

# The Westfield Wire

April 2011

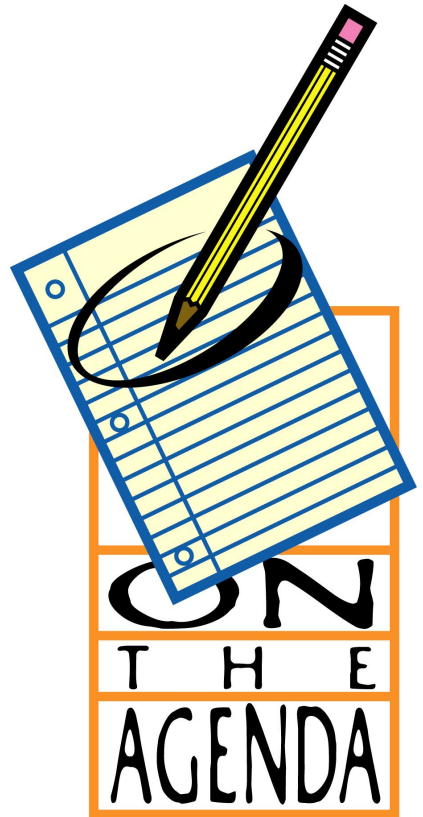
Westfield Baptist Church

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**W**estfield will hold its annual corporate meeting on Sunday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by the monthly business meeting. Corporate officers will be nominated and voted upon.

The following amendment to the by-laws will be voted on during the monthly business meeting:

*The Local Mission Action Committee shall consist of the Pastor, Chair of Deacons, Church Treasurer, and the Chair of the Finance committee. This committee will be responsible for evaluating and responding to the requests Westfield Baptist Church receives from individuals for financial assistance. The monies donated would come from the Local Missions budget line item and should not exceed \$200.00 per family per year. The pastor and one other committee member may respond to requests of financial assistance up to \$50.00. Any requests over \$50.00 may be approved by 3 out of 4 committee members. (This is a new committee recommended by the Deacons.)*

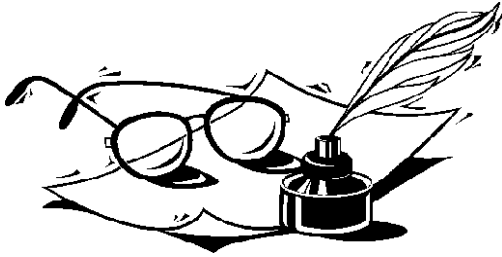


Additional by-laws amendments being recommended (to be voted on in May) include formally replacing the Youth Council with separate committees for children and youth.

Committee chairs are encouraged to bring any updates from their teams that would be of interest to or impact the church body.

## Vision Statement

To share Christ with all by leading and nurturing through a Ministry of love, fellowship, Bible study, prayer, worship, praise and proclamation of the Gospel; to seek God's guidance as we respond to needs and serve as missionaries to our community and beyond.



### from the Pastor's Pen

**S**tephen Cavness, the pastor of Cave City BC in Cave City, KY, published an article in the January 2011 edition of *Homelife* (pp. 28-29), “10 Things You May Not Know About Your Pastor.” I want to become transparent with you as I live out my calling in hopes that you will search your hearts and become open to God’s will for your lives and the life of the church. I’m picking up where I left off last month. . .

- ◆ Seventh, ***for every sermon you think I’ve bombed, I believe I’ve bombed twice as many.*** There are times when people have told me they loved the sermon and it really spoke to them. But what they got from the sermon wasn’t even the point I was trying to make. Don’t get me wrong, I’m glad folks are engaged in my preaching and can glean something from it, but when I can’t successfully say what I want to say, I become disappointed and begin thinking I’m not effective in delivering God’s Word. There are other times I feel like I’ve preached a really powerful sermon given to me by the Holy Spirit but it seems to fall flat or it bored the congregation. I don’t want to be a people-pleasing preacher who only preaches fluff without any meat, but I also don’t want to preach such harsh sermons that you become disengaged from the message God is trying to convey to Westfield. Pray that I will find a balance where you hear God speaking through me and your life is changed through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Eighth, ***sometimes I have no idea what I’m doing.*** I know God’s called me into ministry. I have no doubt about that, but Campbell University Divinity School didn’t prepare me for every situation that happens in church life. Things happen and I have no idea what to do. By God’s grace and the common sense He gave me, I get some things right. But there are other times when a situation occurs and I swing and I miss—BIG TIME! When that happens I get scared that I’ll make a mistake again and the repercussions will be even worse. I need to know that you will help me up when I fall flat on my face and help me get it right the next time. Pray that I will be bold in trusting Christ at all times and in all circumstances and that God will continue to use Westfield to further His kingdom here on earth.

