

## ATTENTION VBS HELPERS

A meeting has been scheduled for March 6th @ 4:30pm. An exciting new curriculum has been chosen for this years VBS to be held on June 12th-17th starting at 6pm Called . .

"Inside Out & Upside Down on Main street"  
*Where Jesus makes a difference every day!*  
Come a little earlier for the revival and find out how you can be apart of this years VBS!

### *Dinner and a Mystery*

*"Wall Street Scandal"*

*Who Killed Jon K. Bonds?*

*March 26th at 6:00pm*

Join us at The PORT  
for a meal, laughs, fellowship and  
*figure out who did it!*

Men don't forget about  
**GOD'S MEN** Bible study switching to  
the 15th at 6pm due to the **REVIVAL.**

Starting March 7th

Westport Christian Church's Food Pantry will be open to the community every Monday from 10-12pm & 5-7pm for fresh fruits, vegetables and bakery items.

First come, first served.

For more information call the church at 591-3807

Family Clothes Closet will be held on March 8th (church day), 9th, 10th, and 11th (general public), during the hours of 8:30am-6pm. Clean-up day will be Saturday, March 12. We will start accepting donations of clothes at the Outreach Center beginning February 28th during the hours of 9am-5pm.

The committee has had a request from S.D.E.S. for board games such as Sorry, Aggravation, Toss Across, Twister, Scrabble, Chinese Checkers. School supplies: pencils, paper, erasers. Both high school and elementary have requested feminine personal items. The greatest need is boys clothes. More adults are using the Closet due to the economical situations we find ourselves in. The shoes, purses, sheets, towels, blankets are greatly appreciated. Children look forward to the toys, books and tapes that are available.

The Family Clothes Closet was awarded one of the Dec. Co. Community Foundation grants for \$500. We served 1,169 individuals from this area in the Sept. 2010 Clothes Closet. All volunteers are welcome and needed. Thank you again for your help!

Sincerely, Jerry Renfro,  
Chairperson

## WESTPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE PORT



IMPACTING LIVES

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March 2011

REVIVAL AT THE PORT  
March 6th at 10:30am & 6pm  
March 7-9th at 7pm  
PRESSING FORWARD



Speaker: Dr. Tracy Marx  
President of Louisville Bible College

**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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## Mike's Message

I am looking forward to March! There are a couple of reasons why I am excited about March. Just like many of you, I'm ready to move past this snow and cold stuff. I really do enjoy the winter activities, but I am now looking forward to spring. With great anticipation I am ready to see new life spring up from the cold frozen ground.

I'm also looking forward to March because we will be holding our spring revival on March 6-9. Our revival will be a great time to be refreshed and encouraged from dealing with the elements of a cold hard world. This year, Dr. Tracy Marx will challenge us each night to keep on "Pressing Forward." Dr. Marx is the president of Louisville Bible College and has done some wonderful work in directing the school to remain true to its calling in training workers for Christ's Church. So, mark your calendars and invite others to come and join us. Our revival meetings will begin Sunday morning at 10:30, then again 6:00 on Sunday night. On Monday thru Wednesday we will begin at 7:00.

I hope you did notice I said revival meetings. You see if all we do is come to the meetings and not respond in any way to God's leading, then all we have done is have a series of meetings. A true revival is not a series of meetings but a response which takes place in the heart of God's children. There is an awakening within us to spur us on for the glory of our Lord!

A revival is designed for God's people not unbelievers. Now, it is true that unbelievers are welcomed and should be encouraged to come, but they can't be revived if they have never come to a saving faith in Christ. Most of the time when a person who is an unbeliever comes to Christ in a revival meeting or any other worship time, it is because they see true genuine believers expressing themselves to a loving God. So, PLEASE invite those you know who are outside of Christ and pray for them to receive God's amazing grace. But again a revival is for God's people so come and be revived!

*Revive us again, fill each heart with thy love; may each soul be rekindled with fire from above. Hallelujah, Thine the glory, Hallelujah amen! Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again.* (Revive Us Again by William P. Mackay)

Growing together,  
Mike

Youth Update; to bring everyone up to date, Jill Sageser has agreed to volunteer as a youth coordinator. Jill will be helping to oversee that youth events are planned and staffed as well as working with various ages in helping to keep our youth programs going.

## Be Transformed

What do butterflies and frogs have in common? They both are transformed from one thing into another. Frogs start out as a tadpole, and over time they develop legs and their bodies change shape. They lose their gills and develop lungs. Butterflies start out as a caterpillar. The adult caterpillar attaches itself to a plant stem and loses its outer skin. The skin underneath is really a hard shell called a chrysalis (pronounced cri-suh-lis). Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar undergoes changes. Wings and antennae are formed and soon a beautiful butterfly emerges.

When we become Christians, God transforms us into a new person.

(2 Corinthians 5:17) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! NLT) Our transformation begins when we believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, rose from the grave on the third day and are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. At baptism, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and our new life begins. Our physical bodies do not change but our hearts and minds do. The old life saying mean or bad things, being mean or disobedient is gone and a new life begins. We have the desire to learn more about Him and to do His will (living for Him, serving Him and telling other about Him.)

The transformation of the butterflies and frogs did not happen over night. We have to live our new life taking each day as it

comes. Sometimes we make mistakes and that is okay. We just ask for forgiveness and help along our new path. Our transformation will be complete upon the return of Jesus Christ when we will receive a new body. (2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down [that is, when we die and leave this earthly body], we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God Himself and not by human hands.) Remember to talk with God and read His word every day and know that God sees us as beautiful as the butterfly.

Loving you in Christ, Jill

## Just for KIDS!

In Spring we see many changes in Nature.

Make a Bug Jar to watch a Caterpillar change!

You will need:

- \* A peanut butter jar
- \* A metal canning jar lid to fit jar (it has a hole in the top)
- \* A small piece of screen cut to fit top of jar plus a little extra
- \* A branch that fits in the jar
- \* A Caterpillar

How to do it:

1. put branch in jar
2. put caterpillar in jar
3. Add some favorite leaves for caterpillar food
4. Lay the screen on top
5. Screw the lid in place
6. Watch what happens!

You can use your bug jar to watch other "bugs" too!