

A
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of
Westlane
Christian Church
is
a multi-racial,
multi-cultural
community
committed
to
the
following
purposes
for our
existence:

*Worship,
Fellowship,
Discipleship,
Ministry
and
Mission*

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COME
Grow
WITH US!

Ten Reasons to Grow With Us

- 1. Re-discover Church**
- 2. We are a multi-racial, multi-cultural community**
- 3. You can come as your are (dress casual)**
- 4. Easy to understand, practical Biblical teaching**
- 5. Opportunities to get involved**
- 6. Freedom of expression during worship**
- 7. Small groups**
- 8. Conveniently located on Indianapolis's NW side**
- 9. We're involved in the community**
- 10. We are not just building a church we are building *LIVES!***

A note from the Pastor



Lou Stoops, Pastor

*“But grow in the
grace and
knowledge of our
Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. To him
be glory both now
and forever! Amen.”*
II Peter 3:18 NIV



What does it mean to be a Christian?

The word “Christian” means to “belong to Christ”. That’s the simple truth of what a Christian is. To be one means that you have left the old family, where the Devil is dad (John 8:44; Acts 13:10) and become a member of God’s family. God is now your Dad (Galatians 3:26). You have been born into this new family through faith and obedience (John 1:12, 13; 3:3, 5, 7; Acts 2:38). To have been born into it you made a decision as a result of a conviction you were a sinner and needed a Savior. You received Jesus as Lord and Savior in your heart and were born again, becoming a new creation (Roman 6; II Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15).

Once you were born into the family of God you grow up in your new family, starting out as a baby. Growing is the “first things first” agenda for a new Christian. To grow you need food. The Bible is food for the Christian. Babies start out with milk and graduate to solids. This is also true of new Christians (I Peter 2:2). The Word of God becomes the diet that promotes the growth of all Christians (Matthew 4:4). Every Christian needs to be receiving an intake of the Word through personal reading, study and corporate teaching through the Church.

Every Christian needs the Church. The Church is made up of other members of the family of God. Through the preaching and teaching of the Church, the Christian is able to grow with a steady diet of both milk and meat, so as to become a productive and mature worker in the family of God (Ephesians 4:11, 12).

Christians know and obey the Word of God as they grow up spiritually. They pray to God for His blessings upon their lives. God is the Supplier of all their needs and they seek from Him all they need (Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 3:20; John 16:24). He wants to bear fruit through the Christian, just as a parent wants to see their children become productive adults. The fruit God seeks through us is twofold: the fruit of the Spirit which is character based (Galatians 5:22, 23); and good works (John 15), benefitting others.

To the Christians at Westlane I encourage you to be committed to God as your Dad, and become more involved in your Westlane family. You may start this new commitment by being present every Sunday as the church gathers to worship God and grow together (Hebrews 10:25). It is time to renew the tie that binds. I look forward to seeing you each week as we continue to explore what it means to be a Christian.

Lou Stoops, Pastor

WCC Online —visit Westlane.org for:

*Sermon and Bible Study recordings | The Grandview'newsletter |
Links to our Facebook page and iPod Touch app |
Sons of Scripture | Prayer Requests | Log your Questions & Comments*



Photo Gallery



Come be part of the fun.....



Don't forget to use www.Goodsearch.com when looking up information on your computer at home, work or school. Be sure to indicate you are searching for Westlane Christian Church. WCC receives one penny per search!



Announcements & things on the horizon...

Every other Sunday Home Bible Fellowship 7 pm. Contact church for details

July 23rd 4:00 PM Westlane Choir Round-up. Bring a friend and sing to the Lord together. More details contact the church.



Sunday, August 7 High School Youth...Mark your calendar - there will be a movie and make-your-own-pizza. We will be watching "To Save a Life". Contact the church for details. Bring a friend!



Forming soon!!!---

An instrumental group. If you play an instrument or if you know someone who plays an instrument, Contact the church for further details.

The Westlane family would love for you and your family to come worship with us and join our fun and exciting activities. To find out more please contact the church at contactwcc@westlane.org or call 317-255-3346.



