



Westlake Baptist Church

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December 2012

Dates to Remember

- **December 2** - Lords Supper / Benevolent Sunday / Sharing the Light Luncheon
- **December 3** - 24 Hour Day of Prayer
- **December 12** - Soup and Sandwich Dinner @ 6:00
- **December 15** - Brotherhood Breakfast
- **December 16** - Christmas Cupcake Play
- **December 23** - Silent Night, Holy Night Cantata

Church Staff

- **Justin Likens, Pastor**
- **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



It is hard to believe that we are about to put a bow on 2012. I would like to take a quick moment to thank all of you for the past four years. In some ways it is hard to believe that my family and I are finishing up our fourth year of ministry here at Westlake. In other ways, I can't really remember a time that we haven't been here. I look forward to many more years with you as we grow together into what Christ desires us to be. As practice continues for this year's Christmas play I am thinking back to last year's play. It was so appropriately titled, What God Wants For Christmas. Many people have started their shopping and a few are already finished. It is so easy for us to get caught up in the busyness of Christmas that we lose sight of what it is all about. God truly does want you for Christmas. The "catch", so to speak though, is that He wants and deserves all of you. That is why we are told "thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength" in Matthew 22. God wants and deserves full control of you, especially since you call Him Lord, which means master. To love God with all your heart means that you love Him more than anything or anyone else. Jesus said "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" in Matthew 6. Where is your treasure? To love God with all your mind means that you think about Him constantly, and you learn to think like Him. Paul said in Philippians 2, "let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus." When you have the mind of Christ, you begin to see things the way Jesus does and that always leads to you loving more. Finally we are to love God with all our strength. That means that we love God and trust Him to give us the power to do the things He desires us to. Philippians 4:13 reminds us, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Notice it is God who is giving us the strength. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:10, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities...for when I am weak, then am I strong." So as we head into the season of remembrance of Christ's birth, let us examine our hearts and life to see if we have given God what He truly wants for Christmas: all of us! Have a blessed Christmas!

Merry
Christmas



Our Resident Artist

Barbara Williams is working on creating some really special artwork in our vestibule. I'm sure you're all wondering what's going on... Barbara is in the process of painting a "Westlake Baptist Church Family Tree". When the tree is finished all church members names and date of membership will be on their individual leaves. Our deceased members will have their date of death. It will be a historical picture of Westlake Baptist Church.



AWANAS

We are so proud of our children! The AWANAS provided special music on November 11 for the 11:00 service.



Sometimes you are delayed where you are because God knows there is a storm where you are headed.

Women of Westlake

The women of Westlake met at Smith Mountain Lake Community Park on Saturday, November 10 for a time of fellowship and fun. There were 17 ladies in attendance. After our devotional we discussed having a project each month throughout the year instead of just at the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Each lady was asked to write down their ideas and submit to Linda Allen.



The Senior Ladies class is gathering warm clothing for children sizes 4-14. Items can be slightly worn (please make sure they are clean) or new. Suggestions include coats, sweat shirts, gloves, hats, etc.

Christmas is Coming



The choir will perform this year's Christmas Cantata entitled "Silent Night, Holy Night" on Sunday December 23 at both services. Practice is on Thursday nights at 7:00.

This year's Christmas play entitled "Christmas Cupcake" will be performed on Sunday, December 16th. Please see Diana Likens for more information. Play practice is every Sunday night at 6:00.

Tired of addressing Christmas cards?? It's not too late! The Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a special December newsletter that will be sent out on the 15th to all of our church family (65+). There are different sizes with different messages and they can be purchased for a nominal fee starting at \$5.00. The proceeds will benefit the Family Life Center. See sample messages on bulletin board in hallway. There are extra order forms on the table outside of the sanctuary. Once you have completed the order form and attached your check, just drop them in the gold basket outside the secretary's office.



Nursery



Nursery Schedule for December 2012

12/2/12

Kelly	Sunday School
Daisy & Diane	Morning Worship
Rick & Tami	Children's Church

12/9/12

Tracy	Sunday School
Diana & Kim	Morning Worship
David & Tracy	Children's Church

12/30/12

Tami	Sunday School
Amy & Emma	Morning Worship
Rick & Tami	Children's Church

12/16/12

Shirley	Sunday School
Donna & Barbara	Morning Worship
Adam & Kelly	Children's Church

12/23/12

Linda A.	Sunday School
Linda T. & Sarah	Morning Worship
Tim & Selena	Children Church



Toddler's Day Out

DON'T FORGET... Toddler's Day Out held each Tuesday in our fellowship hall from 10:00 to 11:30. This is open to everyone so invite your friends and neighbors to join us. It will be a fun time for mom's and children alike. See Tami Millard for further information

Brotherhood

The monthly Brotherhood breakfast was held on November 17. The group decided to take a month off from cooking and met at Dairy Queen instead. Next Brotherhood meeting is December 15. These breakfasts are open to men of all ages, whether members of Westlake Baptist Church or not. Come and bring a friend (or two).

Soup & Sandwich Dinner

Please plan to join us on Wednesday December 12 at 6:00 p.m. for some delicious potato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches before the 7:00 prayer service. Adults - \$4.00; Children - \$2.00. All proceeds to benefit The Family Life Center.

Also, our spaghetti dinner on Wednesday night November 14th was a great success. We served 60 people and collected over \$200. We had a great time of fellowship. Thanks to all who attended.



Sharing the Light - December 2



Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 2, and join us for a celebration day at Westlake Baptist as we are seeking to "Share the Light". Regular times for Sunday service with lunch following the 11:00 service. You don't need to bring anything but yourselves.

Clay Cundiff will be our guest speaker for the 11:00 service.

Mission Celebration - Please plan to join us for a combined Sunday school class @ 9:45 with Jack Noble of Baptist Builders who will be bringing a challenge to us on a project in Virginia. Mr. Don Cockes will also be speaking during the 11:00 service on our role as missionaries "Sharing the Light".



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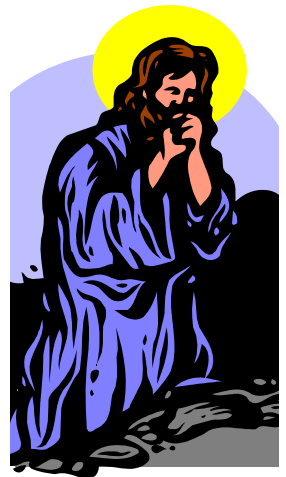
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WestlakeBaptistChurch.com

Serving the Lord Daily

Now that the election is over, I can predict and guarantee the following results:

1. God will still be on His throne
2. Jesus will still be King of kings and Lord of lords.
3. The Bible will still have all the answers to every problem.
4. The tomb will still be empty.
5. Jesus will still be the only way to heaven.
6. Prayer will still work - it will still make a difference and God will still answer prayer.
7. The cross, not the government, will still be our salvation.
8. There will still be room at the cross.
9. Jesus will still save anyone who places their faith and trust in Him.
10. God will still be with us always - He will never leave us or forsake us.

Amen and Amen!



We are still in need of another pianist.
If you play, please volunteer to help out.

Contributions through November 25, 2012 total
27,389.50.

*Information to be included in the newsletter
should be left in the basket in the vestibule by the
15h of each month or you may email your infor-
mation to evelyncundiff@ymail.com or krgdavis@embarqmail.com (Ricarda).*