



Westlake Baptist Church

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Dates to Remember

- **November 4** - Lords Supper and Benevolent Sunday
- November 10 - "Thankful" Women's Meeting @ SML Community Park
- November 11 - AWANA'S Singing @ 11:00 Service
- **November 17** - Brotherhood Breakfast,

Church Staff

- **Justin Likens, Pastor**
- **Pat Saunders, Church Secretary**
- **Deacons**
 - Gary Fulcher**
 - Doug Cundiff**
 - Wayne Blankenship**
 - Don McNeil**
 - Eric Balow**
 - John DiGenova**
 - Clyde Rogers**
 - Tim Shelton**
 - Bob Allen**
 - Tony Parrish**

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A Message from Pastor Justin



As we get closer and closer to the end of the year our calendars seem to get fuller and fuller. It is easy to get stressed and strung out with the busyness of our lives. In Thessalonians 5, Paul gives some pretty simple yet explicit instructions for Christians. They are found in verses 16-18 which say, "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." The instructions simply put go like this, "always be happy in Christ, always pray, and always thank God." Why are we to specifically do these three things? Because they are the will of God. All three focus on our relationship with God. We should be happy in Christ, we should pray to demonstrate our trust in Christ, and we should always thank God for sending Jesus. Paul was not saying that life is always going to be happy and easy. Paul, above most people, could understand what it was like to face hardships in life. Yet Paul knew that things could have always been worse, and had it not been for Jesus, Paul's life as well as ours would be much worse. So while it is always easy to find something to complain about or be upset about, let us always first look for the blessings God has given us and then let us be happy, pray, and give thanks.

New Deacon Ordination

Deacon Ordination was held on Sunday, October 21 at 5:00 p.m.; we are pleased to welcome Bob Allen, Tony Parrish and Tim Shelton as the newest deacons of Westlake Baptist Church. These three gentlemen have been studying to become deacons for some time now and look forward to their service to the church. If you were unable to attend the ordination, you missed a very special ceremony. Take a moment to congratulate each of these men!



Ms. Pat's Farewell

The farewell luncheon given on October 7 by the Senior Women's Class was huge success. The luncheon allowed many of our church members the opportunity to say goodbye one more time. Notes of well wishes and/or a favorite memory were written and presented to Ms. Pat at this luncheon. We wish her all the best and know she is going to where God has lead her.



Hanging of the Greens

As we begin the Christian Year, we also celebrate the Holy Season known as Advent. It is a time when we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Messiah. Advent means "Coming." We celebrate these days of Advent in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival. On Sunday, November 25th beginning at 5:00 p.m. the church will have a Hanging of the Greens service.

Softball Field

A big "thank you" to Eddie Pagans for orchestrating the installation of lights on our softball field! It looks great. The softball team also raised over \$1,400.00 at the church yard sale on October 13.

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong because some day in life you will have been all of these.

George Washington

Westlake Youth

Our prayers have been answered! Mr. Mark Gauthier was officially voted in as Youth Director at Wednesday night's business meeting. We know that God will lead he and Kim and Adam and Kelly in the direction the youth need to follow.

Our youth conducted the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, October 21 and did a fantastic job. T.J. Perry read the scripture; Emma Hanek and Morgan Underwood sang a duet; Chris Gauthier spoke about encouraging others to attend church; Cameron Shelton and Kayla Hoke each said a prayer; all the youth participated in the opening hymn. We are very proud of our youth and congratulate them on a job well done.

They are also partnering with the Senior Women's Class to publish a Westlake Cookbook. This will be a fundraiser for the youth. Please email or hand deliver recipes to Ricarda Davis at krgdavis@embarqmail.com. We are asking that recipes be turned in by October 31.

The youth also plan to attend the Judgment House at Providence on Friday night, November 2. This is open to all church members. If you wish to attend please see Adam Millard.

