

WESTPORT WITNESS

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Friend Day



June 3rd
Come and be our
friend

Mike's Message...

If I were to ask you, "what is the purpose of the church," what would you say? Could you give me an answer? Some could and some couldn't. I truly believe that many people today do not understand the purpose of the church. Not only is this true of those outside of the church, but even for many within the church. I would like to share with you this month, six purposes of the church. Now, before I go on, it is important that we don't see one thing more important than another. Yes, some times it is important to focus on one over another for a short time, but that is the exception and not the rule.

1. Worship. What is worship and who is it for? Worship is the act of adoring and praising God. In the scriptures, the church is referred to as the "household of faith," or "the household of God." That is why Peter wrote, "You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5 NASU) Therefore, worship is for those who have placed their faith and trust in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This includes preaching, singing, prayer, communion, reading of the word, and fellowship.

However, with that said, it is through the genuine worship of true believers that those outside of Christ can see what they are missing by not having a relationship with God and desire to know Him.

2. Evangelism. A good definition of evangelism is "one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread." Now, we may not want to see ourselves as beggar's, but we must be telling others where they can go to find the spiritual nourishment they need. Evangelism should be taking place outside of the church building, not saying that it can't and doesn't take place in the worship building. The best type of evangelism that **everyone** can do is friendship or relationship evangelism. That is simply telling others what God has done for you.

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Mike's Message continued...

3. Discipleship. Some will tell you that evangelism and discipleship are one and the same; I disagree. Jesus said, "Go into all the world." That is evangelism. Then He adds, make disciples. A disciple is someone that continues in their study after they have accepted who Jesus is. It is the duty of every member to disciple another. This is simply instructing another person what you have already learned.

4. Fellowship. No, I'm not talking about eating! Fellowship is a time of lifting one another up in prayer, encouragement, and instruction. Fellowship is the body coming together for the receiving and giving of support.

5. Prayer. The church should be known as a house of prayer. That is what Jesus stated. Yet, many times, very few show up for time of prayer. Prayer is not just a time when we talk to God, prayer is a time when we tap into the power of God. Prayer is not a time when we talk to God expecting Him to change His mind or do things our way. Prayer is a time when we open ourselves to see things God's way.

6. Ministry. Ministry is mowing someone's grass for them when they're sick. Ministry is taking someone to town when they can't drive. Ministry is stopping by to see if there is anything you can do for a shut-in. Ministry is taking food to someone in need, visiting the sick, feeding the poor, "reaching people with the **love** of Christ."

Fulfilling the purpose of the church takes **every** member, **you** and I working together to see that the cause of Christ goes forward. I pray that each of us does our part.

In Service to Him,
Mike

ALL Church Fish Fry

June 30th at 5:00

Bring a covered dish and an appetite and enjoy good food and fellowship!
Any questions see Mike

Ladies,

Limited time only—

Limited space available—

Reserve your space—

Did you ever just miss the cut? . . . The class filled before you registered—they gave out the last prize to the person before you in line—the elevator closed as you came around the corner—you almost got to join the team . . . It happens to all of us sooner or later.

I'm trying to cut 50 aspiring spellers to 6 available spots on the team without driving myself crazy! (I think that part's a lost cause!) This has reminded me of one place where I'm not too late—or too short—or too clumsy. Jesus says, "Whosoever will may come . . . come to Me all who are heavy burdened . . ." No limits! Isn't that fabulous?

But, remember, TODAY is the day of salvation.

Ladies, remember your secret sis. She needs your prayers and encouragement.

See you Sunday!

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Up Coming Events At A Glance

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| 3rd Ministry Outreach | Skybird Manor | 3:00 |
| 5th Women's meeting | Carolyn's | 7:00 |
| 10th ALL Church Pitch-In | following worship | |
| 19th Board Meeting | | 7:00 |
| 13th T.G.I.F. | | 6-8 |
| 23rd Women's day out | | |
| 24th Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze | | 2:30 |



CALLING ALL YOUTH

WOW! What a concert! Now, I don't know about you, but I truly enjoyed not only the music as well as the truth spoke by Hunter Smith. I know that many of you took time to meet the band and to get their autographs. I think that was so kind of the band to do that. Most people today don't want to take time out to speak to those who show up for their show. I remember one thing that Hunter said; we need to empty ourselves, or die to self, so that God can and will use us.

Congratulations to all of you who made it through another year of school! Congratulations to Michael Cann for receiving an "Outstanding Christian Student" award for the Alexander Christian foundation! Congratulations to Chris for receiving an Associates of Sacred Literature from Louisville Bible College! On behalf of the church, we would like to let **ALL** of our children and students know that we love you and are proud of you!

Has anybody ever disappointed you? Have you ever had a friend say they were going to do something with you and then didn't? Have you ever made plans for someone else, only to discover they won't be there?

If you said yes to any of those questions, how did you feel? Now, I don't know about you, but for me it's pretty much a bummer. I mean, after all they are supposed to be our friends.

Have you ever stopped and thought about how God feels when we say we are going to do something for Him and don't? Did you realize that God has emotions and feelings just like we do? As a matter of fact, that is what the Bible means when we read we are made in the image of God. God has given us the emotions that make us who we are and the ability to think, and make choices.

So, the next time that you are going to do something for God, do it!

Later

Needs For VBS

Fun Foam—pink, green, white, blue, yellow, orange, red, & black, 12"x18" 3 Pkg.

Pom Poms— 2" 4 bags

Movable eyes— small 3 Pk. Med. 6 Pk. large 10 Pk.

Kabob sticks— 1 Pk.

Roll magnet strips— 2 rolls

Thick heavy garbage bags black— 20

Black yarn— 1 skein

Craft sand—fine tan or brown, dark blue, white, blue, pink, yellow 3 bottles each

Metallic pipe cleaners— 1 Pk.

Inflatable beach balls— 25

Swim rings— 25

8oz cups—300

Small paper plates— 300

Napkins— 1 Pk.

Plastic Spoons— 100

Koolaid— Grape 12 Pks, Orange 12 Pks, Punch 6 Pks, Cherry 6 Pks

There will be a list on the Missions board to sign up for what you would like to bring. There will also be a box marked VBS located in the overflow to place supplies in. Please remember to sign up before you purchase these items. Also, if you like to make a cash donation, please see Ronda. Thank you for touching a life of a child through VBS!

Westport Christian Church

Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

June

BIRTHDAYS
 7th Levi Young
 9th Teresa Garris
 Norma Rowe
 11th Mary Lou Glover
 17th Jackie Hardebeck
 20th Eunice Low
 29th Ron Buchanan

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 *Friend Day* Ministry Out-reach Skybird Manor 3:00 | 4 | 5 Women's meeting 7:00 | 6 Bible Study 7:00 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 ALL Church Pitch-In Changed due to Father's day | 11 | 12 | 13 Bible Study 7:00 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Hilltop Jr. Wilderness | | | | | | |
| 17 Father's Day | 18 | 19 Board Meeting 7:00 | 20 Bible Study 7:00 | 21 | 22 | 23 Women's outing Warm Glo Candle Factory Leave Greensburg |
| 24 Morning Breeze 2:30 | 25 | 26 | 27 No Bible Study | 28 | 29 | 30 ALL Church Fish fry 5:00 |
| Hilltop Jr. High Wilderness | | | | | | |