



# West Wind

**August 2011**

**Westwood Baptist Church**

*Joining God in His Work*

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## Church Staff

Mike Eddinger, Pastor  
Keith Vaughn, Associate Pastor  
Caroline Allen, Minister of  
Music & Worship  
Michelle Anderson, Minister of Youth  
Becky Bullock, Administrative Assistant  
Tracy Gonzalez, Secretary  
Becky Gilfillan, Deacon Chair  
Diane Owens, Pianist  
Kim Taylor, Organist

## Church Office Hours

Monday ~ Friday, 9:00am—4:00pm

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday

8:30am Orchestra Rehearsal  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
10:45am Sunrise Ministry  
5:30pm Puppet Ministry  
6:30pm YAC (Youth Center)

### Monday

4:00pm Youth Handbells  
7:15pm Adult Handbells

### Tuesday

6:30am Prayer Breakfast  
4:00PM Children's Handbells  
6:30 pm ESL  
7:00pm GriefShare

### Wednesday

5:15pm Fellowship Meal  
6:00pm Nursery  
6:00pm Youth Missions  
6:00pm Preschool & Children's  
Music & Missions  
6:30pm Prayer & Bible Study  
6:30pm Men's & Women's Bible  
Studies  
6:45pm Ensemble Rehearsal  
6:45pm Youth Praise Band  
& Ministry Team  
7:30pm Outreach  
7:40pm Westwood Choir  
Rehearsal

## **Oh Lord, It's Hard To Be Humble...**

Micah 6:8 (NRSV)... *and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Lately, I've been doing some thinking about this verse. I have to confess, I'm not very proud of what prompted my reflection, but I think maybe that's God's point in all this. You see, I recently read an article by a prominent Christian leader whose views I judged to be arrogant, closed minded, and even bigoted. The content of his article isn't really important for this discussion, but my reaction is. As I sat at my desk working up a good lather of self-righteous indignation toward this man I've never met, God convicted me that I was displaying those same traits that I had just judged in another (*arrogance, close mindedness, bigotry*), and Micah 6:8 came to my mind. So lately, I've been doing some thinking about this verse.

One of the things I've realized is that I haven't given equal time to these three requirements of the Lord. Generally, when I think about this verse, I get caught up in doing justice and loving kindness; maybe most of us do. These are the actionable requirements; the ones we can do.

We can organize ourselves and set up committees and plan projects to do justice and be kind to folks. Specifically at Westwood, we give it names like *Operation Inasmuch* and *Community Service Day*. We go out of our way to places like Belize and East St. Louis and Kentucky to do justice and be kind to folks. We count the people who volunteer and the people we serve; we keep records and set goals so we can try to surpass those numbers next year. We relate well to *measurable objectives*. And there's nothing inherently wrong with any of that. But then, God had to go throw in that *walk humbly with your God* thing.

Now there's a problem. Let's face it; it's hard to be humble! Seems to me that by definition, humility isn't something we can pursue; it isn't a virtue we obtain by seeking it or by conquest. The more we pursue it the more distant it becomes. To think or proclaim ourselves humble is sure evidence that we aren't.

So how are we supposed to *walk humbly*? I think the key is the phrase *with your God*. In *The Message*, Eugene Peterson paraphrases "walk humbly" as *don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously*. What might that look like?

Well, rather than a goal to be achieved, humility needs to become a spiritual habit in our lives. A constant awareness of God's presence; investing silent time with him, listening for his voice rather than our own; honest confession and repentance; these are a few ways we can begin to walk in closer relationship with God. And as we walk with God in close relationship, obedient response to his will becomes our desire, and that opens the door for his grace to work the habit of humility into us. As God and his will fill our vision, the arrogance of self is squeezed out little by little. Instead of standing in judgment of others, as I did, our prayer becomes that of the Tax Collector, "*God, be merciful to me, a sinner!*"

May we pray it often, and may it soften our hearts!

