

CONCERT

By

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Friday
January 20th

At 7:00 PM

Wayne will share with us a great list of
Contemporary Praise & Worship
As well as some original songs.

Come and join us for a wonderful time
Of praising our Lord!

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Mike's Message...

As I sat down to write this article, I was thinking about all the wonderful things that happened last year. It is hard for me to comprehend that another year has come and gone.

So I would like to share with you some of the wonderful things that took place in 2005.

One of the exciting things that I observed was a real growth in your spiritual walk. Many of you have really developed in your walk with Christ. I want to encourage you to continue on that walk and keep building on your relationship to Christ. Also, may you encourage others in their walk with Christ. Many of you have stepped up with helping out in many areas of the church and that is very much appreciated, thank you. We had twelve people helping with the Good News Club. This is an after school program for the children in the elementary school.

Our attendance has had a slow increase. Our youth groups have exploded. We have been averaging 24 on Wednesday and Sunday nights. This is an incredible growth and we must continue to support them. Last year we had four baptisms and three transfers. For the first time in many years, the church also purchased some property. The church purchased the house that adjoins our current property. This will be used as the parsonage and, with the Lord's leading and blessing, a possible building site in the future for a family life center. Now, we have not been able to take possession of the property because the closing date is set for January 9 (which is only a few days away). As you can tell, we have had a good year growing together in our service to the Lord.

I would like to share with you that one of my goals for us in the upcoming year is to run 100 on Sunday mornings attendance. This will only be possible with the Lord's leading and **your** continued work. Just think of the impact that **WE** will be able to have for the cause of Christ in our community. Think about how many souls that could be saved and lives changed. This can be easily accomplished if each of us would get one person to come to Christ. If that would be the case, we will already have doubled. *(continued inside)*

CALLING ALL YOUTH

I heard a story the other day about LaDainian Tomlinson, running back for the San Diego Chargers. Tomlinson tells the story about early last year going to visit Reggie Bush at USC. Now, if anybody doesn't know who Reggie Bush is, he is considered the best football player in college football, and he just won the Heisman trophy. LaDainian, who is in the running for the MVP of pro football, says that he traveled up to see Reggie and workout with him. He tells that Reggie's condition work out was so intense that after the second hour he, an NFL player, had to leave the field and go to the locker room and throw up. When he asked Reggie Bush why his routine was so intense, Reggie responded that it was what he needed to do to take himself to the next level.

That made me wonder what it would take for us as Christians to take ourselves to the next level. The big question is are we trying to go to the next level? Or, are we just satisfied with where we are in our Christian walk? Paul talks about this in Philippians chapter 3 when he says "forgetting what is behind and straining for what is ahead." Forgetting what is behind- that is so hard for a lot of people. They want to brag about what they have done and forget that God's work is a continuous process.

Memory verse for the Month:

Philippians 3:13-15 (New International Version)

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

First day to quote is Jan 01,2006. Last day is Jan 15,2006

In Christ,
Kevin

Mike's Message ...

I am REALLY excited about the things that WE can do for our Lord in the new year. However, it will not happen without being covered with prayer. Therefore, I am asking that each of us be fervent in our prayers as we seek to serve Him in 2006!

In service together,

Mike

*Now may the God of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. 2
Thessalonians 3:16 NIV*

The only daughter of a noble family was mountain climbing in the Swiss Alps near Gemi. She fell from a steep precipice to her untimely death. The family was overwhelmed with grief. They tried to divert their sadness through travel and other distractions. Nothing their wealth could afford would remove the sting of their loss. Finally the parents turned to the Lord Jesus. In Christ they found comfort and peace. Upon the mountain slope that took their child, they erected a white solitary cross, made of marble. On its outstretched arms was the inscription, "Jesus only."

Has this last year dealt you a losing hand? Are you having a difficult time emotionally leaving things behind and moving forward? Turn to Jesus. No other power in the world can heal the past and bring hope for the future. As you face the precipices of the coming year, rely on Jesus, Jesus only!

