



West Wind

February 2011

Westwood Baptist Church

Joining God in His Work

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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)
6:30pm Back Porch String Band

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

Inasmuch...More Than Just a Name

The other day, I was thinking how easy it is for me to see the world in categories. Not that it's necessarily a bad thing. We categorize businesses by product, location, price point, or quality of merchandise when deciding where to shop. We categorize churches by size, worship style, warmth or other standards that are important to us when deciding where to attend. But we also categorize people by all kinds of criteria; age, gender, race, religious background, just to name a few. My point is that it's far too easy, while living our busy lives in our fast-paced world, to see categories of people around us rather than individuals, and that perspective can carry over to ministry. It's easier to love everybody than somebody.

In Luke 10, Jesus led a lawyer to grasp the concept of loving his neighbor by personal accountability in the story of the Good Samaritan. Then he challenged the lawyer to put hands and feet on his academic faith by *going* and *doing*. The uncomfortable truth of the gospel is that loving people is really important, but it isn't enough. Jesus calls us to meet folks on their turf and minister to their needs in his name. And in an even more uncomfortable story found in Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus makes it crystal clear that God will judge our response to that truth.

For me, that's a sobering thought; that Jesus expects me to respond in love to human need, and that the rightness of my relationship with him is determined by that response. We might have expected him to say that our fitness for kingdom citizenship is measured by believing in the right things or belonging to the right denomination or confessing to particular statements of faith or doctrine – but he didn't. He said our righteousness is determined by doing things like feeding hungry people and giving water to thirsty people and making sure folks have clothes and welcoming strangers and taking care of sick people and not neglecting people in prisons – all actions that have a ring of *personal* involvement motivated by *personal* compassion.

And then Jesus dropped the other shoe! He said doing the work of helping folks in need is helping him. And that's the simple biblical truth behind **Operation Inasmuch** – by serving others, we serve Jesus. That name comes from the King James translation of Matthew 25:40, "*Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*"

On Saturday, April 2, each of us at Westwood will have an opportunity to serve Jesus by serving others. Your missions committee and ministerial staff are in the midst of planning and identifying service projects for Operation Inasmuch 2011. I am excited about what we've come up with so far. If you choose to be a part of this ministry, you'll have opportunities that go beyond writing checks or donating food and clothing. You'll have opportunities to personally engage individuals who have real needs you can help meet in the name of Jesus. We plan to kick off our weekend with a praise and worship rally on Friday evening April 1 led by our praise band. Also, on that evening, we'll meet briefly in the fellowship hall to finalize our plans and assignments for the next morning so we can get right to work.

There will be opportunities for everyone to be involved; individuals, groups, families with small children, all ages. Soon you'll begin to see lists of projects and sign-up sheets for volunteers. If you want to be a part of this mission but don't see a project that you can do, please call me personally (805-1022) and we'll come up with something for you.

In case you haven't realized it yet, I'm really excited about this. As Christ followers, we aren't just called to minister from a distance. The call of God to simple service is the call to become personally involved in the lives of those who are hurting and to touch them with our lives. We're called to walk alongside the least of these, even if that walk is messy, difficult, uncomfortable, or even momentary. As each of us responds obediently to that call, as we serve Jesus by serving others, as we taste the joy of making a difference in the life of another human being, I know God will ignite a flame of passion in us and we won't be able to get enough! And when that happens, each of us will never be the same again, and Westwood will never be the same again. And that's my prayer!

Your Fellow Servant,
Mike

You're Invited to Enter into Westwood Conversations



Westwood Conversations are monthly 90 minute small group discussions focused on a specific topic. Each session will be held on a Sunday afternoon from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. To encourage discussion, each group will be limited to ten persons. If more than ten people are interested in a given topic, we'll schedule a second session for that topic. Each session will be led by a facilitator and at least one ministerial staff person will attend as a listener and recorder of ideas.

Below, you will find the dates and topics for Westwood Conversations scheduled for the months of February through June 2011. Under each topic are a few questions to pique your interest. These questions are not meant to limit the topic in any way. All sessions will be held in Room 209. Sign up sheets are available in Hall A. We hope you'll sign up early and enter into Westwood Conversations!

