

ALL Church



Saturday May 2 at 5:00
Come and enjoy!

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

Friend Day



Sunday May 31st.

Start inviting and praying for your friends.
There will be a pitch-in following worship.

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Mike's Message...

Allow me to begin by praising God! Since the beginning of the year, we have had five baptisms and 12 transfers! That is a total of 17 people who have made a commitment to Christ and this congregation. God is truly blessing us with wonderful people who are willing and ready to serve. I truly believe that God is preparing us to be a light for Him. It is my prayer that each of us remains a humble willing vessel for Him.

Many comments have been made by those who have joined or given their life to the Lord. Many have expressed how this congregation is a caring, loving bunch of people. Others, how they are so glad we teach and stand upon God's Word. I had one person tell me they joined because we are one of the only "Restoration Churches" in our area. We even heard the statement, "you don't know what you have."

Since that statement, I have asked my self over and over, what do we have? Let me share with you a few things I have come up with.

- We have a body of believers who want to do God's will.
- We have a body of believers who want to study God's Word.
- We have a body of believers who desires to draw closer to the Lord.
- We have a body of believers who understand the 'church' is not a building, but a group of believers working together to accomplish what it is God would have us to do.
- We have a body of believers who are willing to serve Him by serving others.

Now, I know there are many others things we have which I haven't listed that may be on your list. The simple fact is, God is blessing us to be a blessing to others. Yes, I know that means we have to do something, but when we stop and think about what has been done for us, how could we not do more for Him? *Continued inside. . .*

Mike's Message continued... ... I would like to touch on one very important thing at this point. I know some maybe concerned as we grow we may change. Let me say the only things that will change are the things we allow to change. We must NEVER change the message! We must NEVER change the reason we do what we do! We must NEVER change in treating people the way God would have us to treat them, with His love, compassion and kindness!

In the last few years, God has blessed me with the opportunity to speak at a few other congregations. Some were warm and friendly. Others, not so. What made the difference? I need to let you know it wasn't the size of the congregation. One of the coldest was a congregation of about 45 people. Apparently, they were nice and friendly to each other, so they thought they were okay. It isn't the size of the congregation that determines its character, but it's the leadership! In the smaller church, the preacher and both elders were sort of cold and not inviting. Ronda and I visited a church of 400, and were overwhelmed with the friendliness, warmth and compassion they showed. Several invited us out to eat or asked if there was something they could do for us. The preacher was a great people person and the elders were the same way.

The true character of any congregation is the true character of its leaders. Let ALL of us pray for our elders and their families. Let's be in prayer that God will continue to raise up leaders in our congregation which reflects the true character we all love and strive for, Christlikeness!

Growing together,
Mike



"God gave Noah 100 years to build the ark.
Can't I have at least a month to clean my room?"

Elder's Express:

Last month was excellent as we celebrated our risen Savior Jesus. I don't know about you, but this was an exciting time for me and it was great to see everyone and all their smiling faces. This is the way it should be all year around. We should always be in such a manner that we make every day a celebration of God's love.

Jesus said In Mark 14:15 *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; Repent and believe in the Gospel.* Jesus said this after John the Baptist had been taken into custody. Jesus was beginning to establish his church. Jesus was God in the flesh and the fulfillment of all prophesy. He was the Messiah, Savior of all mankind. Only in Him do we have life eternal! Celebrate your life in Christ Jesus. Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy to be called CHRISTIANS!

Ladies,

The "Women Celebrating Christ" meeting format is continuing to become what we need it to be. The goal of the meetings is to love and encourage our sisters in the Lord as we grow to be more like Jesus.

The devotional Bible Studies included in the meetings since the first of the year have been good, but it is time to step out and do a longer study. I hope you all prayerfully consider being a part of this.




You must be willing to allow God to use the study of God's Word to change your heart and life. Your relationship with your sisters will grow and deepen as you spend time digging into the Word together.

Step in and do this bible study with us. It will be well worth it.

See You Sunday!

