



# West Wind

January 2011

Westwood Baptist Church

*Joining God in His Work*

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## Church Staff

Mike Eddinger, Pastor  
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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

## Preaching vs. Meddling

I'm acutely aware that there's a fine line between preaching and meddling, and even more aware of the fact that exactly where that line is drawn is most often determined by the ears of the listener. I sure hope and pray that following the Holy Spirit, I cross that line occasionally if not often. I've said on more than one occasion, God doesn't leave us alone; he's constantly, lovingly, messing with us, trying to move us to where he wants us to be in him. I can assure you that any time you feel like God is messing with you after one of my sermons, he's already messed with me because I needed to be messed with. In fact, most of the time when we don't want to be messed with, we need to be messed with the most. I believe one of those times is here and now for us at Westwood.

By the time you read this, you will be aware of the fact that our Stewardship Committee has proposed a rather significant downsizing of our church budget for 2011. If you were in attendance at the regularly scheduled business meeting on November 7, 2010, you were part of a discussion that led to suggestions from the congregation about ways to reduce our spending. The Stewardship Committee heard those ideas and, in concert with the Personnel Committee and Church Council, incorporated them into the proposal presented at the special called business meeting on Sunday, December 19. In that meeting, the congregation voted to adopt that proposed budget with one adjustment.

Developing this 2011 church budget has been and will continue to be a significant time in the life of Westwood. It shouldn't surprise us, particularly in this economy that the time has come for us to make a careful examination of spending. One can make the argument that we should have conducted this detailed analysis before now, or that it should be a part of our budget development/preparation process every year – and those arguments are legitimate. Nevertheless, we have now tackled this difficult task and I am deeply grateful for the gifted, talented, committed women and men who serve on these church bodies. I'm grateful for their willingness to give so generously of their time, but I'm more grateful for the spirit of love, cooperation and unity that has prevailed as some very difficult decisions were made. I'm also grateful for that same spirit of unity and cooperation that prevailed among those in attendance at the special called business meeting.

The adopted 2011 budget represents our prayerful efforts toward helping us be better stewards of the resources God has provided for his work here at Westwood by bringing our spending in line with our projected revenue. But as important as it is for us to be good corporate stewards, that's only part of the equation. Practicing good stewardship as a congregation begins in the individual hearts of God's people. Unless and until each of us honestly and openly bring the issue of our personal stewardship before God and allow him to mold our hearts on this matter, what we decide about our budget will be merely a financial exercise rather than an opportunity for God to prove himself faithful.

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## You're Invited to Enter into Westwood Conversations



Sunday, January 16 is the launch date for *Westwood Conversations*. This is an opportunity for anyone at Westwood to enter a conversation about a variety of issues that are important for us to talk about as we continually assess our position in God's ever evolving story for our congregation.

*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 January 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 will be available no later than January 2 in Hall A. We hope you'll sign up early and enter into *Westwood Conversations*!

### Westwood Conversations January through June 2011

DATE	TOPIC	FACILITATOR
Jan. 16	<b>The Westwood Mission Statement is 8 Years Old:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In what ways are we living out that statement?</li> <li>• In what ways are we NOT living it?</li> <li>• Are there ways God might have us adjust it?</li> </ul>	Jerry Richards
Feb. 20	<b>Use of Technology:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we use technology well?</li> <li>• What are some areas where we could improve our use of technology?</li> <li>• Could we become better stewards through use of technology?</li> </ul>	Talmage Williams
March 20	<b>Internal Communication Channels at Westwood:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are they working or NOT working?</li> <li>• Are there ways we can better educate our congregation about how to use these channels?</li> </ul>	Cindy Bolden
April 17	<b>Westwood First Impressions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do we present an atmosphere of inclusion?</li> <li>• Do we present an atmosphere of safety?</li> <li>• Do we present an atmosphere of family?</li> </ul>	TBA
May 15	<b>Westwood Outreach:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How could our system of visitor follow-up be more effective?</li> <li>• What are some better ways to get the word out about Westwood events, ministries, and services?</li> <li>• What are ways evangelism could be better incorporated into our outreach program?</li> </ul>	TBA
June 19	<b>Discipleship Training:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are specific topics/issues we should consider offering?</li> <li>• What are good formats for discipleship training sessions (days, time, location, etc.)</li> </ul>	TBA

## Youth Group Scoop

### Upcoming Youth Events

Sun. Jan. 9	6:30 pm	YAC
Fri. Jan 14	4:30 pm	Leave for Ski Retreat
Sun. Jan 16	6:30 pm	YAC
Mon. Jan. 17	2:00 pm	Return from Ski Retreat
Sun. Jan 23	11:30 am	Business Meeting & Fundraiser Lunch
Sun. Jan 30	6:30 pm	YAC



Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



**MONDAY MORNING  
BIBLE STUDY BEGINS  
JAN. 10, 2011**

The Monday morning Bible study will begin on January 10, 2011 and will be held in Room 208. The 15 week study is based on Max Lucado's book, *A LOVE WORTH GIVING*. The cost of the book is \$10.50. If you are interested in joining this Bible study, call Terry Campbell at 851-6259. There is also a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in Hall A.



