

# Adults Only



## Destination Unknown

June 24th

We will leave from the church at  
6:00

WESTPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## WESTPORT WITNESS

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### Mike's Message...

Recently on Sunday nights, we have been discussing church growth. We have been watching and discussing a series that Ben Merold did a few years ago. I thought this series would be good because not only does Ben talk about these things, he has put them into practice in his own ministry and with much success, I must say.

Now, I don't know about those of you who have been coming and participating, but I feel this study has helped us to see church growth in a different manner. It has put some things in proper perspective. One of the first things that Ben stated important for growth was Biblical preaching.

People are saved when God's Word is preached. I hope that you did notice that I said God's Word and not some pop psychology or words of man. It must be God's Word for His words will produce a harvest. *Isa 55:11, So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. (NASU)* 1 Cor 1:21 "For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe." (ASV)

Sound Biblical preaching is being attacked by many today as being outdated or old fashioned. But again, it is *ONLY* through God's Word we find the plan of salvation. It is only in God's Word that we find the true Jesus! Now, that may sound strange to some of you, but in reality there are many who claim that Jesus was only a prophet or a good teacher and not the Messiah.

The *true* Jesus is the Jesus of the Bible. The *true* Jesus lived a **sinless** life and died on the cross for the forgiveness of those who follow Him. *Continued inside. . .*

## CALLING ALL YOUTH

What an incredible month of May we had for our Youth Group! Our average attendance for the month was 14! That does not count adults or younger children that were there. That is absolutely incredible! The winner of our challenge was Tori. Just so that you will know, I am extremely proud of all of you for inviting others to come so keep it up!

Just a reminder, Thursday night is for those who are in the sixth grade and up. At this time we don't have anything to offer the younger ones. Throughout the month of May, we have been talking about our behavior. How should we act? What should we be involved in? What should we be watching on TV or listening to on the box? These are important questions that everyone should be asking.

The apostle Paul understood how important our behavior must match what we say we believe. For example, if I were to tell you that I was the greatest basketball player ever but I couldn't dribble the ball, what would you think? Or let's say I could dribble the ball but I didn't know any of the rules to the game, what would you think?

Okay, maybe those are silly illustrations, but the point is this- If we don't know how we are to act, dress, talk, or even behave like a Christian, what kind of example are we to others?

Paul told a young man named Timothy, "**Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.**" (1 Tim 4:12 NASU)

Did you read that closely? It said in our speech. What kind of words are you using? Our conduct. How is it you behave even when people are not watching? How about your faith, is it real? Are you working on YOUR relationship to Christ? Are you striving to show love to even those that are hard to show love to? Are you avoiding the things around us that make us dirty and don't keep us pure?

I know all these things are hard, but if we know what God wants from us, and how we are to go about doing it, (*by reading the Bible*) it becomes easier. Be an example to everyone around you no matter how young or old!

So until next time. . . Be smooth!

*Mike*

*Mike's Message ...continued*

Paul wanted to make it very clear about Jesus when he wrote, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." (1 Cor. 15:3-4 NASU)

It is only through sound Biblical preaching that the message of Christ can be told.

God wants His church to live up to its potential. For us to get there, we must have Biblical preaching and teaching of His Word. We must allow God to use us for His glory.

Are YOU willing?

Serving Christ with you,

*Mike*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will not have a Pitch-In this month.

11th Will be our Sunday evening Praise Service. If you would like to participate in this, PLEASE let Donni know. EVERYONE is encourage to participate!

18th Is Father's Day. We will *not* have evening service to give you the opportunity to spend time with your family.

24th **ALL** church *WORK DAY* 8-12. We will want to get the church ready for Friend Day!

24th Adult Only, Destination Unknown. We will leave the church at 6:00. This will be an outside adventure.

July 2nd. Friend Day. Please be praying for those that YOU will invite to this special day of worship. More details coming.