Love, Donni

May

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	***SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Sunday 17th. This meeting will take place during our evening service at 6:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend.					1	2 ALL Church Fish Fry 5:00 	
Birthdays 10th Jack Biddinger 21st Chris Bartlett Mike Hardebeck 25th Mary Ortman 28th Becky Hardebeck 29th Richard Klerk 30th David Speer 31st Stephaine Banta Anniversaries 1st Danny & Joyce Sebastian 12th David & Donna Speer 25th Paul & Susan Bennett 30th Brent & Gina Clayburn	3 Family Sunday CDT at Westport Christian Church	4 Good News Club Encouraging Others 6:30 Board meeting 7:00	5 Tutoring 3:30-5	6 Bible Study 7:00	7	8	9	
	10  Mother's Day No evening service	11 Encouraging Others 6:30	12 Tutoring 3:30-5	13 Bible Study 7:00	14	15	16 Women's Banquet 5:30 "The Lighter Side of Life."	
	Mike on vacation							
	17 Hilltop Camp presentation Sunday School All Church Pitch-In	18 WCC God's men 6:15 Encouraging Others 6:30	19 SMILE! Pictorial Directory! 2:45- 9:15	20 Bible Study 7:00	21	22	23 SDHS Graduation Mike speaking at New Point	
	24 Ministry Out- reach Morning Breeze 2:30 ALL Church praise!	25 Memorial Day service 10:00 Westport Cemetery 	26 SCIMCF Flat Rock	27 No Bible Study	28	29	30	
	31 **FRIEND DAY!! Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30	***Friend Day is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend. Begin praying and inviting NOW! We will also have a pitch-in that day for your special friend***						

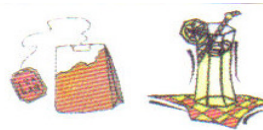
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DIGGS Discover, discovery, To find something of value after a long period of searching.

Have you ever been at work and you have your favorite tee shirt on, the day is looking like it's going to go well no matter what your supervisor throws at you...then it happens! You get this unknown substance all over your shirt and it just won't wash out. After lots of whining about it to everyone I see, Ella (a friend at work) gives me this DIGG: soak the shirt in vinegar and Dawn detergent then put it in the washer. Thank you, Ella, my maroon shirt never looked so clean after 3 years of the greasy dirt here at the factory.



Ever found that the iced tea at your favorite steak house is always better than yours at home? This DIGGS reporter read the menu at Roadhouse and discovered they use Luzianne tea bags for their clear and tasty iced tea. I have used it ever since and the compliments keep happening every time I have guests over.



Don't throw those mashed potatoes away after that big Sunday meal, they will taste good Monday evening as a potato patty fried in butter. And this reporter found that the handiest way to make that patty without a lot of mess and adding all those other ingredients to it (corn meal, flour etc. to make the patty hold its patty shape)is to put the potatoes in your tupperware hamburger patty containers. You know the ones that stack together and hold about 10 hamburgers for freezing. The patties of mashed potato will slide out of the container into your pan and you never have to get your pearly whites into it again....until you and fork meet later.



Make a Friendship Flyer

You will need:

- a paper or lunch bag, or the paper bag that Italian bread comes in
- string
- a heavy pipe cleaner
- scissors
- markers or crayons

How to do:

Decorate the bag with symbols of friendship.

Cut a hole in the bottom of the bag.

From the pipe cleaner, make a circle larger than the hole in the bag.

Tie 3 lengths of string on the circle.

Tie them all together, about 8" from the circle.

Trim two strings, leave one long for flying.

Insert the pipe cleaner and string through the hole in the bag.

Find a friend and go flying together!

Proverbs 17:17a ♥ John 15:13 ♥ Proverbs 27:10a

The Scriptures above and the names and the words below all have a common thread.

Circle the words and names in the puzzle. You will find them

The 11 letters that remain uncircled will spell the word that connects them all.

Jesus & Mary & Martha & Lazarus
Paul & Timothy
David & Jonathon
God & Abraham
Job & Eliphaz & Bildad & Zophar
Loving - True - Valuable -
Loyal - Faithful - Helpful
Close - Like-minded - Kind - We
Ruth & Naomi

J	O	N	A	T	H	O	N	M	A	R	Y	E
E	O	P	S	U	R	A	Z	A	L	F	T	S
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U	G	O	D	U	F	A	I	T	H	F	U	L
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T	I	M	O	T	H	Y	O	A	I	D	E	N
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