

# WESTPORT WITNESS

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# TRANSFORMED

## ROMANS 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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## BEGINS FEBRUARY 5

## DETAILS INSIDE!

### Mike's Message...

We are off to an INCREDIBLE year. God has GREAT plans for Westport Christian Church this year. How do I know this? Just look at what has already happened. We have had two baptisms, purchased the house next door for a parsonage, an incredible group at our youth concert (73), new guests (visitors) every week! Also, we have a great group of men that has stepped up in a serving position to serve the Lord. I don't know about you, but I am really excited to see what God has in store next.

I have been preaching a series of sermons about the growth of the church. I have really enjoyed sharing them and it is my goal that all of you not just listen, but put into action the things that we have discovered from God's word. We all must understand that the Church IS the people and NOT the building. God has blessed us with a wonderful building that I truly love, however, the building is not the Church. The Church is the body of Christ and can only function properly when ALL of its members are functioning to the best of their ability. The Church is the family of God. We must treat each other like brothers and sisters. I mean, treat them like we are supposed to treat our families, not like you use to! The Church is God's kingdom on earth. God's kingdom is where Christ reigns! If Christ is in your life, then you are part of the kingdom. This is just a small part of what I have shared with all of you.

Now, here is the question, so what? The question "so what" means, what are you going to do with the information that I have shared? Are we going to be like the group of people that met every day to talk about how to catch fish? They met every day and shared with each other the new things they had read and heard about concerning the art of catching fish—How to use a spinner bait, a minnow, or some other new secret bait. After their meeting, they would all go home, taking with them their information. When they got home, they would put the information on a self and then start looking for something new to share the next day. Each one of them was totally sold out to learning about the art of fishing.

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## CALLING ALL YOUTH

Wow, we had a great RPM. Wayne Deaton was great and then to follow it up with Tori's baptism, all I can say is WOW! I hope everyone makes the commitment to go to the Transformed classes; this will be an event that you can take though your entire life.

Have you ever looked in the mirror to see what others see?  
Do they see someone sad? Someone glad?  
Someone they want to be around?  
Someone they don't want to be around?  
Do they want what you have?

There is an old saying that the eyes are the windows to the soul. What are people seeing when they look into your eyes? When we always go around like someone ran over our puppy (with a Bulldozer), people don't want what we have. So, is the evidence of God's grace showing on your face? If not, why?

*When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. (Ex 34:29 NIV)*

Can people tell that you have been with the Lord because of your face?

In Christ, Kevin<><

<http://360.yahoo.com/wccspies>  
Remember to visit the website.

Remember to bring in your baby pictures.

*Mike's Message ...continued*

The sad thing is, none of them ever went fishing! They had all this knowledge, but never put it to use.

I pray that we never become like these people! As a member of the body, let each of us do our part to the best of our ability. Let us treat each other like family striving together to grow the kingdom. Let's not learn about how to catch fish, but let's do it!

Casting for another one,  
Mike

## *Making The Most Of Marriage*

*Building a Relationship that Will Last a Lifetime*

This is a wonderful biblically-based training for married couples  
Or those who are thinking about marriage.

This study will help couples understand how to become ONE  
And to build homes in which kids thrive and grow!

The sessions include;

Designed to be different.

Where have all the flowers gone?

Striking the perfect match.

Looking for love in two special faces.

Don't rock the jukebox!

Sex begins in the kitchen!

Enjoying the journey.

This wonderful marriage enrichment seminar was designed by;

Dr. Kevin Leman and will be held at

The Flat Rock Christian Church

March 24,25.

Cost will be \$25.00 per couple

For times and details please call Mike

812-591-3807

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Romans 12:2

Westport Christian Church will be hosting area youth and their parents for an exciting, new faith based purity program. *Transformed* challenges both junior and senior high teens and their parents to, "Be no longer conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their mind" (Romans 12:2). The Pregnancy Care Centers of South Central Indiana will be presenting this educational program, designed to address tough issues regarding sexual integrity from a Biblical perspective.

An introductory parent session will be held Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. All interested adults are invited to attend. The four *Transformed* sessions will be held each Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> thru March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the church basement.

Please prayerfully consider participating as we strive to encourage, enlighten and empower Christian teens and their parents through God's truths.

Session One: Satan's lies  
Session Two: God's Truth  
Session Three: Life Application  
Session Four: Celebration Ceremony

You may call Mike Bartlett or Lisa Newton (*Transformed* Coordinator) at 812.378.4114 if you have questions or would like more information.

Ladies For The Lord,

I have been sorting things for so long I feel like I am sorting my life! In a way, that's exactly what I am doing. As I delve into the stacks of paper, I find many things I had forgotten-the minutia of life. A few of those things are actually important, and I wonder how I could have failed to remember them.

Many times as we walk with God on our journey through this life, we lose sight of things that should never disappear. The knowledge that God has been our helper when we were in a hard situation, the time God gave a solution when we thought a solution was impossible, and on and on...Just as God gave the Israelites reminders of His help and love, we need to create little reminders for ourselves so we will remember God's deliverance.

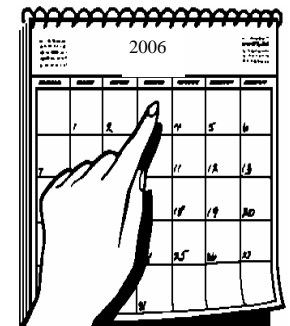
What can you use to remind yourself of God's working in your life? Maybe a special Bible verse, or a picture of a rainbow (to remind you how God has kept His promises in your life), or a song with special meaning for you that speaks to your heart in a special way. Whatever you choose, allow God to use it to give you a grateful heart and a growing faith.

Be watching for announcements just for us, Ladies. Secret Sister should be starting soon for those who are interested. We will be having a meeting soon in February. So keep your eyes and ears open!

Meanwhile, check out all that's happening here at the church. See you at church Sunday!!

## UP COMING EVENTS

5th Family Sunday	
7th Elders/Deacons meeting	7:00
12th ALL Church Pitch-in	
14th Board Meeting	6:00
21st Hour of POWER prayer meeting at parsonage	7:00
26th Morning Breeze	2:30
28th Men's meeting at Jonesville will leave at 5:45	



Westport Christian Church

Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

# February 2006

<p><b>BIRTHDAYS</b>                  1st Ronda Bartlett                  8th Donnie Sageser                  10th Hagen Peele                  20th Mertie Saylor</p> <p><b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>                  1st Mike &amp; Jenny                  Hardebeck</p>
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Bible Study 7:00	2	3	4	
5 Family Sunday <b>**Transformed**</b> Parent/Guardian meeting 2-3	6	7 Elders/Deacons Meeting 7:00 Parsonage	8 Supper at 6:00 Bible Study 7:00	9	10	11	
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