With Love,

Mike

**Pastor's Bible Study  
Wednesday Evening Series**

**JAMES: FAITH THAT WORKS**

**August 3**

*The Subtlety of Pride*  
James 4:11-5:6

**August 10**

Youth Summer Trips Report

**August 17**

*Patience and Prayer*  
James 5:7-20



**Sunday Morning Sermon Series**

**Series Theme:**

**How Does God Feel About Me?**

***Seven Misconceptions That Distance Us From God***

**August 7**

*I'm Too Insignificant For God To Care*  
Luke 15:1-7  
Background: Psalm 139:1-18  
Mike Eddinger

**August 14**

*Crumbs*  
Matthew 15: 21-28  
Cindy Bolden

**August 21**

*God Has Given Up On Me*  
Luke 15:11-27  
Background: Luke 15:28-32;  
Isaiah 62:1-5; Isaiah 41:9-10  
Mike Eddinger

**August 28**

*God Has Abandoned Me*  
Romans 8:29-39  
Background: Job 1:6-12;  
2 Corinthians 1:3-7  
Mike Eddinger

**September 4**

*Why Does God Put Up With Me?*  
1 John 3:16-24  
Background: 1 Corinthians  
Chapter 13  
Mike Eddinger

**TEACHER AND POTENTIAL TEACHER WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 28**

**BREAKFAST: 7:45 – 8:15 A.M.**

**WORKSHOP: 8:30 – 10:30 A.M.**

The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a workshop for **current teachers** and those who **MAY** be interested in teaching at a later time. If you would like to observe what goes into preparing a Sunday school lesson or Bible study lesson, this is the workshop for you. Four levels will be covered: (1) pre-school; (2) children; (3) youth; and (4) adults. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

**Kick-Off Carnival**

For

**Preschool & Children's  
Choirs & Missions**

**Wednesday, August 31**

**6:00-7:30 pm**

**In the Preschool &  
Children's Department**

Come see how we have fun learning to show the love of Jesus through music and missions. Children will have fun as they learn through developmentally appropriate experiences with music, crafts, stories about missionaries and hands on mission activities.

A nursery is provided for babies and toddlers of parents who participate in Wednesday night activities during this time.



**Summer Splash!**

Wednesdays from  
6:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm  
Through August 24

**Classes for**

- \*3 yrs ~ Kindergarten
- \*1st ~ 6th Grades
- \*Parents (6:30-7:30)

A nursery and modified programs for ages 1-2 will be provided.

Keith's Corner  
August 2011

**I've Been Thinking A Lot about Jesus Lately**

Sounds pretty weird, huh? And probably sounds completely obvious as well. I don't mean in a WWJD, or "what would Jesus do?" way. I mean, shouldn't a preacher be thinking a lot about his or her Lord and Savior, especially if Jesus is the whole reason that person is doing what he or she is doing for a living? Jesus is, after all, the primary reason one is called into Christian ministry, whatever form or shape that calling takes as one works out his or her call to follow and serve him, right? Shouldn't he be at the center of our thoughts, actions, words, soul and spirit 24/7/365?

Mike's recent devotion during our weekly Monday staff meeting struck a chord with me. He read to us from the passage in John 15:5 which says:

"I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

We can't do anything that God needs us to do without drawing upon the resource of Christ in us. Christ living in us. That's what "abide" means. It means to live inside, like living in your house. You abide in your abode. Get it?

Several Sundays ago, Mike reminded us that we all have a particular view of Jesus as being with us, beside us, or along for the ride, so to speak. My friend, Dr. Ron Glover, who lives in Monroe, North Carolina, and I have a running joke together. He will call me on my cell phone and say, "Just checking in to see what you and the Savior are doing today."

This call usually takes place once a week, initiated by either him or myself. I will return his call and tell him that Jesus and I have been to Cokesbury, or getting ready for Vacation Bible School. I may tell him that Jesus and I are visiting the hospital on a certain day, or going to a Church Council meeting, or a Christian Education Committee meeting, and then Ron will tell me what he and Jesus have been up to that particular day or that week.

If you think about it, and take it to its logical conclusion, if Jesus is living in us through the Holy Spirit, then Jesus is with us and going with us to all those places and attending those events. He is participating in whatever holy mundane or mundane holy things we do throughout the day, whether it is a deacons' meeting, a parenting class, carrying off the recyclables from the church office, or making the bank deposit for Becky.

