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SERVICE TIMES:

Sound Technician

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Prayer/Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

1 Easter Monday 15 Tax Day

May

5 Cinco de Mayo 12 Mother's Day

18 Armed Forces Day

19 Pentecost

27 Memorial Day

The World is Mine

Today upon a bus I saw a girl with golden hair; She seemed so gay, I envied her, and wished that I were half so fair;

I watched her as she rose to leave, and saw her hobble down the aisle.

She had one leg and wore a crutch, but as she passed—a smile.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two legs—the world is mine.

Later on I bought some sweets. The boy who sold them had such charm,

I thought I'd stop and talk awhile. If I were late, t'would do no harm. And as we talked he said, "Thank you, sir, you've really been so kind.

It's nice to talk to folks like you because, you see, I'm blind."

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two eyes—the world is mine.

Later, walking down the street, I met a boy with eyes so blue.

But he stood and watched the others play; it seemed he knew not what to do.

I paused, and then I said, "Why don't you join the others, dear?"

But he looked straight ahead without a word, and then I knew he couldn't hear.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two ears—the world is mine.

Two legs to take me where I go, Two eyes to see the sunset's glow, Two ears to hear all I should know, Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I'm blest, indeed, the world is mine.

This poem's message is powerful. I first heard it as a summer camp sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Black Mountain, NC, when I was in high school. I have seen it credited to Dr. Tennyson Guyer (1913-1981), a senator from Ohio, and at other times as "anonymous." One reader suggested that this poem was originally written by Joy Lovelet Crawford and that it fits the style of her other works.

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Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.



Matthew 6:28-33

We are first introduced to Barnabas in Acts 4:36-37 and are told that his name means "Son of Encouragement." Encouragement is one of the most important things we can do for one another in the church community. Whether it is providing a smile for someone having a bad day or sharing a shoulder to cry on or giving advice to someone who is struggling, encouragers are always in demand in the church.

Good things are happening at Westfield Baptist Church. We are the "little church with the big heart!" We are an encouraging group of Christians! As we continue through the year 2024, let's stop and give someone a word of encouragement. It could make all the difference in the world to that person!

Blessings and Peace, Glenn

Our Mission: 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.

Mission Moment

Westfield is always interested in ways to help our church family as well as ways to help our community. Each month, we emphasize an area of need in our Baptist organization. Sometimes our mission is local; other times, it may be more distant. Where there is a need, we try to be ready to offer our assistance.

Last month we supported the Refugee Church in Raleigh by providing various food items. This month, we will be focusing on the needs of our Baptist Children's Homes. As always, our Crochet Club continues to work on prayer shawls to donate to needy organizations, such as SECU Hospice House in Smithfield. If you do needlework, come and join this group for good fellowship and worthwhile projects. They meet every Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

As we reach out to help in these areas of need, we must be ever mindful that we have opportunities to help those around us. Maybe we can recognize those who are lonely and send a note or a text. Maybe we can even visit. We can do something so simple as smile at those we encounter at the grocery or Walmart. Offer to return a shopping cart for someone.

Try saying "Good morning" to people you pass by on the street or in a parking lot. There are many people who feel isolated because of health issues or mobility problems. Perhaps you can touch base with them to let them know they are important and that someone is thinking about them.

The opportunities are truly endless—all we must do is look for the places we can make a difference. As Dr. Jonas says, "We are a little church with a big heart." Nothing we do for others is too little! Let us be God's hands and feet in this awesome world He created for us.

Prayer Concerns

Ida Bowen Lisa Brewer Barbara Byrd Charlie Carpenter **Hubert Coats** Bill Dail Julia Darroch Kaleb Dulin Janet Dunlap Ellen Herring Mitchell Johnson Susan Murray Jeanette Morrison Janet Seymore Jessica Thompson Vance Walters Jordan Warren Ethel Williams

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my cry... Psalm 39:12

Chrissy Dozier 437 Triple Crown Circle Archer Lodge, NC 27527

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 Steven Moore
- 13 Al Murray
- 15 Suzanne Melvin
- 16 Barbara Stephenson
- 20 Ronnie & Jeanne Autry
- 21 Joe & Jennifer Carr 28 Savannah Lackey
- 30 Paula Jones

Extended **Prayer Needs**

Amanda Alexander Linda Beam Larry & Opal Colville Ben DeSopo **Chrissy Dozier** Joe Frischman Phillip Gaines Steven Glover D & Violet Jackson Andrew Pope Tony Simpson Joy Spell Ed & Judy Taylor



Altar Flowers

- 7 Communion
- 14 Available
- 21 Joe & Jennifer Carr
- 28 Midge Carpenter

Deacons of the Week

- 7 Trent Carpenter
- 14 Angela Godwin
- 21 Susan Murray
- 28 Ann Carpenter

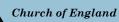
It's Easter!



Sound

"Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40

Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every of thankfulness for vour sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.







Kids' Corner

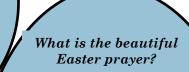


Grace and Jeremy receiving their music awards.

Susan and Weston discussing "please" and "thank you."







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