



West Wind

May 2011

Westwood Baptist Church

Joining God in His Work

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Church Staff

Mike Eddinger, Pastor
Keith Vaughn, Associate Pastor
Caroline Allen, Minister of
Music & Worship
Michelle Anderson, Minister of Youth
Becky Bullock, Administrative Assistant
Tracy Gonzalez, Secretary
Becky Gilfillan, Deacon Chair
Diane Owens, Pianist
Kim Taylor, Organist

Church Office Hours

Monday ~ Friday, 9:00am—4:00pm

Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:30am Orchestra Rehearsal
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
10:45am Sunrise Ministry
5:30pm Puppet Ministry
6:30pm YAC (Youth Center)

Monday

4:00pm Youth Handbells
7:15pm Adult Handbells

Tuesday

6:30am Prayer Breakfast
4:00PM Children's Handbells
6:30 pm ESL
7:00pm GriefShare

Wednesday

5:15pm Fellowship Meal
6:00pm Nursery
6:00pm Youth Missions
6:00pm Preschool & Children's
Music & Missions
6:30pm Prayer & Bible Study
6:30pm Men's & Women's Bible
Studies
6:45pm Ensemble Rehearsal
6:45pm Youth Praise Band
& Ministry Team
7:30pm Outreach
7:40pm Westwood Choir
Rehearsal

The Busyness of the Church

A few weeks ago, Marilyn and I were synchronizing our Blackberries (how embarrassing) trying to find a time in our schedules to take a vacation – and things weren't going well. Now, I admit the upcoming birth of our granddaughter played a role. Marilyn's insistence that we block off a month on either side of the due date "just to be safe" wasn't helping the schedule a bit. But the primary obstacle for carving out some "away" time was our church activity. As you're probably aware, Westwood is a BUSY place!

I realize I'm the pastor and the expectation for me to be here for all church activities is high, as it should be. But it wasn't that long ago I was on the other side of the equation. I was a church member for almost 50 years before I became a church staff member. I grew up in the "if the doors are open and the lights on, we're there" era of church attendance. I've experienced my share of questions and guilt for having dared miss a church activity. But friends, I've learned over the years that church busyness isn't a substitute for God's business; for living out our faith in personal relationship with him.

Let me be clear. I believe every meeting, every activity, every worship service, every Bible study, every gathering on the Westwood calendar has value. If that isn't the case, then they shouldn't be there. It's worth our time and energy to come together in large groups, in small groups, to worship together, to eat together, to laugh and cry together, to study together, just to be together. As people of faith, we need to be around people of like faith. All of us need to be encouraged because our pathway through this world is full of obstacles. We need to share our good times with others so we can encourage them and we need to share our bad times with others so they can have the opportunity to encourage us.

But I also realize that other things in our lives have value as well. It's important to be there for family, to spend time with friends, to break the routine and find relaxation and refreshment and fulfillment in other activities. As much as I love to see you here and miss you when you can't be here, as your pastor, I don't want to ever do or say anything that will cause you to feel guilty or unappreciated when you need to be elsewhere. If I do, I hope you'll call me on it so I can apologize and ask your forgiveness.

We've too often used, or perhaps misused, a selective reading of Hebrews 10:25 to tell folks that God commands us not to ever miss a church service. While most certainly God calls us to gather as the body of Christ for all the purposes mentioned above and more, I think we're on pretty thin exegetical ice to read "Let us not give up meeting together..." as "never miss a church activity." I encourage you to read that verse in the context of the passage beginning with verse 19 where the writer speaks of holding fast to our faith and stirring up love and good works in each other as purposes for our meeting together.

Now I realize there's a good chance some folks might read this as their pastor giving folks "permission" to do other things when they ought to be at church. That isn't my intent at all. Whenever we gather as the Westwood family, those should be joyous occasions. I want us to be able to proclaim with the Psalmists, *I was GLAD when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord* (122:1); *Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing* (100:2); *Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints* (149:1). But that joy in our assembling together will never come through a sense of obligatory church busyness, but rather by giving priority to God's business as he works in our hearts and lives. Let's pray for each other that we might all learn and practice that!

Grace and Peace,
Mike

Westwood Baptist Church
Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday Evening Series

JAMES: FAITH THAT WORKS

The book of James is sometimes considered to be controversial because of its emphasis on “good works.” But in our spiritual lives, as in our physical lives, action or movement is evidence of life and growth. When a person becomes a Christian, new life begins, and inevitably that life must express itself through “spiritual action,” or good works. In James' words, “What good is it ... if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions?” (2:14; NLT) Action doesn't cause life, but it does follow life as a sure sign that life is present. Similarly, genuine faith in Christ should always result in actions that demonstrate faith.

Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall as we explore together how God might speak through the writing of James to move us further along the journey toward *Faith That Works*. Our tentative schedule for this study follows:

May 4

Facing Trials
James 1:1-8

May 11

Trial or Temptation?
James 1:9-18

May 18

Keith Vaughn

May 25

Children's Recognition Program

June 1

Doing What You Hear
James 1:19-27

June 8

No Favorites
James 2:1-13

June 15

Genuine Faith
James 2:14-26

June 22

Controlling the Tongue
James 3:1-12

June 29

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 6

Wisdom
James 3:13-18

July 13

Whose Friend?
James 4:1-10

July 20

The Subtlety of Pride
James 4:11-5:6

July 27

DEACON ORDINATION
SERVICE

August 3

Youth Summer Trips Report

August 10

Patience and Prayer
James 5:7-20

May 2011
Sunday Morning
Sermons

May 1 ~ Mike Eddinger

Prayer That Grows Faith
Exodus 33:12-23

Background: Exodus 32 and 33

May 8 ~ Mike Eddinger

Mother's Day
A Mother's Faith in Action
Exodus 2:1-10

Background: Exodus 1

May 15 ~ Mike Eddinger

A Legacy That Will Last
Genesis 48:8-16

Background: Genesis 47 and 48

May 22 ~Keith Vaughn

How Do We Get Our Friends
to Jesus Now
Luke 5:17-26

Background: John 15:12-17;
Romans 8:38-39

May 29 – Keith Vaughn

Salty on the Inside,
Light on the Outside
Matthew 5:13-16

Background: John 8:11-13; Mark 9:50,
Luke 13:34; 1 Thess. 5: Ephesians 5:8-9;
1 Peter 2:9



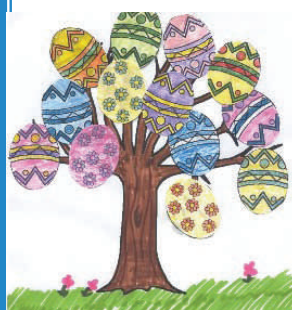
Mission Statement

A community of
believers
worshiping God,
making disciples
and sharing
Christ's love.

Operation In As Much

Thank you to all the Westwood staff, church members, and friends who made our Operation In As Much an outstanding success. Your prayers, donations and hard work were greatly appreciated. Over 200 workers participated in the 18 projects and all were blessed. Let's all continue to "Join God in His Work".

Your Mission Committee



Easter Tree of Love & Giving

Thank you for contributing your love, time, and financial resources in preparing Easter Baskets for the foster children of Wake County. 150 foster children were overwhelmed with joy and delight at receiving an Easter basket. They will have a happy Easter because someone cared enough for them to prepare a basket. Please continue to remember these children and their foster parents in your prayers.

Your Missions Committee

Keith's Corner

What Is So Important About Sunday School? Part 2

Sunday School has been and always will be an important place for folks to find community within the church. When you move from a smaller church in size to a medium or large church, Sunday School becomes even more crucial in maintaining contact with members of the body. The increase in the physical size of the facility and the demographics and population of the congregation strains the bonds of intimacy that develop among the membership in a smaller church.

Sunday School becomes the glue that holds the membership together. When one leaves a church to move to another, leaving the worshipping community is not always the difficult decision to make. Leaving the Sunday School class full of members that you love, possibly having seen them get married, have babies, raise children together, and even bury a spouse is a difficult emotional and spiritual choice to make. Let's face it, preachers come and go, but the people you bond with over laughter and joy, and tears and sorrow of life are a part of your life forever.

Sunday School creates the community that we crave and need as followers of Jesus. We gather together for Bible study and prayer, but also to share our lives together; to encourage one another; to double our joys and halve our sorrows. If a class is smaller, intimacy and communication becomes an easier undertaking, than in a larger class. If one is part of a large class, care groups or smaller fellowship groups within the class become even more important in keeping the members contacted and cared for. When a class becomes too large, fellowship, communication, and intimacy can become strained and cumbersome.

Teaching a large class can become more difficult as well. If you have a large class, making sure everyone has a voice in the discussion of the lesson is a challenge to even the most skilled of Sunday School teachers. On that occasion, small group work within the Sunday School for discussion and lesson study become a matter of necessity rather than a choice of methodology. We need to remember, Jesus only chose twelve disciples to teach for a reason.

No matter the size of our Sunday School classes, we need to make sure our students are prepared for and cared for in the best way possible. We need to insure they have a voice in the discussion of the lesson; connected to one another for meeting physical, emotional and spiritual needs; being prayed for, remembered, listened to, and loved. Sunday School can be the community of grace and peace that we require as disciples of Jesus, and it can help form lifelong relationships so necessary to human life and belonging.

