

# WESTPORT WITNESS

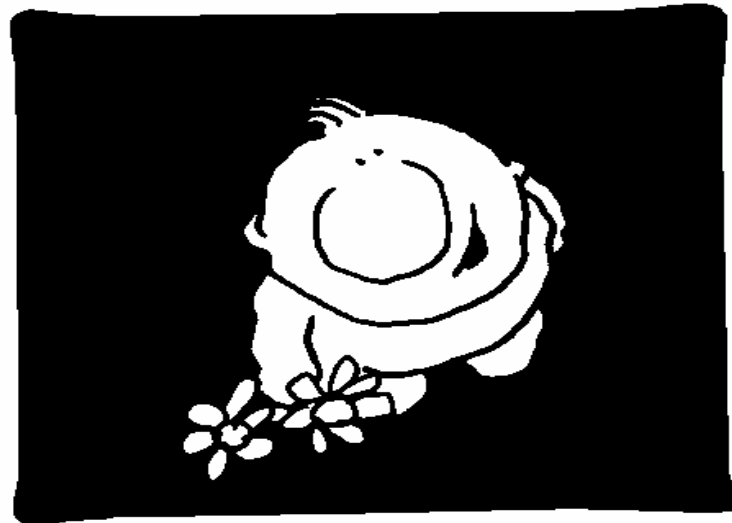
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# MAY 14TH

# HAVE A

# GREAT



## Mother's Day

### Mike's Message...

Isn't this a great time of the year? I love springtime! It's a time when new growth appears, when the flowers pop their little heads up out of the cold ground of winter, as to give us proof of the resurrection! It is a time when the birds begin singing their wonderful tunes of spring--reminding us to give praise to our Lord. It's a time when baby animals are born, again, new life! It's a time when the fish are biting like crazy. (No, this has nothing to do with this article, but some of you were wondering if I was going to mention the fish!)

It seems as if we have come through some dark cold part of life. In some ways we have, we call that season winter. In talking with many of you, I want to encourage you to look to spring as a time to be refreshed, a time to shake off the dead of winter and to strive to have a fresh start. For some of you, it indeed was a cold, hard winter. Not just the weather, but a season in your life that was hard and cold as well. A time when there appeared to be more cloudy days than those filled with sunshine. Did you know that more people are treated for depression during the winter season than any other time of the year? Praise God for springtime!

Springtime should help us to think about newness, a fresh start, a new beginning, new life. Springtime is a time for planting as well. A time when the farmers are in the fields and those who plant gardens will be working the soil in preparation for the seeds and the plants.

I would like to encourage each of you to think about this springtime in your life—A time to begin anew. A time to allow God to remove those dark days of winter from your life and to fill them with His Sonshine! A time to begin each morning in song of praise to God.

*(continued inside)*

## CALLING ALL YOUTH

I'm sure that all of you know by now that Kevin is no longer with us. He had to make some really hard decisions concerning his family and working at the church here. We will all miss Kevin and Katrina very much and we need to thank them for ALL the great work that they both did. We need to continue to pray for them and their family that God will not only help them through, but bless them for their desire to honor the King!

Many of you have asked me what we are going to do. My reply to each of you was the same, "we're going to keep going and growing." At this time I have disbanded the Sunday morning class that I had in order to serve you, our youth. I have asked that you be patient with us as far as Sunday and Wednesday nights. In order to help all of you grow in your relationship to the Lord, we have moved Youth Group to Thursday night. This will be a special time, indeed, for all of you!

So, I would like to put out a challenge to all of you. The person that brings the most people with them through the month of May will receive a nice gift! Now, here are the rules. In order for you to get full credit for your guest, they must be totally new in coming to our youth group. Now, if they have been here before but it's been a long time, I will be nice and give you part credit. If you have someone new that comes and they attend every youth group meeting for the whole month of May, then I will give you extra credit. Start inviting so that we may reach others with Christ's love.

Here's a question that I would like for you all to think about. Is it important what other people think of you? Some of you will say no without thinking about that question. Some will say, "who cares." Look with me at what Proverbs 22:1 says, "*A good name is to be more desired than great wealth, Favor is better than silver and gold.*" (NASBU)

Having a good reputation is important because it speaks of a person's character. Character is important because it is how others see us.

Remember, character does count.

Until next time,  
Mike

*Mike's Message ...continued*

I would also like to encourage each of you to plant some seeds. Tell people about your love for Jesus. Tell them how He has made a difference in your life. Tell them about where you worship and the many wonderful things that are taking place. Let them know that they no longer have to live their life in the season of winter, for spring is here. He has risen to bring us life.

