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Redefining Our Vision As A Church

If you're like me, whenever you hear words like "mission", "vision," and "core values," your eyes start to glaze over. We hear these terms frequently associated with all types of organizations in our society. Some of us wonder what these concepts truly mean; some of us wonder why they matter in the first place. I think the reason these words/concepts are so abundant is directly connected to the significance they hold for the effective and purposeful life of an organization. In an effort to help us understand their significance, here are brief definitions from the perspective of the church:

The **"Mission"** of a church, or Mission Statement, is a compact statement (easily seen, understood and remembered) which informs us and others about our reason for being. The Session of WBPC recently revised our mission statement as follows: *"At Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church, we live to share God's love for ALL."*

"Core Values" are the glue that hold everything together. They are the unique and central qualities that characterize WBPC and are vitally important to our church. The Session has defined the following biblically-based Core Values as guiding everything we do: *"Welcome, Community, Nurture, Worship, Compassion, Evangelism, Reconciliation, Gratitude, and Justice."*

The **"Vision"** or Vision Statement is how we plan to fulfill our mission. The vision considers the needs of the community and the congregational context and values, and defines ministry priorities for a designated period of time. This is where your help is needed. The Session is in the process of updating our Vision Statement, which defines the ministry priorities we believe God is calling us to focus on for the next 5-7 years. The elders very much want and need your input as they seek to define these priorities. Therefore, you are invited to attend a one-hour "listening session" to offer us your valuable feedback as we look to the future.

Please make every effort to attend one of the following sessions: September 15, 6:15 p.m. OR September 22 at noon. Finger sandwiches, fruit, and drinks will be served. The infant/toddler nursery will remain open through the hour.

To keep WBPC traveling down the right path in accordance with God's plan, it is important for us to have a clear and shared vision that drives our ministry. We hope to see you either September 15 or 22.

Blessings, Betty

Rally Day - September 8

A new year of Christian Education at WBPC kicks off on Rally Day, September 8. Join us for a delicious hot breakfast at 8:45 a.m. cooked by our Men of the Church. Following breakfast, much information will be shared regarding Sunday School classes, Wednesday Night Live, and much more. Mark your calendars and make plans to recharge your faith walk this Rally Day.



Join A Choir!

Choirs are back in rehearsals! Now is a great time to join a choir! No auditions required, just a love of music and a willingness to serve your church.

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays 7:30–9:00 p.m. in the Music Room

Our first fall rehearsal was on August 28.

We have available spaces in all singing parts!

Chancel Ringers

Tuesdays 7 – 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Our first fall rehearsal was on August 27.

We want to continue to bring beautiful handbell music to Sunday morning worship. Can you help?

Contact Janet Cherry for more information:
janet@wbpresbyterian.org or 851-4713 x16.

Children's Music Activities for Grades K-5

It's a new year! Time to get organized for more children's music activities.

September 15, 11:50 a.m.

Parents' organizational meeting:

Parents planning for their children to participate, meet with Janet in the Music Room (Education Building Room 210). This is a very important meeting. Don't miss it. Children will have supervised playground time.

September 22, 11:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Children's music activities begin .

This fall, we'll be singing and playing handbells, percussion and Orff instruments. We'll be singing old favorites and hymns, and learning great new songs. There will be Bible stories and a little bit of theatre.

Labor Day Weekend Intergenerational Fellowship Sunday, September 1 at 9:30 a.m.



On Sunday, Sept. 1, we will have a fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall, from **9:30-10:15 a.m.** All are invited to "chat and chew" as we enjoy coffee, juice, cookies, and one another's company.

@The Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

WBPC Fellowship Hall

Grab a cup of coffee, and feast with us in this coffee-house style worship.

Do you want a jump start in practicing the presence of God? Join @The Table for a Theme Service at 5PM on September 29:

"Be Still and Know that I am God..."

Featuring Anita Burroughs-Price, the Principal Harpist of the North Carolina Symphony and other local musical guests.

Name Tags are Here!

But now this is what the Lord says- the One who created you, Jacob, the One who formed you, Israel- "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are mine." —Isaiah 43:1

Nametags are here, enabling visitors and new members to learn our names. When someone is new, it's easier for us to remember one name than it is for them to remember all our names. Nametags make it easier for visitors to know our names (and us to know theirs). Betty tells us that visitors who choose to join, do so because they feel welcome here. Nametags are one more way we can make people feel welcome and part of God's family. So let's all wear our nametags and call each other by name. There's now a table with the nametags in the narthex and in the fellowship hall.



Don't Miss Breakfast

Breakfast will be served again this year at **8:45 a.m. on Rally Day.** Men of the Church also plan to serve breakfast at **8:45 a.m. on the second Sunday of every month** until May. Make plans to be present at 8:45 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month for a wonderful hot breakfast. **Thank you Men of the Church!**

Fall Wednesday Night Live Begins!

The fall session of WNL begins September 11!
All the programs this fall are designed to be inter-generational and interesting.
Plan to be present!

Dates: September 11-November 13

Time: Dinner: 5:45~6:30; Classes 6:30~7:25

Cost for dinner: \$7 / \$5 ages 6-9 / free for 5 & under

Join in the fellowship, fun and good food...