Westwood Conversations February through June 2011

DATE	TOPIC	FACILITATOR
Feb. 20	Use of Technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we use technology well? • What are some areas where we could improve our use of technology? • Could we become better stewards through use of technology? 	Talmage Williams
March 20	Internal Communication Channels at Westwood: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are they working or NOT working? • Are there ways we can better educate our congregation about how to use these channels? 	Cindy Bolden
April 17	Westwood First Impressions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we present an atmosphere of inclusion? • Do we present an atmosphere of safety? • Do we present an atmosphere of family? 	TBA
May 15	Westwood Outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How could our system of visitor follow-up be more effective? • What are some better ways to get the word out about Westwood events, ministries, and services? • What are ways evangelism could be better incorporated into our outreach program? 	TBA
June 19	Discipleship Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are specific topics/issues we should consider offering? • What are good formats for discipleship training sessions (days, time, location, etc.) 	Cindy Bolden

WINTER BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY, FEB. 13TH 4 PM ~ 7 PM

Study will be in the Book of Mark ~ Guest Speaker: Marshall Edwards

A light dinner will be included



The guest Speaker will be Dr. Marshall Edwards, a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, TX and of Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. The study will be in the Book of Mark. Everyone is invited to attend. The schedule is designed to be "family friendly" with something for all ages -- the youth will have a "YAC Attack" and the children will also be engaged in study, crafts, activities and dinner.

Youth Group Scoop

Upcoming Youth Events

- Sat. Feb. 5 6:00 pm Senior Adult Banquet (Youth arrive at 5 pm)
- Sun. Feb. 13 4:00 pm YAC Attack! (Cost \$5 ~ includes Dinner, games, & Bible Study)
RSVP by Feb. 6
- Sun. Feb. 20 6:30 pm YAC
- Fri. Feb. 25 6:00 pm 9th-12th grade to Hockey Game
- Sun. Feb. 27 6:30 pm YAC



Sunday, March 6th will be the annual RA / GA Pinewood Derby and Mission Fair. Please contact your RA / GA leaders for more information. The RA's and GA's encourage everyone at Westwood to attend and/or participate in this exciting event. We need volunteers to help with building the cars, setting up the race track and judging the mission fair projects. Please contact Bob Brown or Paige Hutto if you can help.



Now is the time to join the Westwood Choir! Please prayerfully consider sharing your talent to enhance our Sunday worship music. We have a robe waiting for YOU!!!



Westwood Contemporary Worship

Featuring the Westwood Praise Team
EVERY OTHER SUNDAY AT 6:30 PM

**February 20
 March 6
 March 20**

A New Thing

In Isaiah 43, the prophet tells the exiled Israelites that God is preparing a new thing for his people. Isaiah writes, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." He talks to his people about restoration and giving them new opportunities to live out their lives in relationship with Him. He is recreating the community of Israel, and preparing them to return home after many years of exile in Babylon.

I believe that God is constantly, decisively, and creatively preparing new things for us as a community of faith and as individuals. He is restoring us day by day, and revealing new opportunities to serve Him, each other and those outside the walls of our church in the surrounding community. This New Year brings promise and a fresh start for some. For others, it is the continuation of a "new thing" that God began in their lives last year, and even before.

I believe that as God does new things for us and prepares us to be renewed, he challenges us to try new things as well. We are doing several new things this year at Westwood. One new thing is our Westwood Conversations that we will have on a monthly basis. Our first one was Sunday, January 16, and we had eleven members present for that inaugural conversation. It was a rich and meaningful time for those present.

The Christian Education Committee is also preparing a new thing for this year at Westwood. **On February 20, 27, March 6, and March 13, we will have teacher training for potential Sunday School teachers during the Sunday School hour on those specific Sundays.** We will have a teacher from our preschool, children, youth and adult departments design age appropriate lessons to train potential teachers for those who feel called to teach these specific age groups.

The apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4 that God gives his people spiritual gifts to serve him and the church. God equips and enables us to use our gifts to disciple Christians, and to reach those outside the church with the good news of the Gospel. I want those of you who feel that God has gifted you to teach to consider attending this Potential Teacher Training Event in February and March. God calls us, gifts us, equips us, and enables us to do new things for our Lord and for our neighbor during our life in Christ. I hope that as you consider the new thing God has called you to or that you have discovered, you will think of ways you will use it in service and ministry.

If you feel God is calling you to a new thing, and it is possibly using the gift of teaching for our Sunday School ministry, please talk with me and let's have a conversation about the new thing God is doing. I can give you more information about our Potential Teacher Training sessions, and walk you through what we will be doing during those specific training times. Continue to pray, be patient, and be faithful as God does a new thing in and through you, Westwood and me this year in 2011.

Grace and peace,
 Keith

Worth Your Reflection...

Based on Matthew 25:40, Mother Teresa considered her work among the outcasts of Calcutta to be work done for, with, and to Jesus. She remarked once, "We serve Jesus in the neighbor, see him in the poor, nurse him in the sick; we comfort him in his afflicted brothers and sisters." Her experiences led her to personalize this truth in the following poem:

Hungry for love, Jesus looks at you.
 Thirsty for kindness, Jesus begs from you.
 Naked for loyalty, Jesus hopes in you.
 Sick and imprisoned for friendship, Jesus wants for you.
 Homeless for shelter in your heart, Jesus asks of you.
 Will you be that one to him?



