

# *The Westfield Wire*

March 2011

Westfield Baptist Church

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## *2011 Food Roundup*



**BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES**  
*of North Carolina*

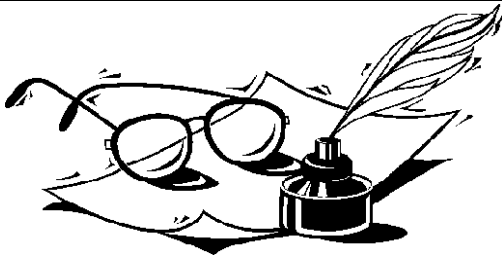
**fill their plates  fill their hearts**

Beginning March 15 through April 15, Westfield will be collecting food and supplies for the Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup. Gift Cards are greatly appreciated to buy perishables and other items not received from stores such as Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion). Any size canned item can be used; however, most campuses prefer the family size can (#10). Please check for expired dates when purchasing food. Items we are constantly running out of are canned fruit, fruit juices, cereal, paper towels, and laundry detergent. See the enclosed insert for a complete list of items.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat . . . Matthew 25:35*

### **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.

- ◆ Fourth, you fill me with overwhelming joy. I see some of you attending more regularly. Others of you are more willing to ask questions about my interpretation of God’s word and then share your own views of how the Bible speaks to you. I see you starting to live out your faith by sharing your time and talents with others. I see some of you smile more and spend more time visiting with each other after the worship service is over. You continue to share your gift of hospitality to everyone. You make me happy to be your pastor.
- ◆ Fifth, I want you to really know and love the gospel. I want you to have genuine love for one another. I want your life to be shaped by your intimate relationship with God and to have a genuine desire to become the disciple that God wants us all to become. I want you and me to never tire of the message of the gospel—that God is love and we are responsible for loving others. I want us all to be hearers and doers of the gospel.
- ◆ Sixth, I do NOT expect you to be perfect. Because I am very aware that I am not remotely close to being perfect (Michelle and my children can attest to that). As a matter of fact, many times I am afraid your perception of me might change and you will say, “You know what, Chris is not the man of God I thought he was.” And it is not because of some gross sin or prideful ego that changes your perception of me; no, I fear your perception might change because you catch me on a bad day and I’m not as attentive to you as I need to be, or I have allowed myself to get caught up in a routine of laziness. I strive to let God lead me, but sometimes I get tired and frustrated with my own personal walk with Christ. Pray that I won’t fall into those traps, and that God will sustain you and me in our ministry.

. . . to be continued

Chris

# THIS MONTH USHERS

- Charlie Carpenter
- Jennifer Carr
- Abe Elmore
- D. Jackson
- Lou Murphy
- Susan Murray



- March 6 Verona Singleton
- March 13 Ronnie & Jeannie Autry
- March 20 Red & Evelene Gardner
- March 27 Charles & Pam Wilkes



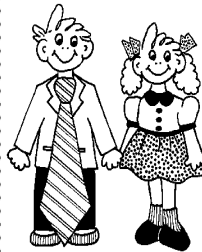
## NURSERY WORKERS

- |                               |                                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>March 6</b><br>Bebe Melvin | <b>March 13</b><br>Sylvia Campbell |
| <b>March 20</b><br>vacant     | <b>March 27</b><br>vacant          |

## Deacon of the Week

- March 6 Midge Carpenter, 892-7029
- March 13 Lucy Simpson, 892-3620
- March 20 Lawrence Campbell, 919-894-8853
- March 27 Abe Elmore, 892-6661

## CHILDREN'S



## Sermon

- March 6**  
Chris Cottingham
- March 13**  
Chris Dawson
- March 20**  
Melissa Scott
- March 27**  
Charlie Carpenter

