

# WESTPORT WITNESS

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March, 2007

*Join Us for one of our*

*Ministry*

*Outreach*

11th Skybird Manor 3:00

25th Morning Breeze 2:30

## **Mike's Message...**

Because of the subject that I have chosen, it will take more than one Newsletter to finish. Several years ago, there was a song that was popular and some of the lyrics were, "*where have all the flowers gone.*" Well, I would like to ask, where have all the Christians gone? What has happened to Christianity? I hope this doesn't come to you as a surprise, but we no longer live in a "Christian Nation."

Allow me to illustrate. America is the number one producer of pornography in the world. I read an article the other day that stated America is the number one producer of violent movies in the world. There are many other things that I could point out, but I think you understand what I am saying. We are no longer a "Christian Nation."

As a matter of fact, did you know that on a late night TV talk show, the host walked down the street asking people these questions. "Can you tell me the Ten Commandments?" Most people could not even mention one! Another question he asked was, "could you tell me the names of Jesus' apostles?" I'm sad to tell you that a few of the people who professed to go to church guessed one, the rest none! They knew who won the American idol show from three years ago, and many could tell you who won the world series 20 years ago, but when it comes to some elementary teaching from the Bible, they were clueless. By the way, these were people who claimed to be a Christian.

We live in a time and country that no longer understands what a Christian is. Let me share with you a quote that I found. "*What is a Christian, anyway? Someone of European descent? A persecutor of Jews? Someone who votes for only the most conservative Republicans? At times all of these answers have seemed plausible. Some use these definitions to this day. In Christian circles the answers are no clearer. A Christian is sometimes said to be someone who has made a decision; sometimes, someone who belongs to a church; far too often, someone who confesses the right creeds.*" (Mark M. Mattison, "*What is a Christian,*" True Grace Ministries.) *Continued inside. . .*

Mike's Message continued...

I went on the internet and found a web site, Religious Tolerance. org and this is what I found. *"There are also many distinct definitions of the term "Christian" (pronounced 'kristee`ân). Three examples are: Most liberal Christian denominations, secularists, public opinion pollsters, and this web site define "Christian" very broadly as any person or group who sincerely believes themselves to be Christian. Thus, Fundamentalist and other Evangelical Protestants, Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox believers, Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, United Church members, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Scientists, etc. are all considered Christian. They total about 75% of the North American adult population.*

*However, many Fundamentalist and other Evangelical Protestants define "Christian" more narrowly to include only those persons with beliefs like their own. Or they might accept as a "Christian" anyone who has been "born again" regardless of their denomination. Perhaps 35% of the North American adult population are Christians by these definitions.*

*Other denominations regard their own members to be the only true Christians in the world. Some are quite small, numbering only a few thousand followers. Different definitions on such a fundamental topic makes dialog and debate among Christian groups very difficult. It also makes estimating the number of Christians in the U.S. quite impossible. By some definitions, 75% of Americans are Christians; by other definitions, it is a small fraction of 1%."*

I will continue with this topic next month. Until then, may I ask that you just observe some of the things that are taking place and ask yourself, "could the preacher be right?"

Grow in Grace,  
Mike

Ladies,

One of my Christmas gifts was a calendar with quotes about Mothers. Today's quote is so good I want to share it with you.

**"Blessed is the mother. . .**

**Who can hold onto her children while letting them go;  
Who puts a tranquil home ahead of an immaculate house;  
Who knows a kind act will be remembered longer than an easy word;  
Who really believes that prayer changes things;  
Whose faith in the future sweetens the present;  
Whose Bible never needs dusting;  
and  
Whose sense of humor is alive and well**

**-anonymous**

When the trials and problems of life make holding onto our joy and faith difficult, we need to sift through the stuff of our lives and find those things that affect eternity. Kindness, love, peace, a relationship with God, and a merry heart. So much of what we do every day is stuff oriented! Taking care of our house, listening to the television, playing video games,—not bad in itself, but as the Bible says none of that will last through eternity.

How do you measure up? Does your Bible need dusting? Is the path to your meeting place with God overgrown with grass and weeds? As mothers, we need to set the example for our families. Even more we need to be what we say we are! —God's children.

### Up Coming Events At A Glance

6th Women's meeting @ Church	7:00
9th T.G.I.F.	7:00
10th Men's breakfast	6:30
11th Ministry Outreach Skybird	3:00
12th Elder/Deacon	7:00
14th Prayer Meeting	6:15
17th Youth Outing	1-5
18th ALL Church Pitch-In Following Worship	
25th Ministry Out-Reach Morning Breeze	2:30



Westport Christian Church

Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

# March

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>
2nd Jacob Nugent
23rd Samuel Nugent
29th Peggy Combs
Kenny Blanton
31st Cory Nugent
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>
16th Donnie & Jill
Sageser
16th James & Shirley
Nugent
31st Mike & Ronda
Bartlett

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Youth Group 7:00	2	3
4 Family Sunday No Wee-Worship	5 Good News Club	6 Ladies Meeting 7:00 At the Church	7 Bible Study 7:00	8 Youth Group 7:00	9 T.G.I.F. 6-8	10 Men's Breakfast 6:30
11 Skybird Manor 3:00	12 Good News Club  Elder/Deacon 7:00	13  Board Meeting 7:00	14 Prayer Meeting 6:15 Bible study 7:00	15 Youth Group 7:00	16	17 Youth Outing The Putt-in Place 1-5
18 All Church Pitch-In	19	20	21 Bible Study 7:00	22 Youth Group 7:00	23	24
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25 Morning Breeze 2:30	26	27 Indiana Men's Meet- ing	28 Bible Study 7:00	29  Youth Group 7:00	30	31