Come Grow With Us

Dear Westlane Family

Thank you for the May 1st surprise Pastor Appreciation event. What a blessing to hear my brother Roland preach. I was humbled to be presented with a Memory Book and a plaque acknowledging my five years here at Westlane.

To hear all the kind words from folks in attendance and the phone calls from those unable to attend the event was touching and encouraging. Thank you for the cards and gifts. Thank

you too, for serving many of my favorite foods during Get Acquainted Time. What can I say? Who can go wrong with meatballs and apple pie!

We want to especially thank Marya Sherron for organizing the event. Thanks to all who pitched in to implement the program in her absence.

My wife especially thanks you all for the beautiful corsage, magnificent

Spring bouquet of flowers, and Paula's salad!

We are blessed to worship with such a loving family of Believers.

May God bless Westlane now and always!

Love,

Pastor Lou and Cindy Stoops

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;" ...

Numbers 6:24,25



WCC has a new email address!
contactwcc@westlane.org

Youth Connection

Johnson Bible College and Team Expansion Trip

Johnson Bible College
by Kelsey Johnson

We had been driving for eight hours. For eight straight hours we had been driving. And I wanted to get out of the car. Scratch that—I wanted to escape from the car. But when we finally arrived at our destination, Johnson Bible College, it was all worth it. The campus was small, super tiny actually. We were able to walk from one end of the campus to the other without being too winded. But it was beautiful.

Nestled in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains the campus of Johnson Bible College contains all of the majesty and wonder of God's glory. The hills were covered in a thin mist in the mornings. The woods were beautiful, and cool, and shady. And of course there was the good old southern hospitality. Everyone on the campus, who greeted us, helped us and showed us around were so kind and generous. Our tour guide Jacob, was amicable and knowledgeable about the history of Johnson. For example, the college was founded in 1893 by Ashley Johnson and is one of the oldest continuing Bible colleges in the United States. Jacob took us around the whole campus, showing us all of the historical buildings and the new facilities. The Stoops' friends, the Young's, were so welcoming, opening up their home and Mark's film studios at the College. And the best part was on Sunday, when we all took a hike in the Smoky Mountains and had worship service up in the mountains. Between the breathtaking scenery and the abundant amount of information given to us, traveling to Johnson Bible College was a fun experience.



Curtis, Kelsey, Kyra, Ali, Kim, Cindy & Lou at entrance to The Great Smokey Mountains

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Team Expansion by Kyra Johnson

The trip to Johnson Bible College was very interesting. Especially on the ride back home when we stopped in Kentucky by Doug Lucas' mission, called Team Expansion. Mr. Lucas was very excited about our arrival by reason that he had not been visited since Westlane began supporting his mission. As soon as we arrived he hurried the group inside to show us the new facility he and his colleagues had been able to build with the support of different churches. He told us about how he helps to prepare missionaries to be able to go out and establish churches in countries around the world that do not allow freedom of religion. Mr. Lucas showed us the offices, a prayer room where people could leave their prayer requests on a wall, a large cafeteria, and a professional grade kitchen.

After we finished touring the inside of the building we sped around the grounds on Mr. Lucas' golf cart. He took us down the trails where prayer walks were held, and we were even able to stop and pray in one of the gazebos. I really enjoyed learning about his job and this has influenced me to think about a career in mission work. Visiting Team Expansion was an amazing end to the trip, and a great way to start the summer. I cannot wait to take even more trips with my peers and church members.



Doug explaining Team Expansion



Tour

Westlane Prison Ministry



"...I was in prison, and you came to visit me "
Matthew 25:36 NIV

Westlane Christian Church has resumed participation in prison ministry at Pendleton Correctional Facility following their Community Outreach activities being put on hold in August 2010. Westlane is represented at the Christian Brotherhood worship service most Saturday mornings at 7:30 AM.

When I began volunteering with Westlane at Pendleton, I did not know what to expect. Upon arriving at the first worship service I attended over 20 years ago, I immediately no-

ticed that the "outside" volunteers were greeted by our Christian brothers with the warmth of Christ's love and a deep appreciation for the time spent worshipping and fellowshiping with them. Although many things have changed – men being released or transferring to other facilities – much has stayed the same.