## K.I.S.S. Menus

Keep It Simple Suppers

**March 2**  
Country Style Steak, Rice, Garden Peas

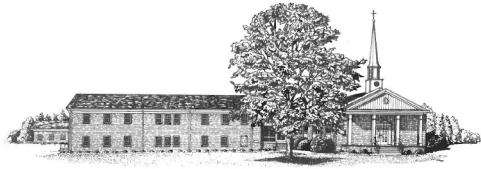
**March 9**  
Chicken Noodle Casserole,  
Baked Pears, Garden Peas

**March 16**  
Pork Loin, Rice & Gravy, Lima Beans

**March 23**  
Hamburger Casserole, Corn, Cranberry Salad

**March 30**  
Pizza

Dessert, Tea & Water each week



**Westfield Baptist Church**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 1 Terri Jackson Crisp
- 2 Jennifer Carr
- 2 Gray & Melissa Scott
- 2 Judy Taylor
- 3 Kristy Carter
- 6 Gary & Lisa Holbert
- 11 Mary Frances Gordon
- 14 Pearce & Betty Baker
- 14 Chris Carr
- 16 Susan Murray
- 17 Doug Godwin
- 17 Sarah Holbert
- 17 Adrian Smith
- 18 Melissa Scott
- 20 Verona Singleton
- 21 Johnny Simpson
- 26 Pat Senecal

**Weekly Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

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

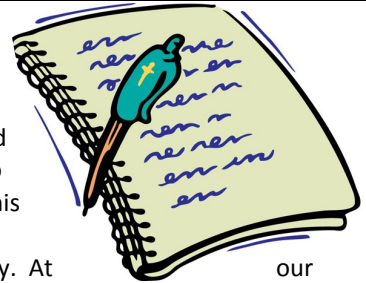
**Wednesday**

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

**March 2011**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	<b>2</b> Wednesday NIGHT Activities	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> *Pastor's D.Min. Seminar Associate Pastor Away March 3 - 7	<b>5</b> Co-Ed III "Fat Tuesday" Celebration, 6 p.m. Babysitting provided by the Youth
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> WOM Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>8</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Ash Wednesday Wednesday Activities	<b>10</b> SeniorFest Campbell University	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Are You Able?</b> Baptist Men Work Day Youth Service Project
<b>13</b> Time to Spring Ahead Deacons Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m. BCH Food Roundup thru April 15	<b>16</b> Wednesday NIGHT Activities Pastor's Devotion at Sr. Citizens Vill., 10:30 am	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day *Pastor's D.Min. Seminar	<b>18</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>19</b> WBC Book Club Carr's, 11 am Dinner w/ a Perfect Stranger College Fellowship Dawson's, 5:30 pm dinner & games
<b>20</b> FIRST DAY OF SPRING Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m. CoEd III at Sr. Citizens Village	<b>23</b> Wednesday NIGHT Activities	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> CBFNC General Assembly First Baptist, Asheville	<b>26</b> LRBA WMU Prayer Retreat
<b>27</b> Men's Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Youth Painting Party	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Silent Prayer 7-7:30 p.m.	<b>30</b> Wednesday NIGHT Activities	<b>31</b> *Pastor's D.Min. Seminar	* The Pastor attends Doctor of Ministry program seminars at Campbell University Divinity School every other week on Thursday afternoons and all day Friday. If you need to contact the pastor, feel free to leave a message on his cell or at home. The Associate Pastor will be available for immediate response as needed during these times.	

**W**hile serving as a hospice chaplain in Columbia SC, I had a short but sad conversation. I'd been going for months to a run-down nursing home in the middle of nowhere to visit one of our patients. A nurse told me that my patient and 26 others had no family at all, and during the upcoming holiday season would have no Christmas cards (except from the staff), no presents, and no visitors. This was a terribly sad thing, and probably would have forgotten about it, as something I couldn't do anything about, except that it was a Wednesday. At our Family Supper, I mentioned the nursing home. One of the ladies I was eating with, a retired nurse, said that the missions committee was meeting that night, and asked if I'd come share my story with them.



