



**WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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## **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

### *From the Pastor*

*Dear Church Family,*

I want to keep you informed about all the progress that's been made on renovations this year.

- 1.) New shingles on the Sanctuary roof
- 2.) New windows and new heating/air conditioning in part of our older section of our building
- 3.) Renovated a good portion of upstairs for the Christian Academy by putting up drywall, new flooring, and security cameras. If you haven't taken a tour of the Junior High/High School Academy, you need to do so.
- 4.) Sealed and striped some of our parking lots.

We plan to put new flooring in the atrium. Also, we need to finish remodeling the rest of the upstairs. We need to do some major repairs to some of our parking lots, by having new pavement put down. There are several other projects that still need to be done. All these things take money to complete. Please help us to keep our facilities looking nice for the Lord. We would encourage you, after your tithe, to please give an offering to the renovation fund. Just mark your gift as "renovations". Thank you very much for helping us maintain God's building and grounds.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Shaw.*

# Westside Student Ministries

**Season's greetings to my Westside Fam!  
I pray that you all had a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!**

**SERVE WKND (mission trip) 2024** - We are going back to Poplar Bluff, MO. this MLK weekend to serve and bless our neighbors in SE Missouri. We'll leave around 6pm on Friday, January 12th, and we'll return around 1pm on Monday, January 15th. The cost is \$80 and that includes everything except for lunch and dinner on the 13 & 14th (breakfast is covered each day). You can sign-up for this event online anytime between now and Dec. 31st. Please don't miss it! Space is limited for this trip as well so don't delay!

**FUNDRAISER EVENTS** - Please mark your calendars for Sunday, February 18th, as that will be the date of our 3rd annual youth variety show and crock-pot cook off! This night is always filled with great food, fellowship, and lots of laughter! I hope you'll make plans to join us as we seek to help raise money for students to go to CAMP. We also have a dodgeball tournament fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd. This will be a great community event for kids, teens, and family members to come out and have some fun playing dodgeball! All proceeds from this event will also go to help fund our youth CAMP this summer.

**WINTER JAM 2024** - Sunday, December 31st is the LAST DAY you can sign-up for SERVE WKND 2024 – AND – Winter Jam 2024! Winter Jam isn't until March, but the tickets have to be purchased ahead of time or they might sell out. We're buying the Jam Nation passes (there are 2 options you can choose from) and those are limited to a first come first serve basis. If your student wants to go on this trip, but you need more time to get the money, then please see Pastor Drew. We can happily make exceptions, but we have to know or else we cannot help secure their spot.

**CAMP 2024** - You can sign-up and make your \$50 deposit for CAMP anytime on our church website. All it takes is \$50 to guarantee your student a spot on the BIGGEST and GREATEST event we do each year...CAMP!!! The dates for CAMP 2024 are going to be July 22nd -26th. We're going to the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. The full cost is \$450, and that includes everything your student will need. You can make payments online anytime so you don't have to pay it all upfront. If you know you'll need financial assistance for CAMP, then please make sure your student (or students) help us out with our fundraisers coming up in February, March, and April. This will help to greatly offset the out-of-pocket cost for CAMP. For questions or further info, please see Pastor Drew.

**- Pastor Drew**



Happy New Year from Westside4kids! What a year 2023 was! We have had such a fun time with the kids this past year. From zoo trips to splash pads, scavenger hunts to Christmas caroling, and Sunday school to Disciple Knights, there is never a dull moment. But in these precious moments spent with your children, the greatest moment is when we as leaders can join parents in teaching children about the love and grace Jesus has for them and how we can be disciples of Him in our community. Our hope is that 2024 brings you and your family joy and happiness, but also many more teachable moments to love others like Jesus.

**Lots of Love,**

**Audra**

## **Upcoming Events:**

January 6th- UPWARD Season begins and continues through March 9th Practices throughout the week, with games on Friday night & Saturday mornings

March 10th- Upward Celebration/Family Night Epic Ministries presents "The Epic Show" featuring Kazoo

# WESTSIDE WEE ONES

## Happy New Year!

**I am so excited to see what growth 2024 brings for our Wee Ones!!** It's such a sweet blessing serving our young families and watching their children grow! It's even sweeter to watch them grow in their Spiritual foundation! What a joy to hear them praise our Lord with songs and motions, to observe them linger on every Word of their Bible lesson and to hear them recite Scripture from heart! I would covet your prayers for me this new year as I strive to be more relational, more intentional and have more of a Spiritual impact with the families I am in contact with.

