

*May God
Richly Bless
You and your
Family
In
2005*

PRAISE SERVICE

On January 30th, we will have our congregational praise service!

This is a great opportunity for **you**,
to share your wonderful talents and gifts.

If you have a reading, poem, song, or instrumental please join us for a
wonderful time in praising our Savior and Lord.

Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Please let Donni know what you will be doing.

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Mike's Message...

Happy New Year!! Now, I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to a new and exciting year. Last year I saw great spiritual growth in many of our members. I observed God working in the lives of so many it was truly awesome. Last year we had five baptisms and five transfers. That speaks volumes as to what lies ahead. There were many that worked hard to help make our worship time together special. There were lots of repairs and improvements done to the building. I believe that we can join together and say that the Church has made a huge impact in our community. I just praise the Lord for these and many other things that **this** congregation has done for God in '04.'

So, I must ask, what is ahead for Westport Christian Church in the new year? I don't know! I can tell you that I believe that God has **GREAT** plans for this congregation with the new year and in the years ahead. So, I would like to suggest five things that ALL of us must do for the new year.

1. PRAY—Every great ministry began and grew with prayer! This **MUST** be our starting point, not the point we get to when other things don't work.
2. PLAN—God will lead us to the plan that He has chosen for us to follow after we have prayed. We must have a vision of where we are going in order to get there.
3. PREPARE—So many times we ask God to help us without preparing ourselves to serve Him. We must prepare **NOW** for the future.
4. PARTICIPATE—We must choose to be Kingdom builders not PEW sitters!
5. PRAISE— We must remain humble. Giving God the praise and the honor for allowing us to serve Him.

These five things are the starting point that we must have in mind as we serve and grow together. May **WE** lift up Jesus high in 2005!

Love to all,
Mike

John, Chapter 3

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WORD LIST

accept	Rabbi
argument	reborn
ascend	receive
baptized	save
believe	serpent
condemn	sound
darkness	speak
earthly	Spirit
eternal life	testify
evil	truth
gave	understand
heaven	verdict
Israel	water
Jesus	wilderness
joy	wind
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It's a YOUTH Thing,

As we begin a new year, I would like to ask, what do you have planned? Have you even considered what you will be doing this summer? Some of you will perhaps get a summer job. Others will just hang out. Those of you that will be free, (that means no job-just hanging out) I would like to ask if you would be interested in helping with some missions projects. Did I hear you say, "what is he talking about?" Well, in case that is what you are thinking, I have been looking around to see about some things we could do as a group to share the message of Christ's love. Here are a few things that I have come up with. Remember, we must be mission minded!

1. Plant some flowers for some of the elderly in our church and community.
2. Plan one day to work and help clean up the church and the grounds.
3. Plan a meal to serve to the seniors in our church and in our community. This would be a great outreach!
4. Take a day and going to Hilltop to work and help get things ready for camp.

These are just a few things that I have been thinking about. If you have any suggestion that are within reason, please let me or Kevin know.

I am sure that, as you looked over this list, you saw that it ALL had to do with serving,(working for) others. Don't be afraid, it won't hurt...too much! But, seriously, this is a wonderful opportunity to minister to others. As each of you grow in your faith, you need to grow in your service.

OK, on a lighter side, here is the question for the month. In the O.T. books, every title ending with "ah" is the name of a prophet, except one. Who is it? Now in order to make this fair, remember, you can only win if you did not win last month. No help from an adult, and you must wait until next Sunday to answer

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9 NIV)

Dr. David Livingstone was a famous missionary working in uncharted areas of Africa. A group of friends and supporters wrote him: "We would like to send other men to you. Have you found a good road into your area yet?"

Dr. Livingstone sent this message in reply: "If you have men who will only come if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all."

What challenges lie ahead of you? Don't let obstacles keep you from moving forward. Jesus is looking for people who will be willing to venture into uncharted territories. Trust the Lord and commit yourself to the task in front of you. Be a trailblazer for God!

We never become truly spiritual by sitting down and wishing to become so. You must undertake something so great that you cannot accomplish it unaided. (Phillips Brooks)

Ladies Corner,

The New Year is here-ready or not!

If you haven't done it already, check out the new table in the kitchen. The ladies donated this great new work surface-stainless steel and beautiful. So easy to keep clean!

Ladies, the new secret sister program has begun for this year. You each have your secret sister and should be praying for her and her family. Look for ways to be an encouragement for her. Take the time and effort to learn more about your secret sister. Remember to send some tangible encouragement (a card or gift) each month.

This is a time for new beginnings-a refreshing of your soul. Slow down and allow God and you to experience sacred moments. As you start listening to the New Testament, focus on your relationship with God. Find joy in who God is and what He is doing in your life.

Our Father knows what's best for us, So why should we complain.
We always want the sunshine, But He knows there must be rain.

We love the sound of laughter, And the merriment of cheer. But our hearts would lose their tenderness, If we never shed a tear.

Our Father tests us often, With suffering and with sorrow; He tests us, not to punish us, But to help us meet "tomorrow".

For growing trees are strengthened When they withstand the storm;
And the sharp cut of the chisel Gives the marble grace and form.

God never hurts us needlessly, And he never waste our pain; For every loss he sends to us Is followed by rich gain.

And when we count the blessings That God has so freely sent; We will find no cause for murmuring And no time to lament.

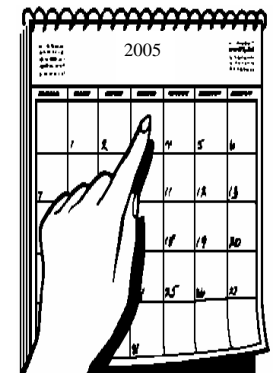
For Our Father loves his children, And to him all things are pain; So he never sends us pleasure when the "soul's deep need is pain".

So whenever we are troubled And when everything goes wrong, It is just God working in us To make "our spirits strong".

By; Helen Steiner Rice

UP COMING EVENTS

4th	Ladies meeting-parsonage	7:00
10th	Hour of POWER	7:00
13th	Board Meeting	6:00
16th	ALL Church Pitch-in	
16th	Special speaker for PM worship	
15th	God's Men breakfast	7:30
23rd	Morning Breeze	2:30
30th	Morning Breeze	2:30
30th	PRAISE service	6:00



Westport Christian Church
 Sunday School 9:30
 Worship 10:30
 Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00
 Wednesday night 7:00

January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>** On the 5th we will start our Supper & Study!! This will last for eight weeks. We will eat from 6:00-6:45. Bible Study will begin at 7:00. If you have any questions please see Mike.</p> </div>						1
2 Family Sunday NO Wee-Worship	3	4 Ladies meeting Parsonage 7:00	5 *Supper & Study	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 *Supper & Study	13 Board Meeting 6:00 At parsonage	14	15 God's Men Breakfast 7:30
16 ALL Church Pitch-In Brad Clouse Preaching 6:00	17 Hour of POWER 7:00 @ parsonage	18	19 *Supper & Study	20	21	22
23 Morning Breeze 2:30	24	25	26 *Supper & Study	27	28	29
30 Morning Breeze 2:30 PRASIE SERVICE 6:00	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Start preparing <i>now</i> for our praise service Please let Donni know soon!</p> </div>				

BIRTHDAYS

2nd Riley Peele
 3rd Ryan Arbuckle
 10th Michael Arnold
 11th Holly Peele
 20th Nina Henson
 25th Kaleb Coryell
 26th Hanna Arbuckle
 26th Grace Arbuckle
 28th Nathan Peele
 30th Summer Catron

ANNIVERSARIES

8th Steve & Pat
 Black