



# West Wind

April 2014

Westwood Baptist Church

Joining God in His Work

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## Church Staff

Mike Eddinger, Pastor

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Ellis Williams, Deacon Chair

Diane Owens, Pianist

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## Church Office Hours

Monday ~ Friday, 9:00am—4:00pm

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday

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

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

## The First Step...

We're gearing up for Operation Inasmuch. Over the past several years, that's become a pretty big deal around here. Some of you may be thinking, *yeah, too big a deal!* But be that as it may, on April 25 and 26, a bunch of us will take a step with Jesus into the risky waters of ministry through personal involvement.

By this time, most of you know the biblical reason we do Operation Inasmuch. If not, stop reading this and go read the last part of chapter 25 in Matthew's gospel (start around verse 31). But in light of some recent study for our Lenten sermon series and some conversations with a few of you, I thought it might be helpful to share a bit of my personal story (Reader's Digest version) as it relates to how we do OIAM. I warn you, Matthew 25 will be much more interesting and helpful reading, but I'll share anyway.

This part of my journey began in late 2009 and early 2010 when I was inspired to explore the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Through that and my study of the gospels, the Holy Spirit convicted me that if I'm ever going to get beyond preaching about being the presence of Christ and actually start doing it, then I have to be willing to touch people...literally touch people...physically and emotionally and spiritually connect with folks I might consider to be untouchable.

Marilyn and I began to follow this path in our personal lives...not as the pastor of Westwood, but just Mike and Marilyn. Over time, as God continued to fuel our passion, I began to share with our staff what God was doing in our lives. I found them to be not only open but genuinely excited about how this idea of touching people might play out in the life of Westwood. Jesus' story about the sheep and goats in Matthew 25 became our paradigm passage, our model, our standard for the work God was doing in all our hearts.

As we continued to pray and learn from so many wonderful people about sharing God's love, we became convinced that most of the good folks at Westwood genuinely want to follow Jesus and his teachings...but like us, they're just not sure how to do that. God made us aware that even when we sense his call, sometimes it's difficult to take the first step, to know where to start, to actually reach out to someone on a personal level.

Out of that awareness came the rebirth of Operation Inasmuch at Westwood. As a staff, we sensed a need to help folks take that first step of personal involvement in ministry to those Jesus called "the least of these." And so, we began to find and partner with ministries in our community that would provide that doorway; simple, tangible, non-threatening opportunities to touch other people in the name of Jesus. Over the years, we've seen and experienced God work in marvelous and miraculous ways through this ministry, and we anticipate more of those times on April 25 and 26.

But God continues to mess with me, and one of the things he's been convicting me about over the past several months is my tendency to project my expectations on you. We all are at different places on our personal journeys with the Lord, and he's reminded me that this part of my journey began with a good intention, a first step toward his revelation of what it means to follow Jesus. And God honors good intentions and first steps. That point was driven home to me again this past Sunday as we heard Jesus say to the woman who poured the expensive oil on his head, *she did what she could* as he called her good intention, her first step, *a beautiful thing*.

So what I want to say to you my dear friends is this: when you think about all the mission and ministry opportunities placed before you here at Westwood, please don't be overwhelmed by what might seem to be the unrealistic expectations of your pastor. Hear and respond to God's voice in your heart; take the first step as he leads you; do *what you can* with the gifts, time, and talents he's given you, and hear him whisper clearly in your ear, *my child you have done a beautiful thing to me*.

*Peace and Love,*

*Mike*

# Youth Group Scoop

Sun April 13	6:30 pm	YAC
April 25-26		Operation InAsMuch
Sun April 27	11:30 am	Business Meeting & Fundraiser Lunch
Sun April 27	6:30 pm	YAC
Sat. May 3		Youth Sunday Dress Rehearsal
Sun May 4	10:30 AM	Youth Sunday
Sun May 18	11:30 am	Church Wide Block Party
		\$50 Deposit Due for Student Life
		\$38 Due for HS Mission Trip
	6:30 pm	YAC



## Easter Drive-Thru Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Easter Drive Thru "From The Cradle To The Cross". Please contact Caroline Allen at [919-522-3046](tel:919-522-3046) if interested in helping. This is a great family event that will be held on Friday night, April 18th Hope to see you there. Costumes are available for everyone who wants to participate!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING APRIL 2ND

Starting April 2nd, Westwood will be offering the Jennifer Rothschild Bible study "Missing Pieces". Join us as we look at the messy, mysterious uncertainties of faith. God's ways don't always make sense, but He is trustworthy. Trust Him more than your feelings and God will reveal Himself and fill in your missing pieces. This is a 7 week video based study. We will meet from 6:30-7:30pm in Room 207. If you would like to participate in this study, please sign up on the bulletin board in Hall A or contact Pam White @ [pwhite205@gmail.com](mailto:pwhite205@gmail.com)

