



West Wind

July 2014

Westwood Baptist Church

Joining God in His Work

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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
6:30 pm YAC

Monday

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

6:30 am Prayer Breakfast
7:00 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm *GriefShare*

Wednesday

5:15 pm Fellowship Meal
6:00 pm Nursery
6:00 pm Youth Missions
6:30 pm Summer Missions
Program
6:30 pm Prayer & Bible Study
7:40 pm Westwood Choir
Rehearsal

From Biscuitgate to Community

About a year ago, those of us who live in the Triangle were introduced to a new term...Biscuitgate. Biscuitgate is a word coined to describe an event that occurred on an August Saturday morning at Moore Square in downtown Raleigh. While distributing breakfast food to hungry folks that morning, many of them part of the homeless population in the Moore Square area, some staff members of *Love Wins* ministry were told they could no longer continue that practice. This immediately became a media event, Biscuitgate was born, and word spread nationally.

This was also a divisive event for our community. Some saw this as an unfortunate overreaction by a few individual law enforcement officers. Others interpreted the incident as part of a conspiratorial effort on the part of city officials and business leaders to further gentrify the downtown area by sweeping the homeless off the streets. Passions ran high, and for several weeks, there was potential for the issue to be not only divisive but volatile.

But an interesting process began to grow out of Biscuitgate. Confrontation about feeding the hungry slowly turned toward conversation about the issues surrounding the problem of hunger in our community; speech-making about personal agendas moved toward listening and understanding from both sides; energy used to make accusations was channeled into finding solutions, and a spirit of cooperation began to emerge from the conflict. Leaders from city government, local businesses, non-profits, and concerned citizens came together to form the Food Distribution Alternative Task Force and together, these folks looked for solutions that would address the needs of the hungry while presenting a positive image for the city.

On June 14, 2014, the result of that cooperative effort, the *Oak City Outreach Center*, opened its doors for the first time. The center is located just off Moore Square at 215½ S. Person Street behind the old Salvation Army building. It's a place where people who had no place to go now have a place to go. The center is air conditioned (barely) and has clean restrooms and tables and chairs and people are treated with dignity and respect. Unless you're involved with the homeless community, you may not be aware that most soup kitchens and food distribution centers are not open on weekends. Groups from our area can volunteer to go to the Center and share food with those who need it on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm.

Marilyn and I were privileged to be there as volunteers on the morning the Center opened. There was a great spirit of excitement and enthusiasm, but above it all, a spirit of community was palpable. There was laughter and warmth and conversation and positive energy that spread throughout the building. So many diverse groups were represented, but all were there working together toward the common goal of providing food, drink and hospitality for

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A Summer filled with Missions for
Children of all ages!



Wednesdays, June 4 - August 20, 2014
6:30 - 7:30 pm

- July 2** Our neighbors in the Military
Focus group: Kids of all ages (0-99)
Project: Make/write/send cards; assemble "snack bags" and "travel kits," collect gift cards, etc. We will enjoy a fun, "create-your-own snack mix."
- July 9** Our neighbors at Western Wake Crisis Center
Focus group: Preschoolers
Project: Harvesting from the garden, popsicles, and water games! We will also read the book, "The Giving Tree." It will be wonderful to share our veggies with Western Wake Crisis Center.

- July 16** Our neighbors that live next door!
Focus group: Grades 1-4
Project: Bring canned goods to share with those in need. We will read the book "Stone Soup" and prepare "Soup in a Jar" to share with someone in your neighborhood! Wear your swimsuit for some water games too!

- July 23** Our "Thirsty" neighbors in the park!
Focus Group: Grades 5 & 6
Project: We will label and hand out bottles of cold water to people we meet in the park. Afterwards, Grades 5 & 6 will come back to church to create amazing ice cream sundaes!

- July 23** Our neighbors returning from Mission Trips!
Focus Group: Grades 1-6
Project: It is a family event! Those returning from Mission Trips will give reports. The children will set up and serve everyone a sweet summer treat... ICE CREAM SUNDAES!

Please take time to stop by the tables in the Foyer to see how you can help with this important Mission for ALL members of Westwood!

