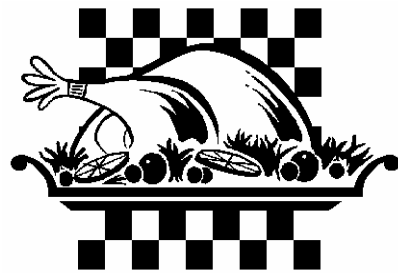


WESTPORT WITNESS

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November, 2007

Sunday 18th
All church
Thanksgiving
Supper
5:00
Service following



Mike's Message...

What a great series of revival meetings we just had! If you missed this one, you really missed out. What great challenging messages we heard each night. What a great time of fellowship we enjoyed, and what great food we had on the last night! Like I said, if you missed this one, you missed a good one. Phil not only blessed us, but challenged us to be workers, servants for the Lord.

So, where do we go from here? What are we going to do with the challenge that is in front of us? What are we going to do? I would like to suggest a few things.

First, **PRAY**.

We need to become a praying church understanding that we must tap into the power of the creator of everything. What are we to pray for?

- ▶ Guidance so we will follow after God's will for our congregation.
- ▶ The spirit of discernment from God for the leaders of this church.
- ▶ Their willingness to follow God's leading and not their own agenda.
- ▶ Protection for your preacher.
- ▶ God's guidance in his life, his studies and his preparation for sermons and lessons.
- ▶ The welfare of his family and the understanding they need to deal with the pressures of having a preacher for a husband and dad.
- ▶ Pray for one another. We should always be in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ not just when someone is sick or having trouble. We must pray for our family of God.

Secondly, be an **ENCOURAGER**. We need to encourage one another to try new things. Now, before I go any farther, let me explain what I mean here. We are **not** to try different teachings, doctrines, or standards by which the church is to be run and handled. We should, however, be trying new things to reach out to other people. *Continued inside.*

Mike's Message continued...

We should encourage one another to step out of our comfort zone--to stand firm in the faith. All of us face hardships, strife, temptations, and the many other things of this world. We need to encourage one another, when we are weak to stand strong. Every single one of us at some point feels weak in our faith. Every person needs a CHEERLEADER--be an encourager.

Thirdly, get involved--SERVE! Would you like to know something that would freak some people out and make others wonder what's up? Don't wait to be asked to do something, volunteer! Go up to the preacher, the elder, the deacon, or whoever may be the one in charge of a project and say, "What can I do?" Each member should be doing something that is growing the kingdom. We all have different gifts and abilities. Use those gifts and abilities to the glory of God. In the near future, I hope to have some new things going on that will take a lot of work from **all** of you. The church can NEVER have too many workers.

Fourthly, invite--invite--invite! Did you know that only 6 percent of the people the preacher asks will attend, but 94 percent of the people asked by the members of the congregation will come! Now, I know that many of you have been inviting and they just won't come. Some of you have invited the same ones that I have, and I have invited some that many of you have also invited. What do we do when they just won't come? Put them on the back burner and invite someone new. I understand how frustrating it can be. You ask and ask and ask . . . so, stop asking and move on! I didn't say forget about them, I said put them on the back burner and move on. Give those on the back burner time to think about the things you have said and let them see your faith in your actions. Then invite them again.

I truly believe that God is in the process of working mightily through our congregation. In order for that to take place, we must be willing to be used. Pray--Encourage--Serve--Invite and most important of all, **ALLOW** yourself to be used by God!

Working together for His glory,
Mike

Ladies, what's for supper? The dreaded question that we face daily. It starts our brains scrambling to find the perfect meal. A meal that includes everybody's favorites and can be done in 15 minutes or less with a minimum of fuss and bother. As I'm sure you have discovered by now, there is no such possibility out there so we have to settle for leftovers (if we're so lucky).

What can we do? Decide what to have early. If you work outside the home, you may need to decide weekly what your menus will be. These suggestions should help prevent that last minute scramble.

But more important is making sure your spirit is fed everyday. Grab your Bible. Read it. Ponder it. Commit it to memory. Let the Word of God change you from the inside out!

God's word is living and active. When you keep it in your heart, you will be satisfied.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger." (John 6:35NASU)



6th Women's meeting at Jill's	7:00
11th Ministry outreach Skybird Manor	3:00
13th Elder/Deacon meeting	6:00
13th Board Meeting	7:00
18th ALL church Thanksgiving supper Service to follow.	5:00
20th Community Thanksgiving service here We will serve refreshments following.	7:00
25th Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze	2:30

CALLING ALL YOUTH

WOW!! What a kick-off for the "Christ Driven Teens"! The bands were great, Josh did a fantastic job and God provided beautiful weather.

Well coming up the first Sunday night of this month, the 4th, we will begin our community youth group—*Christ Driven Teens*. The target group for this wonderful outreach is 9th - 12th grade. This meeting will be at the Alert Methodist Church from 6-8. The band has been practicing and is sounding good. Many people have been praying and God is waiting to do some AWESOME things! I want to encourage ALL of you in this group to do your best to attend, it will be awesome. We will be leaving the church about 5:30 and should be back around 8:30.

Also, we will be heading to East Columbus Christian Church to hear Phil Chalmers, Saturday November 3rd. Phil travels around the nation talking with teens about many different important topics. We will be leaving Westport about 5:15. Hope to see you all there.

I am really excited about heading to I.C.Y.C. this year. It has been about 13 years since Ronda and I had the opportunity to attend. It was good then but this I think it will be great! Those of you that are going, be ready to expect some great singing as well as some hilarious laughter and great work shops. Remember to bring your Bible, notebook, a writing instrument and a good attitude.

What If ??????????

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go ... hmmm... where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid.

From The Kitchen

Sweet Pasta Salad

12 oz Elbow Macaroni or any kind of pasta.

Ingredients for Dressing

1 can sweetened condensed milk

1 cup cider vinegar

2 cup mayonnaise (Hellmanns)

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

2/3 cup sugar

1/2 onion chopped

1/2 stalk Celery

Shredded Cheese

Shredded Carrots

Red or Green Bell pepper

Cook pasta until tender, allow to cool. Mix dressing ingredients together in a bowl. Pour over pasta. Then add cheese, carrots, and Bell peppers. These you may add the amount you desire. Chill and then serve.

ENJOY!!

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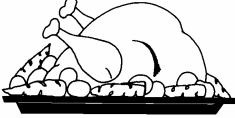
Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

November

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4 Family Sunday No Wee-Worship All Church Praise service 6:00	5	6 Women's meeting at church 7:00	7 Bible Study 7:00	8	9	10
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