

James 5:14 *Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. There for confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

The elders are wanting to be what God has called them to be and willing to do what the Bible tells them to do. If you have a need, prayer concern or would like for them to visit, please call any of the elders, it doesn't have to be your shepherd.

We as a congregation must keep the lines of communication open with our leaders. Allow them in and be apart of our lives, the good times and the bad times.

What a blessing the Port is to have Elders who truly have a heart for us all and what a blessing this loving congregation is to the church and community.

Let's continue to strive for excellence by living like Jesus: by seeking the lost, making disciples and showing compassion.

(Written by GB)

NEED ACCOUNTABILITY?

Some women of the church would like to start a study/support group for a weight loss program. The study will be "First Place 4 Health Bible Study" It's a new beginning.

Watch for more details coming soon!

My DAD is the GREATEST!

A banker will ask how much security a man can give before he will trust him. But here's a new test of a man's character that is very good: He may have on a dirty hat, or his jeans may be thin, but if his children have their noses flattened against the window a half hour before he is due home for supper, he can be trusted.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

There are many ways to measure success; not the least of which is the way your child describes you when talking to a friend.

Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope. *Bill Cosby*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Christians should be more like dandelions. Our sunny yellow faces should be a reminder that simple faith has deep roots that are impossible to dislodge. Our vast numbers should show the world that even though we are not fancy or pampered, we are evident everywhere, even in the best Neighborhoods.



WESTPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE PORT IMPACTING LIVES

www.westportchristianchurch.com

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!
AND SO IS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

INSIDE OUT & **UPSIDE DOWN**
ON MAIN STREET
Where Jesus makes a difference every day!

June 12th - 17th
Sunday - Friday
6:00-8:30pm

June 2011

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.

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- Shepherds: Mike Bartlett
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- Don Ritchey 591-3528
- 591-0908

Praise, learn and grow at the PORT!

Sunday Morning

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

Sunday Evening

Adults Evening Study & K-5 6:00
Wednesday night
 Adult Biblical Ed.

A child is not likely to find a Father in God unless he finds something of God in his father.

The Port—Westport Christian Church

June 2011

Birthdays
 2nd Marilyn Biddinger
 4th Sophie Hattabaugh
 7th Darien Fields
 8th Jim Parish
 9th Norma Rowe
 Ethan Sebastian
 10th Joyce Sebastian
 11th Mary Lou Glover
 12th Jim McNeill
 13th Randy Martin
 14th Keith Cooley Sr.
 Mary Beth Barnard
 Don Ritchey
 17th Libby Baugh
 Jackie Hardebeck
 20th Eunice Low
 27th Darlene England
 29th Sara Maple
 Ron Buchanan
 30th Kris Stout
 Pam Hattabaugh

Anniversaries
 1st Richard & Louise Klerk
 15th Harry & Sue Bundren
 26th Stanley & Pam Hattabaugh
 30th Steve & Jane Smith

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Biblical Ed. Class 7pm <i>Praise Team</i> practice	2 <i>Women Celebrating Christ</i> Bible Study 7pm	3	4
5 <i>Family Sunday</i> VBS meeting 5pm	6 10-12pm & 5-7pm Community Food Give away	7 Encouraging Others 10am <i>Ladies for the LORD</i> 6pm Jill/Ronda	8 Biblical Ed. Class 7pm <i>Praise Team</i> practice	9 ELDER'S MTG. 6PM <i>Women Celebrating Christ</i> Bible Study 7pm	10	11
12 <i>Ministry Outreach</i> <i>Skybird Manor</i> 3pm	13 10-12pm & 2-5pm Community Food Give away	14 Encouraging Others 10am <i>Flag day</i>	15 <i>Praise Team</i> practice	16	17	18
VBS 6-8:30pm VBS 6pm-8:30pm VBS 6-8:30pm VBS 6-8:30pm VBS 6-8:30pm						
19 <i>Father's Day</i> No Evening Service	20 10-12pm & 5-7pm Community Food Give away	21 Encouraging Others 10am <i>Summer begins!</i>	22 Biblical Ed. Class 7pm <i>Praise Team</i> practice	23 <i>Women Celebrating Christ</i> Bible Study 7pm	24	25
26 ALL PORT PITCHIN <i>Ministry Outreach</i> <i>Morning Breeze</i> 2:30pm	27 10-12pm & 5-7pm Community Food Give away at the Port	28 Encouraging Others 10am S.C.I.C.M.F. New Hope C.C.	29 Biblical Ed. Class 7pm <i>Praise Team</i> practice	30 <i>Women Celebrating Christ</i> Bible Study 7pm		

Mike's Message,

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Over the weekend something happened that is really disturbing to me. Some person announced that the 'rapture' was going to happen on Saturday, May 21, at 6:00. Now, even though I did joke about it and made some silly remarks, it still bothers me.

I had some who asked me what about the guy that made this prediction, what happened to him. I discovered he was back on the radio talking and in one interview Monday morning said, "I had a bad weekend."

The bad news is once again some man has given the world a reason to look at the church and Christians and laugh. On the other hand it is good because many around the world were talking about the coming of the end of time. I wonder how full some churches would have been if he had said it was Sunday?

I did some searching on the internet about this failed prediction and below is one site I found that many people have looked at.

I'm Sorry You Weren't Saved in the Rapture

Jesus has come, few were saved, even less noticed his presence, but May 21st was still [Judgment Day](#). If you are reading this blog, then you were not saved by Jesus in the Second Coming, and have been left behind during the End of Days. There are just five months remaining until the End of The World on October 21 2011. Prepare yourself for the End Times now by stocking up on water, canned goods, and appropriate clothing before the End of The World (www.rapture2011.org)

I would like for us to look closely at what they said on this blog and figure out what we can tell others when they ask us about this terrible prediction.

First of all we must answer the question, "are we living in the end times?" The answer of course is yes. On the day of Pentecost, Peter declared that we are living in the last days.

Second, is Jesus coming back more than once? The answer is no. Jesus came the first time as Messiah, Savior of the world. When He returns, He is coming as Judge. John 5:25-32; Acts 10:42; Acts 17:31; Eph. 1:20-23;

Third, will the second coming be a secret or a quite one? Matt 24:29-31 *"But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL*

from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. "And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. (NASU)

1 Thess. 4:16-18 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. (NASU)

Trumpets, shouting, the heavens shaking, I would have to think that people are going to know for sure that something is going on.

Fourth, when Jesus comes back the Scriptures teaches this world will be no more. 2 Peter 3:10 *"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up." NASU*

Rev 21:1-2 "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea." And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. (NASU)

Because of those passages I don't believe a person will need to store up food and water.

We must be like the people we read about in the book of Acts, *"Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so." (Acts 17:11NASU)*

Growing Together, Mike



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