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some of the most marginalized of our neighbors. And even though some of those groups represented different faith traditions than mine (or no faith tradition at all) Jesus' words thundered in my heart and mind...*I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me!* (Matthew 25:40, MSG)

Last week, a few of us from Westwood went to the Center and met with Shana Overdorf, the director. We talked about some needs they have and how we might be a part of helping meet some of those needs. I'm sure you'll be hearing more about that in the near future. In the meantime, I encourage you to drop by the Oak City Outreach Center some Saturday or Sunday and see for yourself what can happen when folks come together to do the right thing. It's a safe, family friendly environment and a chance for you to meet and talk with some folks who might not routinely cross your path.

If you, your family, Sunday School class, or other small groups are interested in volunteering to provide a meal, serve refreshments, help clean up or other simple tasks, you can contact Catholic Charities of Raleigh at 919-812-5546 or email oakcity.outreach@raldioc.org. When you go, you'll find that a space has been created for hospitality to flourish and where community is available for some of our most vulnerable citizens. Go in the name of Jesus and BE his church in that space...you'll not only be a blessing for someone, but you'll be blessed as well!

Grace,

Mike

Sermons for July/August 2014

September 7, 2014 will mark my 11th anniversary of serving on the ministerial staff at Westwood, my 6th anniversary as your pastor. Lately, this realization has driven me to some reflection and personal assessment, and I'm amazed at how much God has changed me during these almost 11 years. He's changed my perspectives, my convictions, my passions, my priorities....and certainly those changes in my heart and mind have informed my preaching and teaching and pastoral ministry. I really shouldn't be so amazed about this process because, after all, God is in the transformation business! Over the past several months, I've spent some time reflecting on how God has changed me and how those changes affect who I am today in Christ; as a person, as a believer, as your pastor. And so, during July and August, I'm going to try and share some of those reflections with you through a sermon series I've entitled Things I Think About. I hope you'll join us as often as you can this summer and I hope some of the things I think about might give you a bit of food for thought as well.

Theme: Things I Think About

July 6

The Ducks at Duke Garden
Matthew 11:28-30

Background: Psalm 23; Matthew 11:1-30

July 13

Being Your Pastor
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

July 20 – Lord's Supper
Jesus Loves Me Just Like I Am

John 6:35-40

Background: Psalm 130

July 27

But Do I Love Jesus?
Revelation 2:2-6

Background: Matthew 7:1-28



August 3

Deacon Ordination Service

August 10

Keith Vaughn

August 17

Stewardship
Genesis 4:1-7

Background: Malachi 3:10;

1 Peter 4:1-11

August 24

Being The Church Not Doing Church

Acts 2: 42-47; Matthew 25:40

Background: Acts 2:1-47;

Matthew 25:31-46

August 31

Where Do We Go From Here?

Exodus 17:1-7

Youth Group Scoop

July 1-5	Student Life
July 7-8	Graduate Beach Trip
July 9	6:30 pm Belize Report
July 13	11:30am Guys Only Event 11:30am Rising 7th Grade Meeting
July 16	11:30 am Lunch Read & Chat 7:15 pm Meal with our Turkish Friends
July 21-26	Shelby Mission Trip
July 27	Business Meeting & Lunch
July 30	11:30 am Lunch Read & Chat 6:30 pm Reports: Student Life & Shelby Mission Trip
Aug. 3	Promotion Sunday for Sunday School 6:30 pm Scatter Day
Aug. 6	11:30 am Lunch Read & Chat
Aug. 10	6:30 pm YAC
Aug. 17	YAC Kickoff
Aug. 22-23	Pool Party & Lock-in



Singles Missions & Activities

Join Westwood singles for lunch after worship service on:

- July 3 - IHOP at Beaver Creek
- July 17 - Spirit's at 704 E. Chatham Street

Meet in Room 209 after Worship if you would like to join Westwood Singles for lunch.

July 25 – Singles Movie Night
at 7:00pm for Fellowship followed by movie, “Fireproof” at 7:30pm. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Westwood Responds...Garden Ministry



Our Westwood garden has produced well even with all the days of 90 plus degree temperatures. Rainfall in June has been on the short side, so the garden has been irrigated twice most weeks. At this time, the garden has produced about 500 pounds of fresh vegetables. Yellow squash and zucchini are doing very good, and we have begun to harvest cabbage, cucumbers, green beans, okra and bell peppers. Cantaloupe have been planted to replace the garden peas.

