

The Anchor



For the month of September 2011

SEPTEMBER

Dates to Remember:

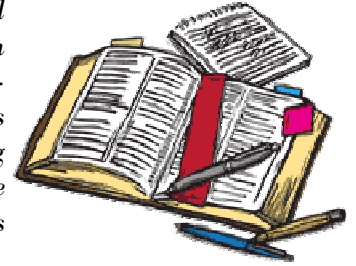
- Sept. 5, LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSED
- Sept. 6, First Day of Preschool
- Sept. 21, Wed. Night Supper
- Sept. 27, Deacon's Meeting
- Oct. 18, Senior Adult Trip to Mt. Airy
- Oct. 21, Free Dental Clinic Dr. Wilmer's Office
- Oct. 31, HALLELUJAH PARTY
- Nov. 11, Awana Sparks Movie Night
- Nov. 18, Awana T&T Lock-In
- Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Meal

**Our
Weekday
Preschool
starts
September 6th**

MMO for children who are at least one year old and walking, and classes for 2, 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Please call the preschool at 704-483-5835.

Several months ago I asked the membership of our church to please send us a letter telling us why they joined Westport Baptist Church. I want to thank everyone who sent us their letter, and I apologize if your letter was never used in our church newsletter. Today's letter was given to us by Alene Jones. Most everyone knows who Alene is because of her enthusiasm, friendliness and faithfulness to our church. Ken has an illness that prohibits him from coming to church many Sundays, but Alene is very faithful. Below are just some of the reasons why Alene and Ken are members of our church. I trust you will enjoy what she wrote.

"Ken and I joined Westport Baptist Church on Sunday April 22nd, 2007. We started coming to Westport Baptist with a friend to the Jolly Seniors Sunday School Class get-together programs. We came to church three Sunday's and then joined. It is so good to come to a church where the Pastor preaches the Bible so people can understand the messages. There are too many churches where you do not take your Bibles to follow the Scriptures as it is being read. Here we open our Bibles so we can follow the sermons. If Bibles are not opened and followed, how can anyone understand the message? Bibles in the pews are not for looks, but for us to use in every church service.



Our Choir Director, Pastor Jerry Mattheiss teaches the music, and he has prayer at every practice. He is a very talented Music Director. You should join the choir and be there to understand how important the choir is to our church.

Our Jolly Seniors Sunday School Class is growing and Pastor Don Greene and other teachers are very devoted to all the members. The trips we take are very rewarding and special to everyone who goes.

The Church staff has a lot of matters every day and with the Deacons they all deserve a lot of credit that keeps our church in order. How great!

We surely are blessed with wonderful people here at Westport Baptist. People who are thoughtful and caring when illnesses comes into our lives.

With God's Great Love, Ken and Alene Jones



Sunday, September 11, 2011 @ 10:30 am
Ten Years "We Will Remember"
Special Service to remember
the innocent thousands,
their families
and Heroes!



Precious Faith

1 Peter 1:7 *“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:”*

One of the definitions of trials is “A state of pain or anguish caused by a difficult situation or condition” (The American Heritage Dictionary). We all face difficult times in our lives. At times of trials, it is very hard to see any benefit from those difficulties because our understanding is dimmed by the circumstances surrounding us at that time. Trials bring out of us real attributes that identify the quality or type of person we really are. Trials are not a punishment from the Lord, but a manifestation of His love to strengthen our faith in Him. Your faith in God is *“...much more precious than of gold...”* and His loving kindness to us has the potential to make us stronger Christians.

The world is depending upon us to demonstrate that living for Jesus is meaningful and worthwhile.

Upcoming Activities for the Jolly Seniors in October
October 18th - Senior Adult Trip to Mt. Airy

Pastor Don Greene

A lady came through the office this morning and said, "Boy, the music was good yesterday!" That's always good to hear and I was reminded of all the hard work everyone puts in to make it a great day. The choir, orchestra, special singers, accompanists, and the congregation. You put all those folk together, and you have a great combination of singing and playing praises to the Lord!



I thoroughly enjoy hearing music sung and played to honor Him. And when we're at it, do it with everything we have. Put ourselves into each song. Nothing inspires me more than to see folk in the congregation singing, whether they think they can sing or not. I can tell by just watching. After spending ALL my life in church, you do learn something once in a while.

Someone in choir practice mentioned the song, "Amazing Grace". Everyone knows this song. Do you know who wrote it? Where it came from? What was the occasion? Glad you asked: John Newton wrote it, "A clerk, once an infidel and libertine. A servant of slaves in Africa, by the rich mercy of Jesus Christ, preserved, restored and pardoned, and appointed to preach the Faith he had long labored to destroy for 16 years at Olney in Bucks and years in this church."

That was his epitaph, written by his own hand. He had a deeply religious mother that taught him the Word of God since early years of his life. After two years of schooling he went to sea with his father, a skipper and for eighteen years sailed the seven seas. Six years were spent as captain of a slave ship which landed some of its human freight in Charleston, SC. Newton grew into a wild, profligate and blasphemous sailor.

