

WESTPORT WITNESS

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August, 2010

Backpack Celebration

Sunday-



Aug. 1st

Following

worship.

This is a wonderful ministry of our Women's group. All children starting school will receive school supplies to help out with supplies. Please join us for this awesome event.

K-5

Going to Chuck-E-Cheese,

Saturday August 7th.

We will be leaving the church at 10 and return by 12:30.

For more information, see John.

Mike's Message,

In the book of James we read, "*But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*" (James 1:22NASU)

Here is how it is stated in the Today's Living Bible: "*And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. So don't fool yourselves. For if a person just listens and doesn't obey, he is like a man looking at his face in a mirror; as soon as he walks away, he can't see himself anymore or remember what he looks like. But if anyone keeps looking steadily into God's law for free men, he will not only remember it but he will do what it says, and God will greatly bless him in everything he does.*"

Anyone who says he is a Christian but doesn't control his sharp tongue is just fooling himself, and his religion isn't worth much. The Christian who is pure and without fault, from God the Father's point of view, is the one who takes care of orphans and widows, and who remains true to the Lord-not soiled and dirtied by his contacts with the world." (James 1: 22-27TLB)

Now, I don't know about you, but that convicts my heart! When James wrote, "PROVE yourselves," what did he mean? The word prove means to demonstrate or to show evidence of.

As a disciple of Jesus, what am I to prove and to whom? First, we must prove our loyalty to God. In the book of Deuteronomy we read, "*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*" (Deut 6:5NASU) By the way, Jesus stated the same thing in Mark 12:30. Love requires action! We are to worship the Lord. Jesus said, "*YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.*" (Matt 4:10NASU) Worship requires action!

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Mike's Message continued. . .

We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us. The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. (1 John 3:19-24NASU)

There are other things that a disciple **must** do to prove their love for the Lord, but I think you understand what I am getting at.

A disciple must prove himself or herself to the world as well. Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35NASU) A little later Jesus said, "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples." (John 15:8NASU)

The Apostle John wrote; *Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. . . .The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.*" (1 John 2:15-17NASU) We are to prove, or show, the world that we are disciples by our actions!

I guess the old saying is correct; "the **proof** is in the pudding!"
Growing together,
Mike

Elder's Express

Well August is back to school month for the kids. There is much preparation to achieve in order to get ready for school. There are books to buy. There are school supplies to purchase and many times new clothes to get in order to be ready for the new school year. It is always an exciting time. Generally most everyone is really in tune with going to school if nothing more than to get acquainted again with friends that they haven't seen all summer. There is much excitement about the year and what new things are going to be learned. All this excitement and process comes all at once and everyone gets involved!

This is the kind of excitement that God wants from us. He wants us as Christian to grow and mature in His word. We are to "*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth*". (2 Timothy 2:15) In 1 Peter 2:1-3 we are informed that we are to be "*putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of our Lord.*"

We are to crave God's word so much that we prepare ourselves in such a manner to be ready to read and study it. We should long for God's words in our lives so much so because we want to live by them. We should be willing to prepare our hearts in minds for the exciting times we can spend reading, learning and growing in God's word. When we cannot be active in study we should long for it!!

So brother and sisters, let's get ready for school!!!
God Bless
John

Sunday morning Biblical Ed Classes 9:30
 Worship 10:30
 Sunday night study & youth 6:00
 Wednesday night Study & Youth 7:00

August 2010

<p><u>Birthdays</u> 1st Mike Bartlett Cassie Waever 3rd Jill Sageser Nickie Stone 9th Susan Bennett 10th Paul Bennett 12th Keith Cooley Jr. 14th Ethan Peele 15th Kamian Taylor 16th Destiny Lozier 17th Lori Cummins 21st Donni Buchanan 24th Mike Barnard 25th Dennis Newland Jim Wilson 31st Stanley Hattabaugh</p> <p><u>Anniversaries</u> 6th Larry & Norma Rowe 10th Wayne & Elizabeth Masters 12th Jack & Marilyn Biddinger 18th Jim & Delene Wilson</p>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Family Sunday</i> Back-Pack celebration following worship	2	3 Encouraging Others 10:00 Women's meeting Supper 6:00 meeting following	4 Biblical Ed class 7:00 Youth meeting 7:00	5	6	7 K-5 Back to School Bash 10-12. For more information, see John.
8 Ministry Outreach Skybird Manor 3:00	9	10 Encouraging Others 10:00 God's men 6:15	11 Biblical Ed class 7:00 Youth meeting 7:00	12 Elders meeting 6:00	13 Hilltop Men's Retreat. Speaker— Dr. Johnny Pressley	14
15 160th Celebration. Pitch-in following worship with home-made ice cream!!	16	17 Encouraging Others 10:00	18 Biblical Ed class 7:00 Youth meeting 7:00	19	20	21
22 Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30	23	24 Encouraging Others 10:00	25 Biblical Ed class 7:00 Youth meeting 7:00	26	27	28
29 Missions team meeting/pitch-in following worship. <i>Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30</i>	30	31 Encouraging Others 10:00				

WOW!

What a great Vacation Bible School!

As a whole congregation, we had the chance to impact the lives of young people in our community for Christ.

We had a chance to show them God's love in action. For many of these children, this maybe the only time we get to tell them about our Lord.

So many of you were here each night to serve in this wonderful ministry and we would like to say

THANK YOU!

To each and every one of you who helped in any way.

Again thank you for your help and support.

VBS Staff

What's Cook'in

Simple Delicious Butter Pecan Cake

1 box Betty Crocker Butter Pecan Cake Mix

1 Cup Milk

½ cup oil

1 can of Coconut Pecan Frosting

Mix thoroughly all the above ingredients. Yes, including the can of frosting goes into the batter.

Pour into a well greased bunt pan and bake for 55 minutes at 350 degrees.

Let cake cool for a few minutes then turn out onto plate.

Enjoy!