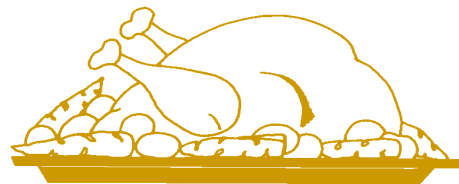


All Church
Thanksgiving
Supper
Sunday
November 23rd
At 5:00

Plan on bring a covered dish and enjoying
A wonderful time of fellowship.



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Mike's Message...

As I begin this article, I would like to begin by saying thank you! Thank you for the wonderful gift which was presented to us last month. It is my honor to serve here and I pray that I am as much of a blessing to you as you all are to Ronda and I. Looking back over the last ten years together, God has blessed this congregation tremendously. Now, before I go on, I must say there have been some really tough times, but there have been some really wonderful times as well.

I thought I would take this time to do a little reflection. In the last ten years, we have been a sanctuary for those hurting and a healing place for others. We have been honored to have 31 baptisms! We have been honored to ordain a young man into the ministry, who is striving to touch the lives of others with the Gospel. With God's leading and sharing His love, we were able to bring healing to one who had left the ministry. Now, he not only is back in the ministry, but is making a huge impact in the lives of those he is serving.

With God's leading and much prayer and hard work, we have brought to life a congregation that is ready to serve. We have changed the way people see Westport Christian Church. We are no longer seen as some little church sitting on the corner of Range and Mulberry with no direction and purpose. We are no longer seen as some little church that is drying up and ready to close the doors.

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Mike's Message continued...

Today, with God's leading and His blessings, we are seen as a place that is making a difference in our community. Today, with God's leading, we are seen as a body of believers who really care about others and reaching out with the love of Jesus Christ. Today, with God's leading, we are seen as a congregation that is truly impacting our community one person at a time. That is today! I don't know about you, but I am really excited about what God is going to do through us tomorrow!

I would like to close by sharing with you the words which the apostle Paul shared with the saints at Ephesus. *"For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places."* (Eph 1:15-20 NASU)

Again, thank you for your gift, and thank you for allowing me to serve you here at Westport. May God bless us as we strive together to continue to make a difference together for His glory.

Love ya all,

Mike

Elders Express: What does it take to be saved? Last month we addressed the second step towards salvation and that is hearing the word. This month we will address the third step in reaching salvation: Repentance. As mentioned last month, this step requires a change of heart.

Once we have heard the word and have decided to believe the message of Jesus being our Savior and the only way to salvation, we will naturally draw to the next step. Repenting is stopping what we are doing heading away from God and immediately turning towards him. We are driven to repentance through the realization that we are sinners and the realization that our sins are what put Jesus on the cross.

Recorded in Luke 13:3 Jesus said: "I tell you no, but unless you repent you will likewise perish". Here Jesus was teaching that no one is greater or less in God's eyes, but that all have the need to repent in order to come to Him. In Acts 2:38 after they came to an understanding the man whom they had placed on the cross was their Messiah and Savior, they were pierced to the heart and asked what they must do to be saved. Peter informed them to first repent. Repent of their sins and immediately be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. Prior to baptism, we are required to accomplish the next step. These last few steps are simultaneously accomplished, but we will break them down separately in order to really understand them. Next month we will look at the fourth step: Confessing.

Westport Christian Church


Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Creation Museum Trip
2 Family Sunday	3 GNC after school	4 Election Day Women's meeting 7:00 at the church	5 Bible Study 7:00	6	7	8
9 Ministry Outreach Skybird Manor	10 GNC after school Board meeting 6:30 Elder/Deacon	11	12 Bible Study 7:00	13	14	15 Birthday party for Lilly. Going Away party for Joey 4:00 at church
16	17 GNC after school	18	19 Bible Study 7:00	20	21	22
23 Ministry Out- reach Morning Breeze 2:30 **ALL Church	24	25 Community Thanksgiving ser- vice 7:00 at the Baptist Church	26 Bible Study 7:00	27 Happy Thanksgiving! 	28	29
30 Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30						

<p>Birthdays 12th Larry Glover 15th Lillian Murray 29th Carol Brown 30th Margaret Wiley</p>
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Sisters in Christ,

We are in the process of revamping our Women's Ministry. I think we will even need a new name for this "new and kinda different" ministry. I say "kinda different" because many of you are already active and doing ministries and serving the Lord in numerous ways in our community and our church. This has been true over the years and is still true today. I praise the Lord Jesus that, as we change the format of our meetings, we will continue to build on the foundation of ministering that has been laid by so many women over the years.

I've talked to different ones from other churches who are discouraged because the ladies in their church aren't doing anything. One or two women carry the whole load. That isn't true here. Many of our women are already involved in teaching Sunday School, preparing food for fellowship dinners and funeral dinners, writing notes or making calls to encourage others, working in the nursery or children's church, preparing communion, cleaning the church, and I could go on and on. We aren't just pew sitters; we are involved in God's ministry here in Westport.

This is not going to change. We want to organize our ministry more efficiently and have more time to encourage and appreciate each other--praising the Lord and learning how to be more like Jesus.

Before we begin our new format we want to take a moment to celebrate the saints who have worked and served so faithfully through the years. We want to recognize the ones who are serving now. Isn't it exciting to see the Lord working?

Plan to be a part of the Women's ministry and attend the monthly meetings so we can encourage and love each other in the Lord.

Remember, there are some people who only you can reach if you let God use you.

See you Sunday!! I'll save you a seat.

What's Cook'in



Turkey And Apple Breakfast Sausage

1/2 lb. Ground turkey	1/8 tsp. Salt
2 Tbsp. Soft bread crumbs	1/8 tsp. Paprika
1/2 c. shredded apple	Dash ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp. Leaf sage, crushed	Nonstick spray coating
1/4 tsp. Pepper	

In a large bowl, combine turkey, bread crumbs, apple, sage, pepper, salt, paprika, and nutmeg. Shape mixture into four 1/2 inch thick patties. Spray the unseated rack fo broiler pan with nonstick spray coating. Arrange patties on rack. Broil 4 to 5 inches from heat about 10 minutes or until no pink remains; turn once. (Or spray a large skillet with nonstick spray coating. Cook sausage over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes or until no pink remains.) Makes 4 serving.

Low cholesterol and low sodium. Enjoy!