



# Westlake Baptist Church

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## Dates to Remember

- **April 7** - Lords Supper / Benevolent Sunday
- **April 8** - 24 Hour Day of Prayer/Bible Institute
- **April 9** - Sweet Frog
- **April 20** - Brotherhood Mtg/ Women of Westlake
- **April 21** - Deacons Mtg @ 5:00/ Family Fellowship @ 6:00

## Church Staff

- **Justin Likens, Pastor**
- **Ricarda Davis, Church Secretary**
- **Deacons**
  - Gary Fulcher**
  - Doug Cundiff**
  - Wayne Blankenship**
  - John DiGenova**
  - Clyde Rogers**
  - Tim Shelton**
  - Bob Allen**
  - Tony Parrish**

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## A Message From Pastor Justin



Spring has sprung! It's hard to believe it is already April. This is one of my favorite times of year; the days are longer, the sun feels warmer, and it is a chance to look and marvel at the beauty of God's creation. When spring comes it brings to many of us a new hope. The dry deadness of winter is passed and new life is all around us. What a perfect illustration of what God does for us - - and in us - - when we come into a relationship with Him. Before Christ we are like winter; barren with no signs of life. However, when we surrender to the incredible love of God found in Christ we are made new. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Where once there was no life, now there is eternal life. Although we know that physically winter is going to come again, we can praise God that a spiritual winter never has to. Since the old has passed away and we are new, we don't have to worry about the old coming back so long as we walk in the newness of the life that Paul talks about in Romans 6. So as the flowers begin to bloom and the birds begin to chirp make sure you take the time to thank God for the new life; both in nature and in your life. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

## Resurrection Sunday

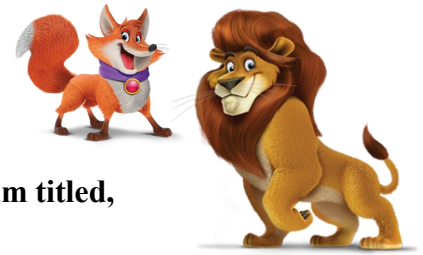


As I sit here tonight I continue to be amazed at what God has done at Westlake this Easter. It began early in the morning as we joined Halesford Baptist for sunrise service. During the service we were challenged to share the Gospel and invite non-attending friends to join us in church. During both worship services we were blessed with incredible special music by Cris Perdue and Landon Clark; they were joined in the 11:00 service by Stephen Crosby who performed a trumpet solo. The focus of the message was realizing that Jesus died to not only give us eternal life, but also so that He could use us in the building up of His kingdom. We were not only saved from something (hell), but we were saved for something (to be used by God for His glory). The important thing to remember is it is not where God uses you, but rather that you allow God to use you. This has certainly been the greatest Easter I have spent with my wonderful church family at Westlake. I look forward to many more years to come serving the Lord and seeing Franklin County come to faith in Christ as a result of Westlake Baptist.



# VBS—SAVE THESE DATES

## July 8-12, 2013



**For Vacation Bible School this year we will be using the Group program titled, “Kingdom Rock – Where Kids Stand Strong for God”**

This VBS has a different format that we are accustomed to but we are extremely excited about all the fun and educational value it provides for the children. Many men will be required to help out this year as well as more women than usual.

This year “Tournament Games” is part of the schedule each evening. At “Imagination Station” the kids will become fully engaged as they participate in basic science experiments that are explained from a Biblical standpoint. The children will rotate through the evening in Crews of 5 children and 1 Crew Leader. In “Epic Bible Adventures” they will see the Bible stories acted out as well as discussed, and they will participate in them each night. They will watch a video and learn about missions at “Chadder’s Royal Theatre & Missions”. Snacks will be prepared by different Crews each night and all will eat together in their Crew groups while discussing “God Sightings” during “The King’s Kitchen” segment. In each segment throughout the evening the stories, scripture verses and Biblical morals will be reinforced. The end time in the Sanctuary called, “Fanfare Finale”, will be longer than other VBS in previous years with yet more Biblical reinforcement through singing and entertainment. The kids will even get to watch a video telling the Bible story for that night while pictures of them taken during the sessions that evening show up on the big screen. Just another clever reinforcement of the Bible story! How cool is that?

