

The Ladies for the Lord at THE PORT will be having a Rummage Sale September 8th-10th from 8am-5pm. You may bring pre-priced items to donate on the 4th. Will be setting up on the 8th at 8am. A sign up sheet will be located on the back table in the Sanctuary for volunteers to help at the sale. Tear down will be on Saturday eve. Many hands make light the work. Sure hope you can help!

*Remember the basement will be **out of commission** for the week of September 18th-24th. We will be getting a new floor!

*The trustees are asking for help to clear out the basement so the workers can have a clear area to do the floor on September 17th!!

*Also the food giveaway will be at the Westport Community building on Monday the 19th and Friday the 23rd.

ALL PORT PITCH-IN WILL BE
SEPTEMBER 11TH

GOD'S MEN IS ON TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 13TH

Elder's Meeting on
Friday, September 16th



The Annual Westport Bar-B-Q will be September 9th-11th.

The PORT will have a booth Saturday from 8:00am-5:00pm

Sign up sheet for volunteers

**on back table of sanctuary.
HOPE TO SEE!**

DON'T FORGET
about our
SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS
starting September 4th
We will be meeting in the basement.
This will be a great opportunity to know how we can apply our gifts to Christ's Church!

*new study will begin
this month at
Karin Tichenor's home
on Fridays at 7pm
You are welcome.*

WESTPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**THE PORT
IMPACTING LIVES**

www.westportchristianchurch.com

**The Port will be
sponsoring a concert**



**at the
Westport Bar B Q
Friday, September 9th at 7:00pm**

Featuring Jim Hutson

Also

**The Ministerial Association will
be sponsoring a concert at the
Westport Bar B Q
Saturday, September 10th
at 7:00pm**

Featuring the Smith Family Trio.

*Don't miss the second weekend in Sept.
to hear some great Free Christian Music!!*



September 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.

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Mike's Message,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you all of something of great importance. Starting this month, September, for the next several weeks ALL the adults will meet together for one Biblical Education Class. In case you are wondering why, I would be glad to share that with you.

Remember, this congregation is an elder led congregation. The reason we are elder led, is that is what the Scripture states as to how a congregation is to be governed, by a group of elders. I can tell you that these men that you have serving as elders put in much time reading and studying to be the leaders God has called them to be. We meet on a weekly basis for prayer, study, and seeking God's guidance.

Therefore, the leaders have come to the understanding that in order for this congregation to achieve what it is that God desires for us to be, we must have some things in place and this includes you. The Scripture refers to the church working together as a body.

"For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired." (1 Cor. 12:12-18NASU)

What happens to you when part of your body is not working properly? The other day I hurt my little toe and it bothered me for several days. It affected the way I walked and even the things I could do and it was my little toe! You see when one part of the body and it doesn't matter what part it is does not work the way God intended, it puts a strain on the rest of the body.

Look back at the last sentence of that passage. It says, *"God has placed the members...just as HE desires."* God has placed each and every member here in this congregation to serve Him by working together with the rest of the body.

Each and every one of us must be serving where God would have us to serve. It is because of that, the combined adult BEC will focus on answering three questions

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1. What spiritual gift do I have?
2. What is my spiritual gift?
3. How can I use my gift to honor God and encourage the Body?

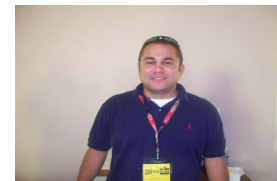
We would like to ask ALL of you to make every effort to be here to, learn, grow and serve. Remember, if you are not here the whole body suffers.

Growing Together, Mike

Hello Church Family,

We had a very busy month of August with events. I would like to thank the youth and their parents that made an impact on people lives during the food give away and VBS. This month I will be starting to come to South Decatur High school and have lunch with the youth and reach the unchurched. I'm looking forward to impacting lives at "THE PORT"

Grace & Peace



Jason

P.S. Come out and be part of our Youth Ministry Team! We meet the last Sunday of each month at 5pm.