Christmas is Coming



Christmas is coming! The choir is working on this year's Christmas Cantata entitled "Silent Night, Holy Night". If you are interested in being a part of this event, please come to practice on Thursday nights at 7:00.

This year's Christmas play entitled "Christmas Cupcake" is already underway. We still need lots of help so if you are interested, please see Diana Likens. Play practice is every Sunday night at 6:00.

Tired of addressing Christmas cards?? Do we have a deal for you! The Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a special December newsletter which will consist of holiday greetings to your church family. There will be 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. If you are interested in purchasing a card, please see a member of the Fundraising Committee: Evelyn Cundiff, Don Alexander, Clyde Rogers. See attached flyer for sample messages.



Nursery



Nursery Schedule for November 2012

11/4/12
Tami Sunday School
Morning Worship-infants
Donna & Barbara Morning Worship-toddlers
Rick & Tami Children's Church

11/11/12
Shirley Sunday School
Morning Worship-infants
Linda T. & Sarah Morning Worship-toddlers
David & Tracy Children's Church

11/18/12
Linda A. Sunday School
Morning Worship-infants
Amy & Emma Morning Worship-toddlers
Adam & Kelly Children's Church

11/25/12
Tami Sunday School
Morning Worship-infants
Sharon & Peggy Worship-toddlers
Tim & Selena Children's Church



Toddler's Day Out

Beginning on November 6 there will be a 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

Church Yard Sale



A big "Thank YOU" to all who helped to make the yard sale a success. We had lots of people in the community in attendance and we raised over \$2,600.00. It was a joy to see so many benefit from the "treasurers" that were donated.

Brotherhood

The monthly Brotherhood breakfast was held on October 20. Next Brotherhood meeting is November 17. These breakfasts are open to men of all ages, whether members of Westlake Baptist Church or not. Come and bring a friend (or two). The Brotherhood graciously volunteered to help our youth with washing and waxing the church bus.

Women of Westlake

The Women's ministry is sponsoring a Thankful Women's Meeting at the SML Community Park on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00. All the women in the church are invited to attend. If it rains, the meeting will be moved to the fellowship hall at the church. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Church-wide Prayer and Fasting

Many times in the Bible prayer and fasting are mentioned together. The second greatest gift we can give someone is the gift of prayer. James said that the "prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). Just like a farmer, there are certain steps a church must do if they desire a ripe harvest. The first step is plowing the land. Spiritually speaking this is our prayer. We must pray that God will soften the land (hearts of people) both inside as well as outside of the church. Therefore, beginning in November on the first Monday of each month I am asking all my brothers and sisters to join me in prayer for the lost and for our church. As I mentioned earlier, many times in the Bible along with prayer, fasting is mentioned. If you are able and led by God to do so, I encourage you to make that first Monday of the month not only a day of prayer but also a day of fasting. I also want to invite you to join me at the church at 11:00 on those Mondays. Together we will go to the altar of our Lord and cry out to Him for salvation and for healing. If you are unable to be at the church at 11:00, I ask you to simply stop and prayer at that time. While that is a specific time of prayer, I ask you to pray throughout the day as you have the opportunity. God can and will save many and will move our church forward, but only as godly men and women get on their knees and acknowledge that salvation and church growth do not depend on us, but rather solely on God. I hope to see you on Monday, November 5th!

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Teller Schedule

Our church voted to have tellers to count the Offering each Sunday, beginning with the new Church year. The schedule is as follows:

- 1st Sunday - Jeanie Davis, Evelyn Cundiff
- 2nd Sunday - Ricarda Davis, Jeanie Davis
- 3rd Sunday - Evelyn Cundiff, Dwan Fulcher
- 4th Sunday - Jeanie Davis, Beach Chewning
- 5th Sunday - Gary Fulcher, Ricarda Davis



**DON'T
FORGET
TO
VOTE**

NOVEMBER 6, 2012



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

Contributions through October 21, 2012 total \$35,115.50.

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