## Singles Focus

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### Singles Mission Activities

- The Singles Ministry will provide **Hospice Home** of Wake County snacks to have available for patients, families and guests. Suggestions from HOWC include: Chewy or Crunchy Granola Bars, Breakfast Cereal Bars, Peanut Butter Crackers, Cheese Crackers, Rice Krispie Treats, Chip Variety Packs, Cookie Assortment, Fruit Flavored Snacks, Peanuts, Cashews, Almonds, Bottled Water, etc. (All snacks must be individually wrapped/package). If you would like to donate snacks for the Hospice Home, please put them in the designated location in Room 209. They will be delivered twice a month going forward to the Hospice Home.
- **Shoes for Africa:** Deadline to bring shoes to room 209 is April 30. If you would like to participate in the Wine & Design fundraiser at 219 Bickett Ave in Raleigh on April 3 at 6:30 pm, please sign up online at [www.wineanddesignus.com](http://www.wineanddesignus.com), click on the Raleigh location, then calendar, find April 3 and sign up or call (919) 374-0667. We will be painting the Westwood stained glass cross and the proceeds will go towards Shoes for Africa.
- **Singles Lunch** ~ Sunday, April 6th after church at Wendy's on Hwy 64
- **Singles Movie Night** ~ Friday, April 25th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall: *Faith Like Potatoes*

## Mission Statement

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

# GRIEF SHARE®

## Spring Evening Session 2014

**Tuesdays, April 9 – June 25/27**

**7-9pm in Room 209**

**Cost: \$25 per person**

## Tree of Love & Giving Providing Easter Baskets for Wake County Foster Children

Sunday, March 23—Friday, April 11th

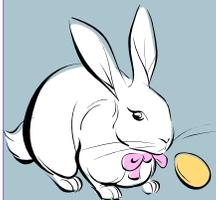


Show your support for the foster children of Wake County by selecting an egg from the Tree of Love and Giving which will be located in the church foyer beginning March 23rd. Information on each egg will include a child's name, age, gender and social worker. Prepare an Easter Basket for this specific child using the guidelines in the brochure by the tree. Please return the filled basket along with the egg tag attached securely to the basket to the area around the tree no later than Friday, April 11th. Please remember to securely wrap the baskets in clear wrap or place it in a clear bag. Thank you for "Joining God in His Work" by sharing your love with these children.

**Children's Easter Celebration  
(1st-6th Grade)  
Sunday, April 13  
at 11:40 am**

&

**Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 19  
at 10:00 am**



We are collecting candy to use for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring individually wrapped candy to the container by the Media Center in Hall B.

## Westwood Seniors

### SENIOR ADULT NEWS

Our next Senior Adult Luncheon will be April 8th beginning at noon. We will have an exciting program following lunch presented by Amy Pasquini, Development Director for Our State Magazine. In addition to the usual great food and fellowship, I'm sure her presentation will be filled with fun and interesting "surprises" about people and places in our wonderful state. Please put it on your calendar and invite a friend to share the experience with us.



**See the Senior Bulletin Board  
for more details.**

## BBQ Thank You!

Thank you to EVERYONE who assisted with the BBQ fundraiser this year! The fundraiser was a huge success in many ways. We had over 100 volunteers of all ages working together, ranging from young children through senior adults. By combining our various skills and talents we are able to accomplish a lot! We also met many of our neighbors in the community through lunch deliveries and those who dined in. We also raised \$7,130.03 to be used towards the Belize Mission Trip and Neighborhood Ministries. Thank you for your prayers as well as financial and physical support. We couldn't have done it without you!



## Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Mission Trip May 31 – June 7, 2014

NC Baptist Men continues to help with rebuilding homes in New Jersey from damages caused by Hurricane Sandy. Thousands of homes were damaged or destroyed by super-storm Sandy. Westwood will be sending a team to New Jersey to work for a week. We will leave on Saturday, May 31 and return the following Saturday, June 7. Travel will be via rental van. We need your commitment by May 11 so that travel plans can be confirmed.



Cost is \$15.00 per day per person (5 days) for housing, food, insurance, etc. NC Baptist Men's headquarters is now at a former church, 1600 Central Avenue, Seaside Heights, NJ. We will sleep (bunk beds) and eat at this church. One of the NCBM shower units is on site. If you are interested, please contact Steve Goodman (919-931-4064 or [sgoodman@nc.rr.com](mailto:sgoodman@nc.rr.com)). A sign-up sheet is located in Hallway A.

