



Westlake Baptist Church

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Dates to Remember

- **February 3** - Lords Supper / Benevolent Sunday
- **February 4** - 24 Hour Day of Prayer/Bible Institute
- **February 13** - Dinner to Benefit Family Life Center prior to prayer meeting
- **February 16** - Brotherhood Valentine's Day Dinner
- February 17 - Youth Sunday Deacons Meeting/ Family Fellowship
- **February 22** - Youth Night

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



Have you ever had someone say “I love you” but you weren’t really sure they meant it? The word “love” is overused so much in today’s culture. In America we can love “our spouse, pizza, and sports.” But do we really love those things equally (if so please don’t tell your spouse)? The Bible uses three different words for love. The one that is used most often is “agape” which means to “love that leads to action.” It is the word used to describe how God loves us. He not only said that He loves us, but as Romans 5:8 reminds us, “But God commendeth (demonstrated) His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” This is really the love that we are all after isn’t it? For someone to not only say the words “I love you” but to demonstrate it. Husbands are called to love their wives this way in Ephesians 5:25. In 1 John 3:18 we as Christians are called to love other Christians in this way. 1 John 3:18 says, “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” Notice John says don’t just say it, but demonstrate it. One of the greatest ways we can show we love God is by spending time with Him not only privately during the week, but also in corporate worship. A way that we can show that we love each other is by helping one another become the man or woman God has called and designed us to be. As husbands we can demonstrate our love to our wife by helping out around the house, buying her flowers, taking her out to eat, cooking a meal for her, sitting down and enjoying spending time with her, or simply putting her needs in front of ours. Finally we can show the lost we love them by sharing the Gospel with them. Let us love in word and in deed that our church may grow stronger, our marriages will be stronger, and our community will come to Christ!

Love for Life Date Night Challenge

There is a "Love For Life Date Night Challenge" Conference coming to Thomas Road Baptist Church on February 15th. Through SBCV couples can get a special price of only \$29 per couple. If you are interested in more information, please let me know.



Family Fellowship

Our January family fellowship night was held on the 20th with soup, sandwiches and dessert followed by a medley of hymns from our newest members Bill & Tammy Clayton. The Claytons come to us from Radford Baptist Church and we are delighted to have them with us. Both Bill and Tammy have beautiful voices and Tammy is a great pianist who has willingly stepped up to help out in several of our services. Please take a minute to welcome them if you have not already done so.

Next family fellowship is February 17th featuring salad, sandwiches and dessert. Hope to see you there!



Brotherhood

The monthly Brotherhood meeting was held on January 19 in the fellowship hall. The next Brotherhood meeting is February 16 and will be a Valentine's Day dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall and is open to everyone. The menu includes salad, spaghetti and bread. These meetings are open to men of all ages, whether members of Westlake Baptist Church or not. Come and bring a friend (or two).



Thank You!

A very special and heartfelt thank you to Ethan Marsico who spent part of his Christmas vacation working at the church. Ethan is a senior at Liberty University and volunteered his services to help with chores around the church. He cleaned and polished all the woodwork in the upstairs including vacuuming all the pews (as well as scooting on the floor under the pews to clean and polish). He then washed down the kitchen walls and painted the kitchen a clean white. We are most grateful to Ethan for all his hard work.

Women of Westlake

The women of Westlake met on Saturday, January 19th and began working on Chrismon decorations for next year's Christmas tree. The ladies had a soup and sandwich lunch and had a great time of fun and fellowship. They will meet again on Saturday, March 16 at 10:00.

The women continue to collect non-perishable food items for Sontag Elementary School and will do so through the end of the school year. Please support this endeavor by bringing items weekly.

They will also continue to collect items for the Battered Women's Shelter.



Youth of Westlake

Jesus told his listeners stories about a lost sheep and a lost son. He quoted Scripture passages to them. Did someone tell you the stories of Adam and Eve, of Noah, of Moses and of Jesus before you could read them for yourself? Of the world's entire population, about 70 percent learn by hearing rather than by reading. Some are oral learners by choice, some because they cannot read and many because they have no written language. This is the reason WBC Youth are beginning a study using Chronological Bible Storying. Within the next several weeks they will have completed 8 stories, covering Creation to Christ, and be able to tell this story to friends, family and most importantly to those who need a relationship with Christ. This is the first step in moving our youth outside the walls of WBC into the exciting and sometimes challenging world of evangelism. Please pray for them as they prepare to go...