Grace and peace, Keith

Westwood Baptist Church
200 Westhigh Street
Cary, NC 27513

Newsletter
Deadline
May 20

Wednesday's from 6:15 pm ~ 7:30 pm
June 2 ~ August 24



Summer **S**plash!

Classes for

- *3 yrs ~ Kindergarten
- *1st ~ 6th Grades
- *Parents (6:30-7:30)

A nursery and modified programs for ages 1-2 will be provided.

Westwood Conversations Sunday, May 15

5:00 pm in Room 209

Topic: Outreach

- How could our system of visitor follow-up be more effective?
- What are some better ways to get the word out about Westwood events, ministries, and services?
- What are ways evangelism could be better incorporated into our outreach program?

Sign up in Hall A to be a part of the conversion.

Limit 10 people.



Annual Church Picnic Sunday, May 22nd at 11:45 am



Dress casual for church and bring a covered dish for lunch. We will enjoy fun and fellowship at Apex Community Park (off Laura Duncan Road) after the morning worship service.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER YARD SALE SATURDAY, MAY 21ST 7 AM-NOON



Please bring your yard sale donations to the church on Thursday & Friday, May 19-20, from 6:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm.

Graduation Sunday June 5th

We will recognize all youth, college, and adult graduates for the 2010-2011 school year on Sunday, June 5th. If you or a family member would like to participate in the special service, please let Michelle know by calling the church office by May 15th.



Youth Group Scoop Upcoming Youth Events

Sundays from May 1 ~ June 12 will be the optional Sunday School study for High School students titled "My Identity in Christ".

Sun. May 1	11:45 am	Youth Fundraiser Lunch & Quarterly Business Meeting
Sat. May 7	10:00 am	Festival of Hope
Sun. May 15	6:30 pm	YAC
May 19-20	6 ~ 8 pm	Yard Sale Collection
Sat. May 21	7:00 am	Yard Sale Fundraiser *workers will report earlier
Sun. May 22	6:30 pm	YAC
Sun. May 29		Final payments due for Student Life Camp and East St. Louis Mission Trip

6th Grade Retreat ~ June 10th ~ June 11th

Camp Chestnut Ridge in Efland

Cost: \$50.



Please let Michelle know if you plan to attend by May 1st.



**WESTWOOD
CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP**

Featuring the
Westwood Praise Team
**EVERY OTHER
SUNDAY
AT 6:30 PM**

May 1 ~ Caroline Allen
May 15 ~ Keith Vaughn
June 12 ~ Mike Eddinger

Celebrate Mothers of The Bible Through Chrismons & Bible Study

May 14, 2011
9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

The May Chrismon Project will be the

Rose of Mary

Cost: \$20 (lunch provided free)

If you cannot come for the whole day, you are invited to come at 12:00 pm and enjoy lunch and the Bible. If you plan to attend lunch only the cost is \$5.

Bible Study led by Cindy Bolden

Questions: Contact: Kay Rich 919-467-1420 issetterich@bellsouth.net
Eunice Robertson 919-349-2301 Eunice.Robertson@mindspring.com
Becky Bullock 919-469-9393 Becky.Bullock@westwood.org

Please make checks payable to Westwood Baptist Church.

Please note on your payment, Chrismon Workshop/Bible Study

Mail to Westwood Baptist Church 200 Westhigh Street Cary, NC 27513

Breakfast Sponsored by Baptist Men
Saturday, May 7th
at 8:00 am

**After breakfast we will have a
mission project at the Caring Place.**

Team Leader, Al Percy (481-0424)

CBFNC **State Missions Ingathering** **Sunday, May 1st** **Goal: \$12,000**

The Ingathering for our CBFNC State Missions Offering will be Sunday, May 1. This year our goal is \$12,000. Of the amount collected, 50% will go to CBFNC. Of the other 50%, \$1,000 will go to Paula Settle in Nada, Kentucky, \$1,000 to LaCount Anderson at the Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids and the remaining will be divided between The Village of Hope Project to rescue street children in Kiev, Ukraine, and the Belize Project.

GRIEF SHARE

Spring Session 2011
Through June 28th
7-9 pm

\$20 per person to cover materials and supplies. Childcare will be provided if arranged in advance.

Contact Jackie Woodcock for more information at 919-531-7031 or 919-302-4846.

Kentucky Mission Trip **July 30- August 6**

Over twenty people have already committed to go on Westwood's mission trip to Nada, Kentucky. Deadline for signing up for this trip is June 12. Our headquarters will be the Nada Mission (Church), Nada, Kentucky, and we will be repairing homes in Owsley County, which is the poorest county in the United States based on the last census data. The cost is approximately \$200.00 if you stay at the Nada Mission. A signup sheet is located in Hallway A. Contact Jim Canterbury for more information.

