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committed  
to  
the  
following  
purposes  
for our  
existence:

*Worship,  
Fellowship,  
Discipleship,  
Ministry  
and  
Mission*

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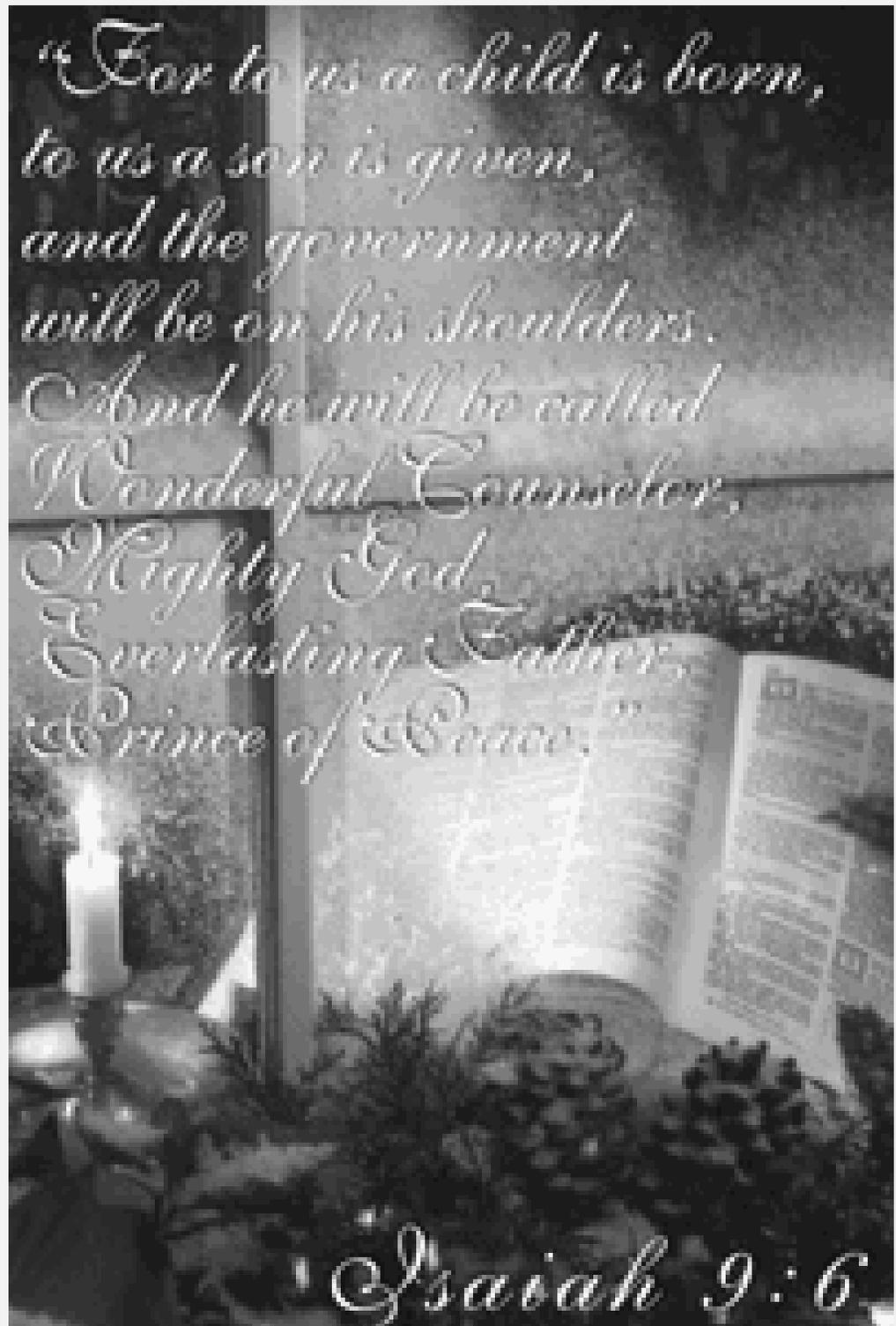
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Lou Stoops, Pastor

*“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*



## A note from the Pastor

Change is a word used quite frequently today to describe the hope people have that the mess in their lives and in the direction of our nation can be fixed. The problem is twofold: in the definition of what needs to be fixed and in the source that can make the fix. The real mess in our lives and in the nation is spiritual in nature. Only a relationship with God through Christ can fix the mess and change that matters must come with faith in Him.