. . . to be continued

Chris

# USHERS

THIS MONTH

Joe Carr  
Ronnie Autry  
Ken Beam  
Sylvia Campbell  
Michael Murphy  
Cierra Smith  
Pam Wilkes



April 3 Lord's Supper  
April 10 Chris & Michelle Dawson  
April 17 Carolyn Hair  
April 24 Joe & Jennifer Carr



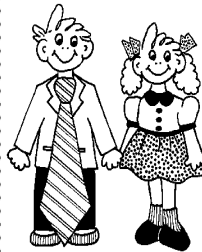
## NURSERY WORKERS

April 3 Sylvia Campbell  
April 10 Bebe Melvin  
April 17 vacant  
April 24 vacant

## Deacon of the Week

April 3 David Rose, 891-4151  
April 10 Jimmy Marks, 892-4738  
April 17 Pearce Baker, 892-2040  
April 24 Michael Murphy, 892-7717

## CHILDREN'S



## Sermon

April 3 Susan Murray  
April 10 Trent Carpenter  
April 17 Joe Carr  
April 24 Ed Taylor

## K.I.S.S. Menus

Keep It Simple Suppers

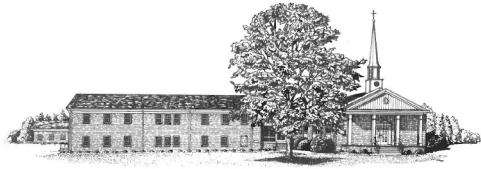
**April 6**  
Ham, Potato Salad, Garden Peas, Rolls

**April 13**  
Chicken Noodle Casserole,  
Fruit, Garden Peas

**April 20**  
BBQ Chicken, Boiled Potatoes, Green Beans

**April 27**  
Sliced Pork, Boiled Potatoes, Green Beans

Dessert, Tea & Water each week



**Westfield Baptist Church**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 1 L.B. (Bruce) Smith
- 4 Lila Godwin
- 4 Marian Kimble
- 5 Holden Carter
- 10 Gray Scott
- 13 Al Murray
- 15 Suzanne Melvin
- 16 Barbara Stephenson
- 19 Trevor Dawson
- 20 Ronnie & Jeanne Autry
- 20 Johnny & Lucy Simpson
- 21 Joe & Jennifer Carr
- 28 Savannah Lackey
- 30 Paula Jones

**Weekly Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

**Wednesday**

- 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship for all ages
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

**April 2011**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES</b> <i>of North Carolina</i></p> <p>Food Roundup thru April 30</p>					<p><b>1</b></p> <p>*Pastor's D.Min. Seminar</p> <p>Young at Heart Dinner at Hudson Bay leave church 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Communion</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Youth Advisory 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Wednesday <b>NIGHT</b> Activities</p>	<p><b>7</b>      <b>8</b></p> <p>Associate Pastor Away April 8-10</p>		<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Are You Able?</b> Baptist Men's Work Day</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Choir Cantata Sr. Citizens Vill., 4 p.m.</p> <p>Deacons Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Wednesday <b>NIGHT</b> Activities</p>	<p><b>14</b>      <b>15</b></p> <p>*Pastor's D.Min. Seminar</p>		<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>Pizza Lunch at 11 a.m. Egg Hunt to Follow</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Choir Cantata 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Annual Corporate &amp; Business Meetings 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>NEWSLETTER <b>DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Wednesday <b>NIGHT</b> Activities</p> <p>Pastor's Devotion at Sr. Citizens Vill., 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>MAUNDY</b> Thursday</p> <p>Service 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Tenebrae Service 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Rain Date for Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m.</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>He is <b>RISEN</b></p> <p>Sunrise Service 7 a.m. Greenwood Cemetery</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Wednesday <b>NIGHT</b> Activities</p>	<p><b>28</b>      <b>29</b></p> <p>*Pastor's D.Min. Seminar</p>		<p><b>30</b></p>

**T**hey seem silly the first time we hear them. "Mommy made me mash my M&M's." (Hi, Mom! And no, my mom never did this.) "When one black bug bled blue-black blood, the other black bug bled blue." They're kid stuff, tongue-twisters. "Ah-eh-ee-oh-oo." That one's just gibberish.