**Westwood Contemporary Worship**

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

**January 9th,  
January 23rd,  
February 6,  
February 20**

**The West Wind Newsletter is Going Online!**

Beginning with the February 2011 edition, we will no longer print and mail our monthly newsletter, *West Wind*. This change is an effort on our part to practice better stewardship by saving on printing and postage costs and by using less paper. You may read *West Wind* by visiting our website at [www.westwoodbc.org](http://www.westwoodbc.org). From the home page, click on the **Monthly Newsletter** box found on the right side of the page, then simply click on the issue you want to see.

If you do not have internet access or for any other reason have difficulty accessing *West Wind* online, please call Tracy Gonzalez in the church office at 469-9393 and we will make the necessary arrangements to see that you receive a printed copy each month.

**Preaching vs. Meddling**

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In light of this truth, I'm preparing a series of sermons for January that will focus on what it means to practice a lifestyle of biblical stewardship. Now, don't panic. This will not be some poorly concealed attempt to increase our offerings by reigning down guilt from the pulpit. I hope you know and trust me enough by now to understand I'd never try to manipulate you that way. Westwood is the most generous congregation that I've ever been a part of. We help and support a lot of people and ministries through our giving. But the spiritual discipline of stewardship is about so much more than simply how much money we give to the church or other worthy causes. Stewardship is recognizing that God is the source not only of all I have but also all I am – then living like it.

I don't know if God wants you to give more money or time or energy or talent to his work. But I do know that God wants your life and my life, every part of our lives, oriented toward him and his perfect will for us; and when that happens, good stewardship isn't something we struggle with. That's what I mean by a lifestyle of biblical stewardship and that's what we'll explore together in this series of messages. Our theme verse will be Matthew 6:33 (NLT), *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.* You'll find the titles and texts for this series elsewhere in this newsletter.

I ask for your prayers as I continue to study and prepare for these sermons. Pray that I'll be sensitive to the leadership of the Spirit and faithful and accurate in my presentation of God's word on this subject. I'm excited about how God is already working in the hearts and minds and lives of his people in this area.

As the community of believers known as Westwood, we have defined our mission as *worshiping God, making disciples, and sharing Christ's love.* And I can hardly wait to see how God is going to help us do that even better as we move forward together into this New Year.

Blessings,  
Mike

**BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY BAPTIST MEN**

**And Caring Place Mission Project  
Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 8:00am**

**Please join us at the church to take down  
Christmas Decorations  
on Monday, January 3rd beginning at 8:30 am.  
The more help we have  
the faster we'll get everything put away!**



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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  
Jan. 21st**

### Westwood Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Sermons

January 2011

Mike Eddinger, Pastor

#### Theme: Keys to a Lifestyle of Biblical Stewardship

*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:33 (NLT)*

**January 2**

*A Broken Heart*  
Mark 14:3-9

**January 16**

*A Broadened Horizon*  
1 Chronicles 4:9-10

**January 9**

*(Baptism)*  
*A Balanced Lifestyle*  
Luke 12:13-21

**January 23**

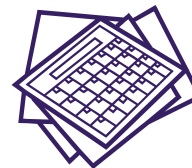
*An Open Hand*  
Matthew 6:19-24

**January 30**

Keith Vaughn



Please call Tracy at the church office if you need to add an event or activity to the church calendar for 2011.



#### Mark Your Calendars!

Senior Adult Banquet

February 5th

6:00 pm—7:30 pm

The youth will provide an evening of dinner and entertainment!

#### Mission Statement

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

## Chrismon Workshop & Bible Study

Saturday, January 8th from 9 am-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Tell a friend, Bring a friend, Make a new friend  
Children are welcome, however, the child needs to be accompanied  
by an adult



**Large Chrismon:** The Bell ~ \$32

**Small Chrismon:** The Small Bell ~ \$20

We will also work on Chrismon Crosses for the church tree.

Please call the church office to pre-pay for your orders now so we may accommodate your needs. If you wish to complete or have questions about prior Chrismons, please feel free to bring them to the workshop. Call Kay (467-1420), or the church office (469-9393) to make your reservation.