The person that has a relationship with Christ can rely upon Him in times others are looking for change from an earthly cavalry that's not coming. Jesus speaks to His and says, "Therefore do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear" (Mt. 6:25). He goes on to assure those that have faith in Him will have their needs met. He will provide and protect and the mess we find ourselves in will work out.

Change is coming. Hope in Him and let the not your heart be troubled. Take comfort in knowing that He is able to fix every mess, personal and national. We must put Him first (Mt.6:33) and watch the change occur.

Lou Stoops, Pastor  
Westlane Christian Church



### Wednesday Night Bible Study Hits Home

*“...teach me your ways so that I may know you.” Exodus 33:13 NIV*

Every Wednesday evening at precisely 7:00 pm, the lights go up and seats are taken in the Westlane sanctuary. For the next hour, Pastor Lou teaches from the book at hand. One component of Bible Study that stands out is the involvement of attendees and the questions and answers. Another critical element is the in-depth study that reveals the prophetic nature of God's word. How amazing it is to learn how to read and study God's word! *The Great Bible Tour* is Wednesday evenings, 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Our current study is of the book of John. All are welcome. *See you there!*

*“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth”*

*II Timothy 2:15 NIV*

WCC Online —visit [Westlane.org](http://Westlane.org) for:

Sermon and Bible Study recordings | The Grandview'hewsletter |  
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](http://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...

Please mark your calendar for the following events:



**Sunday, November 6th - COOKIE EXCHANGE -** at the church. Kelly Anderson will be coordinating this event.

For all ladies after morning worship service



**Sunday, November 27th - DEADLINE** to turn in donations of hats, gloves, scarves, for **Homeless Outreach**. A container will be set up in the hallway of the church to accept donations. Essie Tolbert will be leading this outreach. She will give more information soon about donations, and when the donations will be delivered and to whom.



**Saturday, December 3rd – CHRISTMAS Garage SALE!! @ WCC.** Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Donations of unused or gently used, Christmas decorations, toys, white elephant items, jewelry, furniture, etc. will be accepted. These items will be sold. Proceeds will benefit WCC\*. Mrs. Ruth Williams is coordinating this event, and will let us know the deadline for accepting donations.

**Sunday, December 4th - DEADLINE to DONATE GIFTS FOR ANGEL TREE\*\*** (more about this later in this announcement sheet).



**Friday, December 16th - WCC PARENTS NIGHT OUT!**  
Time: 6:00PM-9:00PM

WCC will provide babysitting for parents in the church and in the community for a suggested donation of \$10.00 per child. Proceeds to benefit WCC\*. Elizabeth Nelson, Javon Love and Sharon Nelson will be working together on the project.



**Saturday, December 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 6:30 PM**  
**Sunday, December 25th – CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE 10:00-11:30 AM**

WOO! Looks like we have a lot of opportunities to fellowship and minister to one another and the community! You are invited to participate in each activity. Watch for more info to follow on Sunday mornings or contact the folks that are coordinating each activity.

\* It has been suggested that money made from the Christmas Sale and Parent's Night Out be donated to the WCC Beautification Fund and/or the Christmas Angel Tree Outreach.

*"Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives." Titus 3:14 NIV*



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



**\*\* ANGEL TREE:** This year WCC will minister to a family or families in the WCC congregation and/or in the Community who have children that are in need. We will have a Christmas Tree in the building that will have on it a piece of paper in the shape of an Angel. On the angel will be information that will include gender, sizes (shirt, socks, pants, etc) of one member of a family that is in need. WCC folks will have an opportunity to "adopt" one of the "angels". If you adopt an "angel" you will purchase what is requested on the angel, wrap it, and have it to the church by Sunday, December 4th. All families in this outreach will remain anonymous. We will also try to provide a Christmas meal for each of the Angel Tree families (this may be donations of food or a gift card to a grocery store). WCC families or individuals may choose to team up to provide the items on an "Angel". Cindy Stoops will be heading up this project.