That night a was made. One Friday night in December we had a "Birthday Party for Jesus" for all our kids and youth. We ate pizza, birthday cake, and ice cream; played games; and made cards and gift bags. The next day we caravanned to the nursing home and had another party – for the residents. (And for Jesus – "whatever you have done for the least of these my brothers, you have done for me.") We sang carols, gave out our cards and gift bags, and celebrated Christmas with folks who had visitors that year after all.

That experience was powerful for me, because it illustrated beautifully one of the things that church members ought to do for each other. I wasn't creative or determined enough myself to see a solution to the problem. But I did hear about a need, and shared it. Others chimed in. Their vision and determination challenged me. And I found myself playing a vital role in a ministry I never would have undertaken on my own initiative.

We came together as a family. And together we made a difference for God's Kingdom. This is something I expect as a church member. A church should have a heart for ministry, actively engaging with the needs of others – and help me and the rest of the church do that, too. This is how Jesus did discipleship – letting his disciples tag along with Him as He worked. Later He sent them out in small groups, to imitate what they had seen. Discipleship wasn't just about learning some information. It was about following an example, learning by doing.

This understanding gets me excited about Jesus, because it means he had a more effective way to make disciples than just getting us to memorize facts. It excited me about my former church, because by example they helped me be a better and more mature Christian. And it excites me about Westfield, because I see the same things here. You heard it in Gray Scott's testimony about the Baptist Men's Work Day on Feb. 12 about wanting to set a good example. You see it in those Baptist Men's Work Days, where a commitment is made to serve every month, setting an example and throwing down a challenge. I see it in college students volunteering, youth parents taking on leadership, Sunday School classes leading the way in outreach or giving to missions.

Where do you see your brothers and sisters at Westfield setting an example? Where can you join in to do things you wouldn't have done on your own? And where can you (with God) take the lead, setting an example for the rest of us?

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WOM & CIA groups,

Just a note to thank you for all the thoughtful ways you express God's love to us. And taking the time to come in and share with us. We truly appreciate each of you and your ministry.

Much Love to You,

Senior Citizens Residents of Senior Citizens Village

Delores Worley  
Activity Director



through February 20, 2011

Budget Requirements	\$ 29,224
General Fund Offerings	24,091
Difference	(5,133)



### Our Members at Home

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

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892-7347

**Mary Frances Gordon**

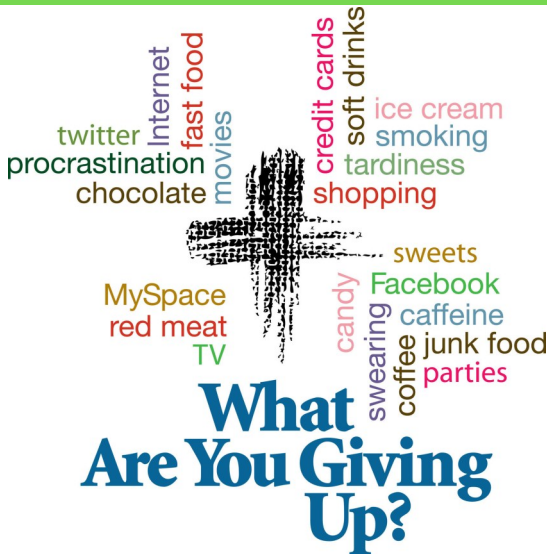
Senior Citizens Village  
Room 115

**Sallie Parham**

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**Verona Singleton**

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**Secretary** Christine Baxley

**Organist** Joyce Ballard

**Pianist** Vacant

### April

- 3 Communion
- 4 Youth Advisory, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Baptist Men's Work Day
- 10 Choir Cantata at Sr. Citizens Village, 4 p.m.  
Deacons, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Easter Egg Hunt (rain date April 23)
- 17 Easter Cantata, 10:30 a.m.  
Annual Corporate & Business Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Pastor's Devotion at Sr. Citizens Village
- 21 Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Easter



### May

- 1 Church Council
- TBD** Deacons
- 10 LRBA WMU Annual Meeting @ WBC
- 14 Baptist Men's Work Day
- 15 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