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I openly told them there is no perfect congregation because it is made up of imperfect people. I also told them that just because someone in the pew acts that way it shouldn't be a reflection of the whole congregation .

I feel I must say this, but I say this with much love. If you are that person, not only may you cause that person to be condemned, but you may be joining them!

Paul wrote, *Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.*

(Eph. 5:15-16NASU)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ shine His glorious face upon us as we strive to live for Him.

Growing together, Mike

MEMORIAL DAY

May 30

Is it enough to think today
Of all our brave, then put away
The thought until a year has sped?
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song
And deck a grave; and all year long
Forget the brave who died that we
Might keep our great land proud
and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,
That we who live give heart and soul
To keep the land they died to save,
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

-Annette Wynne

DRINKING FROM THE SAUCER

I've never made a fortune,
And I'll never make one now.
But it really doesn't matter,
'Cause I'm happy anyhow.
As I go along my journey,
I'm reaping better than I've sown.
I'm drinking from the saucer,
'Cause my cup has over flowed.
I don't have a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's rough.
But while I've got friends to love me,
I think I'm rich enough.
I'll just thank God for blessings
That His mercy has bestowed.
I'm drinking from the saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.
If God gives me strength and courage,
When the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.
May I never be too busy to help
Bear another's load.
Then I'll be drinking from the saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

WESTPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE PORT IMPACTING LIVES

www.westportchristianchurch.com



**Women of God
Banquet**
May 7, 2011 6:00pm

A meal will be prepared especially for you at
the Port on Saturday evening . Women of
all ages are invited to join
the joy of fellowship, fun and food.

ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?



**The Port's
Community Day**
May 14th from 8am-3pm

MAY 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.

The Port: 591-3807

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Mike Bartlett 591-2913
Kenny Blanton

663-7919

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591-3528

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Mike's Message

Let me begin by asking a question. What do you think is the most stated reason as to why people don't go to church?

There are some who say that Jesus wasn't God's Son because there is no proof. One reason they state this is all the false teaching, the false claims, the con-artist who is always seeking your money to line their pockets in the name of religion. There are those who claim they can heal people and to prove it they pack large arenas and charge people to come in to watch the show. We don't know anything about that person on the stage that claims they have been healed do we? The only thing that we know about them is what that man or woman with the microphone tells us. If they are going to heal people like they claim, why do they have to charge people to see it? Why aren't they walking through the children's ward at the hospital healing them?

I do counsel that Jesus healed people, but those He healed, Scriptures tell us they had been blind, crippled, and deaf since birth! There are eyewitness accounts from people who knew them that stated they were healed, not a man with a microphone. Before I go any farther, I must say that I believe that God STILL does miracles today! I believe He heals people today, but He doesn't need a man or a woman with a microphone charging people money to come and see the show!

Yet, that is not the most stated reason as to why people don't go to church. It is true that some don't go because they don't like the music. To that I inform them there are different styles of music and you can find one that I'm sure you'll like.

Some claim they don't go because the preacher preaches to long. I let them know that many different preachers preach different types of sermons and styles and some do preach longer than others.

However, the number one reason people say they don't go to church is because they work with or know someone that goes to a church yet doesn't act like it. In other words they are hypocrites. Just the other day I was inviting someone to come and worship with us, when they told me they wouldn't because they work with someone who comes here and they don't act or behave like a Christian. It is because of **ONE** person who sits in the pew that this person may go to hell. Can you live with that? I can't.

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Super Samaritans

This month our church has declared Saturday the 14th as a community day of service. This means that church members will come together and go out into the community and help out their neighbors (be good Samaritans). They will walk around our town in small groups and help out their neighbors by cleaning up trash or clearing brush or just picking up sticks.