God has a marvelous way of taking our worst tragedies and turning them into his most glorious triumphs. Joe Stowell

He who follows Me, walks not in darkness," says the Lord. By these words of Christ we are advised to imitate His life and habits, if we wish to be truly enlightened and free from all blindness of heart. Let our chief effort, therefore, be to study the life of Jesus Christ. *Thomas a Kempis, The Imitation of Christ*

Recipes From The Kitchen

Arizona Chili Dip

Number served', 25

1. Ingredients:

2 8-oz. pkg. Philadelphia cream cheese

4 cans of chili - no beans

1/2 c. mild or hot salsa

Instructions: Melt cream cheese in crock-pot. Add chili and salsa. Serve warm with tortilla chips for dipping.

Grilled Chicken Salad

Number served: 4 Preparation time: 30 minutes

Ingredients:

1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts

2 large tomatoes, coarsely chopped

1 medium zucchini, halved lengthwise, thinly sliced crosswise

1 c. frozen whole kernel corn, thawed

1 ripe avocado, peeled, seeded, sliced; slices, halved 1/3 c.

sliced green onions with tops 1/2 c. PACE picante sauce

2 T. vegetable oil

2 T. chopped cilantro or parsley

1 T. lemon juice

1/2t. garlic salt

1/2t. ground cumin

lettuce leaves or large shell-shaped taco shells

Instructions: Grill, broil or panfry chicken until cooked through. Slice crosswise. Combine chicken and vegetables in large bowl. Combine remaining ingredients in small bowl; mix well. Pour over salad; mix gently. Chill, occasionally stirring gently. Serve on lettuce-lined platter with additional picante sauce. May also use shell-shaped taco shells, adding shredded lettuce and then the chicken mixture."

Ladies For The Lord,

Ladies, I hope your Christmas went well. I've learned one thing over the years-no gift is too small if it comes from your heart. Then, as I became a mother and a grandmother, I found this was even **more true** when the gift is from your child or grandchild. ANY gift from them is precious.

In God's kingdom this is as true. He sees us as precious-His children. The gifts that we give from the heart make God's heart glad.

There are other gifts in the kingdom of God. Gifts that He gives us to help build His church. God has given spiritual gifts to every Christian. He has given us exactly what He wants us to have. Each gift is important and, if it is not being used, leaves a need in the body of Christ.

Find your gift and use it for God's glory.

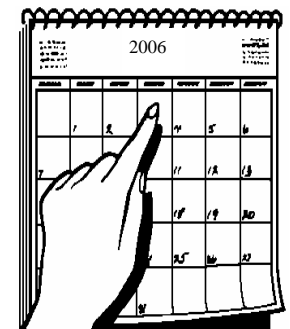
Secret Sisters will be starting up soon. Be watching if you would like to be a part of this fun activity.

Happy New Year!!



UP COMING EVENTS

1st Family Sunday, Lets have ALL the families set together!	
10th Hour of POWER prayer meeting	7:00
15th ALL Church pitch-in after worship	
20th Youth concert by Wayne Deaton	7:00
22nd Morning Breeze	2:30
29th Morning Breeze	2:30



Westport Christian Church

Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

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<p>BIRTHDAYS 2nd Riley Peele 3rd Ryan Arbuckle 10th Michael Arnold 11th Holly Peele 20th Nina Richardson 25th Kaleb Coryell 26th Hannah & Grace Arbuckle 28th Nathan Peele</p>
<p>ANNIVERSARIES 8th Steve & Pat Black</p>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Family Sunday No Wee-Worship	2	3	4 Bible Study 7:00	5	6	7
8	9	10 Hour of Power 7:00 At parsonage	11 Bible Study 7:00	12	13	14
15 ALL Church Pitch-In after worship	16	17	18 Bible Study 7:00	19	20 **Youth Concert By Wayne Deaton 7:00	21
22 Morning Breeze 2:30	23	24	25 Bible Study 7:00	26	27	28
29 Morning Breeze 2:30	30	31				