

CONCERTS

Sunday January 7
6:00

Inspiration

By Faith

Southern Gospel Style

Friday January 19
7:00

Brian Richardson

Contemporary Style

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Mike's Message...

Happy New Year!!! "What will the new year bring?" Take just a moment to ponder on that question. The way you answer that question will say a lot about the kind of person you are. It will also make a statement about your relationship to the Lord. Now, before I go any farther, let me say that **no one**, except God, knows what will happen in the new year.

With that in mind, allow me to ask that question again, "what will the new year bring?" Now, there will no doubt be times of testing and results from those times of testing. Times of grief and times of joy. Times of assurance and times of doubt. As a matter of fact, Solomon wrote in the book of Ecclesiastes chapter three, there is a time for everything. But again I must ask, "what will the new year bring?"

Let me just share a few things that I expect the new year to bring. The new year will bring about change. (Yes, I said the c-word) The new year will bring new opportunities for you to share your faith with someone new. The new year will bring new opportunities for the church that we serve to reach out into the community. The new year will bring new members into the body here. The new year will bring new ministries. The new year will bring new challenges that we will meet. The new year will give each of you opportunities to develop your gifts for the Lord. The new year will bring new workers who are wanting to see the Kingdom grow.

Yes, there are many, many more things that I am sure the new year will bring. Here is just one more. The new year will bring a chance for some to get a fresh start-to make a new commitment in serving the Lord.

I have been reading a book written by Erwin Raphael McManus entitled, "*Chasing Daylight*." This book deals with the understanding that every Christian has been given the opportunity and ability to serve God in a great way.

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Mike's Message continued...

I would like to share with you a quote from the book that I recommend that you read everyday for the month of January. **"You were born to live a great adventure; You were created with a divine destiny; You are called to fulfill a great mission. You were designed for a unique purpose. Now you are called to live it out."**

What a great message to begin the new year with. So again, "what will the new year bring?" I think **you** understand now what I mean.

Happy New Year!

Mike

Ronda and I would like to thank the church and many individuals for the wonderful Christmas gifts. Thanks to ALL!

For the Youth,

Our party after Bible study was great. I hope you had as much fun as I did even though I guess I don't understand the mob game? Thanks to all of you came and spent the evening with us.

As all of you know, school will soon be back in session with the end of another school year coming up. I want to encourage all of you to continue to strive to do the best you can.

Coming up on Friday January 19 we will have a concert by Brain Richardson. Some of you were here when Brain was here the last time and it was great! Please mark your calendar and bring a friend, it will be a great time!

The camp schedule will be out soon so I want to encourage all of you to consider going to Hilltop this year. So that you will know, there is a camp scholarship that is available. For more information on that see Mike.

If you have some idea for a great summer event or outing, let me know and I will see if we could pull it off.

Always remember, keep striving to be all you can be for the Lord! For He gave Hi all for you!

Later

Ladies,

New beginnings are wonderful. Is there any thing better than having all the laundry washed and put up? All the house cleaned . . . At the SAME TIME!! All the homework done—correctly! A clean fresh piece of paper waiting for the 1st mark of the pencil—new beginnings . . .

God gives us a new beginning everyday. 24 hours to serve Him. He will forgive a;; your sins and shortcomings each time you come to Him. John says "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness when we confess our sins."

As this new year stretches out before us, let's get our slate clean with God daily. Then study the Word and practice putting it into our lives letting the Holy Spirit change us more and more into the image of God's beloved Son, Jesus—our Lord and Savior.

What's better than a new beginning? God's mercy and grace that provides it! Isn't God good to us? It is wonderful to be a part of His family.

Come together with the family this Sunday—See you at church!

Up Coming Events At A Glance

7th Concert by "Inspiration By Faith"	6:00
9th Board Meeting	7:00
12th Young Ladies group	6-8
14th Ministry Out-Reach Skybird Manor	3:00
19th Concert by Brain Richardson	7:00
21st All Church Pitch-In	Following Worship
24th Prayer Meeting	6:15
28th Ministry Out-Reach Morning Breeze	2:30
28th ALL church praise service	6:00



Westport Christian Church

Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

January

Birthdays
11th Holly Peele
14th Samuel Nugent
20th Nina Richardson
25th James W. Nugent
28th Nathan Peele
Anniversaries
4th Deric & Teresa Garris
8th Steve & Pat Black

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Bible Study 7:00	4 Youth Group 7:00	5	6
7 Family Sunday Evening Concert "Inspiration By Faith" 6:00	8	9 Board Meeting 7:00	10 Bible Study 7:00	11 Youth Group 7:00	12 Young Ladies Group 6-8	13
14 Ministry Outreach Skybird 3:00	15	16	17 Bible Study 7:00	18 Youth Group 7:00	19 CONCERT Brian Richardson 7:00	20
21 ALL Church Pitch-In Sanctity of life	22 Good News Club	23	24 Hour of POWER 6:15 Bible Study 7:00	25 Youth Group 7:00	26	27
28 Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30 ALL Church Praise	29 Good News Club	30	31 Bible Study 7:00			