Westwood's ESL Recognition & Potluck Dinner **Tuesday, May 3, 2011** **6:45 – 8:30 pm**

The Westwood Church Family is invited to join us as we celebrate the end of our ESL spring semester with students and teachers. We will recognize the students for their achievement and conclude with an international potluck meal. Bring your favorite American dish to share. You'll be glad you came!

Children's End of Year Program **Wednesday, May 25th** **6:30 pm**

Recognition of a year of accomplishments and an evening celebrating our RA's, GA's,

Mission Friends,
& Children's Choirs

Ice Cream Social at 7:30

Proceeds to benefit Camp Angel Tree at Camp Caraway

MAY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

1 Evelyn Cooke	20 Penny Faulkner
1 Miriam Matthews	21 Sara Cooke
2 Louis Hovis	21 Marcelle Ellers
2 Tim Cunningham	21 Mike Casella
3 Amber Messer	22 Sherry Lee
3 Nicola Thompson	22 Sarah Emory
5 Drew Owens	23 Donna Beckham
7 Karen Barnette	23 Jacob Roberson
7 Kelly Poole	24 George Parker
9 Judy Auman	25 Raymond Kuper
10 Bennie Dunning	25 Rodney Thomas
11 Dan Shearin	26 Pat Liles
11 Jody Hutto	26 Alexa Sampson
12 Peggy Denning	27 Al Percy
12 Lisa Hoke	27 Gloria Hayes
15 Faye McLamb	28 Michael Gilbert
16 Larry Wofford	29 Rachel Oliver
16 Mark Workman	30 Bobby Branson
16 Grant Hayes	30 Caroline McLain
19 Yvonne Rhodes	30 Kelly English
19 Charles Allard	30 Savannah Revelle
19 Terry Campbell	31 Jasmine Keadle

NEW MEMBERS

Jeff & Jennifer Mobley
Lauren, Megan & Drew
1111 Pearson Farms Rd.
Apex, NC 27502
919-946-0526

Joined April 3, 2011



ANNIVERSARIES

4	Jim & Susie Bender
9	Matt & Rhonda Everett
9	Jody & Michael Fitzgerald
11	Krister & Susan Eriksson
12	Ken & Denise Koogler
16	Richard & Dixie Ferris
17	Ed & Joan Pratt
22	Susan & Jan-Olov Andersson
23	Doug & Pat Buchanan
26	Ray & Colleen Coogan
27	Bill & Lisa Hoke
28	Luther & Cecilia Davis
30	Paula & David Duke
30	Greg & Robin Glover
31	John & Judy Keadle

Westwood Membership 562

A Thank You note has been received from the
Toomey Family, the Baldwin Family,
Preston Medlin, Ashley Bartlett,



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011
JUNE 26 ~ JUNE 30
6:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM

If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS,
please sign up on the bulletin board in Hall B
in front of the Media Center.

We will need volunteers for food preparation, snack,
decorating, clean up, leaders and more.

We will have a place for everyone who signs up!

CONTACT ERIN ALLARD OF THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

Billy Abernathy

216 Windsor Wynd Place
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

Mary Davis

1402 Castalia Drive
Cary, NC 27513

Paul Faircloth

Windsor Point
1221 Broad Street, Rm 18
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

Sally Goodwyn

750 SE Cary Pkwy Room 203
Cary, NC 27511

Faye McLamb

HeartFields
1050 Crescent Green, Rm 10
Cary, NC 27511

Brenda Perkins

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Durham, NC 27703

Becky Rees

712 Lewter Shop Rd
Apex, NC 27523

Marjorie Russell

204 Gray Street
Cary, NC 27513

George Shivers

904 Carolina Bell Lane
Apex, NC 27502

Louisa Watson

1229 Cedar Creek Drive
Cary, NC 27513

Charles Williams

Glenaire Retirement Com.
5111 Glenhope Court
Cary, NC 27511

Ministers On Call

If you have a ministerial need over the weekend
please contact the minister on call:

May 6-12	Michelle Anderson	Home: 481-6673	Cell: 368-6508
May 13-19	Mike Eddinger		Cell: 805-1022
May 20-26	Caroline Allen	Home: 467-8692	Cell: 522-3046
May 27 - June 2	Keith Vaughn	Home: 554-4146	Cell: 605-5714

Westwood Financial Highlights March 2011

Cash Balance - General Operating Budget	\$90,842
Cash Balance - Designated Funds	\$142,514
TOTAL Cash Balance	\$233,356
Total D.R.O.P. Balance as of 3/31/2011:	\$41,830
General Fund Average Weekly Giving vs. Budget (through 3/31/11)	
March Average Actual	\$22,227
Budget	\$18,458
Average weekly receipt versus budget for Mar.	\$3769
Year to Date Average Actual	\$19,536
Actual as a % of budget	106%