2011 Church-Wide BBQ Fundraiser
When: Friday, March 4, 11:00am-7:00pm
You can eat in the Fellowship Hall or take out.
\$8 per plate



Can YOU help? We need cookers, choppers, drivers, bakers, cleaners, servers, preparers, etc. Please pick up a pink volunteer form at the welcome center or in your Sunday School class and mark the area(s) with which you can assist. Completed forms can be given to Michelle or placed in the box marked "BBQ Forms" in the Fellowship Hall and in Hall A.

Yellow forms are available to pick up so you can place a lunch delivery orders.
Thank you!



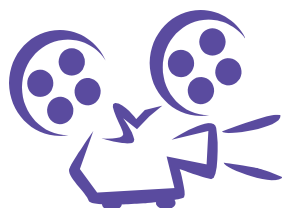
If you have a change of address, phone number, email or any change the church needs to know about, please call the office to let us know (469-9393).

**Newsletter
Deadline
Feb. 21st**

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200 Westhigh Street
Cary, NC 27513

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SENIOR ADULT BANQUET

**SATURDAY, FEB. 5TH
FROM 6:00 ~ 7:30 PM**



The youth will provide an evening of food and entertainment!

Please sign up on the Senior Adult Bulletin Board

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Sunday Morning Sermons

February 6

The Rhythm of the Christian Life

Colossians 2:6-7

Mike Eddinger

February 13

Winter Bible Study – The Gospel of Mark

Dr. Marshall Edwards

February 20

Silence Is Not An Option!

Esther 7:1-4

Mike Eddinger

February 27

Women of Westwood Day

Lynn Brinkley

Excuse me... Are you Lost?

Luke 15:1-7

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

Israel's Story – The Kings Before the Exile

The nation of Israel began as a unified state composed of twelve tribes governed by one King living in the Promised Land. Over time, some of the Kings began to add pagan elements their worship of the Lord and led Israel away from God's Word. God responded to their sinful rejection by dividing the nation in two – The Northern Kingdom (Israel) and the Southern Kingdom (Judah). Both Judah and Israel witnessed great miracles and experienced great failures as their kings vacillated between serving the Lord and following pagan practices. It was a time of decision for God's people: would they serve the Lord with a whole heart, or divide their loyalty between God and pagan deities?

During the February and March Pastor's Bible Study time on Wednesday evenings, we'll follow this dramatic and intriguing story in the Old Testament books of 1 & 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles. As we learn about the struggles and decisions of Israel's kings, we'll apply biblical truths to our own struggles and decisions today. We invite you to come join us at 6:30 PM each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall.

February 2

Shipwreck and Rescue – Jehoiada
2 Chronicles 24

February 16

A Godly King – Hezekiah
2 Kings 18&19

February 9 - Missions Night

LaCount Anderson
CBF Missionary

February 23

*We Need a Word
from the Lord – Elisha*
Part I
2 Kings 2, 4, & 6

Mission Statement

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

Missions Opportunities

Kentucky Mission Trip ~July 30, August 6, 2011

Westwood Baptist will be sending a mission team to Nada, Kentucky, July 30-August 6. This is the same place where our team worked last summer. Most of our work was in Owsley County, and according to the new US Census, Owsley County is now the poorest county in the United States.

The team will do a variety of projects but will concentrate on repairing substandard housing. Our team will travel by vans on Saturday July 30 and return the following Saturday, but some folks may choose to drive their personal vehicle. Headquarters will be the Nada Mission (small church) in Nada. The cost is approximately \$200.00 for food and lodging unless you want to stay in individual motel rooms. Our host will be Paula Settle, CBF Field Missionary.

Last year our team consisted of 26 people and we anticipate another good group this year. This is an excellent opportunity to share Christ's love by helping some people who have very limited resources. Pray about going on this mission trip and what you can do to make this a successful trip for our Westwood mission team.

There is a signup sheet in Hallway A. If you would like to know more about this mission trip, please contact Jim Canterberry (467-3126)

Dental Bus

The Dental Bus will be at Westwood on February 5 from 8 am ~ 12 noon. We are collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss in the box by the Media Center.

"Feed The Need" Mission Project

LaCount Anderson ~ Guest Speaker

Wednesday, Feb. 9th at 6:30 pm

LaCount Anderson is currently working with the Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids. The mission serves meals in their dining room as well as distributes 200 boxes of food per month to families in need. It is a constant effort to keep their shelves stocked.

