

WESTPORT WITNESS

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CELEBRATION

Sunday

March 5th at 6:00

Come, celebrate and encourage
Our teens in their walk with Christ!

Refreshments following the service

ROMANS 12:2

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.

Mike's Message...

Lion or a lamb? Perhaps you're like me and have heard that old expression that March can come in like a lion and go out like a lamb, or come in like a lamb and go out like a lion. I did some research to try to find how that saying came about. I found some very strange things while doing a little research. Everything from Greek mythology to global warming! The Greeks of course believed that if they did not do things right, then the god of march would be upset with them. Therefore, they were not sure how the weather would be. I couldn't buy that! Now, we have a group of people who are saying that global warming has affected the seasons and thus we can't predict what may happen. I don't buy into that either.

The best explanation that I found deals with the changing of the seasons! Now, this makes sense. As the seasons change from a winter pattern to a spring pattern, the jet stream changes as well causing an unstable air mass. Now, I'll buy this one.

Okay, enough of the weather! What does this have to do with the church? In the Bible, Jesus is referred to as both a Lion and a Lamb. In Biblical times a lamb was very important for a couple of reasons. First, a lamb meant that the family would be able to eat and to continue raising their flocks for support of the family. Secondly, a lamb was offered up as a sacrifice to God for the sins of the people. One of my favorite passages about Jesus is found in the gospel of John. *The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29 NASU)* Here, John is describing Jesus as THE sacrificial Lamb. The apostle Peter states that we are not saved by futile things *"But with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ."* (1 Peter 1:19 NASU)

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CALLING ALL YOUTH

A couple of weeks ago, we bought a new vacuum. It is one of the new types that does not have a vacuum bag. All you do is vacuum and, when you are finished, you pull the canister off and empty out all the dirt. This vacuum is great and will pick up just about anything. Being a new unit, it also has suction power that is un-matched by practically anything. We have a Rainbow vacuum that was given to us, but still the new vacuum is the best.

Tonight Katrina asked me to look at the new vacuum because it was making a bad noise. So I got it and plugged it in, turned it on and there it was. I could hear a noise that did not sound new. It sounded like someone had vacuumed up something that should have not been vacuumed up. Well, all it took was the removal of three small screws, and I had the bottom off. There it was, a paperclip, stuck against the belt. Every time you turned it on you could hear a rattling noise as the belt and the paperclip rubbed against each other. Now I could have heard the noise and said "Its not hurting anything. I'll just leave it, and maybe it will fall out on it's own." But it probably would not have. It probably would have worked it's way into the belt so that in time it would have broken the belt. Then the new vacuum would have been useless. How many times do we do that with unconfessed sin in our lives? We say "it is not that bad I will just live with it." The next thing we know that sin wears us down and makes us useless. I Cor. 5:6 says, Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? So, don't let sin get you down. Clean it out right when it attacks.

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who **confesses** the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

In Christ,
Kevin <><

Mike's Message ...continued

The Bible also refers to Jesus as the Lion of Judah. Here the lion represents power and strength. We also read that when Jesus returns every eye will see and every tongue will confess Christ as Lord. When Jesus returns, there will be some that will see Him as the Lamb of God who was the perfect sacrifice. Others will see Him as a Lion, who is fierce, coming at them with strength and might. At that time, they will experience His wrath.

A Lion or a Lamb, how will **you** see Him?

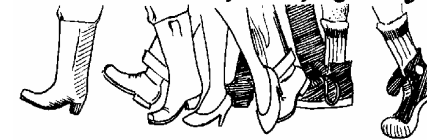
Rev 5:12 "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

May you behold the Lamb.

Mike

ATTENTION ALL ADULTS

Where is Everybody Going?



"DESTINATION UNKNOWN"

On Saturday, March 11th we are going to have "**Destination Unknown!**" This is our first adult only outing. We will car pool from the church at 6:00 P.M. and return around 9:30. The only information that I can share is, don't eat before and be prepared for a wonderful night of fun and fellowship. So make sure you sign up!

P. S. There is NO cost involved!



Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25 NIV

Steve and his family got dressed for church one Sunday. It was a cold rainy March day. Although they were tempted to stay home because of the inclement weather, the family got in the car and began the long drive. As they passed a nearby golf course, Steve noticed that there several golf carts lined up at the first tee. Obviously these golfers, shivering in the steady downfall, wouldn't let the weather conditions ruin their Sunday morning appointments.

Are you tempted to skip church? Don't let the excuses of bad weather, the need for recreation, or the desire to occasionally sleep in keep you home. People do what they really want to do! Ask the Lord for a renewed fervor for His people. A fresh passion for the Lord will help you to keep your tee times with your church!

Don't let Sunday be taken from you...If your soul has no Sunday, it becomes an orphan. Albert Schweitzer



We'll see YOU at worship!

Ladies For The Lord,

The year is gearing up. We're getting some glimpses of spring and the weather is easier to brave for evenings.

We have several events planned in the next few weeks. The chili supper to benefit Michael Cann (helping with the expenses of his trip to Australia this summer) will be March 17 at 5:00 in the church basement. A free-will offering will be taken.

The "Good News Club" is starting again in March. Our time to provide refreshments is March 13. If you would like to help, see Ronda or Carolyn.

Our first ever Scrapbook Extravaganza is Friday March the 3rd at 6:30. If you miss it, don't despair. We will be Scrap-booking in the basement the first Friday of the month for some time. Join us to get your pictures looking good-in a scrap book!

Secret Sisters are being chosen. You might wonder what that means—What is Secret Sister? She is someone you pray for on a regular basis. You remember her on special occasions. If she is ill you are concerned about her. She does not expect to be showered with gifts. She is happy to have your friendship. Let us know if you want to be a secret sister.

March has (as I have probably told you before) the only command: March fourth! Let that remind you that God has given us our marching orders—we are to GO... Tell... and bring others into His family.

March forth this month to do God's mission—Tell others about Jesus!

See you Sunday,

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(I'm still saving your seat.)

UP COMING EVENTS

5th Family Sunday	
7th Elders/Deacons meeting	7:00
12th ALL Church Pitch-in	
14th Board Meeting	6:00
17th Chili supper for Michael Cann	5:00
21st Hour of POWER prayer meeting at parsonage	7:00
26th Morning Breeze	2:30
28th Men's meeting at East Columbus	5:45



Westport Christian Church

Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

March

<p><u>Birthdays</u> 2nd Jacob Nugent 6th Jason Peele 23rd Johnathan Nugent 29th Peggy Combs Kenny Blanton</p>
<p><u>Anniversaries</u> 16th Donnie & Jill Sageser 16th James & Shirley Nugent 31st Mike & Ronda Bartlett</p>

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>ATTENTION ALL ADULTS</u> We have a wonderful night planned just for the adults called destination unknown! We will carpool from the church at 6:00. If you are interested in attending PLEASE R.S.V.P.</p>			1 Bible Study 7:00	2	3 Ladies Scrap-booking At the church 6:30	4 Clown Class 1-5
5 Family Sunday Transformed Celebration 6:00 Everyone is invited.	6	7 Elders & Deacons Meeting 6:00	8 Supper 6:00 Bible Study 7:00	9	10	11 DESTINATION UNKNOWN We will carpool from the church at 6:00
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