So, how can we pull off this incredible Vacation Bible School? We need at least double the workers. Church, this VBS has the potential to provide the most Biblical impact on the children than any other we have done in the past. However, we need the whole church body to be involved. There are a great variety of roles to be filled for this VBS and we need you to help us out. Are you ready? Pray about where God would have you work. Watch for the Worker’s Sign Up Sheet to be posted out in the lobby. Sign up on the sheet and we will talk with you about what the many options are, based on where God is leading you to serve. Excited to serve, Kim Brock & Kim Gauthier

## Senior Women

The senior womens’ Sunday school class has adopted Sontag Elementary School as a project this year. Pictured below are some of the 150 children who



received new shoes or boots from an anonymous donor to our class. The children and the staff were thrilled with this donation and want-

ed us to see how happy these children were with their new “kicks”.



## Social Committee

Wednesday Community Meal menu’s for April are as follows:

- April 3 - No Meal - Spring Break
- April 10 - Potato Soup & Breadsticks
- April 17 - Lasagna & Rolls
- April 24 - Hot Dogs & Baked Beans

Salad bar will be available every week and peanut butter sandwiches upon request.

*Information to be included in the newsletter should be left in the basket by the secretary’s office by the 15h of each month or you may email your information to [evlyncundiff@gmail.com](mailto:evlyncundiff@gmail.com) or [krgdavis@embarqmail.com](mailto:krgdavis@embarqmail.com) (Ricarda).*

## Nursery



Nursery Schedule for April 2013

**4/7/13**

Kelly

Diana L. & Kim

David & Tracy

Sunday School

Morning Worship

Children's Church

**4/21/13**

Tracy

Amy & Emma

Rick & Tami

Sunday School

Morning Worship

Children's Church

**4/14/13**

Tami

Linda T. & Sarah

Adam & Kelly

Sunday School

Morning Worship

Children's Church

**4/28/13**

Linda A.

Sharon & Peggy

Rick & Jean H.

Sunday School

Morning Worship

Children's Church



## Brotherhood

The Brotherhood met on March 16 for their monthly breakfast meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 20 at 8:00 AM. All men are welcome. Please come and bring a guest. If you have questions or need additional information regarding the Brotherhood, please see Jeff Chewning.

## Family Fellowship



Our family fellowship night on March 17 was a great time with lots of "green" food and fun. We even had one participant deck out in green :) The next family

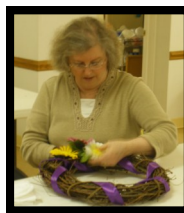
fellowship is scheduled for April 21 at 6:00. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us.

## Thank You!

A big "Thank You" to Eddie and Daisy Pagans for spreading mulch in all the beds around the church prior to Easter Sunday. We appreciate your hard work and it made the church look beautiful for Easter Sunday.

## Women of Westlake

The women of Westlake met again on Saturday, March 16. We had a delicious lunch of chicken salad croissants, chips, gelatin salad and chocolate cake. After lunch we enjoyed a short devotional and then made Easter wreaths. What a great time of fun and fellowship! We will meet again on April 20; all ladies are invited to join us.



## Pampered Chef



On Saturday, March 9th Sharon Sweet hosted a Pampered Chef party with all hostess benefits going to the church kitchen. We had 10 ladies in attendance and a show of over \$500.00. The food was delicious and each lady was able to purchase something for themselves or for the church kitchen or both!

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## Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg hunt was held on March 23. We had several new families from the community in attendance. The children had refreshments and a story before going outside to hunt eggs. Thank you to everyone that made the Easter Egg hunt possible.



If God brings you to it,  
He will bring you  
through it.

## Family Life Center

Contributions through March 31, 2013  
total \$40,389.50.

## Sweet Frog



Don't forget April 9th! Come out to Sweet Frog and support the SML Christian Academy. Part of all sales benefit SMLCA