



# West Wind

June 2014

Westwood Baptist Church

Joining God in His Work

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## Church Staff

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tant  
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Kim Taylor, Organist

## 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

## What Does Jesus Look Like?

A few months ago, one of our church members sent me an email with a link to an article in which I was introduced to *Jesus the Homeless*, a sculpture by Timothy Schmalz. Mr. Schmalz, a believer, is from Toronto, Canada. It was in that city, just before Christmas two years ago that he saw a homeless man sleeping on a sidewalk and was inspired to create *Jesus the Homeless*. Schmalz describes that moment: "My instinctive thought was that's Jesus, I just saw Jesus; and I was immediately reminded of Matthew 25:31-46."

In the article, I learned that efforts to place the sculpture outside St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York were rejected by the Church hierarchy on the basis that the piece was "too controversial or vague" and that it "was not an appropriate image"...and I harshly judged those decision makers. The original statue finally found a home near the entrance of Regis College at the University of Toronto, a Jesuit school of theology. Father Gordon Rixon, dean of the college described the statue as "a beautiful way to help interpret our college to the city."



Well, I was fascinated, so I dug a little deeper. Imagine my surprise to find that a copy of *Jesus the Homeless* was recently installed on the front lawn of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Davidson, North Carolina! The lifelike statue has caused quite a stir in this small, affluent college town. One neighbor called police the first time she drove by it, saying, "I was concerned for the safety of the neighborhood." Another concerned neighbor wrote to the editor of the local paper, "It's an inappropriate

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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

**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!**

- June 4** Our neighbors in nursing homes  
Focus group: Preschoolers  
Project: Potting plants for our neighbors at Phoenix while enjoying popsicles!
- June 11** Our neighbors that are homeless  
Focus group: Grades 1-4  
Project: We will create "Bath Buckets" for children at the Durham Rescue Mission. We will also enjoy eating snow cones!
- June 18** Our neighbors with hospitalized children  
Focus group: Grades 5 & 6  
Project: Creating "Snack Sacks" for families at one of the Ronald McDonald Houses will be fun. We will also enjoy yummy frozen treats!
- June 22-25** Our neighbors in Cary  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Focus Group: Kids of all ages!  
Project: Invite children to join the fun!  
Bring your "Pennies for Missions" as we have lots of fun helping our NEIGHBORS!

Interested in Teaching English as a Second Language?

The Raleigh Baptist Association will host a

## Basic ESL Workshop

July 24 – 26, 2014

at the  
Raleigh Baptist Association Resource Center  
4105 Poole Road, Raleigh, NC 27610

Cost: \$35.00 — Due July 16  
(Covers handbook, snacks, Saturday lunch)

Contact Faye Horner Baker for more information  
Email: [LFeBaker@aol.com](mailto:LFeBaker@aol.com)

## What Does Jesus Look Like?

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image and wrong for the neighborhood." Another neighbor wrote, "I wish it showed Jesus standing over the homeless protecting them. Jesus is not a vagrant; Jesus is not a helpless person who needs our help. We need a Jesus who is capable of meeting our needs, not someone who is also needy." One final sample: "My complaint is not about art-worthiness or the meaning behind the sculpture. It is about people driving into our beautiful, reasonably upscale neighborhood and seeing an ugly homeless person sleeping on a park bench." I read these comments, and others, and once again, I judged these people harshly.

Reverend David Buck, Rector at St. Alban's said, "The statue sends a poignant message; it gives authenticity to our church. This is a relatively affluent church, to be honest, and we need to be reminded ourselves that our faith expresses itself in active concern for the marginalized of society. We believe that's the kind of life Jesus had; he was, in essence, a homeless person."

Well, after all this, I really wanted to experience *Jesus the Homeless* for myself. Davidson isn't that far, so Marilyn and I drove down there one afternoon not long ago. St. Alban's is located in a beautiful neighborhood in the midst of attractive homes and townhomes on quiet tree lined streets. And as we approached the church, there just off the sidewalk on the front lawn was a park bench with what appeared to be a man lying huddled under a blanket. His face and hands were hidden beneath the blanket; only his feet were exposed. From a distance, the figure could have been any one of the faceless, nameless, folks we've become accustomed to seeing on the streets of Raleigh and Durham.