Other suggestions for ministry/fellowship opportunities for 2012:

- COAT DRIVE
- FILL A BACK PACK
- MOVIE NIGHT
- PRAYER TREE
- HOAGIE SALE

It was also mentioned that it would be good to have volunteers to shovel and salt sidewalk of the church and also some of our shut-ins. And, volunteers to take Communion to our shut-ins on Sunday afternoons. *(Men are invited to help here!)*

*"Whatsoever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord..." Colossians 3:23 NIV*



**Forming soon!!!---**

An instrumental group. So if you play an instrument or if you know someone who plays an instrument, call Ruth Williams. Sounds like fun.



jbaY

jbaY is a way for people to connect with faith-based community member 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: [newsletter@westlane.org](mailto:newsletter@westlane.org)

# A Gift From The Heart



*The Miracle of Christmas*

**The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.**

**John 1:14**

*Submitted by Elizabeth Nelson*

December is the busiest time of the year. Everyone's busy preparing for the holidays and continuing family traditions.

Has it ever crossed your mind, as to how many really stop and think what Christmas is all about? Are we teaching our children the true meaning of Christmas or how many gifts need to be bought? If we have taught our children the true meaning of Christmas, what we've instilled in them will be carried into generations to come.

Every family has its traditions, especially during this special time of year. These traditions strengthen and unify our families, bring rich meaning to a season defined by the birth of our Savior, and help all of us prepare our hearts for Christ. A few of our friends shared their family traditions:

*Attend church on Christmas Eve as a family.*

*Reading Luke 2 together before opening gifts.*

*Set aside some funds for charitable contributions, let the children decide on the charity to receive the family gift.*

*Bundle the family up and Christmas carol a senior center or the neighbors.*

*Turn off all electronics except*

*a CD with Christmas music and decorate the tree together.*

*Attend a tree lighting ceremony.*

*Get everyone dressed in their pajamas, pile in the car and go look at Christmas light displays*

*Bake some cookies for an elderly shut in from your church and have your family deliver them.*

*Take a walk together in the snow before going to bed.*

*Go to a tree farm and let the kids pick out the Christmas tree.*

*Volunteer at a homeless shelter as a family to serve the Christmas meal.*

*Make a memory book filled out about your life for your children which includes your past, present, and what you hoped for in the future.*

*Decorate the house and tree with Baby Jesus decorations.*

*Sing Away in The Manger to you children as you tuck them in to bed.*

I like to see families create traditions all year long. After all, the original gift to all of us here on earth, was given from His heart. For through our hearts, one single gift of kindness can touch an endless amount of hearts forever.



**C**hildren love to play, laugh and sing.

**H**ave lots of questions about everything!

**L**earn so much from them each day.

**L**isten to their sweet voices as they pray.

**D**o your best to show them you care.

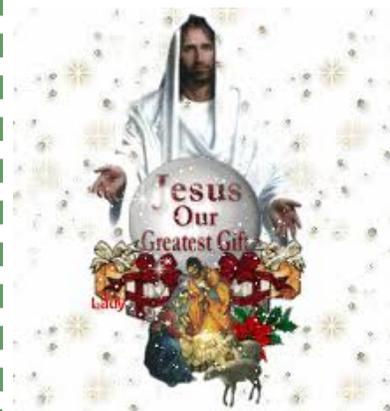
**R**aise them with love, patience and prayer.

**E**very child is a joy and delight.

**N**ever let children out of your sight.

*Psalm 132:12*

*If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<td></td> <td>1</td> <td>Bible Study 2 @ 7 pm</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td>		1	Bible Study 2 @ 7 pm	3	4	5
6 HBS @ 6 pm Cookie Exchange	7	8	Bible Study 9 @ 7 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	Bible Study 16 @ 7 pm	17	18	19
20 HBS @ 6 pm	21	22	Bible Study 23 @ 7 pm	24 	25	26
27 Hat, Glove and Scarf Donation Deadline	28	29	Bible Study 30 @ 7 pm	<h1>November</h1>		

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4 HBS @ 6 pm Angel Tree Donation Deadline 	5	6	Bible Study 7 @ 7 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	Bible Study 14 @ 7 pm	15	16 Parents Night Out 6-9 pm	17
18 HBS @ 6 pm	19	20	Bible Study 21 @ 7 pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm
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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

**6:00 P.M.**  
Home Bible Study (HBS) every other Sunday– call church for details

#### **Wednesdays**

**6:00 P.M.**  
“The Great Bible Tour” Bible Study

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