Sign up on the Sunday attendance form or call or email the church office by noon on Monday the week of the event.

Fall Wednesday Night Programs:

September 11: Pictionary

Chick-Fil-A (Veggie and Fruit Trays)

September 18: The Paco Band

Spaghetti, Salad, Bread (Veggie Sauce)

September 25: Our Amazing Youth

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs (Veggie Burgers)

October 2: Minute To Win It!

Amedeo's: Lasagna, Salad (Veggie Lasagna)

October 9: Haiti Mission Team

Taco Bar

October 16: WRAL Weather Meteorologist

Pork Tenderloin, Veggies (Veggie Casserole)

October 23: Magician—Jeff Jones

Coffee and Crepes (Veggie Crepes)

October 31: Thursday! Halloween Gathering

Pizza and Salad (Cheese Pizza)

November 6:

Wounded Warrior Tribute / Little German Band

Pork Chops, Mushroom Sauce, Rice, Salad (Tofu)

November 13: Loyalty Night!

Grilled Chicken, Salmon, Veggies (Baked Potato)



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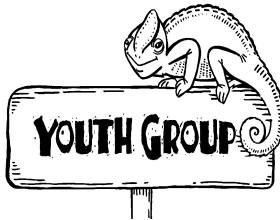
Check out our website
www.wbpresbyterian.org
to find updated information
about programs and meals.



Youth Group News

The Youth have been very busy this summer: working, doing mission work and having fun. A group of high school students attended the Youth Conference at Montreat in late July and had a wonderful time. The theme of the conference was "Here and Be Heard". We rejoice in the spiritual growth the youth experienced at Montreat, individually and as a group.

We have some changes in youth leadership to announce. Will Robinson informed us that he will not be able to continue his position at WBPC this year due to heavy school and work load. We congratulate him on his internship at Glaxo Smith Kline and wish him the best of luck this semester. He will be stopping by to visit the youth as his schedule permits, and we look forward to seeing him. April Ruble will work with youth again, and Dave Grace will continue in his position, while beginning his first semester at Duke Divinity School. We are excited to announce that Mollie Tucker will be returning to WBPC as part of the Youth Leadership Team. We are excited for the great things this Youth Leadership Team will bring to WBPC! Please continue to pray for our youth and their leaders as they begin a new year together.



Youth Group Kick-Off!

We will have our first fall meeting on Rally Day, September 8 at 6:30pm. This gathering will be a potluck! Please bring a side dish or entree! We will provide a dessert. Parents: Please stay for the meeting we have exciting news to share with you about the youth group year! If you have questions about what to bring, please email Dave Grace at 3030.dave@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel Resumes Rally Day - Sunday, September 8!

Another exciting year of Children's Chapel will be starting on September 8. Children who are 4 years old by August 31 thru 2nd grade are invited to join us each Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) for songs, stories and activities. Following the Message for Children, an usher will escort children from the back of the sanctuary to the Children's Chapel (211) in the Ed Building. Pick up your child after services. Please contact Judy Shelton with questions at jshelton1@nc.rr.com or 919-859-3107.



Friday, September 20, 11:30 a.m.

D&S South Hills

ABrighter Parlor

Have you noticed that our parlor has new and improved overhead lighting? Many years ago George Massey married Bobbie Lou Cole who as a teen-ager, was a charter member of WBPC. George and Bobbie Lou made their home in Zebulon. Sadly, Bobbie Lou died last fall. Wanting to honor her memory and to acknowledge her early association with this church, George made a substantial contribution toward this improvement. Thanks to George and his family for their generosity and caring and to our property committee for selecting and installing the new fixtures.

Weekly Food Bag Challenge

September 1—canned tomatoes

September 8—applesauce or canned fruit

September 15—1 lb. rice (small bag)

September 22—peanut butter

September 29—canned tuna or meat

WBP Preschool News!

September is almost here and preschool is about to begun! We are so excited that all classes are close to being full – we still have several 3 year old spots left. We are having our annual yard sale from 9-12 on September 21. If you have any gently used children items that you would like to donate to our yard sale, please price them and bring them by the preschool office the week before the yard sale. Money made from the yard sale will go towards office furniture and items for the classrooms.

The preschool office is in need of a new or like new credenza that locks. If you have one that you do not want anymore, it would be greatly appreciated!

We will also welcome anyone who might have a little time to come and volunteer in the classrooms! If you love to play, read, do art projects, etc. we would love to have you come in!

Thank you to Property and Jimmy Wade for the work that has been done this summer in our little hallways and bathrooms! They look so much better!

Looking for a New Nursery Staff Member

With the resignation of Lisa Townsend from our nursery staff, we are currently looking for a person to fill the position. The position requires an adult female with child care and developmental experience, life support and emergency training, ability to function independently while caring for a diverse age group of infants and children; a flexible schedule as hours will rotate, expectation to work Sundays and holidays with attention to time management. Ability to communicate with and engage a wide range of children over a number of hours while maintaining a safe and secure environment is a must. Criminal background checks will be performed and references are required. Non-member and member applicants will be considered.