Westwood members (Bed Babies to Senior Adults) are asked to donate one food item per person. Collection boxes will be placed in all Sunday School rooms for collection on February 6 and 13. Al and Peggy Percy have graciously volunteered to deliver our donations.

Join God in His work and Feed the Need!

Food Collection Dates: Feb. 6th through Feb. 13th

Choose one item per person from the list below:

Canned meats, canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta, rice, flour, sugar, spices, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, breakfast cereal

Wake County Police ~ Easter Food Drive

Sunday School classes are encouraged to adopt this project by collecting money for the Wake County Fraternal Order of Police #41. Money collected will go toward the Food Bank, the Homeless Shelter and the Senior Well Check Program. Make all checks to Wake County F.O.P. #41.

BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY BAPTIST MEN

And Caring Place Mission Project

Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 8:00am

Chrismon Workshop & Bible Study

Saturday, Feb. 12th

9 am – 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Tell a friend, Bring a friend, Make a new friend!

Medium Chrismon: LOVE \$25

Large Church Chrismon: LOVE \$55

Child's Chrismon: LOVE \$12

Call Eunice or Kay for more information.

**We will have Chrismon Workshops on
the second Saturday of each month
so mark your calendar!**

GRIEF SHARE

Winter Session 2011

Through March 29th

7-9 pm

\$20 per person to cover materials and supplies. Childcare will be provided if arranged in advance.

Contact Jackie Woodcock for more

information at 919-531-7031

or 919-302-4846.

The Widow's Peek

*Invites you to join us for an afternoon of
encouragement, prayer, and community w/other
widowed men & women!*

Celebrating Our True Love... Jesus

Saturday, February 12, 2011

1:30-3:00pm

Hosted by The Widow's Peek
At Crossroads Fellowship Church
2721 Millbrook Road, North Raleigh

Door Prizes and other Goodies!!!

To register or for more information, contact Mike or Gail (Sanseverino) Peterson
at thewidowsspeek@gmail.com or call 919-302-8028.
Join us and bring a friend!

A Thank You note has been received from USO of NC, Tammy & Ralph Stocks from Romania, Betty & Becky Rees, & Sunrise Assisted Living of Cary.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Frank Prince | 16 Brittney Wilson |
| 3 Mike Rabb | 17 Brittany Myron |
| 4 Cliff Hargrove | 18 Paul Faircloth |
| 5 Eileen Richards | 18 Carol Watts |
| 5 Scott Cribb | 19 Velma Tevepaugh |
| 6 Elva Slawson | 19 Les Giles |
| 6 Lyman Dixon | 20 Betty Branson |
| 7 Paige Luck | 21 Austin Rich |
| 8 Judy Keadle | 22 Sybil Leary |
| 8 Robin Glover | 22 Elyse Revelle |
| 10 Jane Hamm | 23 Jessica Cooke |
| 11 Marva Babb | 24 Doreen Reynolds |
| 11 Krister Eriksson | 24 Madison Hoke |
| 12 Matt Everett | 24 Nicholas Beichler |
| 13 Julie Nolin | 25 Bill Wilkes |
| 13 Cassi Durham | 26 Elizabeth White |
| 14 Clark Knuth | 26 Glynda Rich |
| 14 Bryan Stevens | 26 Susan Andersson |
| 14 John White | 27 Steve Smith |
| 15 Connie Molinaro | 27 Norm Dion |
| 15 Sarah Watts | 28 Patrick Donner |
| 15 Annecke Marais | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bill & Becky Stewart
- 5 Al & Debbie Hooks
- 14 Pet & Mary Farrell
- 18 Alan & Elaine Erwin



*Westwood
Membership
556*



OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

Billy Abernathy
216 Windsor Wynd Place
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Charles Williams
Glenaire Retirement Com.
5111 Glenhope Court
Cary, NC 27511



Ministers On Call

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

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| Feb. 5-6 | Mike Eddinger | Cell: 805-1022 |
| Feb. 12-13 | Keith Vaughn | Home: 554-4146 Cell: 605-5714 |
| Feb. 19-20 | Michelle Anderson | Home: 481-6673 Cell: 368-6508 |
| Feb. 26-27 | Caroline Allen | Home: 467-8692 Cell: 522-3046 |

Westwood Financial Highlights December 2010

Cash Balance - General Operating Budget	\$71,397
Cash Balance - Designated Funds	\$144,614
TOTAL Cash Balance	\$216,011
Total D.R.O.P. Balance as of 12/31/2010:	\$32,850
General Fund Average Weekly Giving vs. Budget (through 12-31-10)	
Dec. Average Actual	\$24,143
Budget	\$18,779
Average weekly receipt versus budget for Dec.	\$5,364
Year to Date Average Actual	\$18,779
Actual as a % of budget	%89