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

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Christmas Cantata a beautiful and worshipful experience. A special thanks to Jim Canterbury for constructing the manger.



## Friday Family Fellowship Talent Show for all Ages January 7th



What's your talent?! Are you a clown, magician, poet, singer, juggler, majorette, ballet dancer, comedian? Can you play a musical instrument? All ages are encouraged to sign up to participate in the Westwood Talent Show. Bring a covered dish to share for dinner at 6:30pm followed by the Talent Show at 7:30pm. Sign up in the church office or on the bulletin board in Hall A. Please give us a name for your talent. Please allow no more than three to five minutes per performance. We are inviting the Chinese Bible Church to join us.

## GriefShare Boot Camp January 15th from 9 am-2 pm In the Fellowship Hall

Westwood will host a GriefShare Boot Camp for all those interested in learning how to begin a GriefShare program. GriefShare is a 13 week Bible based, Christ-centered program for individuals who have lost a loved one because of a death. GriefShare leaders and facilitators help the attendees by walking alongside them through this tough time in life. GriefShare grief recovery groups are meeting throughout the U.S., Canada, and over 10 other countries worldwide.

Cost is \$25 per person and will include a leaders guide and light lunch. Please contact the church office to register (919-469-9393) or contact Jackie Woodcock at [jackie.woodcock@sas.com](mailto:jackie.woodcock@sas.com), or on her cell at 919-302-4846. Please pre-register by January 5.

## Missions News

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.

Thank you to every one who made cakes for Raleigh Women's Correctional Facility. We collected 33 cakes to donate!

## Senior Adult Luncheon January 20th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall Bring a Covered Dish and enjoy good entertainment!



## Winter Session 2011 January 4-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.

A Thank You note has been received from Charles & Gloria Allard, Betty Branson, & Caroline Allen.

# JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Hal Coble              | 17 Bernice Parker   |
| 1 Marilyn Eddinger       | 18 Matthew Hoina    |
| 2 Cecilia Flear          | 19 David Erwin      |
| 3 Tullie Johnson         | 19 Jim Hayne        |
| 4 Sandra Bailey          | 20 Jonathan Allard  |
| 4 Kevin Nolan            | 21 Ray Lentz        |
| 5 Holly Hayes            | 21 Alex Brown       |
| 6 Rachel Lombardi        | 22 Joyce Molnar     |
| 7 Bob Clary              | 23 Brian Forrest    |
| 7 Brenda Ballard         | 23 Nathan Luck      |
| 7 Zack Litzsinger        | 24 Joey Grissom     |
| 9 Guy Mendenhall         | 25 Audrey Nolan     |
| 9 Ray Campbell           | 26 Bill Gartland    |
| 9 Wade Kirby             | 26 Betty Johnson    |
| 10 Shelby Ballard        | 26 Charles Wells    |
| 10 Christopher Persinger | 27 Morgan Persinger |
| 11 Brandon Dixon         | 28 Diane Fletcher   |
| 14 Dave Sherer           | 28 Steve Barnette   |
| 14 Colleen Coogan        | 28 Ross Dion        |
| 16 Tom Davenport         | 29 Marvie Lentz     |
| 16 Karen Morgan          | 31 Evan Hoke        |
| 16 Maria Gartland        |                     |

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Luz & David Williams, Sr.
- 8 Charles & Jane Hamm
- 11 Jim & Evelyn Cooke
- 14 Lois & Michel Stevens
- 27 Forrest & Marjorie Russell



Westwood  
Membership  
558



## OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

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## Ministers On Call

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

Jan. 1-2	Mike Eddinger	Home: 469-4174	Cell: 805-1022
Jan. 8-9	Caroline Allen	Home: 467-8692	Cell: 522-3046
Jan. 15-16	Keith Vaughn	Home: 554-4146	Cell: 605-5714
Jan. 22-23	Michelle Anderson	Home: 481-6673	Cell: 368-6508
Jan. 29-30	Caroline Allen	Home: 467-8692	Cell: 522-3046

## Westwood Financial Highlights November 2010

Cash Balance - General Operating Budget .....	\$83,306
Cash Balance - Designated Funds .....	\$116,651
<b>TOTAL Cash Balance .....</b>	<b>\$199,957</b>
<b>Total D.R.O.P. Balance as of 11/30/2010: .....</b>	<b>\$32,355</b>
<b>General Fund Average Weekly Giving vs. Budget (through 10-31-10)</b>	
Nov. Average Actual	\$22,362
Budget	\$21,175
Average weekly receipt versus budget for Nov.	\$ 1,187
Year to Date Average Actual	\$18,332
Actual as a % of budget	87%