

# WESTPORT WITNESS

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## Westport BBQ September 7-9 Come, support our Community And represent our church.

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### Mike's Message...

of the time I have been subbing at the High School. While there, I just basically provide a supervised study period. There have been a few occasions where I had the opportunity to do some instructing. Regardless, I still try to interact with the students.

At the elementary school however, you are required to teach or instruct whatever the subject may be. I truly enjoy teaching the first and second graders. (Okay, it may be because I'm on their level!) I have really enjoyed the challenge at both locations.

There were a few things I had to do in order to be able to sub at the schools. I had to have proof of who I am—picture ID, proof of residence, background check, those kinds of things. Then I had to provide them with documentation of college credits or a degree. After that, I had to apply for a substitute teaching permit.

Whenever I get to sub--for what ever reason, I'm filling in for someone that is away. They may be at a conference, sick, or some have been in continuing education classes, but-- for whatever reason--they are not there.

As Christians, we are to be filling in for Christ. Now, don't get me wrong, **no one** could ever take Jesus' place. However, Jesus told His disciples before He ascended into Heaven, "You are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." They were to continue His teachings while He is away.

Just like subbing at school, the lessons and plans have already been made out. When it comes to subbing, there are some things you must do.

First, make yourself available. Sometimes I may get a phone call at 6:00 AM to see if I can come in for the day. As Christians, we make ourselves available when we surrender our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. When a person becomes a Christian, they are answering the call to serve

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*Mike's Message continued...*

There should **NEVER** be a Christian who is not willing to serve in some area. If you are currently not in some active part of service to the Lord then you need to get active.

Secondly, you must follow the plans that have been laid out for you. God has given to each of us His lesson plan for teaching others about His Son. We call it the Bible! This is His lesson plan for our life as well as our plan for reaching others with the gospel. Have you read His plans? The other day I was amazed when I read that only 1 out of 100 professed new Christians had read the Bible. Out of that 100, 10 stated they had read the New Testament. How can we know the lesson plan if we haven't read the book?

Thirdly, you must be willing to get uncomfortable. I believe this ties directly with the first and second point. If you don't make yourself available, you'll never reach this point. If you don't follow the plans that have been made, you'll never reach this point. If you don't know what **you** are to be doing and if **you** aren't reading the plans, then you will never allow yourself to be used.

I don't know one person that likes to be uncomfortable, but if we're not uncomfortable then we're not growing. Change is hard for most people. There are many, many, uncertainties. There are many "what if's." There are many unanswered questions yet change is absolutely necessary in order to become who we are to be in Christ-- A witness, a substitute.

*"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. (Eph 5:1-2)*

Subbing together,  
Mike

## BBQ

Our church will host a concert Friday Sept. 7.  
Blue Grass Gospel—Oak Forrest Boys @ 7:00  
Saturday—We will be hosting a blood drive from 10:00-2:00.  
We would like to have 25 people to donate.  
We will also be handing out **free** Popsicles and Popcorn.  
Please be there for support and help in making an impact.

Ladies,

I found it today, Ladies!—the card to my friend who is very ill I haven't mailed yet. . . The envelope with the return address of my aunt who has moved away... things put off—things I plan to do... tomorrow. I'm busy enough to blame it all on work and other responsibilities, but the truth is I've been putting everything off.

We need to remember God hasn't promised us tomorrow. We must not put off the good we can do until tomorrow. Do it today!

Encourage other:

Mail the card...

Make the call...

Hug your kids...

Go on a date with your spouse...

Do the chores you've been putting off. It takes more energy to procrastinate than to dig in and do it. (The feeling of freedom you have knowing it is done is fabulous!!)

Begin that Bible study...

Memorize the Bible verse—hiding God's Word in our heart is energizing!

Touch a life—

with a word...

a hug...

a smile...

a prayer...

You can be an influence for eternity!



4th Women's meeting at church		7:00
9th Ministry Outreach	Skybird Manor	3:00
11th Elder/Deacon meeting		6:00
11th Board meeting		7:00
15th Trip to the Derby Dinner Playhouse		
16th ALL Church Pitch-In		
23rd Ministry Outreach	Morning Breeze	2:30
30th Ministry Outreach	Morning Breeze	2:30

## CALLING ALL YOUTH

What an awesome “*Back to School Splash*” we had! I don’t know about you, but that is definitely something I think we **must** do again. Thanks to everyone that went and to those who helped with getting the children there and back safely.

I am asking **ALL** of you to help at the Westport BBQ on Saturday. As a church, we will be handing out free frozen treats as well as popcorn to people in our community. This is a small way of letting people know that as a body of Christ, we want to impact our community. Please sign up or let Mike know when it is you can help.

I am also very excited to let you know that we will be part of a *new community youth group*. The name of this group is “*Christ Driven Teens*.” The kick-off will be Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. This will take place at the Westport park/ball diamond—it will begin at 3:00 and end at 6:00. This is for YOU. If you want to check out the web site, go to [www.christdriventeens.com](http://www.christdriventeens.com). This web site is not completed, as it will continue to grow as the program does.

The other day I met with this young man about coming to our church to help out. He made a comment that the youth is the church of tomorrow. That is a true statement, but I also feel that the youth is the church of today.

Each and everyone of you have an awesome task of being involved in our congregation. Some of you young men already serve during our worship time. Some of you young ladies are already involved in a teens group that will help you to grow in your faith so you can reach others. Some of you have helped in many other areas as well. **YOU** are the church of today and tomorrow—help us in making our church a church for everyone!

Later

## From The Kitchen

# EARTHQUAKE CAKE

- 1 box German Chocolate cake mix
- 1 lb. Powdered sugar
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1-8oz cream cheese
- 1 stick margarine

Press coconut and nuts in 9 x 13 inch pan. Mix cake as directed on box and pour over coconut and nuts. Mix margarine, powdered sugar, and cream cheese. Drop by spoonfuls on cake batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Cake will crack! Remove from pan and allow to cool.

Enjoy!!

Westport Christian Church

Biblical Ed class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00

Wednesday night 7:00

# September

**Birthdays**  
 3rd Michael Cann  
 19th Michael Garris

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2 Family Sunday No Wee-Worship	3	4 Women's Meeting 7:00 at church	5 Bible Study 7:00	6 Preaching class 6-9	7 T.G.I.F. Oak Forrest Boys Community Building 7:00	8 Westport BBQ Woodsmen Quartet 6:00
9 Ministry Outreach Skybird Manor 3:00	10	11 Elder/Deacon 6:00 Board Meeting 7:00	12 Bible Study 7:00	13 Preaching class 6-9	14	15 Trip to Derby Dinner Playhouse
16 ALL Church Pitch-In Following worship	17	18	19 Bible Study 7:00	20 Preaching class 6-9	21	22
23 Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30	24 Good News Club begins @ SDES	25 Men's Meeting Burnsville	26 Bible Study 7:00	27 Preaching class 6-9	28	29
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