

Become A Member of WCB

Profession of Faith and Baptism: If you will receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord and follow Him in baptism by immersion, we welcome you into our fellowship.

Letter: If you are a member of a church of like faith, and God leads you here, we will be pleased to welcome you into our church family. We will happily take care of appropriate details for transferring your membership.

Baptism From Another Denomination: If you know in your heart that you are saved and want to become a member of West Center Baptist, we invite you to join us by baptism. This gives testimony of your salvation and your obedience to His direction.

Statement: In the event church membership records are not available for a transfer of membership, or if you were once a Baptist church member but are presently a member of another denomination, we will accept you upon your statement of these conditions.

You may express your desire to fulfill any of the above by presenting yourself during the invitation at the close of each worship service. Of course, any decision assumes your commitment to being faithful in prayer and participation in our Lord's work at WCB.

WCB Sermons on TV & Web

Knology (Ch. 11): 7:00pm Thursday & 10:00am Sunday
Midcontinent (Ch. 20): 10:00am Sunday www.westcenterbaptist.com

March 27, 2011

Attendance: 220 General Fund: \$ 3,587.34

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IMPACT TODAY

POINTS OF PASSION: LOVE FOR GOD, LOVE FOR THE WORD, LOVE FOR PRAYER, LOVE FOR CARING & SHARING, LOVE FOR OUTREACH

April 3, 2011

Psalm

for the Road of Life

"Lift Up Your Eyes"



WEST CENTER
BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome

We are glad you are here!

This card is designed for everyone who attends West Center Baptist. It is a way for us to know whom we are serving and how we are doing. Please fill out both sides where you feel appropriate and drop it in the back in the back of sanctuary.

Name _____

People with you today:

Spouse _____

Child(ren) _____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

Guests _____

Address _____

City _____ St. _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

Check if information above has changed.

WCB Member Regular Attendee

1st Visit Return Visitor

Age: 12-17 18-24 25-35 36-55 56+

Single Married Widowed

I would like information on:

Baptism Membership

Child Dedication Bible Studies

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

April 3, 2011

Please Share with Us.

Name _____

- I would like to speak with a pastor.
- Today I prayed to receive Christ.

Comments

Prayer Requests & Answers Pastoral staff only

Spring Fling Banquet
Sunday, April 17 at 5:30pm

RSVP by April 15. Memo checks Spring Fling.

- _____ Adult Meal \$15 _____ Childcare
- _____ Child Meal \$7 (12yr - under)
- _____ Providing auction dessert

Easter Lilies #_____ \$11ea.
Orders taken until April 11

Please print names as they should appear.

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West Center Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

- 8:30am Worship Service WCB Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service WCB Sanctuary
- 5:00pm Study of 1 Samuel (Adult) WCB Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

- 5:00pm Women's Planning Meeting WCB Chat Café

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

- 12:00pm Romans (Men) DQ Basement
- 12:00pm Becoming More (Women) Chamber Depot
- 5:15pm Say Yes to God (Women) Mochavino
- 6:00pm Ignite: MS Youth Heaven's Castle
- 6:15pm AWANA WCB various rooms
- 7:30pm Powercells: HS Youth Heaven's Castle

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

- 7:00pm Worship Practice WCB Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

- 9:30am Megan's Bridal Shower WCB Fellowship Hall

Love for God

April Ministry Teams



Sunday, April 10 at 12:15pm. We welcome you to come visit! The Ministry Teams have the purpose of carrying out the mission of the church body. Consider and pray how you can get involved with one of the following teams: Adult, Children, Deacon Care, Facilities, Missions, Outreach, Stewardship, Welcome, Worship, and Youth.

Leadership Council Meeting

Monday, April 18 at 7:00pm. * Make note of date change*

Easter Sunday Celebration

April 24, 2011: Breakfast at 8:30am, One service at 10:00am

Love for Prayer

- Following Christ in baptism: Deanna Howe & Emily Nelson
- Friends and family in the passing of JoAnn Casanova's mother.
- Friends and family in the passing of Stewart and Emily Elliot's grandmother Dorothy Nelson.
- Friends and family in the passing of Jim Mannie's sister Elaine.
- The over 85 children in Chain of Love homes in Brazil that Christ will bring healing and help to overcome horrible backgrounds.

*Cari Logan to take one day, one step at a time and trust God's leading as she is discovering what God has in store for her next.

Love for Outreach

Share Your Blessings Collection Boxes

NAB Conference Women's Ministry is sponsoring two compassion project per year. The first Share Your Blessings project will go to help the Christian Compassion Baptist Church in Philadelphia. The funds collected will be used to provide needy people with food and supplies and show them the love of Jesus. If you are interested in collecting funds for this cause, you can pick up a collection box at the church office. The deadline to have the funds collected and returned to the church is **May 15**. Boxes available in office.

NAB Missionary of the Week
GORDON AND DENISE ERICKSON,



NAB Missionaries will serve as hostel parents at the CMF (Cameroon Missionary Fellowship) in Yaoundé.

