan Wilkinson	10/20 Loyd Ridenhour	10/27 Destaney Gibson
10/06 Savannah Taylor	10/21 Vance Carpenter	10/27 Sarah Mauney
10/07 Cindy Mason	10/21 Jesse Hazzard	10/28 Joshua Jones
10/07 Allan Owen	10/22 Callie Taylor	10/28 Debby Schronce
10/10 Christine Goodman	10/23 Heather Morris	10/28 Janice Still
10/11 Ab Arndt	10/24 Jim Schronce	10/29 Paul Smith
10/14 Carolyn Johnson	10/25 Allen Clark	10/29 Atalaya Young
10/17 Damon Helms	10/25 Angie Hutto	10/30 Greg Hudgins
10/17 Pat Lukowski	10/26 Ginger Porter	

# October Anniversaries

10/02/76 Jerry and Rita Miller  
 10/05/91 Max and Monique Sims  
 10/06/84 Tony and Grace Rippy  
 10/14/67 Rex and Cindy Mason  
 10/16/80 Donald and Gloria Pienkowski  
 10/17/98 William and Heather Erdel  
 10/23/54 Audrey and Margaret Bass  
 10/28/51 Jimmie and Margaret Allen  
 10/28/95 Chad and Becky Perryman



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