The Savior is with us, abiding in us, in order to reveal himself to others through us in what we say and do as we go about living life every day. We are Christ's presence in the world in a very real way, and a very profound way as Christ lives in us and through us. We meet people everyday who are looking for what Jesus has to offer, and God puts us in their path to offer, to give, to share with and to invite them to have what we have in Jesus; Jesus living in us. Jesus going with us everywhere we go and taking him with us to wherever he sends us or needs us to be for him, like East St. Louis, Illinois, or Nada, Kentucky, or Durham, or Cary, even Chapel Hill.

I am reminded of a Christian hymn called the Lorica or Breastplate of St. Patrick. It is attributed to St. Patrick during his Irish ministry in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. It's a beautiful work and a portion of it speaks of Christ surrounding us, penetrating us, living in us, everyday. It reads like this:

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

So, because of Mike's sermon and devotion, and my conversations with my friend Ron, I've been thinking a lot more about Jesus lately. And that's a good thing. That I spend more of my time, energy, prayer and thoughts on him and about him, and that his living in me is his presence in the world. In turn, I have real life, good life, and abundant life; life worth living as I abide in Christ and he abides in me. It goes back to the whole vine and branches thing that Jesus talks to his disciples about. Abiding, living in Christ, and he in us, makes you think a lot about Jesus. What about you? What or who have you been thinking a lot about lately?

Westwood Baptist Church  
200 Westhigh Street  
Cary, NC 27513

**Newsletter  
Deadline  
August 19**

In appreciation of your commitment and dedication  
to teaching at  
Westwood Baptist Church  
You and your spouse are cordially invited to attend the  
**2011 Sunday School Teacher's Appreciation Banquet**  
on  
**Saturday, August 27, 2011**  
**5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

To include

Dinner  
Musical Entertainment  
Julia Ledford, Guest Speaker  
RSVP by August 19  
Call the Church office: 469-9393

**\*\*If childcare is needed, contact Keith Vaughn\*\***  
*Sponsored by the Christian Education Committee*



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Back Pack Buddies Program. Westwood collected **436 pounds** of food and it has all been delivered. It will be distributed to children in need during the school year.

### National Singles Mission Trip

Valentine-God Loves you Outreach  
Key West, Florida  
February 6-Feb 12, 2012  
Cost: \$299 per person

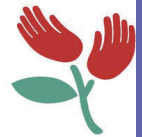
Join Christian singles and participate in street ministry and outdoor praise & worship, For more information on this trip contact Jackie Woodcock at 851-0883.

### Christian Women Job Corp - *Parade of Tables*

**“Let Your Light SHINE”**

Matthew 5:14-16

Westwood Baptist Church  
Saturday, August 27th  
10:30- 12:30 p.m.



Westwood is hosting this event for the Raleigh Baptist Association's Christian Women's Job Corp. If you would like to volunteer to decorate a table & assist in setting up, or If you are interested learning more about it, please let Amy Roberson (john-amy-3@earthlink) know as soon as possible.

### GRIEF SHARE

The next GriefShare session will be  
August 30-November 29th  
(excluding Thanksgiving week)  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Room 209

#### GriefShare Boot Camp

Facilitator Training  
August 20th from 9 am—2 pm  
Cost: \$30

#### Surviving the Holidays GriefShare

Saturday, December 10th  
In the Fellowship Hall  
9:00 am-1:00 pm

Contact Jackie Woodcock for cost & more information about GriefShare at 919-851-0883

### It's Your Turn To Make Beautiful Music!

If you can count to 4~ You can play handbells! Come use your musical talent in one of Westwood's Handbell Choirs. One of these choirs is perfect for you....

- Children Grades 3-6: Tuesdays 4:00 ~ 4:30 pm starting August 30th
- Youth Grades 7-12 : Mondays, 4:00-4:45 pm starting August 29th
- Adults-All Ages: Mondays, 7:15-8:00 pm starting August 29th

Call the church office or Dubba Lucas (467-2025) to take your turn to make beautiful music. You can do this!