There's space to sit on the bench at the feet of this figure, and when I did that, I was able to identify the figure as Jesus as I saw and touched the nail holes in his exposed feet. Even though I knew I was going to see *Jesus the Homeless* that was still a very powerful, personal, emotional experience. I immediately began to pray for the marginalized in our society, for the people in that community, for all those I judged so harshly...and then, my prayer turned inward as I sensed a powerful need to pray for myself...for forgiveness...for all those I marginalize by my self-righteous judgment; for all those folks in my world who remain nameless and faceless because I don't make the effort to see them and approach them and talk to them and simply love them; for all the times I've missed seeing Jesus because of my self-absorbed busyness.

As I sat there at the feet of *Jesus the Homeless*, I realized all those Church officials and neighbors I judged so harshly are me! I'm just as guilty of setting my own standards of appropriateness for the image of Jesus. I'm just as guilty of wanting Jesus to look and act like I want him to look and act. I'm just as guilty of looking for a Jesus who can and will meet *my* needs just like I want him to whenever I want him to. I'm just as guilty of isolating myself from the messiness of the world around me by wrapping myself in my *reasonably upscale* cocoon and being unwilling to enter that messy world and join Jesus there.

In short, I was convicted that I'm just as guilty of creating Jesus in my own image as those whom I judge. In that light, I'm reminded of a quote I once heard. I'm not sure who said it, but there's wisdom to be found here. "You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God only associates with the same people you do."

I encourage you to think about that...and take some time to go sit with *Jesus the Homeless* if you get a chance.

Peace,

*Mike*

# Youth Group Scoop

June 1		Graduation Sunday
June 8	5:30 pm	Puppets
	6:30 pm	YAC
June 13-21		Belize Mission Trip
June 22-25		VBS
June 28		Rising 7th Grade Retreat
June 29	6:30 pm	YAC
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 21-26		Shelby Mission Trip
July 27		Business Meeting & Lunch
July 30	6:30 pm	Reports: Student Life & Shelby Mission Trip



## Singles Missions & Activities

- June 1 - Singles Sunday Lunch at Dixie Bells BBQ, 1001 Davis Dr. Meet in Room 209 after Worship Service.
- June 14th - Westwood Singles will be providing brunch at the Ronald McDonald House in Durham. If you would like to participate, please contact Jackie Woodcock. We will depart from the Church at 8:30 am.
- June 27 - Singles Movie Night at 7:00 pm - Fellowship, 7:30 pm Movie: "Gracecard."

### Wednesday Night Pastor Bible Study

**June 4**

*Who Is My Neighbor?*  
Luke 10:25-37

**June 18**

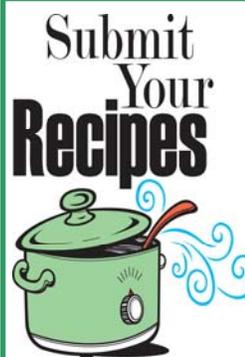
Report From New Jersey  
Mission Team

**June 11**

*Jesus' Thoughts On Neighbors*  
Matthew, Mark, and others

**June 25**

Vacation Bible School



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](mailto:nhunter6@nc.rr.com) or put them in the red plaid box in Room 209.

## Westwood Responds...Garden Ministry

What a difference some rain, a little fertilizer, tilling and sunshine have made on the Westwood garden in the last couple of weeks. By the time you read this article, we will have already harvested garden peas, and in a few weeks we will begin harvesting cabbage.



Last month we were looking for volunteers to cultivate the garden. That need has been met. With the help of Ronnie Stephenson and Art Barton, the garden is being cultivated on a weekly basis. However, we can use help to water the garden. Contact Michelle if you would like to help with the garden chores.

# Backpack Buddies

## June Collection for Missions

### Shocking But True



**1 in 4 children are hungry in the Triangle**

**Nearly 1,500 children are enrolled in Backpack Buddies**

The Backpack Buddies Program provides children from food-insecure homes with weekend meals during the school year. Local corporations, civic groups, and individuals help collect and pack bags with kid-friendly non-perishable food. The children receive a backpack containing six balanced meals and two healthy snacks at the end of every week. The children are selected by school principals, guidance counselors, and various after school programs.

Requested food items are listed below as well as a list of items that are not desirable. Please bring your donated items to Westwood and place them in any of the totes located around the church.