The vegetables are taken to the Western Wake Crisis Ministry. Our Westwood garden provides fresh vegetables for many families that otherwise would not be able to enjoy healthy vegetables. If you would like to help harvest vegetables, please call the church office.



Submit Your Recipes



Westwood Singles are collecting recipes for a 2nd Westwood Cookbook. Deadline to submit recipes is August 15. Please email recipes directly to Nancy Hunter at nhunter6@nc.rr.com or put them in the red plaid box in Room 209.

Ladies Lunch

The ladies of the church are invited to a Ladies Lunch at 11:30 am on Friday, August 8, 2014 at Lugano Ristorante (Formerly Biaggi's at 1060 Darrington Drive in the Shops of Preston Walk off Cary Parkway). Everyone will be responsible for their own lunch and transportation. If you would like to join us, please RSVP by August 4th to Terry Campbell at 919-280-8062 or tccampbell519@yahoo.com.

GRIEF SHARE®

Fall Evening Session 2014
Tuesdays, September 2 – December 2
7-9pm in Room 209
Cost: \$25 per person

It hurts to lose someone you love. Find help at GriefShare. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You do not have to go through the grieving of your loved one alone. GriefShare is a 13-week Bible based, Christ centered program for people who have lost a loved one because of death.

Contact Jackie Woodcock (day: 919-531-7031, cell: 919-302-4846) if you would like more info.

Westwood Seniors

ARE HAVING A LOT OF FUN...

PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE FUN AND BRING A FRIEND!

COVERED DISH LUNCHEON-JULY 8TH - NOON

Our program will be presented by Col (Retired) Jim Johnson. Jim is an ordained Baptist minister and a licensed pastoral counselor. He had an outstanding career as an Army chaplain, including a tour of duty in Vietnam and was there during the Tet offensive and awarded several significant medals! Jim served as pastor of Lilesville Baptist Church, and after his Army retirement worked as a financial planner, has written two books covering his time in Vietnam, and was the Minister of Counseling for 11 years at Snyder Memorial in Fayetteville. Please plan to join us on the 8th and invite a friend to join us too!

TRIP TO JC RAULSTON ARBORETUM AND NC MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES-JULY 25TH

We will depart from the parking lot at 9:45 with our first stop the J C Raulston Arboretum, a nationally acclaimed garden with a large and diverse collection of landscape plants. Plants especially adapted to Piedmont North Carolina conditions are collected and evaluated in an effort to find superior plants for use in southern landscapes. Lunch will be in Cameron Village at K&W Cafeteria. We will then visit the NC Museum of Natural Sciences where there is plenty to see and do returning to the church by mid-afternoon. Bring money for lunch and \$1 per person will be collected that day for bus expense.

SEE THE SENIOR BULLETIN BOARD FOR MORE DETAILS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Charles Hamm	21	Amanda McLain
1	Carl Lindner	22	Gwyneth Thomas
1	Joy Parker	22	Nic Vaughn
3	Leslie Childress	23	Jacob Fitzgerald
3	Don McLamb	23	Joan Pratt
4	Ray Coogan	24	Wayne English
4	Mary Holliday	25	Anita Culler
5	Brenda Perkins	25	Sally Elder
6	Ally Wells	25	Kenneth Feliciano
6	Marlene Wofford	25	Timothy Tice
7	Brian Smith	26	Seph Hefelfinger
8	Erin Coogan	26	John Roberson
8	Jo Ann Hargrove	26	Bill Stewart
8	Mary Lee Kight	26	Steve Thompson
9	Ed Tetlak	27	Billy Baucom
10	Rhonda Everett	27	Curtis Leary
11	T.C. Cunningham	29	Paige Hutto
11	Larry Parker	31	Elizabeth Brandon
11	Kenneth Tice	31	Virginia Gouldman
12	Mark Forbes	31	Trevor Lindner
12	Emily Rabb	31	Emily Rooney
12	Emily Wilkes		
13	Lawson Faulkner		
14	Ginger Duncan		
16	Paul Childress		
16	Savannah Duke		
16	C.Y. Jordan		
17	Diane Owens		
19	Amy Forbes		
19	Madeline Grissom		
20	Teresa Vaughn		