Here are some things to be looking forward to as we move into the New Year:

**We will return with Disciple Knights on January 10<sup>th</sup>!**

**Mommy & Me Playdates:** Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am, Feb. 01 @ 9 am, & March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am.

**In February** we will have our annual diaper collection for MO's Biggest Baby Shower. I will have a Family Faith Challenge as Lent starts on February 14<sup>th</sup> (how timely is that, that on Valentine's Day we start focusing on the love of our Heavenly Father sending His one and only Son on our behalf!)

**Superbowl Sunday**—wear your favorite team attire to Sunday School!

Stay tuned for some special dates for visiting Life Care as a family to spread joy and create connections with the residents.

**Many Blessing & Much Love,  
Misti**

# Westside Christian Academy

We hope that everyone had a great Christmas and are looking forward to an exciting 2024 year. We have had a good first half of the school year and are looking to have an even better second half. Our preschool is growing, but we still have openings available. We also have openings in our elementary, middle and high school as well. Please keep us in your prayers, our WCA board is in the process of looking into offering classes all the way up to high school graduation. We want to be faithful and obedient in following the Lord's direction for our school!

**Here is what we have planned for the next 3 months.**

**Jan. 4** – School starts back up

**Jan. 15** – NO SCHOOL – MLK Day

**Feb. 08-11** - Papa John's Super Bowls pizza specials

**Feb. 19** – NO SCHOOL – President's Day

**Mar. 7** – Family Night Out at Wendy's (tentative date and must show flier)

**Mar. 18-22** – NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

**Mar. 26** – Easter Program 6:00 pm

**Mar. 29** – NO SCHOOL – Good Friday

Continue to keep WCA in your prayers as we are trying to be a light in an ever-darkening world. It is truly a privilege to be able to teach God's word to our kids every day of the week.

# B.A.S.I.C'S (Brother And Sister's In Christ)

As we turn the calendar to a new year, there can be a sense of joy, along with a sense of dread. We can have joy that we've made it to a new milestone, a new year that God has blessed us with. There can, however, be a sense that dread for what we might experience. Events, or new seasons of our life, that we would rather not go through.

We as God's children can have an assurance that whatever we face, God will be right with us. In the Bible we read: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.* Lamentations 3:22-24.

## Upcoming Events:

**January 1st** – No Prayer and Share this month. Enjoy the holiday.

**January 13th** -- Monthly BASICS Dinner at **5pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a side dish. We'll have Heather Frabel as our guest speaker from Waynesville's Food Pantry.

**February 5th** Prayer and Share **5pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. We will eat and have fellowship, then start our Bible Study at about 5:45.

**February 17<sup>th</sup>** -- Monthly BASICS Dinner at **5pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have Daniella Breedlove as our guest speaker from the Waynesville/ St. Robert Animal Shelter.

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** -- Prayer and Share **5pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. We will eat and have fellowship, then start our Bible Study at about 5:45.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** -- Monthly BASICS Dinner at **5pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have Melissa Sharp as our guest speaker from the Pulaski County Health Department.

**\*\*\* Please remember:** if inclement weather occurs, don't come! It's better to be safe than sorry.

If there is anything we can help you with, please let me know. We are here for you!

*In His Service: Paul & Phyllis Lowe*

## OUTREACH MINISTRY

Outreach News: We give God all the Glory for all the past events in 2023 as they were mighty moves of God within our church & community; many lives were impacted & changed (hallelujah). We pray for the year ahead of us that He'll continue to use us in any ways possible to spread the Gospel with the efforts of our awesome outreach team here at Westside. Sending a special thank you to all those who partook in anything outreach related; your willingness & hard work doesn't go unnoticed. Reflecting, we are most proud & amazed on the boldness of our team members stepping out in faith & making a difference here on our streets. It is our mission to walk outside of these church walls; prepared/equipped to fully represent the one we follow-Jesus. Consider joining our Outreach team. We have a new page through Facebook where we share testimonies & keep each other excited & on fire in between events. We're not just going to these events but we're also learning & training in evangelism/street preaching to edify the community to bring Hope •Love •Freedom•Revival in Jesus name. Here's what we're looking forward to in the new year (save the dates): we are going to go out the last Saturday of every month and do street evangelism in our community.