### Yes! Donate these items!

**Canned meats and stews, individual low sugar cereal boxes, individually packaged noodles (Easy Mac, Ramen Noodle...), Canned vegetables and fruit, 100 % Juice Boxes and Milk Boxes, Raisins, granola bars, pretzels.**



### No! Do not bring these items!

**Pop-Tarts, Cookies and other sugary snacks, Spam, Vienna Sausage, Soft top applesauce, fruit or Jello, Candy, Juice Pouches, sugary cereals.**

# Westwood Seniors

**ARE HAVING A LOT OF FUN....**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE FUN AND BRING A FRIEND!**

#### **COVERED DISH LUNCHEON-JUNE 10TH.**

Everyone knows the names Joe and Terry Graedon. They host The People's Pharmacy radio show, write columns for newspapers including the News and Observer and have authored a number of books. Joe is a pharmacologist and Terry is a medical anthropologist. Their books explain medications in friendly, understandable language. Their mission is to help people get the information they need to make wise health decisions. They share many tried and true "home remedies" as alternatives to prescription drugs. We are honored to have them as our speakers for the Seniors covered dish luncheon at noon on June 10th. This is one you don't want to miss! Please come and invite a friend and let's have record attendance!. Bring your questions also....they will have a Q&A time and have books available for sale.

#### **SENIORS TRIP TO WILMINGTON-JUNE 26TH**

The Seniors will be traveling to Wilmington on Thursday, June 26th for a day of fun and fellowship. The trip will include a tour of Historic Wilmington with a local guide (traveling on our bus), lunch at Elijah's restaurant on the riverfront, shopping and a river cruise. Cost for everything except lunch is \$35 per person. In order to get the group rate for the cruise, tickets must be secured 2 weeks in advance so the final date to sign up is June 11th. Sign up on the Seniors Bulletin Board. Make checks payable to Westwood and give to Fran as soon as possible but no later than June 11th. We must have at least 20 to do the trip. We will leave the church at 8:30 and return by 6:30. We are packing a lot into this trip but it will be worth it!

**SEE THE SENIOR BULLETIN BOARD FOR MORE DETAILS.**

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- |    |                    |    |                     |
|----|--------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Debbie Dion        | 18 | Will Harkness       |
| 2  | Kevin Grissom      |    | Dwayne Rich         |
| 3  | Michael Thompson   |    | Kay Rich            |
| 5  | Becky Wasner       | 19 | Rachel Duncan       |
|    | Alan Glover        |    | Dee Parrish         |
|    | Bill Gregory       | 20 | Becky Rees          |
|    | Michael Litzsinger | 21 | Jim Cooke           |
|    | John Nolan         |    | Bruce Horne         |
| 6  | Jo Ellen Wilkes    |    | Debbie McLamb       |
| 7  | Debbie Baldwin     | 22 | Katherine Feliciano |
|    | Simon Hayes        | 23 | Bobbie Parker       |
|    | Brenda Ring        |    | Kim Taylor          |
| 8  | Kara Baldwin       | 24 | John Erwin          |
|    | Roger Beale        |    | Andrew Hayes        |
| 10 | Rebecca Cottingham |    | Detra Lory          |
|    | Kelly Tice         |    | Don Pendergraft     |
| 11 | Owen Beavers       |    | Jeanette Shivers    |
| 12 | Marcy McLain       |    | Simone Storey       |
|    | Lauren Mobley      | 25 | Jonathan Erwin      |
|    | Lisa Shearin       |    | Kimberly Rooney     |
| 13 | Steve Carraway     | 26 | Delores Williams    |
|    | Pamela Durham      |    | Talmage Williams    |
| 14 | Joseph Cornett     | 27 | David Duke          |
|    | Ronnie Stephenson  |    | Amy Roberson        |
|    | Marguerite Wilms   | 28 | Amy Gilbert         |
| 15 | Tracy Lindner      | 29 | Dixie Ferris        |
|    | John Lombardi      |    | James Gates         |
|    |                    |    | Jeff Mobley         |
|    |                    |    | Jenny Wilkes        |
|    |                    |    | Clara Wolverton     |
|    |                    | 30 | Robert Gilfillan    |
|    |                    |    | Wade Ritter         |
|    |                    |    | Eunice Robertson    |