On a voyage from Brazil the young sailor read "Imitation Of Christ" by Thomas a Kempis. As a vicious storm threatened to sink his ship he began to think of the Christ in the book. He was soon converted and became an ardent student of the bible. He resigned as a sailor in 1748 to go preach the Gospel. He studied for 16 long years and finally was ordained and sent to pastor a small church in Olney. Upon reaching the age of eighty he was urged to give up preaching because of eyesight and he replied, "What! Shall the old African blasphemer stop while he can speak?" In his last days, Captain John Newton went to the pulpit as a sailor and preached the unsearchable riches of the grace of God.

He gave the world the blessed song "Amazing Grace" while still at the church in Olney. Now you know who, when, where, and what of the song, "Amazing Grace". Probably everyone that lives has heard the song, one time or another. You have also. What a great song and we still sing it. Now, that's music, don't you think? Not some little "diddy" with three words that doesn't mean one thing. I love the hymns. God is honored and the Gospel is given. You never have to wonder what's being sung. Oh well, thanks for listening today. Hope you've learned something!

Lord bless you, Pastor Jerry Mattheiss

Changes, But The Same Lord

This Sunday begins a new quarter and a new Sunday School year. We will miss Pastor Waldron teaching the senior highs and Carla who has taught preschoolers and middle schoolers. We pray God's grace to be abundant on them and open the right doors of ministry. Let them know you have appreciated their ministry and are thankful for them.



Pray for people to hear the call of God to fill the opportunities to disciple children and youth for our Lord. I am thankful for Shelly Sikes who has started teaching the first and second grade children; Cheryl Richardson will be available as a substitute for the classes. Kids have moved up. April Walker has taken the two and three year old class and needs a helper. Changes can be hard, but when we depend on the Lord they become opportunities to grow in grace and character.

When we experience a sense of loss it drives us to the Lord. Paul was in prison with his life on the line when he wrote "Being confident of this very thing that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ"(Phil.1:6). Paul was willing to lose everything "for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. And do count them but dung that I may win Christ"(3:7). A close walk with Christ is our prize, to know the power of His resurrection. But first we have to die to self and that hurts! I need revival. I want revival of my spirit and in our church. God, change ME and make me more like Jesus, Help ME know what you want me to do and fill me with your power. I surrender that I might know your victory.

We have the same Lord today and the same commission; "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." "All power is given unto Me" Jesus said. Go faithfully and obediently and be a channel of His power and salvation.

I love you all and I am thankful for your service to our Lord,
Pastor David Walker



Student Ministry & Children's Ministry News:

The students have returned to school and some are in college. As Pastor Walker stated above...change, but the same Lord. Our students all face changes and new challenges as they start a new year at school. Please be in prayer for them and their families as they strive to be a witness for Jesus to all those around them on a daily basis.

Our children will be going to Camp Longridge for WinterBlast on December 10 thru 13th. So if your child wants to see what a camp experience is like with only being gone a short amount of time, this is the ticket! This is for children ages 8-12 and the cost is \$75 for the weekend. A deposit of \$25 is due by October 16th to hold their spot. They will learn about the true meaning of Christmas and be led in worship by the counselors they met this summer.

Our youth will be attending Winter Xtreme winter conference again this December. Our group has already been counted among the many groups that will be there. Again, we will hear from great preachers and some great music as we gather to worship our Lord. The cost this year will be \$129 per student; this includes room, conference, and transportation. A deposit of \$25 is due by October 16th to hold your students place. So, don't delay. Sign up to worship with us in Gatlinburg!

**The Reggie Saddler Family
In Concert
Sunday, September 18th
@ 6:00 pm**



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

September Birthdays

9/01 Steve Vincent	9/13 Brandi Bryan	9/21 Cynthia Benton
9/02 Charles Williams	9/13 John Bryan	9/22 Derek Feltz
9/04 Nancy Stewart	9/13 Brenda Hardin	9/23 Barry Still
9/05 Jerry Boone	9/14 Timothy Bosley	9/26 Andrew Gribbins
9/06 Jackie Clark	9/14 Pastor Mattheiss	9/27 Edith Casey
9/06 Teresa Nash	9/15 Ginny Ledford	9/28 Evelyn Gregory
9/08 Agnes Sipe	9/15 Beverly Weston	9/28 Tony Rippy
9/09 Lisa Lineberger	9/16 Jesse Carpenter	9/29 Arthur McLaren
9/09 Amanda Owen	9/17 Chad Perryman	9/29 Ethan Morris
9/10 Charles Hazzard	9/18 Marsha Kent	9/30 Bobby Chandler
9/10 Penny Stevenson	9/19 Arthur Wilson	9/30 Jim Raynor
9/11 Bill Sherrill		

Important Information on how we can be contacted:

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September Anniversaries

9/04/65	Paul and Donita Smith
9/05/58	Frank and Louise Burgess
9/07/57	Bradley and Margie Alexander
9/10/07	Kevin and Emily Bosley
9/10/66	Arthur and Barbara Wilson
9/12/92	Joe and Alisa Wilson
9/16/95	Fred and Katherine VonCannon
9/18/71	Jackie and Gail Lineberger
9/20/67	Barry and Barbara Perryman
9/22/01	Todd and Kim Taylor
9/25/99	Ron and Lib Godfrey
9/30/00	Jason and Amanda Owen

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