In Luke 10:25-37, we find a man asking Jesus some questions. First he asks how he can inherit eternal life and Jesus answers by asking what the Law of Moses says. The man replies, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Jesus says, 'Right! Do this and live!' The man then asks, 'Who is my neighbor?' Jesus then responds by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan. A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him, beat him, and left him for dead. A Jewish priest came along and when he saw the man lying there he crossed to the other side of the road and passed by. A Temple assistant came along, looked at the man, and passed on by. Then a Samaritan man came along. The Jews greatly despised the Samaritans and would have nothing to do with them. However, the Samaritan saw the man and went to him and soothed his wounds. He bandaged him up and took him to an inn and cared for him there. The next day he paid the innkeeper to allow the man to stay there while he healed and if the bill was higher than that he would pay him when he returned.

If ever someone needed a superhero it was this beaten man. And he had one, Super Samaritan!

The Hands-On Bible tells us how we can be Super Samaritans. Draw a large S on a stick-on name tag. Decorate the sticker to look like your very own superhero logo. Stick the tag to the inside of your shirt where no one else can see it. Now ask God to help you be on the look-out for people to help. Maybe you can even help someone you don't usually get along with. Don't pass them by. Instead, think, "This is a job for Super Samaritan!"

Try this as a family. After a few days of being Super Samaritans, write the names of the people you helped on your badges and hang it in a place where it will remind you to love your neighbor every day in every way. Then discuss or think about these questions:

*Whose names did you write on your badge(s)? What did you do to help these people?

*How does it feel to help others?

*Why does God want us to help others no matter what?

*How does God help us?

Tell each other the best part of being a Super Samaritan. Then pray for each other, asking God to help you see more and more ways to help others.

So, come, help be a Super Samaritan on May 14 and show your neighbors how much you love them.

Love in Christ, Jill



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. 7:00



The Port—Westport Christian Church

May 2011

Birthdays

5th Lois Cann
7th Amanda Arbuckle
10th Beverly Biddinger
Jack Biddinger
12th Trevor Potts
21st Mike Hardebeck
Chris Bartlett
23rd Wilma Parish
25th Mary Ortman
27th Becky Creech
28th Becky Hardebeck
29th Richard Klerk
30th David Speer
31st Stephanie Banta
Adam Baugh

Anniversaries

1st Danny & Joyce Sebastian
12th David & Donna Speer
20th Louis & Theresa Baugh
25th Paul & Susan Bennett
26th Ryan & Amanda Arbuckle

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	Ministry Outreach Skybird Manor 3pm	2 10-12pm & 5-7pm Community Food Give-away at the Port Good News Club 3pm	3 Encouraging Others 10am Ladies for the LORD Amanda & Ronda 6pm (business mtg.)	4 Biblical Ed. Class 7pm <i>Praise Team</i> practice	5 Women celebrating Christ Bible Study 7pm	6	7 Women of God Banquet 6pm
8	Mother's Day No evening service	9 10-12pm & 5-7pm Community Food Give-away at the Port Good News Club last day	10 Encouraging Others 10am	11 Biblical Ed. Class 7pm <i>Praise Team</i> practice	12 Women celebrating Christ Bible Study 7pm	13	14 The Port's Community Day 8am-3pm
		Sunday Evening—Friday.	Mike's Vacation!	Mike's Vacation!	Mike's Vacation!	Mike's Vacation!	
15	ALL PORT PITCHIN'	16 10-12pm & 5-7pm Community Food Give-away at the Port	17 Encouraging Others 10am GOD'S MEN 6PM	18 Biblical Ed. Class 7pm <i>Praise Team</i> practice	19 Elders meeting 6pm / Women celebrating Christ Bible Study 7pm	20	21
16	Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30pm	23 10-12pm & 5-7pm Community Food Give-away at the Port	24 Encouraging Others 10am	25 Biblical Ed. Class 7pm <i>Praise Team</i> practice	26 Women celebrating Christ Bible Study 7pm	27	28 South Decatur Jr. Sr. High School Graduation Day
29	Morning Breeze 2:30pm	30 10-12pm & 5-7pm Community Food Give-away at the Port Memorial Day Service Westport Cemetery 10am	31 Encouraging Others 10am S.C.I.C.M.F. [Meet at church 5:30 to go to Flat Rock C. C.]				