



**VBS**  
**July 6-11**  
**6:30-8:30**

WESTPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## WESTPORT WITNESS

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July, 2008

### Mike's Message...

Since the beginning of the year, we have had four baptisms and three transfers to our congregation. That is something to be excited about! In case you haven't noticed, God is really working in and through Westport Christian Church. Because of the leaders faithfulness, prayers and willingness to step out in faith, Westport Christian Church has purchased some property. God has truly blessed us with growth and the ability to move ahead and plan for the future. Many people have asked me what we are going to do with the two lots. My answer has been, "I don't know." We are going to remove the house and use it for parking for the time being, but other than that, it's up to God.

I have another wonderful announcement to share. The leadership of the church has established an educational scholarship. It is our hope and prayer the "Wilma Cathey Educational Scholarship" will be available starting the spring semester of 2009. As all of you know, Wilma loved and enjoyed the youth of our church. What many of you didn't know was she would provide snacks for some of the youth programs. Because Wilma was a great example of giving what she had, I'm sure she would give her approval.

I would like to encourage all of you to put as much effort into VBS as you can. Believe me when I tell you, I know it's a lot of work. I know that you will sacrifice time, money, energy, and maybe even a few nerves, but it is well worth it! It is well worth it because we may have the opportunity to touch some child's life with the message of Christ for the very first time.

Our theme for VBS is "God's Big Backyard." Continued inside. . .

Mike's Message continued...

" Carolyn picked it out and has put a HUGE amount of time planning and preparing. I know that God will use that for His glory. So I would like to say thank you, Carolyn, for all of your help and thanks to those who have been helping you behind the scenes.

I would like to take just a moment to think about God's Big Backyard-- Westport, Indiana. In God's Backyard we find servants. Those who are working to build up the Kingdom by serving others. This is not a new concept for Jesus talked about that while He was here teaching His disciples. *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."* (Mark 10:45 NASU) Jesus also informed us why we are to work when He said, *"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."* (Matt 5:16 NASU)

Throughout the Scriptures we find that we serve God by serving others. Our motto for the church is, *"Reaching others with the love of Christ."* That is what it truly is all about, sharing the message of life to a dying world. May ALL of us grow in our service to our King.

Growing together, Mike

Ladies,

Let's go for a walk! This is the time of year it's good to get outside and enjoy the flowers. Many of you are probably incorporating walking into your exercise routine and that's a great idea. The walk I want you to take with me is a bit different. Come, let's walk in the ways of the Spirit pleasing God and doing His will. (Romans 8:4)

\*Walk by faith. (1 Corinthians 5:7) A song popular a few years ago told us "Don't worry-- Be happy!" This verse tells us to "Don't worry-- Trust God!" In this world of uncertainties, we can walk in faith because God is in control.

\*Walk in love as Christ loved you. Our life must be a life of love, always remembering the example of Christ Jesus. He loved us so much He gave His life for us. We are the Body of Christ today. We are His hands and feet to minister to our community. We must allow Jesus to love people through us. (Ephesians 5:2)

\*Finally, walk in light. (1 John 1:6-10) To walk in light, we must be in fellowship with Jesus and His Body-- the Church. Spend time and get to know them. Read your Bible; it is God's love letter to you. Remember, Jesus is our light and the Church is the light of the world.

Let's take that walk! See you Sunday-- I'll save you a seat!

Elder's Express: This month we are going to briefly talk about Evangelism. We will start with simply a question. What is evangelism? Evangelism is spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost. It is amazing how many people do not get involved in evangelism. Christianity becomes for many a "private affair" for personal salvation. Of course, most people really don't believe this and want everyone to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. So, why don't people get involved in evangelism? It comes down to a matter of commitment. As believers, we need to understand that we should be committed to the teaching of our Lord and Savior Jesus follow his commandments.

Evangelism is a direct command by our Lord and Savior Jesus. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus gives his final instruction to his disciples and the multitude of people that are in observance prior to his ascension into heaven. Jesus said: "All authority is given to me in heaven and earth, go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always even until the end of the age." Since this is a command by Jesus. We have no choice but to seek out how God wants us to evangelize those in our lives who are lost without Jesus.



1st	Elder/Deacon	7:00
1st	Women's meeting at Alberta's	7:00
6th-11th	VBS God's Big Back Yard	
13th	Ministry Outreach Skybird Manor	3:00
15th	Board Meeting	7:00
20th	All Church Pitch-In	
27th	Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze	2:30
27th	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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Elders/Deacon 7:00 Women's meeting @ Alberta's 7:00	2 Bible Study 7:00	3	4	5
6 Family Sunday	7	8	9	10	11	12
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**Birthdays**

19th Alex Garris  
20th Pat Black  
29th Carolyn Blanton