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into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." (Rev 20:10NASU)

God wants everyone to repent and come to Him for salvation. He is the One who created everything and since He is the creator, He is the One who has set the terms to receive eternal life in Heaven with Him. Let us ALL work together to share His message of hope in this hopeless world. May we stand together upon the truths of His Living Word because we never know what day we may close our eyes for the last time!

Growing together,  
Mike

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This is the way society and media think that teenagers are! They think they are shallow, mean, uncaring and sexually hyperactive!

So being a rebel means going against what most people are doing. Many teens today act the way they see teens acting on television because they think that is what is expected of them. They're right! That is exactly what the **world** expects from them. So we want our Youth to **Be Rebels!** Go against what the world expects from them and choose to follow God's plan for their lives.

**Don't let anyone think less of you because you**

**are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith and your purity.**

1 Timothy 4:12

We want to teach our Youth:

If the world expects you to be sexually active before you get married, **rebel** and stay pure!

If the world expects you to be disrespectful to your parents, **rebel** and go out of your way to show your parents respect and love.

If the world thinks that swearing and cursing and disrespect for adults is "normal", **rebel** and let's speak only in a way that builds up others and shows them respect.

Not many people are living for God today, be a **rebel** and show the world that you live for and love the Lord!

So I ask you to pray for our children and their ministries.

In Christian Brotherhood  
George <><

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New Women's Bible study starting on Friday Feb. 3 at 7pm called **"Just for Women"** It will be at Karin Tichenor's home. For more info see Karin.

Don't forget youth group and K-5 will meet on Sundays and Wednesdays starting in February. New Names are **Safe Harbor** and **REBEL**

WESTPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE PORT  
IMPACTING LIVES

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NEW MEMBER BANQUET

February 25, 2012 at 6pm

Honoring those who in the last year have made the decision to be apart of the body at Westport Christian Church.

Come and enjoy  
the fellowship and food  
at the Port.

Those who have been members longer than a year are to share in the joy, by bringing a dish to share and to have a great time in the body of believers.

PRAISE SERVICE

Get ready for a fun time on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Be prepared to share a poem, story, testimony, song, skit.  
whatever to make our evening a shared evening of memories.  
Don't forget

February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

February 2012

**OUR VISION**

A Place Where Jesus is  
**IMPACTING LIVES**

**OUR MISSION**

*THE PORT IS MADE UP  
OF PEOPLE WHO*

Live Like Jesus by. . .  
Seeking the lost  
Making disciples  
Showing Compassion

**OUR CORE  
VALUES BY GOD'S  
GRACE. . .**

The Bible is  
THE final authority .  
We are a holy people.  
We are culturally  
relevant. We are  
faithful stewards  
striving for Excellence.

The Port: 591-3807

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Kenny Blanton -663-7919  
Ron Moore - 591-2009  
Dennis Newland -591-3528  
Don Ritchey -591-0908

## Mike's Message

What a fantastic job the women did at the first women's conference. I had said all along that it would be a success and it was! The church looked wonderful, the spirit of those in attendance was great, the singing was full of praise, food was good and the Spirit of the Lord was in the hearts of those that were in attendance. Great job ladies! I am personally looking forward to the next one. Men, maybe it is our turn to step up and do something?

I don't know about you, but it appears to me that since we started this year's theme, "I am not ashamed," there seems to be a new freshness taking place. What I mean by that is it seems that some of you have a new found interest in the things of God. I have noticed while I'm preaching there seems to be more people taking notes and really paying attention. (Not that you didn't before) I don't really know how to put it into words except for,

THANK YOU JESUS!

I am also reminded of a passage of Scripture where Paul writes to his son in the ministry, "*For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God.*" (2 Tim 1:6NASU) It appeared that Timothy was facing some hardships and difficulty in his ministry and personal life as well. Paul wanted to remind Timothy to remain true to his calling. He wanted him to recall his love for Christ and to encourage him to stand firm. That is why in just a few sentences later Paul writes, "*Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.*" (2 Tim 1:8NASU) I truly believe that God is calling "The Port" not to be ashamed of the Gospel.

I feel the need to share with you all a very important concept. As I have already wrote and made several statements about the predictions of how this year is the end of the age. December 12th, 2012 has been proclaimed by many as being the end of this world. To that I say if it is, so be it. However, what I feel I must point out is the fact that to many people in our community and around the world, their life will end before that date. There will be many, many people who will die before December. I am more concerned about them and their salvation than I am about 12/12/2012. For those people die before the end comes, their eternal destiny will be set.

I am extremely upset with many writers and preachers who are now claiming there will be no punishment for the wicked. They claim there will be no judgment for those outside of Christ. They claimed that Jesus is all about love and that God would never send a person to Hell. I truly believe they are part of satan's deception. Jesus said the devil is the father of ALL lies. I believe that all the false predictions about the end of the world and even those who claimed to know when Jesus is coming back is all part of the big lie.

It is true God never intended for man to end up in the lake of fire. "*Then He will also say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels."* (Matt 25:41NASU) It is the devil who lies and deceives because he wants to take as many with him to his demise. "*And the devil who deceived them was thrown*

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## Will-ette for Jesus

Well here it is, my first attempt at writing for our Monthly Newsletter. I pray that in the spirit of Christian charity you can read this with an eye for the heart of what I am saying and perhaps not the grammar, spelling and form. 😊

I would like to start by telling you all what a blessing it is for my family and I to be a part of The Port. The Spirit of God is moving here and I can see the great things that have been done and will continue to be done through the ministry of this body. Thank you for letting me be a part of what God is doing here.