May God bless you and use ALL of us for His glory!

*Mike*

## Goodies For The Kitchen

### **Angel Wings**

*Number served:* 6

*Preparation time:* 10 minutes

*Temperature:* 350 degrees

*Ingredients:*

6 skinless and boneless chicken breast halves

3 T. butter

salt & pepper

1-1/4 c. chicken broth

3/4 c. chopped onion

1 clove garlic, minced

2-4 T. jalapenos, diced

1 T. flour

1/2 c. whipping cream

1/2 c. shredded sharp cheddar cheese

*Instructions:* Brown the chicken with 1/2 the butter in a skillet. Season with salt & pepper. Lay the chicken in a single layer in a greased baking dish. Pour 1/4 c. of the broth in the pan; cover and bake 20 minutes. While the chicken is baking, sauté the onion and garlic in the remaining butter until tender. Do not let it brown. Add the jalapenos and 1 T. flour. Stir and cook 2 minutes. Stir in 1 c. of the broth; heat on low until smooth and thickened. Pour into blender and puree. Return to the skillet and add whipping cream. Adjust seasonings, and pour the sauce over the chicken. Sprinkle with cheese and bake 20 minutes more or until the chicken is tender and the cheese is melted and bubbly.

Serve with rice, if desired."



*On this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matthew 16:18 NIV*

Preacher Mike sat at the airport listening to a young man excitedly talking on the phone about his new job. After the call, the young man asked Mike, "What do you do?" Mike coyly replied, "I work in public relations, recruitment and staff development for a global company." "You do?" exclaimed the impressed young man. "We have offices in every county," Mike continued. We provide educational, medical, and relief resources to millions each year. We have several million paid employees." "Wow," replied the man. "Who do you work for?" "The Church!" Mike replied.

Do you talk about the Church with enthusiasm? You are a part of something big! The Church is God's instrument to heal the world. Take pride in your church! Who else on the Fortune 500 can say that!

*The church is so subnormal that is ever gets back to the New Testament normal it will seem abnormal.* Vance Havner

Ladies For The Lord,

Do you ever think your life is ordinary?—that all you accomplish is cleaning, cooking, fussing, and going to work? Do you find yourself grouchy and tired and unsettled more often than not?

I've been getting frustrated and grouchy especially at work. The end of the school year can do that. How do we get off the treadmill to serve Jesus in a big way?

Romans 12:1 says: So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. (The Message)

Wow!

Take the frustrations and give them to Him. Let Him adjust my attitude. The problem is—for Him to make the adjustment—I must take the time to be there with Him, ask Him to do it, and then be obedient to the Holy Spirit in the little things of my day.

We need to make sure to spend time with Jesus everyday. Read some from the Bible to think on through the day. Pray when the day begins, when it ends and often in between. Keep spiritual songs on the car and other times during the day. Stay in the presence of Jesus. Then offer Him the "little things" of your day.

God would rather we be faithful every day in the little things than wait to do some "big" thing for Him. Let's give Him the little details of our lives—the cooking, cleaning, changing diapers, helping the kids with homework, visiting your sick neighbor. . . — He will use all of it to transform you into the image of His Son. When we lift up Christ in our lives, the kingdom will grow.

Come Sunday and get charged up for the week. You can sit by me.

## UP COMING EVENTS

2nd Elders/Deacons meeting	6:00
5th Scrap-booking	6:30
9th Board Meeting	6:00
21st ALL church Pitch-In	
28th Morning Breeze	2:30
<b>Notice the change for our Hour of Power.</b> It is moved to Wednesday night!!	



Westport Christian Church

Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

# May

<b><u>Birthdays</u></b>
6th Wilma Cathey
7th Amanda Arbuckle
12th Kyle Peele
21st Chris Bartlett
Mike Hardebeck
25th Mary Ortman
<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
1st Danny & Joyce
Sebastian
26th Ryan & Amanda
Arbuckle

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Elders/Deacons meeting 6:00	3 <b>Hour of Power</b> 6:00 Prayer meeting Bible Study 7:00	4 Youth Group 7:00	5 Scrap-booking 6:30	6
7	8	9  Board Meeting 6:00 At church	10  Bible Study 7:00	11 Youth Group 7:00	12	13
14	15	16	17 No Bible Study	18 Youth Group 7:00	19	20
Mike's gone on Vacation						
21 *ALL church Pitch-In	22	23	24  Bible Study 7:00	25 Youth Group 7:00	26	27
28 Morning Breeze 2:30	29	30	31  Bible Study 7:00			