

WESTPORT WITNESS

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November
19th
ALL Church Thanksgiving
Supper Pitch-In
5:00

Community
Thanksgiving Service
November 21
Sardinia Baptist Church
7:00

Mike's Message...

Throughout the Scriptures, there are many passages that talk about giving thanks to the Lord. Let me share with you a favorite of mine.

Ps 136 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His loving-kindness is everlasting. Give thanks to the God of gods, For His loving-kindness is everlasting. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, For His loving-kindness is everlasting. To Him who alone does great wonders, For His lovingkindness is everlasting; To Him who made the heavens with skill, For His lovingkindness is everlasting; . . . Give thanks to the God of heaven, For His lovingkindness is everlasting. (NASU)

As all of you know, this is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. So, I have decided to list some things for which I am thankful.

First, my salvation that is found in the person of Jesus Christ.

Secondly, the opportunity that I have to serve my Lord.

Third, my wife—who is more than just my wife. She is my encourager when I am down and my soundboard when I need to vent. She is my helper in the ministry. She is the part that completes me as a man and she is the love of my life.

Fourth, my children. Amanda has a great career as an RN. Her husband Ryan currently is a truck driver and takes care of her. Christopher, is a full time student at Louisville Bible College and a part-time youth minister in Hiseville Ky. They both make a dad proud!

Fifth, my health. As I look around, I have discovered that I am *not* getting younger.

Sixth, my ministry here at Westport. Ronda and I began our ministry here in October, 1998. We have seen lots of changes in these few years. I have seen this church rebound from a long sleep and become one of the most respected churches in Decatur County.

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Mike's message continued

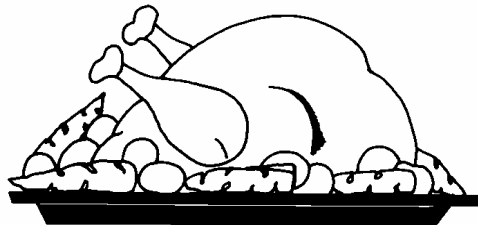
I have seen the Lord working in the lives of many of you and how a small church can touch the lives of people not only in our county, but around the world. I have seen a small group of people wanting to make a difference in the world for the cause of Christ do exactly that!

There are many, many more things for which I am thankful. I hope that my sharing just a few things will help you to think about all the things which you are thankful for.

1 Thess 1:2 "We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers."

Happy Thanksgiving,

Mike



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

CALLING ALL YOUTH

For those of you that attended the "Fall Youth Rally", I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. I shared with a few of you, that our group that went, was the second biggest group from one single church. That's awesome!!

This month we don't have much going on other than our Thursday night Youth Group. Speaking of which, we are going to do somethings a little different. We are going to spend some time singing praise songs and lifting our praise to the Lord. So, if you have a favorite praise song that you would like for us to do, let me know.

I know that some of you are in the school play so, I hope the rest of us can get out there and support you all.

This is the thanksgiving season, what are you thankful for? I think it would be good for each of you to take some time out and think about the many things you have to be thankful. Try it, it might be fun. Okay Becky, maybe its not fun but you should do it anyway.

Don't forget our Thanksgiving supper! With all the food, great people, food and fun, you will want to be a part of that.

Recently, we had a great discussion in our Sunday school. Here are just a couple of the questions. Did the dinosaurs live on one side of the plant and humans on the other? If everyone came from Adam and Eve, why are there different color of people.

These are all great questions and I believe should be answered. First, the Bible tells us that man and dinosaurs lived together. In Genesis chapter 1, we read that God made the great creatures on the fifth and sixth day of creation. So man and dinosaurs lived together.

Secondly, the Bible tells us that God separated the people over the earth. Genesis 11:8-9.

I would like to encourage all of you to keep looking for the questions that you might have. God wants you to be wise about His things.

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Ladies,

Is your life in control of you or are you in control of your life? Are you overwhelmed by what you need to do? God doesn't want us to feel powerless. Even when you feel swept along by circumstances, there is hope. You can regain order in your life by trusting God.

"Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."

"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."

And Paul tells Timothy, "He (God) has not given you the spirit of fear but of power, love and self-discipline."

This time of year can sometimes begin to pile things on --cold dreary weather, shorter days, preparation for the holidays, ferrying kids to practices and activities and so on. When you feel overwhelmed, what can you do? Step back and count to three:

1. Look to God. Nothing is too big for Him to handle. Pray! (Even when you don't want to.)
2. Take small bites. Even a little bit done makes the task more 'do-able.'
3. Keep on keeping on! Don't give up. God is the God of the impossible situations. Jesus, Himself, said, "With God all things are possible." Jesus understood about things being tough.

Through God we have the power to change our situation, our attitude, ... our life. The self-discipline we need comes from God himself. We don't have to live harried and hurried lives filled with worries and fears. God wants to help and care for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. Our main job is to allow Him to work in our hearts and lives.

Look to Him today. Don't trust in your own way, but acknowledge Him in all you do and he will help you know what to do and where to go. Trust Him with your family, your job, your fun times, your worship, your ministry and all your life. He won't let you down.

Blessings to all you Secret Sisters out there who made the year better through your prayers and thoughtfulness.

Don't forget I'm saving you a seat--see you Sunday?

"Everyday Thanksgiving"

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord that I can hear. There are those who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bed ridden.

Even though the first hour of the day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never look like the pictures in the magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day, and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

(Source Unknown)



UP COMING EVENTS

7th Ladies meeting	7:00
12th Ministry Out-Reach Skybird Manor	3:00
14th Board meeting	7:00
15th Prayer Meeting	6:15
21st Community Thanksgiving Service Sardinia	7:00
26th Ministry Out-Reach Morning Breeze	2:30
27th Elders/Deacons meeting	7:00



Westport Christian Church


Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Instead of our normal Pitch-In, we will have a Thanksgiving supper at 5:00. Nelson Lee will be with us to bring a Thanksgiving devotion. </div>			1 Bible Study 7:00	2 Youth Group 7:00	3	4
5 Family Sunday No Wee-Worship	6	7 Ladies Meeting At Donni's 7:00	8 Bible Study 7:00	9 Youth Group 7:00	10	11
12 Skybird Manor 3:00	13	14 Board Meeting 7:00	15 Prayer Meeting 6:15 Bible Study 7:00	16 Youth Group 7:00	17	18
19 ALL Church Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 Short program	20	21 Community Thanksgiving Service At Sardinia 7:00	22 <i>No Bible Study</i>	23 No Youth Group Thanksgiving Day! 	24	25
26 Morning Breeze 2:30	27 Elders/Deacons Meeting 7:00	28	29 Bible Study 7:00	30 Youth Group 7:00		

BIRTHDAYS
30th Margaret Willey

ANNIVERSIARES
17th Bill & Debbie