



WESTFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

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SERVICE TIMES:

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

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JUST WHAT IS WESTFIELD?

Sixty-one years ago, a group from First Baptist endeavored to establish a church on the west side of Dunn. This small group had big dreams!

After much prayer and work, a building was erected and served the congregation until dreams became reality, and a Sanctuary building stood on the property that had been donated by Mr. Doc Adams. Later, an educational wing was added to enable further growth.

Through many trials and changes, Westfield survived. Now, 61 years after its beginning, we have a lovely structure with loving people. We reach out to support many missions and ministries.

A recent congregational survey enables us to see Westfield’s strong points, so that we never take the church for granted. The top 6 responses as to why we love Westfield were the following:

- We have a great pastor.
- We love people.
- We are a little church with a big heart.
- We feel like family.
- It feels like home here.
- We pray for each other.

With so many great qualities, Westfield can continue its legacy and follow God’s leading into 2026—and beyond!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 6 Secret Pal luncheon
- 14 Cantata
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year’s Eve

January

- 1 New Year’s Day
- 25 Churchwide birthday lunch

The Westfield Wire



Greetings,

“Here comes Santa Claus, Here comes Santa Claus, riding down Santa Claus Lane.” I bet you’ve sung that song a time or two through the years. Did you know that the real St. Nicholas lived in the 4th century and was an important theologian in that era? Our mutual friend, Dr. Adam English, has written one of the definitive biographies of St. Nicholas of Myra titled *The Saint Who Would be Santa Claus*. If you haven’t read it, you’d find it to be a delightful read.

Although he is one of the most popular saints in both eastern and western Christianity, historically, we know little about him. He lived in the 4th century and according to tradition became the Bishop of Myra, a city in modern-day Turkey. Tradition also says that he was imprisoned and tortured during the reign of the terrible Roman emperor Diocletian in the last part of the 3rd century. Eventually freed by Constantine, Nicholas continued his work as a bishop. Much of the tradition about him is shrouded in legend.

The most famous legend about Nicholas concerns a man in Myra who had three beautiful daughters who were preparing to marry the loves of their lives. But the man became poor and was unable to provide a dowry for each of his daughters, a requirement for marriage in that culture. Heartbroken, things became even worse for the family financially as they were unable to buy food or clothing. Nicholas heard of their plight and one night walked by the house and tossed a bag of gold through the window. It fell onto the bed of the sleeping daughters. The next morning, they were overjoyed as there was enough gold for the oldest daughter’s dowry. The next night Nicholas walked by and threw in a second bag of gold, enough for the middle daughter’s dowry. She was now able to marry the love of her life. Finally, the man stayed awake on the third night and caught Nicholas with the third bag of gold just before he tossed it into the window. Not expecting to be caught, Nicholas begged the man not to reveal the good deed that had been done. Thus, with the third bag of money, the third daughter was able to marry.

This story is where the concept of St. Nicholas delivering gifts to children on Christmas Eve developed. In Christian history, St. Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors and children.

Grace and Peace,
Glenn

Christmas Mission Moment

It's hard to realize that we are in the Christmas season once again. Years seem to go by faster and faster. We question our current state and situation in life, Did we do all the things we had planned? Did we make a positive impact on someone's life? Did we serve Jesus as He instructed us? Did we lend a helping hand to someone who was struggling? Did we uplift and support those in need?

Whatever your responses to these questions might be, there is always room for improvement in our Christian walk. We can offer a smile to those who seem alone or downtrodden. We can offer a hand to those who are suffering with health issues. We can send a card to someone who lives alone. We can forgive those who have wronged us or spoken unkindly. We can give a smile and a kind word to those who appear friendless or forgotten. Most of the time, when we are feeling low, the best medicine is to help someone else in their time of need.

Sometimes it is stressful to think of returning malice with kindness, but it is what we are called to do. If we think about all the ways Jesus deals with our frailties, we might just feel a little humbled. We speak harshly when we don't really mean to. We might walk past someone without genuinely noticing that they seem troubled. We might even fail to act as Christians when it would benefit another person. We seem to easily note the shortcomings of others without acknowledging our own.

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?”

Matthew 7: 3

Prayer Concerns

- Ron Ader
- Brenda Alberty
- Scott Barefoot
- Barbara Benson
- Judy Britt
- Juanita Chance
- Bill Dail
- Wanda Dail
- Linda Faircloth
- Rosalind Hutchens
- Elaine Jackson
- Kelly Wallace McLamb
- Glenda McLeod family
- Jeanette Morrison
- Mark Phillips
- Chad Register
- Edith Sasser
- Janet Seymore
- Vann & Carol Stephens
- Gene Sutton
- Alan Tart
- Steve Taylor
- Steve Turnage
- Willis Wichard family

Extended Prayer Needs

- Barbara Abney
- Sharon Barnhill
- Carl Barbour
- Charlie Carpenter
- Opal Colville
- Warren Davenport
- Sandy Flanary
- Joe Frischman
- Steven Glover
- Michael Harrison
- Violet Jackson
- Kathy King
- Tony Simpson

Extended Prayer Needs Cont'd

- Joy Spell
- Judy Taylor
- JoAnn Wells



Altar Flowers

The poinsettias will be provided by the church in celebration of the birth of our Savior.



Deacons of the Week

- 7 Ann Carpenter
- 14 Joyce Ballard
- 21 Nancy Flippin
- 28 Ronnie Autry

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Marsha Bass
- 5 Violet Jackson
- 6 Bill Larrison
- 7 Lyn Brewer
- Nancy Rose
- 10 Lisa Brewer
- Andy Hawley
- 16 Ann Bailey
- 23 Cara Fischer
- 31 Grace Lin



*Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year*

November Welcomes Homecoming



Our choir practice keeps improving.