WinterFest, held at Liberty University on Dec 30, was a great night of music and preaching from Jamie Grace, Kutless and TobyMac. Nick Hall, a youth evangelist from N. Dakota, challenged everyone to "Make time for God", "Spend time with God" and "Be bold in approaching God".

On January 18th and 19th the youth traveled to Roanoke to attend the SBC of Virginia Youth Evangelism Conference (YEC) at 1st Baptist of Roanoke. They attended workshops, a concert and heard great preaching and challenges as they are prepared to go and tell the story of Christ. Three of our youth made life decisions affecting their walk with Christ!

Beginning in January, the youth will be meeting one Friday evening a month for snacks, games, fellowship and of course a (short) challenge in growing their faith. The first was scheduled for January 25th from 7 – 10 pm and all youth (6th – 12th grade) are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

On Wednesday, February 13 the youth will be serving Family Night Supper! The menu will be Brunswick Stew and will be prepared and served (family style) by the youth. The proceeds will benefit the Family Life Center. Please join us!

Finally, in the next 4 – 6 weeks you will be hearing of a new project we will be working on to saturate Franklin County High School with the Gospel using the Life Book Project. Please pray for your youth as they offer a free gift to every student and teacher they know, the Life Book which includes the Gospel of John.

New Church Sign

At Wednesday night's business meeting the church voted to begin looking into pricing and styles for a new electronic church sign and to begin raising money to purchase one. If you would like to donate toward the new church sign, please mark your check as "Sign" in the memo field.

Get to Know Our New Church Secretary



Effective January 1st Ricarda Davis was officially hired as our new church secretary. Wife of Kevin, mother to Garrett, beloved daughter-in-law of Jeanie, Ricarda has been a member of Westlake Baptist since 2010. Born and raised in Lynchburg, Ricarda brings many years of secretarial experience to this job. She currently works part-time at Jewell, Inc. in Rocky Mount, where she is a secretary/bookkeeper; after that she comes to our church for her secretarial duties.

Please make her welcome in her new job; she is more than happy to assist you with any church project requiring her skills. We hope she will be with us for a long time!

Ice Skating Event

On Saturday, January 26th from 12:00 to 3:00, several of our church family went to the Roanoke Civic Center to ice skate. Those attending included Lewis & Sharon Sweet, Cameron Shelton, TJ Perry, Hayley Davis and Brandon Diaz. The ride to and from the civic center was filled with the enthusiasm of our youth and everyone had a great time.



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WestlakeBaptistChurch.com

Serving the Lord Daily

Free Bible Class



From time to time the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary offers a Massive Open Online Class (MOOC). Beginning on February 1st they are offering a class on how to interpret the Bible, apply the Bible, and teach the Bible in different environments. The formal title is called Hermeneutics, that simply means the art of interpreting and applying the Bible. Dr. Daniel Akin is the instructor. The greatest part of this class is the fact that it is free. You can buy the books if you want to but you don't have to. Another great thing about this class is that it is a self paced class, which means you do it at your own pace. This class will benefit SS teachers and anyone desiring to know how to study, interpret, apply, and teach the Bible, and let's be honest you can't beat free! Please let Justin know if you would like more information on sign up.

Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to save your box tops for education labels and turn them in. SMLCA pays their rent by using these box tops!



Social Committee

The Social Committee has been working hard to sponsor activities to raise money for The Family Life Center. On Wednesday, January 9th they had a soup and sandwich dinner prior to prayer meeting and raised \$90. They will have a dinner prior to prayer meeting on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00.

The next dinner will be on February 13th at 6:00 p.m.

If you are willing to make a donation towards these meals on a monetary basis or donate a food item, please see Sharon Sweet.

Family Life Center

Contributions through January 27, 2013 total \$39,357.50.

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@ymail.com or krgdavis@embarqmail.com (Ricarda).