

# WESTPORT WITNESS

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We are taking a trip to the  
“*Creation Museum*”  
February 23  
Come and join us!



See Mike for more information

## Mike's Message...

BURRRRRRR!!! It must be winter. Well, many of you have said, "I don't like winter." It does seem, as we get older, we have a tendency to like the cold less and less. I've even heard people say: "I don't know why we have to have cold weather!"... "I hate cold weather!"... "If it was up to me, it would be 60, 70, 80 degrees year round." Perhaps you've said or even thought these things yourself, but may I remind you, it's not up to us!

God has a plan and a reason for the things He does or allows. *Gen 1:14* "Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years." (NASU) Let's take winter for example. It is through the winter months the condition of the soil changes. Soil goes through a freezing and thawing process that helps break down heavy clay content. Winter also helps to add much needed moisture to the layers of soil from the long hot summer. It is also a time when the soil rests. For years I was also told it was during the winter months that many of the pests --flies, spiders, mosquitoes, and many other wonder bugs you enjoy-- are killed off during the frozen months of winter. So, I believe we can and should say that God truly knows what He is doing!

I also feel that it is safe to say everything has a purpose. We may not like or understand it, but I believe everything has a purpose. There are many things that I must deal with on a weekly basis I don't like or understand. I may even get angry or upset, other times just confused. It seems like I find myself in that category (confused) more and more often.

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*Mike's Message continued...*

The truth of the matter is God in His great wisdom knows sometimes we need rain, wind, storms, heat, and cold in our lives to make us into the person He would have us to be.

I remember as a young boy wondering to myself why I couldn't catch fish every time I went fishing. It seemed like sometimes I could catch one every cast and other times nothing. Through those times when they didn't bite well, I discovered other things that would make them bite. A few years later I began to fish some tournaments and did okay. I was catching fish when others couldn't. It was then I realized those times when the bite was tough made me learn different things (methods?) in order to catch fish.

Now, for those of you who don't fish, the application is the same in life. During those difficult cold days, we discover a different way of coping or understanding the situation. During those cold days, the warmth of the sun feels good.

When the cold winds howl, I pray you find yourself basking in the warmth of the SON!!

P.S. Remember, spring is coming!!

Love,  
*Mike*



*As the deer, panteth for the water, my soul long for Thee.*

Well, Ladies, did you make New Year's resolutions? Are you keeping them?

I'm not sure about the importance of New Year's resolutions but I do know it is important for us to set goals. As some illustrious philosopher said, "If you aim at nothing, you will surely hit it."

What are your goals?

Here are four areas for goal setting I think I'm going to use. Spiritual-- I want to set a goal to increase my bible reading. We really need to get God's word in our hearts-- it is living and active. God will use His word to make us more like Jesus. Physical-- I need a goal to better take care of this body God designed for me. (I'll also need to do lots of praying to reach that goal!) People-- We need to nurture our relationships with family and friends. Dreams-- What is something you have wanted to do? Take one step to fulfill that dream.

Don't overwhelm yourself but set a realistic goal that can be measured. Then remember the old riddle. "How do you eat an elephant?"

"One bite at a time!"

Happy Valentine's Day! See you Sunday.



3rd. Christ Driven Teens		6-8
5th Women's meeting at church		7:00
8th T.G.I.F.		6-8
9th God's Men Breakfast		7:30
10th Ministry Outreach	Skybird Manor	3:00
12th Elder/Deacon		6:00
12th Board Meeting		7:00
17th ALL Church Pitch-In		After worship
23rd Creation Museum Trip		
24th Ministry Outreach	Morning Breeze	2:30

## CALLING ALL YOUTH

Last month I shared with you the fact I was working on a trip. Well, Saturday, February 23 will be the day we are going to the "Creation Museum." I sure hope you all will go, this will be a fantastic trip!

Also, I want to remind all of you about camp. The theme for this year is, "Victory Is Imminent." I would like to encourage **ALL** of you to consider going. Camp is a wonderful place to meet new friends, to get away from your parents, and to experience God for yourself.

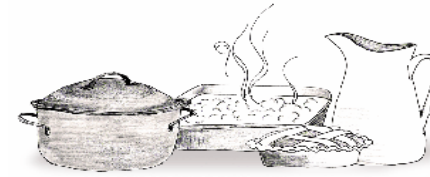
Here is a note about "Christ Driven Teens." Our attendance is going up, new people are coming, and God is making a difference in our community and in the lives of people. PTL!! Our next meeting will be at the Sardina Baptist Church, lets see if we can pack it out! Also, May will be our last meeting for this school year. However, that is not the end of CDT. We will pick right back up in the fall. During the summer, CDT will be doing at least one community service project. We will need everyone's help to pull this off. I don't know what we will be doing yet, but we will be doing something. So keep your ears and eyes open for that.

For the younger group, the "Good News Club," will be starting the first Monday of this month. It would be great to see all of you from this congregation there. If you want to go and need a ride home, let me or Ronda know and we will get you one. This is an exciting and fun thing to be involved in. I hope to see you there.

Okay, I have a question and the first one that gives me the right answer will win a CD. What was the name of the man who carried the cross for Jesus and where was he from?

Later

## From The Kitchen



### *Sour Cream Coffee Cake*

2 Cup flour	1 Cup sour cream
1 ½ Cup sugar	2 eggs
1 Cup butter	¼ tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Soda	1 tsp. Baking powder
½ tsp. Vanilla	
Pecan Mixture:	
2 Tablespoons brown sugar	1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ cup pecans	
Mix together	

Cream butter and sugar together. Add beaten eggs, stir in cream, vanilla, and salt. Add flour and baking powder, beat until smooth. Pour half batter in tube pan, sprinkle half of pecan mixture over this batter. Pour remaining batter. Bake 45 minutes in a 350 degree oven

Enjoy!!

Westport Christian Church

Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

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3 Family Sunday Christ Driven Teens 6-8	4 Good News Club	5 Women's meeting At church 7:00	6 Bible Study 7:00	7	8	9 God's men break- fast 7:30
10 Ministry Outreach Skybird Manor 3:00	11 Good News Club	12 Elder/Deacons 6:00 Board meeting 7:00	13 Bible Study 7:00	14	15	16
17 ALL Church Pitch-In	18 No School	19	20 Prayer meeting 6:15 Bible Study 7:00	21	22	23 <b>Creation Museum trip 8AM-8PM</b>
24 Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30	25 Good News Club	26	27 Bible Study 7:00	28	29	

Birthdays

1st Ronda Bartlett  
8th Donnie Sageser  
18th John Riggs  
20th Mertie Saylor  
22nd Larry Hanies  
26th Sharon Pugh  
27th Charlene Cooley

Anniversaries

1st Mike & Jenny  
Hardebeck