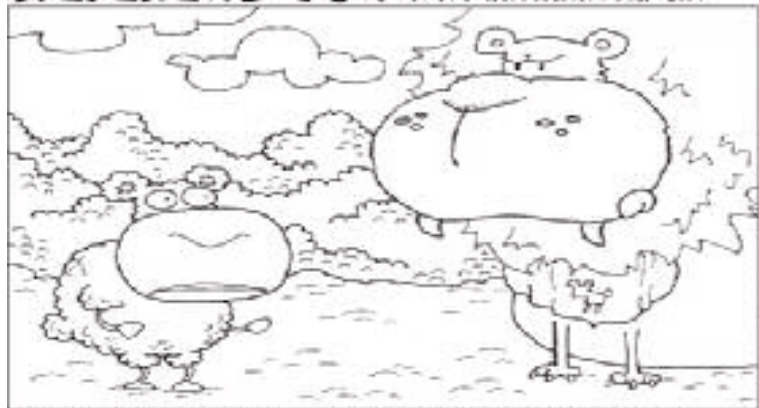
*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3 NIV*

Barry arrived at the airport and bypassed the usual lines for check-in because of his frequent flyer status. The same status gave him a first class upgrade to his destination where he picked up a luxury car at the customary rental company. Barry arrived at his hotel. He was given a special suite with concierge service and a complimentary meal as a result of his being a member of the rewards program for this national chain. As Barry sliced the steak he ordered, he reflected on his trip and the special benefits he enjoyed. Loyalty certainly has its perks!

How has your focus been lately? Are you staying firm in your commitment to the Lord? Put God first in all you do. Don't let the false promises of the world sway your allegiance to Jesus. The Lord will honor your faithfulness. Loyalty does have its perks!

*The condition of an enlightened mind is a surrendered heart. Alan Redpath*

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WOW ... FALL OF ANAN ... DIDN'T SEE THAT ONE COMING ...  
I SURE HOPE THAT THIS DOESN'T EFFECT OUR RELATIONSHIP

Ladies For The Lord,

How do you celebrate birthdays at your house? June is one of our big birthday months. It comes in with Katie's on the first and finishes off with Kris's on the thirtieth. There are quite a few in between!

My two kids have very different reactions to their birthdays. Jeremy very seldom says anything about his birthday getting close. Kate, however, celebrates *HAVING* a birthday then she celebrates the birthday. For weeks before everyone within earshot knows that their "favorite" niece/daughter/friend has a birthday on June first. No one has a chance to forget. *THEN* we celebrate.

Birthdays are fun, but there's an even more important date in your life-your second birthday. When were you born again? What's your story about God's glory in your life? If you don't remember, see if you can find out. When you took your first stand for Christ is an important mile marker in your life. (Mine was May 6, 1962)

Don't forget Friend Day coming in July. Be making your list of friends and start praying for them now!

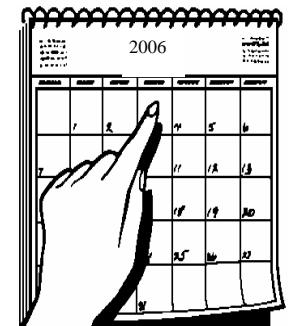
VBS is coming soon! Are you praying? Are you helping where you can? You are important for the success of this ministry to the kids.

Remember to pray for Michael Cann while he is in Australia. He will be a good representative of Westport, Indiana, USA. (And, as always, an ambassador for Christ.)

Come celebrate God's glory in your life this Sunday-(You can sit by me:)

## UP COMING EVENTS

2nd Scrap-booking	6:30
5th Elders/Deacons meeting	7:00
11th Praise Service	6:00
13th Board Meeting	7:00
24th ALL Church Work Day	8-12
24th Destination Unknown Leave church	6:00
25th 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

# June

<p><b>BIRTHDAYS</b>                  7th Levi Young                  9th Teresa Garris                      Norma Rowe                      Ethan Sebastian                  10th Joyce Sebastian                  11th Mary Lou Glover                  17th Jackie Hardebeck                  20th Eunice Low                  29th Ron Buchanan</p>
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Youth Group 7:00	2	3
4 Family Sunday	5	6 Ladies Meeting 7:00	7 Hour of POWER 6:00 Bible Study 7:00	8 Youth Group 7:00	9	10
11 <b>Praise Service 6:00</b>	12	13 Board Meeting 7:00	14 Bible Study 7:00	15 Youth Group 7:00	16	17
Mike Gone to Wilderness Camp						
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