You may be wondering what you're reading. If so, and if you have a look of mingled confusion, concern, and displeasure on your face, go look in a mirror. Then you'll know what an Adult Choir looks like when its director starts with the horrible, dreaded, horrendous . . . *Vocal Warm-up. Gasp!!!*

That's how many choirs feel, and why many choir directors (including me) do little in the way of warm-up . . . *even though we know we should.* There's only so far you push volunteers . . . even when pushing them to do something that will make them better, healthier singers.

See, vocal warm-ups aren't pointless, and they're not designed to make anyone feel like a child. Put another way, they are precisely as silly and pointless as drills with the football team. They're as silly and pointless as using spiritual exercises like stewardship, prayer, reading Scripture, engaging in worship, and serving in missions and ministry to help us grow in our faith. In other words, not silly or pointless *at all.*

To be a better athlete, you exercise. Sports teams have practices and drills. To be a better singer, you do vocal warm-ups, and if singing with a group you practice and warm-up together. You do drills that, over time, reduce muscle tension, improve breath capacity, stretch range (how high or low you can sing), augment blood flow to the vocal chords, increase endurance, and reduce strain and hoarseness. Vocal drills also help a choir get in synch – tuning in to the director, training the ear, improving the blend, and helping the rest of rehearsal run more smoothly.

And the silliness? That has a point, too. Singing in front of people can make us nervous. Learning to following through even when we feel silly is a great way to learn to deal with nerves. If you've already felt self-conscious in practice, it's not such a shock in real life.

All of this, for me, resonates very strongly with Christian living. To be a better Christian – with a growing relationship with God, learning to love God and neighbor, tuned to follow the Spirit's lead, filled with God's joy and peace and patience – you practice spiritual disciplines, spending intentional time with God. We learn to follow God and share our faith, even if we feel silly or self-conscious doing it. Practice – in sports, singing, or spirituality – doesn't make us perfect. Only Jesus is perfect. But practice does make us better. And if we let it, if as Jesus suggested we come to it like little children . . . it can be a lot of fun.

## Vacation Bible School Week of June 26



Thanks so very much for all your expressions of love in the loss of my sister-in-law, Teresa Clifton. Your thoughtfulness and many acts of kindness through prayers, visits, cards, e-mails, phone calls, flowers and words of encouragement have helped to get us through these difficult days.

Love in Christ,  
Betty and Pearce



through March 27, 2011

Budget Requirements	\$ 40,836
General Fund Offerings	47,489
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$ 6,653)</b>



### Our Members at Home

**Mary Alice Campbell**

Harnett Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation  
604 Lucas Road  
Room 400

**Red & Evelene Gardner**

146 Glenalmond Circle, Dunn  
892-4395

**O.W. "Bill" Godwin, Jr.**

1505 Lakeshore Drive, Dunn  
892-7347

**Mary Frances Gordon**

Senior Citizens Village  
Room 115

**Sallie Parham**

Harnett Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation  
604 Lucas Road  
Room 209

**Verona Singleton**

307 West A Street, Erwin  
897-7858

The Children's Advisory Committee extends its thanks to everyone who donated filled Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 16 (rain date April 23). Invite your family, friends, and neighbors with children to join us at 11 a.m. for pizza and egg hunts for ages up to 5th grade.



We invite everyone to come and help welcome our guests and build relationships. Children's Sunday School teachers especially should plan to attend.



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**Organist** Joyce Ballard

**Pianist** Vacant



**May**

- 1 Children's Advisory, 11:30 a.m.
- 1 Church Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 5 National Day of Prayer
- 8 Mother's Day
- 10 LRBA WMU Annual Meeting @ WBC
- 14 Baptist Men's Work Day
- 15 Deacons Meeting, 5:15 p.m.  
Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Pastor's Devotion at Sr. Citizens Village
- 21 WBC Book Club @ Carrs, 11 a.m.
- 22 Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:15 p.m.  
VBS Extravaganza
- 25 Last KISS Meal

**June**

- 1 Kids Time, CiA, Youth Year-End Party, 6 p.m.
- TBD Graduate Recognition Sunday
- 6 Youth Advisory, 6:30 p.m.
- 10-17 Pastor's Vacation
- 11 Baptist Men's Work Day
- 12 Deacons Meeting
- 14 Baptist Men @ Sr. Citizens Village, 7 p.m.