Gordon will also be serving as a project manager of large service projects in Cameroon. They are scheduled to depart for Cameroon on April 7, 2011. Pray for Gord, Denise and their children Jessica and Jordan as they travel to Cameroon this week and as the get established in their new home and ministry.

Q.) I traveled with Paul after his little tiff with Barnabas.

Who Am I? _____

A.) Acts 15:40

Love for God (cont.)

Impact Focus: Deacon Care Team **D**

The Deacon Care Ministry Team is responsible for such activities as all aspects of membership, communion, baptism, marriage procedures, developing a caring community of believers through shepherding, and other ministries to meet the individual needs of the congregation. We ask that you be in prayer for us.

Love for the Word

Bible Reading

Whole Bible Plan

Apr 3: 1Sam 25-27
Apr 4: 1Sam 28-31
Apr 5: 2Sam 1-3
Apr 6: 2Sam 4-7
Apr 7: 2Sam 8-12
Apr 8: 2Sam 13-15
Apr 9: 2Sam 16-18

New Testament Plan

Apr. 4: Luke 22
 Apr. 5: Luke 23
 Apr. 6: Luke 24
 Apr. 7: John 1
 Apr. 8: John 2

Lists available at
www.westcenterbaptist.com

Psalms for the Road of Life

Psalm 121: 1

Pastor Wayne Ayer
April 3, 2011

Caring & Sharing (cont.)

Spring Fling Banquet

Sunday, April 17 at 5:30pm in the WCB Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by WCB youth to raise funds for Triennial. Pasta, salad & bread \$15.00 adult & \$7.00 children 12 & under. **RSVP (on back of tear off tab) by Friday, April 15.** Dessert auction to follow - please indicate if you are able to make your favorite dessert to help raise funds.

Making A Splash

Mark your calendars for an upcoming Women's social, "Making a Splash" on **Tuesday, April 19.** More details to come.

Planning Meeting: Tuesday, April 5 at 5:00pm in Chat Café

WCB Greeters **W**

The Welcome team is looking for outgoing people interested in greeting the congregation on Sunday mornings.

Love for Caring & Sharing

Megan Burney Bridal Shower

Join in blessing Megan Burney, future bride of Pete Nelson. **Saturday, April 9 at 9:30am in the WCB Fellowship Hall.**

Skeleton Crew **E**

Wednesday, April 13 at 11:00am in Chat Café. Anyone who loves to write notes and has some free time come join in the fun of encouraging others. Bring your lunch.

Meals on Wheels **I**

WCB has the privilege of serving Meals on Wheels for the month of April. If you have time to deliver a few "noon" meals (approximately 11:00-12:00pm) contact Mary in the office or mark tear of tab "I."

You Asked for It...

Pastor Wayne, “What is Lent?”

I have been asked in this last two weeks a number of times “what is lent?” I thought that we have time as Easter approaches to answer this question you are asking.

Lent is a period of fasting and repentance traditionally observed by Catholics and some Protestant denominations in preparation for Easter. For some, not all, Lent is a period of going on a diet; for others, it is when co-workers show up to work with ashes on their heads, and fast food restaurants start selling fish sandwiches.

Many Christ Followers, even those whose churches do not celebrate Lent officially, find they are drawn to Lent. The period of the Lenten fast was established in the 4th century as 40 days. Participants would eat sparingly or simply give up a particular food or habit. Lent began as a way for Catholics to remind themselves to repent of their sins as the Word of God speaks of in the Old Testament. (*Esther 4:1-3; Jeremiah 6:26; Daniel 9:3; Matthew 11:21*).

Here’s what I’m learning however, over the centuries it has developed a much more “sacramental” value. Many Catholics understand giving something up for Lent as a way to gain blessing from God. The Bible does not teach that such acts have any merit with God in terms of salvation (*Isaiah 64:6*). In fact, the New Testament teaches us that our acts of fasting and repentance should be done in a manner that does not attract attention to ourselves:

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth; they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be

obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you” (*Matthew 6:16-18*).

As we are learning as a church fasting is a good thing when it is done with a biblical perspective. It is good and pleasing to God when we give up sinful habits and practices. There is absolutely nothing wrong with setting aside a time when we focus our hearts and attention on Jesus’ death, burial and bodily resurrection. However, these practices are things we should be doing every day of the year, not just for 40 days between a certain period of time called on by the church.

Beloved, if a Christ follower wishes to observe Lent, we are free to do so. The key is to focus the time on repenting from our sins and consecrating ourselves to God, not on trying to earn God’s favor or increase His love for us. There is nothing that you or I can ever do to make God love us anymore or any less celebrate that today. You ask for it!

Resourced by : <http://www.churchyear.net/lent.html>; <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lent>; <http://www.answers.com/topic/lent>

Next week Pastor Wayne, “What is Ash Wednesday?”

“These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn’t want me to eat something I’ve given up for Lent, would you?”