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1	Lea & Lou Hovis
3	Diane & Scott Cribb
9	Paige & Jody Hutto
9	Cindy & Steve Thompson
10	Anna & John Ferdinando
12	Lisa & Steven Smith
13	Sandra & Paul Folmsbee
14	Summer & Javarris Barnett
17	Cheryl & Paul Macon
20	Lisa & Derek Shearin
24	Jo Ann & Cliff Hargrove
26	Julie & Raymund Nolan
31	Shelly & Brian Forrest



Impact 456

... It's coming!
A Preteen Ministry for
Grades 4, 5, & 6
begins **Sunday August 10th** from
6:30 - 8:00 pm.
Watch for more details!

"NEW KID ON THE PEW" Lunch


WHO: Rising Kindergarteners and their parents
WHEN: Sunday, July 20 at 11:30 A.M.
WHERE: Fellowship Hall

Our rising Kindergarteners and parents are invited to enjoy a **special lunch** and learn more about helping their "New Kid on the Pew" learn to worship with their family.

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

- **Rising Kindergarteners** will visit the Worship Center with their Sunday School teachers and talk about what happens in Worship.
- **Parents** will spend some time with Suzette talking about "How to have a great Worship experience with your child".
- **TOGETHER** the kindergarteners and parents will assemble a "New Kid on the Pew" Worship Bag.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

 <p>Westwood Baptist Church 200 Westhigh Street Cary, NC www.westwoodbc.org</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Sunday Evenings at 5:00 pm</p> <p>AUGUST 10 <i>“Songs of the Faith”</i> Favorite Hymn/Songs of the Westwood Congregation with Kim Taylor, Diane Owens, and Caroline Allen</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 14 <i>“Put On A Crown”</i> Concert by The Westwood Ensemble</p> <p>OCTOBER 12 <i>“Handbell Dedicatory Concert”</i> With Solo Handbells by Sylvia Rylander Guest Musician from Anchorage, Alaska</p>
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**Rising 7th Graders
& Parent Lunch Meeting**
July 13, 11:30am

RSVP to Michelle by July 6th!
(All Family Members are
Welcome
to stay for lunch)



Westwood Membership: 602

State Missions Update:



Total Given:
\$12,711

Westwood
Goal: \$12,500

Ministers On Call

If you have a ministerial need when the church office is closed please contact the minister on call:

July 1-3	Mike Eddinger	Cell: 919-805-1022
July 4-10	Keith Vaughn	Cell: 919-605-5714
July 11-17	Michelle Anderson	Cell: 919-368-6508
July 18-24	Caroline Allen	Cell: 919-522-3046
July 25-31	Mike Eddinger	Cell: 919-805-1022

Cash Balance - General Operating Budget ...	\$251,130	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: red;"><i>Financial Highlights for May 2014</i></p>
Cash Balance - Designated Funds	\$177,557	
TOTAL Cash Balance	\$428,687	
General Fund Average Weekly Giving vs. Budget (through 5/31/14)		
May Average Actual	\$16,783	
Weekly Budget	\$21,538	
Average weekly receipt versus budget for May (\$4,755)		
Year to Date Average Actual	\$18,333	
Actual as a % of budget	85%	

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August
Newsletter Deadline
June 21



OASIS is COMING!

We will be taking the bus to OASIS at CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY on:

- MONDAY JULY 14 for the MARY McDONALD CONCERT
- TUESDAY, JULY 15 to the "HIM" FESTIVAL: CELEBRATING JESUS LOVE
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 to the ALL STATE YOUTH CHOIR

We will leave the Westwood Church Parking Lot at 5:30 each evening.

Please sign your family and friends up by calling Caroline at 919-522-3046 or email her at caroline.allen@westwoodbc.org **by June 30th**. This event is sponsored by the Music Ministry and is FREE. Let's fill the bus and enjoy 3 great nights of Music!