## Youth Group Scoop

### Upcoming Youth Events

Wed. Aug 3	6:30 pm	Youth Trip Presentation
Sun. Aug 7	9:15 am	Promotion Sunday
Sun. Aug 7	11:45 am	Lunch with new 7th Graders and Parents
Sun. Aug 7	6:30 pm	YAC— “Scatter Day”
Sun. Aug 14	3:00 pm	HeartFields
Sun. Aug 14	6:30 pm	YAC
Fri. Aug 19	5:00 pm	Youth Lock In & Pool Party~ Pick up time is Sat. at 7:30 am
Sun. Aug 28	12:00 pm	Youth Family Fellowship @ Apex Park— Bring a lawn chair and a covered dish lunch to share



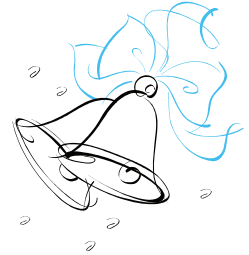
# AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Ken Waight         | 21 Sally Dixon       |
| 2 Harold Stierhoff   | 21 Jonathan Parker   |
| 4 Jack Riggsbee      | 21 Savannah Ekland   |
| 4 Grant Hoke         | 22 Windsor Hayes     |
| 6 Payton Duke        | 24 Brett Cribb       |
| 7 Pat Longshore      | 24 Beth McLain       |
| 7 Glen Hill          | 24 Mandy Smith       |
| 8 Bill Hoke          | 24 Tyler English     |
| 10 Gail Stevens      | 25 Ellis Williams    |
| 11 Martha Murray     | 26 Roy McCall        |
| 12 Robin Andrews     | 27 Logan Casella     |
| 13 Emily Hayne       | 27 Jackie Woodcock   |
| 13 Denise Koogler    | 27 Adam Forbes       |
| 14 Duane Hayes       | 27 Krista Baldwin    |
| 14 Sally Anne Thomas | 27 Carlie Fitzgerald |
| 15 Shelley Forrest   | 28 Gloria Allard     |
| 16 Otho Shepherd     | 28 Alice Johnson     |
| 16 Katherine Ruffolo | 29 Dorothy Baker     |
| 17 Charlie Johnson   | 30 David Ballard     |
| 19 Ramona Maynard    | 30 Emily Asbell      |
| 19 Asa Beale         | 30 Christopher Hoina |
| 20 Dot Jordan        | 31 Ginni Palmer      |
| 20 Bill Shearin      | 31 Jessica Glover    |
| 20 Summer Yancey     |                      |
| 20 Mikey Casella     |                      |

## ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 Bob & Diane Clary       | 21 Ann & Tom Davenport        |
| 2 Paige & Nathan Luck     | 21 Larry & Ramona Maynard     |
| 3 Keith & Joy Minster     | 24 Glen & Bridgit Hill        |
| 3 Larry & Marlene Wofford | 25 George & Bobbie Parker     |
| 5 Rob & Rebecca Myron     | 26 Rebeca & Chris Cottingham  |
| 9 Mike & Marilyn Eddinger | 28 Penny & Lawson Faulkner    |
| 12 Mike & Elva Slawson    | 29 Horace & Eunice Robertson  |
| 13 Dennis & Vicky Wages   | 29 Rodney & Sally Anne Thomas |
| 17 Tim & Cindy Bolden     |                               |
| 17 Hal & Betty Ann Coble  |                               |
| 17 Shelba & Ted Spivey    |                               |
| 20 Les & Joanne Giles     |                               |
| 20 Bill & Sara Overby     |                               |
| 21 Jim & Faye Baker       |                               |



## Ministers On Call

If you have a ministerial need over the weekend  
please contact the minister on call:

- |               |                   |                |                |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| July 29-Aug 4 | Keith Vaughn      | Home: 554-4146 | Cell: 605-5714 |
| Aug 5-11      | Caroline Allen    | Home: 467-8692 | Cell: 522-3046 |
| Aug 12-18     | Michelle Anderson | Home: 481-6673 | Cell~368-6508  |
| Aug 19-25     | Keith Vaughn      | Home: 554-4146 | Cell: 605-5714 |
| Aug 26-31     | Mike Eddinger     | Cell: 805-1022 |                |