# YOUNG ADULTS

Hello Church Family!

God is on the move in our Young Adults Ministry here at Westside. We are praising God for salvations and baptisms, as several of our young adults have heard the Holy Spirit's call on their lives. Each week, we will continue our Sunday School class at 9:45am and our YA! Mid-Week gathering on Wednesday nights in room 110/112 . YA! Mid-Week features a streaming of "The Porch - LIVE!" , a dynamic young adults ministry of Watermark Church in Dallas, TX.

Sing this with us - "Let's Get Together - YA! YA! YA!" Why? Because that's exactly what we're going to do this winter! From ringing in 2024 with our First Annual YA! New Years Eve Party, to YA-lintines Day, The Amazing Race and Secret Church. We invite everyone to follow our YA WBC Facebook page to keep up with ALL the details.

We welcome all 18 - 35 year olds to come join us. We'll save a seat for YA!

**Nathan & Amber Box | Rocco & Angela Long**

OUR STAFF HERE AT WESTSIDE WOULD LIKE  
TO WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
STAY BLESSED, FAM!



# JANUARY

**3** - John Bonebrake

**4** - Eileen Walling

Bathilda Johnson

Gavin Ullrich

**6** - Layne Lercher

Ralph Merrill

Addison Smith

**7** - Chandler Hoag

**8** - Tiffany Freeman

**9** - Sara Salgado

April Coonfield

**10** - Nason Emerson

Ralena O'Bryant

**12** - Brandon Blakey

**13** - Sherry Barker

Hunter Emerson

Roderick Rodriguez

**14** - Haven Brotherton

**16** - Terry Trower

Michael Rudy

**17** - Jayden Fortner

**20** - Elaine King

Grace Morrison

**21** - Pat Hogans

Taylor Rudy

Lillianna Rudy

**22** - Taylee Neville

**23** - Shannon Becker

Martin Salgado

**24** - Kyle Huey

**25** - Samuel Rudy

Elias Castanon

**26** - Melinda Scott

**27** - Hannah Rudy

Melinda Tronstad

**28** - William Barnett

**29** - Warren Powell

Christian Enriquez

Irene Fincher

**30** - Gretchen Barnes

**31** - Shena Flick

Ethan Hoag

Margaux Austin



HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

**4** - Stephen & Kari Stolz

**15** - Marvin & Mary Lou Long

**22** - Jim & Lisa Brandt

**24** - Dale & Dawn Martell



# JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	New Year's Day 1	2	3	4	5	6
	OFFICE CLOSED					AHG Cookie Social
		WCA Board Meeting 5:30pm				Upward Practices
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Deacons 12:15pm				Mommy & Me Playdate 9-11am	STUDENT MINISTRY	SERVE WEEKEND
	Stewardship 6pm					WOMEN'S MINISTRY 10AM
	Personnel 6pm	Church Council 6pm				Upward Practices
	Upward Practices	Upward Practices	Wednesdays@WBC 5:30pm	Upward Practices		BASIC'S DINNER 5PM
14	M L King Day 15	16	17	18	19	20
STUDENT MINISTRY	SERVE WEEKEND					
	OFFICE CLOSED					
	Upward Practices	Upward Practices	Wednesdays@WBC 5:30pm	Upward Practices		Upward Games
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						Street Evangelism
	Upward Practices	Upward Practices	Wednesdays@WBC 5:30pm	Upward Practices		Upward Games
28	29	30	31			
	Upward Practices	Upward Practices	Wednesdays@WBC 5:30pm			