The love of Christ is alive and thriving with His body of believers at Pendleton Correctional Facility. The men frequently share how much they are blessed by the volunteers

coming to worship with them...I also hear several of the volunteers share how much they are also blessed by worshipping with the men. Amen to that!

If you are at least 18 years old and are interested in learning more about or becoming involved in this ministry, please contact me via the church office at (317) 255-3346 or email contactwcc@westlane.org.

In His Great Love,
Felecia



September 10 – 11, 2011

This is the weekend when members and regular attendees have the opportunity to, in dependence upon God, in faith, reflect on and renew their commitments of time, talent, and treasure toward the total ministry of Christ at Westlane Christian Church. This is also when the missionaries we support are here to provide us with ministry updates. Faith Promise Weekend occurs annually the second Saturday and Sunday in September.

THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH A Joyful'toon by Mike Waters



I can do everything through him who gives me strength.
- PHILIPPIANS 4:13 NIV



Four Bones In Every Organization

Submitted by Ruth Williams

The WISHBONES, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.

The JAWBONES, who do all the talking but very little of anything else.

The KNUCKLEBONE, who knock everything that everyone else tries to do; and

The BACKBONES, who get under the load and do the work



Gardening with Grace

The season started out wet and stormy but by June 2nd most of the plants had been put in there permanent locations and seeds had been sown.

Fast forward to July..things are growing well. The melons are a bit slow but Larry Nelson cut back the limbs from the Mulberry tree that were hanging over the garden and blocking the sun.

Exciting things are popping up in the garden;

- Row 1 Sugar Baby Watermelons
- Row 2 Tiger Melons
- Row 3 Honey Ace Melon
- Row 4 Bush Baby Summer Squash,
- Row 5 Yellow Crookneck Squash
- Row 6 Black Beauty cucumbers

- Row 7 Cucumber & Romaine Lettuce
- Row 8 Cayenne Pepper, Banana Pepper & Green Pepper
- Row 9 Sugar Hybrid Carrots
- Row 10 & 11 Super Gourmet Salad Blend
- Row 12 Empty waiting for fall garden planting
- Row 13 front half empty waiting for fall planting back half bush beans
- Row 14 front half empty waiting for fall planting back half pole beans
- Row 15 Bush Beans
- Row 16 - 18 Tomatoes (Beefsteak, Roma & Cherry)
- Row 19 Peppers



Fall planting will begin around July 14th. Fall plantings can include broccoli, spinach, collards, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, rutabaga and most other root crops. Bring your seeds to church before the 14th for planting!

The key to this garden is constant mulching with straw. The weeds are prolific and mulching helps to keep weeds under control, roots warm and retain moisture.

Everyone is invited to stay after church for 30 minutes to help work in the garden or stop by during the week to help maintain it. Gardening is a great family activity so bring the kids big or small.

After we harvest the vegetables Cindy Stoops has agreed to hold canning classes. This is a good time to learn an old craft and self sufficiency.

“Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:5 NIV

jbaY

jbaY is a way for people to connect with faith-based community members feature items that church members have for sale, are looking to buy or services offered. It shares business or personal needs and resources with the community.

Categories will include Community, Services, Jobs & Employment, Items for Sale, Pets, Real Estate & For Rent.

Please submit your classified add requests to:
westlanenewsletter@gmail.com

Community



Volunteers needed for Faith Promise Weekend September 10 – 11, 2011
See Felicia for details

Services



The Creative Music Studio is currently registering students (children and adults) for piano and voice lessons. If you need more information about the music studio, go to rbwmusic.com or call Ruth Williams @253-2972

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Are you free on Sundays at 10am?

*Come Join Us! We're at the corner of
Westlane and Grandview, just east of
Michigan Road.*

Come just as you are!



Weekly Schedule

Sundays

10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship

7:00 P.M.
Home Bible Study every other Sunday– call church for details

Wednesdays

“The Great Bible Tour” Bible Study will resume after summer hiatus

Prison Ministry @ Pendleton every Saturday, 7:30-9:00 AM (see Felecia)