

WESTPORT WITNESS

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K-5 WOW! October 6!!

K-5 WOW stands for K-5 Worship on Wednesday. This is for ALL K-5 who go downstairs on Sunday morning. They will meet upstairs at 7:00 in the back class rooms.

For more information, see John Riggs.

Westport Health Fair

Saturday, October 23.

Our church will have a booth set up so come by and support our church.

ALL Church Praise Service

Sunday, October 24 at 6:00

Start planning now what YOU can share that evening to encourage one another a praise our Lord.

Trunk-Or-Treat

Saturday, October 30, from 5:00-8:00.

For more information, see Jill Sageser.

Mike's Message,

First of all I need to say THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the community day of service. May God be glorified and praised by the service of His people.

The last few days I have been thinking about our community and the world in which we are living. We are living in a time where many people think they are owed by someone or something. The government owes them—their place of employment owes them—the church owes them, I mean the list goes on and on.

No one wants to take responsibility for their actions. It must be someone else's fault. It's the schools fault—it's the parents fault—it's the other kids' fault—it's the preachers fault. Again it goes on and on.

We live in a time when happiness and self satisfaction out weighs duty and obligation. I don't know how many times I have heard; "doesn't God want me to be happy?"

With raising unemployment, the threat from other nations who hate America, and the mess this country is in, NOW, is a great time to be the Church!

Right in the middle of much gloom and doom, it is the Church that has the message and the answer. The Church has the answer to ALL of our problems and the problems of the world. It is the Church of God that is a safe haven for those who are scared. The Church is to be a hospital for the weak and wounded not a retirement center for the saved!

The Church is to be the servants who are seeking those wondering. We gather on Sunday morning to get our orders for the week, not to set in a pew and talk about how bad things are. *Continued inside. . .*

Mike's Message continued. . .

It is the Church that is to be shining a light for people to follow, not the government.

The world claims that you are here by accident, but God said I made you and I love you. It is the world that says it is not a baby, but God says, "I knew you before you were formed in your mother's womb." It is the Churches responsibility to help people to see how precious they are to God.

It is the world that says when a person gets too old to contribute they need to be removed. God says that wisdom is found in those with gray hair. Think about the knowledge and experience this group has to offer, so that we don't have to learn the hard way.

I have had some tell me that it should be easy following Christ, but it's not. One of the reasons is simply because we operate in two worlds. We live in the physical world, but what matters the most is the spiritual. We seem to enjoy the tangible things of this life more than we desire to seek the spiritual. We get so caught up in the here and now that we often forfeit what's important for the eternal.

I want to conclude this article by asking each of you to read Romans chapter 15:1-13. Allow God to speak to you through His living Word and remember, NOW is a great time to be the Church!

Growing together,
Mike

Elder's Express

Recently I read an article where the author talked about the type of leader he wanted to be. It made me really think about the type of leader God would want us to be. What type of leaders should you expect to shepherd among you? What type of men does God want to serve as role models for the people?

When we look at the various men in the Bible, I think it is important to take note of what scripture informs us about certain quality leaders. It is interesting to note what scripture says about certain men. In Genesis 5:21-24 we read of Enoch. ²¹Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. ²²Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. ²³So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him." Wow! What a statement! "Enoch walked with God". For over three hundred years Enoch lived walking closely with God. What was his reward? He did not ever have to taste death. I don't know about you, but that is the type of leader I know that we need to strive to be. There are a couple of other men that lived in such a manner that God was well pleased with their work. In Genesis 6: 8, 9 we read: ⁸"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. In 2 Kings Chapter 2 we read of Elijah who was taken up in heaven in a chariot of fire. Elijah did not taste of death because he lived as the Lord had commanded him.

How do you want to go out and be remembered? When the Day of the Lord comes at the end of days, it would be good for our Father God to say of us, well done you good and faithful servant. We should desire to be like Christ. We should live out days as servants of the Most High. We should live our lives attempting to walk blameless in his sight. It should be our desire to have recorded of us that we "Walked with God" all our days. That may sound like a tall order to some people, but brothers; we should live every day studying God's word, being devoted to his commandments. We need to come to know our Lord and Savior Jesus personally and intimately. These men of God were ordinary people who were extraordinarily obedient servants. Some day we can walk the streets of gold paved for us in the place that our Lord and Savior prepared for us. Will we meet Jesus in the air or will we be raised from the dead to meet him? Either way, God wants us to walk righteous and blameless before Him.

How's your walk coming along?

God Bless

John

Sunday Morning Biblical Education Classes 9:30
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30
 Sunday night Biblical Education Classes & Youth 6:00
 Tuesday night Enlightened

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Celebration Sunday , this will be a great day! After our time of worship, we will enjoy a wonderful hog roast. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish like our normal pitch-in. Following lunch, we will have a time of reflection from the past then a concert by Kenny Melton. Please invite others to come and join us for this GREAT day of celebration!					1	2 Community Day of Service 8:00-3:00
3 Celebration Sunday!	4 Good News Club Zumba 7:00	5 Encouraging Others Women's meeting 6:00 Enlightened 5:30	6 Biblical Ed class 7:00 K-5 WOW! 7:00 upstairs	7 Zumba 6:00 Women Celebrating Christ Bible Study 7:00	8 Extraordinary Women's conference @ Ft. Wayne	9 Men's night at the Moore's
10 Ministry Outreach Skybird Manor 3:00	11 Good News Club Elders Meeting 6:00 Zumba 7:00	12 Encouraging Others 10:00 Enlightened 5:30 God's Men 6:15	13 Biblical Ed class 7:00 K-5 WOW! 7:00 upstairs	14 Zumba 6:00 Women Celebrating Christ Bible Study 7:00	15 Fall break youth outing.	16
17 Pitch-In following worship	18 Good News Club Zumba 7:00	19 Encouraging Others 10:00 Enlightened 5:30	20 Biblical Ed class 7:00 K-5 WOW! 7:00 upstairs	21 Zumba 6:00 Women Celebrating Christ Bible Study 7:00	22	23
24 Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30 All Church Praise Service 6:00	25 Good News Club Zumba 7:00	26 Encouraging Others 10:00 Enlightened 5:30 S.C.I.M.C.F.	27 Biblical Ed class 7:00 K-5 WOW! 7:00 upstairs	28 Zumba 6:00 Women Celebrating Christ Bible Study 7:00	29	30 **Trunk-Or-Treat** 5:00-8:00
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Birthdays

2nd Ann Wiley
 5th Cindy Richards
 7th Calvin Emberton
 8th Laura Hess
 10th Bryona Loizer
 16th Marty Clark
 17th Kaylee Finchum
 21st Steve Hodgson

Anniversaries

3rd Calvin & Vickie Emberton