**1** - Pam Clark

Cedar Lohraff

Ezra Yoon

**2** - Kian Ashford

**3** - Austin Wallace

Jane Bruns

**4** - Sherry Carroll

Frankie Murrieta

**5** - Francis Becker

Tom Crow

Fred Early

Riley Grosvenor

Regan Grosvenor

**9** - Charlotte Lamonda

**10** - Emma Kate Obeng

**11** - Michael Calloway

**12** - DeWitt Swayne

**13** - Ethan Heberling

Michael Parker

Andy Horn

Anthony Harold

**14** - Camila Hall

**15** - Skylar Larsen

Angela Long

Dawson McDonald

**16** - Bennett Gray

**18** - Gabriela Hoag

**19** - Bruce Travis

**20** - Marion Travis

Bo O'Reilly

Daniel Yoon

**21** - Faith Bohrer

**22** - Calvin Graham

**23** - Jacob Johnson

**24** - Gordon Bierschenk

Curt Cox

Elizabeth Ramirez

Kristofer Hulst

**24** - Evangelina Mansour

Robin Doty

**25** - Jessica Fuller

HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

**14** - Dan & Colleen Murray

**15** - Tyler Hassell & Katherine Rutsch





# FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Mommy & Me Playdate 9-11am		
				Upward Practices	Upward Games	Upward Games
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Upward Practices	WCA Board Meeting 5:30pm				
	PRAYER & SHARE 5PM	Upward Practices	Wednesdays@WBC 5:30pm	Upward Practices	Upward Games	Upward Games
11	12	13	Valentine's Day 14	15	16	17
Deacons 12:15pm						
	Stewardship 6pm					
	Personnel 6pm	Church Council 6pm			Upward Games	Upward Games
	Upward Practices	Upward Practices	Wednesdays@WBC 5:30pm	Upward Practices		BASIC'S DINNER 5PM
18	Presidents' Day 19	20	21	22	23	24
						Street Evangelism
YOUTH FUNDRAISER DINNER	Upward Practices	Upward Practices	Wednesdays@WBC 5:30pm	Upward Practices	Upward Games	Upward Games
25	26	27	28	29		
	Upward Practices	Upward Practices	Wednesdays@WBC 5:30pm	Upward Practices	Upward Games	

# March

**2** - Trey Simpson

**3** - Marie Freeman

Jessica Ellis

Maddyson Fortner

**4** - Mark Timko

**5** - Bill Davenport

Tom Doty

**6** - Louise Garzelli

Dale Martell

Misti Noah

Audrey Austin

Isla Austin

**7** - Caleb Jones

Julie Horn

Emmett Willis

**8** - Barbara Laughlin

Brian Vernon

John Schwandt

**9** - Marty Clark

**10** - David Wallace

Alice Bischoff

**11** - Cheyanne Hoag

**12** - Memphis Quick

**13** - Ty Ramey

Tom Tinsley

Hunter Solomon

Annalise Brandt

Asa Brandt

**14** - Mark Shelden

Ronnie Dye

**15** - Steve Crabtree

Helen Swearingin

**16** - Steven Eberharter

**17** - Patrick Turner

**20** - Bill Emerson

Joyce Holloway

**21** - Savannah Gibson

Paul Lowe

Raymond Towe

**22** - Alan Clark

Peggy Grosvenor

Naomi Hand

Connor Jensen

**23** - Gideon Lamonda

**25** - Amber Ferrell

Joe O'Bryant

Tyler Hassell

**28** - Jacob Solomon

Sean Casey

Beth Shore

**29** - Mary Barnes

**31** - Cade Sheldon

## HAPPY Anniversary!

**10** - Mike & Mary Case

**11** - Roderick & April Rodriguez

**15** - John & Jenifer Washburn

**16** - Frankie & Laura Murrieta

**21** - Nick & Jennifer Weir

**23** - Steve & Tara Crabtree

**25** - Thomas & Patricia Sanford

**26** - Tom & Beth Crow



# MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						Youth Dodgeball Fundraiser FLC/YA
					Upward Games	Upward Games
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				Mommy & Me Playdate 9-11am		
	Upward Practices	WCA Board Meeting 5:30pm				
	Prayer & Share 5pm	Upward Practices	Wednesdays@WBC 5:30pm	Upward Practices	Upward Games	Upward Games
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Deacons 12:15pm					Youth Winter Jam	
Upward Celebration 5pm	Stewardship 6pm Personnel 6pm	Church Council 6pm	Wednesdays@WBC 5:30pm			BASIC's Dinner 5pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			SPRING BREAK			
24	25	26	27	28	Good Friday 29	30
			Wednesdays@WBC 5:30pm		Youth Good Friday Worship	Street Evangelism
Easter Sunday 31						