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|----------------------------|
| 2  | Cindy & Craig Groce        |
|    | Mary & Bill Shipp          |
| 3  | Susan & Michael Litzsinger |
| 5  | Gail & Bryan Stevens       |
| 6  | Anita & Russell Culler     |
|    | Gerry & Dan Shearin        |
|    | Teresa & Keith Vaughn      |
| 7  | Gloria & Charles Allard    |
|    | Priscila & Cliff Humphries |
| 8  | Ruth & Tommy Revelle       |
|    | Marguerite & Paul Wilms    |
| 9  | Amy & Mark Forbes          |
| 10 | Eileen & Jerry Richards    |
| 13 | Vicki & Baxter Walker      |
| 14 | Karen & Henry Morgan       |
| 16 | Karen & Steve Barnette     |
|    | Sally & Gail Elder         |
|    | Beth & Barry Shearer       |
| 17 | Gail & Jim O'Dekirk        |
| 18 | Michelle & Ben Anderson    |
|    | Judy & Dave Scherer        |
| 20 | Dorothy & Bill Shearin     |
| 21 | Cyndie & Duane Hayes       |
|    | Janet & Bruce Horne        |
|    | Christy & Jim Straight     |
| 22 | Sara & Spurgeon Cooke      |
|    | Bernice & Larry Parker     |
| 26 | Mary & Tim Cunningham      |
| 27 | Marla & William Gartland   |
| 29 | Betsy & Roger Hobgood      |
|    | Jean & Ellis Williams      |
| 30 | Millie & Bill Gregory      |



### Interested in learning more about the Chrismon Ministry here at Westwood?

Don't Miss the Chrismon Workshop and Bible Study coming this month:  
**June 28th 8:45 am to 1:00 pm.** Breakfast will be served.  
Contact Dee Parrish or Eunice Robertson for more information.





- Summer is an excellent time to **JOIN THE CHOIR**. All High School Students, College, and Adults are invited to join us on Wednesday nights from 7:40-8:30pm. NO Audition required. We have a space reserved for you! We practice 6-8 weeks ahead, so if you have out of town commitments, you can join us when you are available. Thank you for your willingness to serve!
- **Summer Orchestra** will practice Sundays, June 8-July 27 from 8:30-9:00 am. Come dust off your instruments and play with us!
- **Music Reading Classes** for all ages! Wednesday, June 11 and 18 from 4:45-5:30. If you would like to learn how to read music, come join us for a 2 session Summer Class. Call Caroline Allen 919-522-3046 to register.
- **Singing School** is scheduled for July 30 and August 6th for any interested in studying vocal technique. Call Caroline Allen at 919-522-3046 to register. This class is also available for all age groups.
- **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 BIG BAND CONCERT.  
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 to the ALL STATE YOUTH CHOIR EVENT.

We will leave the Westwood Church Parking Lot at 5:30each evening. Please sign your family and friends up by calling Caroline at 919-522-3046 or email her at [caroline.allen@westwoodbc.org](mailto: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!

## Rising 7th Graders Take Note!

**June 28**, 8:00am-5:00pm - Lake Retreat just for you! Bring \$5, sunscreen, a towel, fishing gear, outdoor toys, and your Bible! RSVP to Michelle by June 8th.

**July 13**, 11:30am - Parent & Rising 7th Graders Lunch Meeting. RSVP to Michelle by July 6th!

*Westwood Membership: 599*

## Ministers On Call

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

June 1-5	Michelle Anderson	Cell: 919-368-6508
June 6-12	Caroline Allen	Cell: 919-522-3046
June 13-19	Keith Vaughn	Cell: 919-605-5714
June 20-26	Mike Eddinger	Cell: 919-805-1022

Cash Balance - General Operating Budget ... \$271,997

Cash Balance - Designated Funds ..... \$159,813

**TOTAL Cash Balance** ..... **\$431,810**

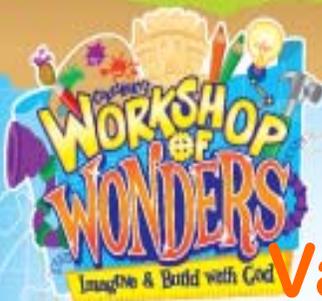
### General Fund Average Weekly Giving vs. Budget (through 4/30/14)

April Average Actual	\$19,255
Weekly Budget	\$21,538
Average weekly receipt versus budget for April	(\$2,283)
Year to Date Average Actual	\$18,737
Actual as a % of budget	87%

**Financial  
Highlights  
for  
April 2014**

**July  
Newsletter Deadline  
June 21**

**Westwood Baptist Church  
200 Westhigh Street  
Cary, NC 27513**



## **Vacation Bible School**

**Save the Date**

**Sunday, June 22 - Wednesday, June 25**

**"You are the God who works wonders." —Psalm 77:14a**

**Sign-up at [www.westwoodbc.org](http://www.westwoodbc.org) or in the church Foyer.**