### Lent/Easter 2014

#### Sermon Series

**THEME: Memorable words of Jesus  
on his journey to the cross.**

#### April 6

*Table Talk*

Mark 14:12-26

Background: Matthew 26:17-30; Luke 22:7-23; I  
Corinthians 11:23-25

#### April 13 (Palm Sunday)

*Ain't no Rock Gonna Shout for Me*

Luke 19:28-40

Background: Mark 11:1-11; Matthew 21:1-11

#### April 20 (Easter)

*Empty Promises*

Luke 23:44 – 24:12

Background: Matthew 27:45-28:15; Mark 15:33-16-20;  
John 19:28-20:18

#### April 27 (OIAM Celebration)

Rev. Thomas Allen, Guest Preacher

### An Invitation to serve and Love..... Noon Missions Group

The Noon Missions Group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall of the church with the specific intent of growing closer to Christ and reconciling others to Him through missions. Members bring their own bag lunch and share in a time of Christian fellowship. The atmosphere is relaxed and very casual. Time is set aside for mission education which often includes an outside speaker who has hands on experience sharing God's love and comfort outside the walls of the church. The Noon Missions Group partners with Raleigh Rescue Mission to minister to the homeless in our community and helps provide emergency item needs that arise at the Mission. The goals of the Noon Missions Group are to (1) learn more about "doing missions," (2) provide tangible items for the homeless, (3) meet one-on-one with the homeless and (4) most important share the love and compassion of Christ with others.

If you would like more information, call Hilda Hill at 919-468-4690 or Terry Campbell at 919-851-6259.

### Media Center News

The First Phone Call from Heaven by Mitch Albom has been donated to the Media Center in memory of Les Giles by The Round Table Mission Group. If you enjoy a page turning mystery about the power of human love and Christian beliefs, this is the book you need to check out from the Media Center.



# FILL YOUR FREEZER FUNDRAISER

**It's 5 o'clock...do you know where your dinner is?**

It could be right in your very own freezer! With Westwood's **Fill Your Freezer** fundraiser, you can have affordable, made-from-scratch meals ready at a moment's notice, all while helping the Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids. Our meals make great gifts for new moms, friends who are sick or recovering from surgery, soccer moms, working parents, and those who need to cook for just one or two. Mother's Day is coming up, and a freezer full of quality meals would make any mom happy!

## Here's how it works:

- Our kitchen team, led by NC State Food Science Instructor Paige Luck, prepares 10 different freezer-ready meals.
- Beginning April 13, simply log onto [www.westwoodbc.org](http://www.westwoodbc.org) and click on the "Fill Your Freezer" link to place your order. Look for paper forms in the vestibule too.
- Quantities are limited, so as items sell out, they will be removed from the order form. Payment should be mailed to the church or made on any Sunday after worship service between April 13th and May 4th.
- Your selections will be ready for pick up in the fellowship hall on June 1st after worship service.
- Proceeds from **Fill Your Freezer** benefit the Union Mission.

## About the meals:

### Menu Choices

1. Chicken Pot Pie, individual, \$5, or casserole, \$16
2. Bacon & Onion Quiche,, Serves 4-6 \$12
3. Broccoli & Cheddar Quiche, Serves 4-6 \$12
4. Potato & Leek Soup, pint, \$4 or quart, \$7
5. Sausage-Onion Calzones (individual serving) \$4
6. Spinach-Feta\* Calzones (individual serving) \$4
7. Twice-Baked Potato, 2 halves, \$3
8. Pancakes, 1 dozen, \$4

### No Guess Work!

- All meals are made from fresh, quality, "real" ingredients.
- Meals come fully-cooked and freezer-ready. They will last in your freezer up to three months, and require only thawing and reheating.
- A recipe card with ingredients, detailed instructions and serving suggestions is included with each menu item.

**Interested in helping cook these fabulous meals?**

Contact Paige Luck at [luckfamilync@gmail.com](mailto:luckfamilync@gmail.com) or sign up on Hall A!

Breakfast, lunch, or dinner...we've got it covered! Save yourself time and money, and **Fill Your Freezer** with Westwood and the Union Mission!  
Dinner time has never been so easy.



# Operation InAsMuch

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH AND  
SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH



For several years, it has been the tradition of Westwood Baptist Church to set aside a time where we intentionally seek to provide ministry opportunities for folks who have a burden and a passion to personally touch people in the name of Jesus; opportunities to experience personal involvement in helping people in need.