For further information, please contact Joyce Smith, Nursery Supervisor by September 12, 2013. Joyce may be reached at JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com or at 919-816-9157.

Nursery Volunteers Needed September 8 and 15

As we ramp up Christian Education activities for the fall, we anticipate additional numbers of our “littlest worshippers” arriving in the nurseries. We are in need of church volunteers to assist Nadine Smith and Julie Treadwell in caring for our infants and small children on **September 8 during Traditional Worship and/or during the @TheTable Service 4:15-6:00 p.m.**

Sunday, September 15 is also a day of need, for the **@TheTable Service**. We need at least two volunteers to assist from **4:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.** as this is designated one of the Congregational Listening Sessions (6:00 – 7:00) and the nursery will remain open an additional hour to encourage participation of all members. Per church policy, only adults trained with our Safe Child training are allowed into the nursery. If you would like to complete this training, please let us know—classes are quickly approaching!

Please contact Joyce Smith, Nursery Supervisor: 919-816-9157, or JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com, at to schedule your volunteer time. Your heart will be lightened and the smiles and laughter you receive from the children will be a wonderful blessing.

Sending Hugs to Lisa Townsend!

We here at Western Boulevard are sad to let you know that Lisa Townsend, one of our beloved nursery staff members for the past five years, has resigned her position. Lisa did not want to leave us and we certainly did not want to see her go, but she is busy focusing her time with her family. Lisa wants everyone to know that she has enjoyed her time here at Western Boulevard and will dearly miss all the littlest worshippers and the joy and excitement they brought to her life. Little ones, Ms. Lisa said to give each of you a big hug and let you know she loves you very much! Don't worry, we may see Lisa back here in a few months in a substitute role. We know how blessed we are to have her around for any time period and thank God for the gifts she has given to our children and their families.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kevin Fischer	4
Janis Guzzo	4
Brian Croom	9
Tommy Goldston	9
Isaiah Grady	9
Douglas Bell	10
Frank Fleming	10
Taylor Cleveland	11
Andrew Craven	12
Phyllis Fann	13
Tom Yorke	13
Samantha Boshoff	14
Peggy Smith	14
Jonathan Taylor	14
Jessup Whitehurst	14
Jonah Milchuck	15
Stephen Cummings	16
Morgan Padgett	16
Blythe Clifford	17
Bruce Grady	18
Lou Gene Hemphill	18
Mark Wessell	20
Les Parnell	23
Anna Boshoff	24
Jean Godfrey	25
Bill Hamner	25
Bobbie Reese	27
Susan Bennett Assa	28
Armanda Ndepkeu	29
John Clapp	30
Alaina Craven	30

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Joyce Barbour, George Blum, Pat Byers, Kaye Byrd, Miranda Johnson, Richard Lentz, John McClellan, Gene Reese, Eva Reopelle, Mary Jane Roberts, Dot and Jimmie Smith, Tom Yorke

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Lauren Bridges (friend of Pat and Brenda Byers), Thomas Crowder (son of Mary Crowder), Sandy Fisher (neighbor of the Lindsay's), Peggy Freeman (sister of Kaye Byrd), Charles Madson (brother-in-law of Janis Guzzo), Pat Reynolds (aunt of Lynn Bell), Hazel Smith (mother of Jimmie Smith), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Valeria Tyndall Taylor (cousin of Mary Williams-Kotnik), Philip Woodruff (brother of John Woodruff)

Sympathy extended to:

Susan Sternberger upon the death of her mother on August 11.

Bruce Grady and family upon the death of his father, Thomas E. Grady, on August 15.

The family of Margaret Mills upon her death on August 23.

Thank you!



Dear WBPC:

Words cannot express how much we appreciate your thoughts and prayers during our time of bereavement. My dad, Mr. Thomas E. Grady, now rests in a city whose architect is God. Thank you for your loving support and expressions of sympathy. May the Lord bless you and keep you!

*With Gratitude,
Bruce, Michele, Alexa and Isaiah*

Many thanks to our Church Family who has been there for us during our sister Patsy's illness and then her death, and who are still there for us. Thanks for the prayers, the calls, the visits, and the cards. We are so grateful and feel so blessed to have such a loving and caring Church Family.

—Thanks, Nancy and Jimmy Wade

Joe Matthews and family express their sincere gratitude for all the expressions of love - cards, calls, visits - in the recent death of their son and brother, Mark. Joe says that the Western Blvd. church family is truly characterized by those words of the hymn writer: "We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear." May our Lord bless each of you!

Presbyterian Women

Onward into new events at WBPC for ALL Presbyterian women! Here is information about the new Bible Study we will be doing this 2013-14 year:

An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy, by Janice Catron, see: <http://horizons.pcusa.org/bible.htm>

You may want to review the chapters before we start. Do mark your calendars now for the Magdalene Circle's monthly second Tuesdays from September-April at 10:00 a.m., for Bible Study, then lunch together at the D&S Cafeteria; OR, the Fellowship Circle's monthly third Sundays meetings immediately after church for Bible Study and lunch. You are welcomed to bring a friend! Eager to see you soon!