*Westwood  
Membership*

572



## Westwood Financial Highlights June 2011

Cash Balance - General Operating Budget .....	\$
Cash Balance - Designated Funds .....	\$
<b>TOTAL Cash Balance .....</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total D.R.O.P. Balance as of 6/30/2011: .....</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>General Fund Average Weekly Giving vs. Budget (through 6/30/11)</b>	
June Average Actual .....	\$
Budget .....	\$18,458
Average weekly receipt versus budget for May .....	\$
Year to Date Average Actual .....	\$
Actual as a % of budget .....	%

A Thank You note has been received from Peggy Riggsbee, Camille Forbes, Gail & Jim O'Dekirk, Dick & Jean Suggs, Linda Kempf, LaCount & Anna Anderson, Martha Murray

## Welcome to the Westwood Family



Drew Lombardi  
12221 Martin Tavern Road  
Morrisville, NC 27560  
Joined: July 3, 2011



Ken & Becky Waight  
and Chris Waight  
1202 Nottingham Dr.  
Cary, NC 27511  
Joined July 24, 2011



## Engraved – What's in a name?

Naming someone or something is serious business. When we were expecting our children we both spent many hours looking through baby name books to find just the right names for our children. The name you give your child is one of your first acts of shaping your child's life. What would the name say about the child? Would she like the name when she was grown?

Choosing a name for the band was also a very serious matter. We wanted a name that would identify us, a name that would be unique, and a name that would point to our God whom we serve. We began to search scripture for verses where God names people. Revelation 2:17 came to mind. In the New Living Translation it says "... And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be **en-graved**, a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it." The idea that Jesus is going to give us a new name is exciting. That it will be engraved on a white stone signifies purity and permanence. That's the kind of name you want. The word "engraved" then led us to Isaiah 49:16 (NIV) "See, I have **engraved** you on the palms of my hands". Being engraved on the palms of God's hands assures us that He will never forget us. Taking the two verses together, we decided that "Engraved" would be a God honoring name.

So when you hear the name "Engraved", don't think about the band or its members, think about the God who is worthy of all worship and who has engraved our names on the palms of his hands.

## OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

### **Billy Abernathy**

216 Windsor Wynd Place  
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

### **Mary Davis**

1402 Castalia Drive  
Cary, NC 27513

### **Paul Faircloth**

Windsor Point  
1221 Broad Street, Rm 18  
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

### **Sally Goodwyn**

750 SE Cary Pkwy Room 203  
Cary, NC 27511

### **Faye McLamb**

HeartFields  
1050 Crescent Green, Rm 10  
Cary, NC 27511

### **Brenda Perkins**

819 Glenco Road  
Durham, NC 27703

### **Becky Rees**

712 Lewter Shop Rd  
Apex, NC 27523

### **Marjorie Russell**

204 Gray Street  
Cary, NC 27513

### **George Shivers**

904 Carolina Bell Lane  
Apex, NC 27502

### **Louisa Watson**

1229 Cedar Creek Drive  
Cary, NC 27513

### **Charles Williams**

Glenaire Retirement Com.  
5111 Glenhope Court  
Cary, NC 27511



You are cordially invited to  
*A Service of Ordination*  
of

*Cindy Bolden*

Sunday, August 21, 2011 at 4:00 pm

A reception following the service will take place  
in the fellowship hall.

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## CHRISTIAN LIBRARY INTERNATIONAL (CLI)

During the months of July and August the Media Center will again be collecting lightly used Christian books, literature and Bibles for CLI. Christian books change lives. These books and Bibles will be distributed to about 1,000 US prisons and jails in all 50 states. The mission of CLI is to bring Christ to the imprisoned. CLI is based in Raleigh and since its founding in 1996, CLI has helped thousands of incarcerated men and women find new hope in the healing powers of Christ. CLI will accept all types of Christian books including biographies, fiction, non-fiction, bible studies and theological texts. You may bring your donation to the Media Center during July and August.

## Mission Statement

*A community of believers worshipping  
God, making disciples and sharing  
Christ's love.*