Scripturally based in Matthew 25, we call this Operation Inasmuch.

- **Project List and more information is available on the Westwood web page on the Signup Genius Link, in the church foyer, or by calling the church office.**
- **Donation Lists, Sign Up and Drop Off is in the Church Foyer.**
- **Donations for OIAM Projects are being accepted and our Goal is \$2,400**

## There are three ways to sign up to participate in Operation Inasmuch.

1. **Online Registration:** This will be your best chance to get your preferred project. We encourage you to use this method to sign for the project of your choice. Projects have a maximum number of participants allowed due to space limitations or rules of the various organization involved. Early online registration is your best option to secure placement in a project that is your first choice. You may access this option by going to [www.westwoodbc.org](http://www.westwoodbc.org) and clicking on the "sign up genius" link on the home page. Follow instructions on the screen.
2. **Paper Registration:** You may also sign up for OIAM 2014 by using the paper registration form. On the form at church welcome centers, list the 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of projects for each volunteer in your family. Use the letter codes provided on the list. Drop the completed form into the Operation Inasmuch Registration box. These boxes are located at each entrance to the church facility.
3. **Phone Registration:** You may call the church office at 919-469-9393 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday and register.

**Please note** that if you use Paper Registration or phone Registration, we will make every effort to accommodate your first choice. When using Online Registration, your attempt to sign up will not be accepted if the project you choose is already full. You may choose another project to sign up. If you would like to lead a project that has a leadership position available please call the church office.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Cyndie Dyer       | 17 Darrel Vuncannon |
| 1 Tommy Revell      | 18 Rachel Minster   |
| 2 Paula Duke        | 19 Bettie Rabb      |
| 2 Keith Minster     | 19 Grace Beale      |
| 2 Alex Ware         | 20 Jim Baker        |
| 3 Glenn Oliver      | 21 Lea Hovis        |
| 4 Lisa Smith        | 21 Brian Deese      |
| 4 Beverly Persinger | 25 Barbara McEntire |
| 5 Matthew Brandon   | 27 Susan Workman    |
| 7 Becki Canterberry | 27 Drew Mobley      |
| 7 Karen Nolan       | 28 Harrison Duncan  |
| 8 Dorothy Shearin   | 30 Jennifer Mobley  |
| 10 Steve Persinger  | 30 Jim Straight     |
| 10 Cynthia Rich     |                     |
| 11 Louisa Watson    |                     |
| 11 Beverly Stinson  |                     |
| 12 Lagray Wells     |                     |
| 12 Rob Myron        |                     |
| 13 Ethan Bolden     |                     |



### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 Ed & Fran Tetlak         | 20 Ken & Leta Ward      |
| 11 Kelly & Wayne English   | 21 Randy & Carol Watts  |
| 12 Beth & Patrick Donner   | 23 Brian & Mandy Smith  |
| 14 Ronnie & Eve Stephenson | 24 Rob & Marcy McLain   |
| 16 Betty & Bobby Branson   | 26 CB & Charlotte Tyson |



### Ministers On Call

If you have a ministerial need over the weekend please contact the minister on call: (Area code: 919)

Mar 28-Apr 3	Mike Eddinger	Cell: 805-1022
Apr 4-10	Michelle Anderson	Cell: 368-6508
Apr 11-17	Caroline Allen	Cell: 522-3046
Apr 18-24	Keith Vaughn	Cell: 605-5714
Apr 25-May 1	Mike Eddinger	Cell: 805-1022

*Westwood Membership:*  
597

Cash Balance - General Operating Budget ...\$291,400  
 Cash Balance - Designated Funds .....\$146,590  
**TOTAL Cash Balance ..... \$437,990**

**General Fund Average Weekly Giving vs. Budget** (through 2/28/14)

February Average Actual	\$20,203
Weekly Budget	\$21,538
Average weekly receipt versus budget for February	\$<1,334>
Year to Date Average Actual	\$19,276
Actual as a % of budget	89%

*Financial  
 Highlights  
 for  
 February 2014*

Westwood Baptist Church  
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March  
Newsletter Deadline  
April 21

CBFNC  
mission  
AND ministry  
OFFERING



This year, in lieu of Easter Lily honorariums and memorials, Westwood will acknowledge gifts given to the State Missions offering in the Palm Sunday bulletin. Please mark the outside of your envelope with your name and how you would like you gift acknowledged.

**Ingathering: Sunday, May 4th**  
**Westwood Goal: \$12,500**

50% to CBFNC

25% to The Rural Poverty Initiative of Together for Hope, Kentucky

25% to Union Mission of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina