

HOMECOMING

October 9th
Guest speaker:

Justin Boyd

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All Church pitch-in

Special Concert by:

Oak Forrest Boys

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Mike's Message...

Here in a few weeks we will be having our Homecoming. Now, to help us to understand what Homecoming is, I thought I would share in this article a little about it.

Homecoming is a day of celebration a time when the local church looks back over the years. Now, for some of you, it may be many years while for others only a few. The issue is not the number of years, but the closeness that you have gained to Christ as well as to brothers and sisters in Christ. You can think back at the time of your baptism, or wedding, or some other special time perhaps it was a VBS, a concert, or just some other special time that is meaningful to you.

Some have compared homecoming to a one day revival. However, I must tell you that I personally don't see it like that. For a revival is not a meeting or special service, a revival is a renewing or refreshing of the spirit. So, if we want to use this homecoming as a time of renewing or refreshing, that would be wonderful. But if the renewing or refreshing is only for one day, then what is the use? That reminds me of the farmer who wanted to train one of his pigs to live in the house. His wife told him the only way he could bring a pig into the house was to give it a bath. So the man got a big trough ready, added some good smelling bubble bath and placed the pig inside. The wife was very pleased and agreed that as long as the man took care of the pig it could stay in the house. When the man was done with the bath, he got the pig out to dry it off. The pig jumped out of the man's arms and ran straight to the mud puddle. Many times we are the same way. We like the idea of getting cleaned up for a short period of time, but then that mud puddle starts calling our name. Soon, before we realize it, we're right back in it up to our eyes.

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Calling all youth

The week of Sept 16th, the company where I work was audited for the Quality and Environment systems that we have in place. I am an internal auditor for my company and the hands on part of our Implementation team for our Environmental Management System. Basically that means that when it comes to environmental issues, I'm the "Git-R-Done" guy. Well, we passed our audit with no infractions, but our auditor gave us a heads up about our audit next year. He said that he would be auditing us really extensively on Competency and Effectiveness. He wanted to make sure that we knew what we are doing, how we are doing it, and what we are accomplishing by doing it that way. As I read his reports, it made me start wondering how we as Christians would do if we were audited. How competent are we? How effective are we? What are we doing, how are we doing it, and what are we accomplishing by doing it that way? The biggest problem that we have with our system is that our Manager tries to put things off to do in the last week right before the audit instead of keeping everything up to date on a continuous basis. I look at my spiritual life and wonder how often I do that? Put things on a back burner and then rush to get things right when a problem arises. I think we all should challenge ourselves to be effective Christians and the only way to do this is to be continuously in God's Word and in fellowship with God and other Christians. This should be a policy not an afterthought.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

The contest this month will be different, everyone who memorizes the verse above will get a prize. You can't start quoting it to me until October 2nd and last day to quote is October 16th.

Mike's message continued)

There are many things that God will do for His children, but He will never make you do something that you are not willing to do. God is not going to force you to get out of bed to come to church. God is not going to move you out of the "Lazy Boy" to come to Bible study. God is not going to make you give up your laziness, stubbornness, hard-headedness or any other thing that is between you and Him. God wants us to do these things because we want to out of love, not because we have to.

Perhaps you want to use this homecoming as an opportunity for you to get back involved or maybe involved for the first time. That would be wonderful!

The facts are plain and simple, we need your help and God is waiting to bless His children.

Are you IN the family or just visiting?

Mike

He awakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.
Isaiah 50:4b NIV

Sir Michael Costa was the most celebrated conductor of his day. His disciplined ears were incredibly sensitive. One day he was conducting a complex piece that combined both a large chorus and the full symphony orchestra. In the middle of the rehearsal the piccolo player stopped playing thinking that he would not be heard in the midst of the growing crescendo of sound. Suddenly Costa looked up, stopped conducting and cried, "Where is the piccolo?"

Do you need a word from God? The first step is to improve your hearing. Don't lose his voice in the noise of your busy world. Learning to hear God takes practice. Take time to be quiet before Him. You'll soon be able to hear the music.

God still speaks to those who take time to listen!

TASTEE TREATS TO SHARE

This is for those of who enjoy cooking! You should have known the preacher would put in one for chicken. Try it and enjoy!

Angel Wings

Number served: 6

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Temperature: 350 degrees

Cook time: Cook: 40 minutes

Ingredients:

6 skinless and boneless chicken breast halves

3 T. butter

salt & pepper

1-1/4 c. chicken broth

3/4 c. chopped onion

1 clove garlic, minced

2-4 T. jalapenos, diced

1 T. flour

1/2 c. whipping cream

1/2 c. shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Instructions: Brown the chicken with 1/2 the butter in a skillet. Season with salt & pepper. Lay the chicken in a single layer in a greased baking dish. Pour 1/4 c. of the broth in the pan; cover and bake 20 minutes. While the chicken is baking, saute the onion and garlic in the remaining butter until tender. Do not let it brown. Add the jalapenos and 1 T. flour. Stir and cook 2 minutes. Stir in 1 c. of the broth; heat on low until smooth and thickened. Pour into blender and puree. Return to the skillet and add whipping cream. Adjust seasonings, and pour the sauce over the chicken. Sprinkle with cheese and bake 20 minutes more or until the chicken is tender and the cheese is melted and bubbly. Serve with rice, if desired."

Ladies For The Lord,

Ladies, this month with its crisp air and colorful leaves will involve you in a flurry of activities! So put on your tennis shoes and get ready to move!

We'll all be enjoying a special worship time and enjoy friends-old and new-at the homecoming October 9th. (There will delicious food, too)

Later come help celebrate the newest little one (expected before long) at the baby shower. Play games, have refreshments and just have fun visiting with Melinda.

Secret Sisters will find out the secret this month at the revealing Sunday the 23rd. Plan to be there and have your curiosity finally satisfied.

"Encourage Me Ministry" will be featured at the Seymour Christian Church ladies day. This is always a fun day. You learn, enjoy the fellowship and just have a great experience. (You might even win a door prize!)

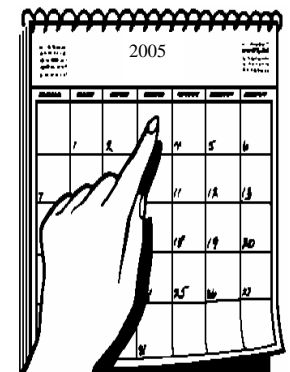
Finally you could volunteer to help with the Harvest Party at the end of the month. There's always a need for extra hands.

Lots is happening! We hope to see you a lot in October—

I'll save you a seat!

UP COMING EVENTS

3rd Good News Club kick off	3:15-5:15
4th Women's meeting at Peggy's	7:00
8th ALL church work day	8:00AM
9th Homecoming INVITE!	
13th Board Meeting	6:00
23rd Morning Breeze	2:30
30th 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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Family Sunday</i> No Wee-worship	3	4 Women's meeting Peggy's 7:00	5 Bible Study 7:00	6 Hour of POWER 7:00 At parsonage	7	8 ALL Church Work day 8:00AM
9 **Homecoming** See details below	10	11	12 Bible Study 7:00	13 Board Meeting 6:00	14	15
16	17	18	19 Bible Study 7:00	20	21	22
23 Morning Breeze 2:30	24	25	26 Bible Study 7:00	27	28	29
30 Morning Breeze 2:30	31 Harvest Party Details coming	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>*Homecoming Justin Boyd will deliverer our message at 10:30 followed by an ALL church Pitch-In. After we eat we will go back upstairs for a concert by the "Oak Forrest Boys." Let ALL invite someone and make this a <i>special</i> day!</p> </div>				