Now I want to share some of the things that are beginning to take shape in these first couple of weeks.

First since it is important to know what the purposes of our programs are, we have stated that with the Church as a whole our purposes are:

- To Glorify God ("Fear God, and **give Him glory**, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters." Revelation 14:7)
- To Exalt Jesus Christ ("For this reason also, **God highly exalted Him**, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW," Philippians 2:9-10)
- To Edify the Body ("for the **equipping of the saints for the work of service**, to the **building up of the body of Christ**;" Ephesians 4:12)
- To Seek the Lost ("For the Son of Man has **come to seek and to save that which was lost**." Luke 19:10)

Second we also need to have goals for our

children, to make sure we have a direction and we are staying on target. Goals such as

- To provide them a solid Scriptural foundation
- To help them have a strong relationship with Jesus Christ
- To prepare them for discipleship through study, serving, fellowship
- To prepare them for evangelism and ministry

And lastly I wanted to announce the new names for our groups. It is important for everyone, the children, the Church and the community to be able to identify who we are. Through prayer, observing the children and study I chose some names for our ministry.

The children's program, ages birth -6<sup>th</sup> grade will be called the "Safe Harbor" Children's Ministry. I have fallen in love with the concept of The Port and knowing that our children face a world that can be scary and hostile we want to make a place where the children can experience the peace God has planned for them and the Safe Harbor will be that place to grow, learn and prepare for a life of Christian discipleship.

For our youth, 7<sup>th</sup> grade – College age I wanted to help encourage them to rebel FOR God. The world is telling our youth that there is a way to live that goes against the Word of God. Popular songs targeted at teens contain violent or dirty lyrics, on television and movies many teenagers are shown as disrespectful, irresponsible and mean. Nearly all the teenagers and young adults on reality shows are portrayed as sexually active, many teenagers are shown to be disengaged from their parents and other caring adults.

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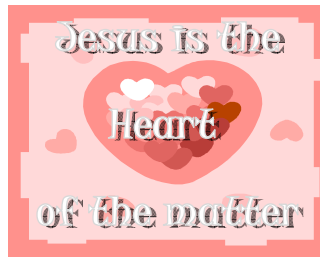
**Praise, learn and grow at the PORT!**

**Sunday Morning**

Morning prayer/fellowship 9:00  
Biblical Ed. Classes 9:30  
Worship 10:30

**Sunday Evening**

Adult Biblical Education  
*Safe Harbor (K-5)*  
REBEL (Youth Group)



The Port—Westport Christian Church

# February 2012

**Birthdays**  
1st Ronda Bartlett  
6th Garrett Sebastian  
8th Donnie Sageser  
9th Carl Hess  
10th Kylie Collins  
12th Rylee Brannin Hagen Peele  
13th Chasity Christmas  
16th Jonathon Richards  
25th Allyson Stone  
26th Sharon Pugh Allen Pearl Kim Martin  
27th Charlene Cooley

**Anniversaries**  
1st Mike & Jenny Hardebeck  
14th John & Cindy Richards

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 K-5 <b>Safe Harbor</b> <b>REBEL</b> A.B.E.C. 7pm	2	3 food giveaway 4:30-5:30pm <b>(NEW)</b> <b>Just for Women</b> <b>Bible study 7pm</b>	4
5 <b>Family Sunday</b> <i>Praise Team</i> practice	6 10-11:30am & 4:30-5:30pm food giveaway	7 Encouraging Others 10am <b>Ladies for the LORD</b> 6pm Amanda/Ronda <b>MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</b> 7PM	8 K-5 <b>Safe Harbor</b> <b>REBEL</b> A.B.E.C. 7pm	9	10 food giveaway 4:30-5:30pm Elder's mtg. 6pm  <b>Just for Women</b> <b>Bible study 7pm</b>	11
12 Skybird Manor 3pm <i>Praise Team</i> practice	13 10-11:30am & 4:30-5:30pm food giveaway	14 <b>Happy Valentine's day</b> Encouraging Others 10am <b>MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</b> 7PM	15 K-5 <b>Safe Harbor</b> <b>REBEL</b> A.B.E.C. 7pm	16	17 food giveaway 4:30-5:30pm  <b>Just for Women</b> <b>Bible study 7pm</b>	18
19 <b>ALL PORT PITCH-IN</b> <i>Praise Team</i> practice	20 10-11:30am & 4:30-5:30pm food giveaway	21 Encouraging Others 10am  <b>MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</b> 7PM	22 K-5 <b>Safe Harbor</b> <b>REBEL</b> A.B.E.C. 7pm	23	24 food giveaway 4:30-5:30pm  <b>Just for Women</b> <b>Bible study 7pm</b>	25 <b>New Members</b> <b>Banquet 6pm</b>
26 Morning Breeze 2:30pm <b>Praise Service 6pm</b> <i>Praise Team</i> practice	27 10-11:30am & 4:30-5:30pm food giveaway	28 Encouraging Others 10am <b>S.C.I.C.M.F.</b> <b>MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</b> 7PM	29 K-5 <b>Safe Harbor</b> <b>REBEL</b> A.B.E.C. 7pm	<b>More info on Just for Women Bible Study at 7pm.</b> <b>See Karin Tichenor if you have any questions.</b>		