

# WESTCHURCH CHURCH of CHRIST

*Reaching Up, Reaching Out,  
Reaching In*

**July 19, 2009**

**Schedule of Assemblies:**

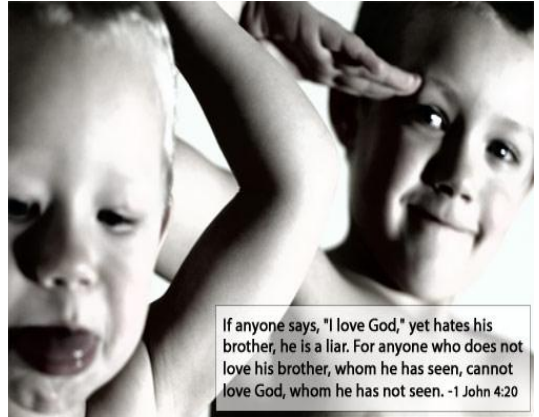
Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. – Worship

Assembly

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study

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**SUNDAY, July 19, 2009**

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***Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. – Ephesians 3:20-21***

**Please keep in your prayers:**

- **A comprehensive** prayer list is available in the foyer. Please pick one up for your daily prayer/devotion time.

**Your participation last week** -- Attendance ..... 77  
Contribution..... \$2,501  
Building Fund Balance..... \$3,610

**GEMS FROM JIM**

Summer is a strange time for churches. It is a time when every Sunday, there is probably someone away on vacation. It is also a time when there is quite possibly someone visiting. While we miss our members who are away, it is always great to meet brothers and sisters from somewhere else. Take advantage of that opportunity. Greet our visitors and welcome them. Also, if you are away, take advantage and visit with the church family in another location and encourage and take encouragement from them.

When you come back, you may very well find things looking differently. There are a lot of improvements and renovations going on. Enjoy them. Appreciate them. Tell the ones who are doing them.

Of course, the best improvement is the new people we see. Keep encouraging them and inviting others.

## **Happened...Happening...Gonna Happen...**

**Summer Fun At The Fayette's**—The teens had a great time at the Fayette's yesterday. Thanks to Chris and Cindi for hosting and preparing such great food.

**Ice Cream Social**—Get your favorite ice cream recipe (or Blue Bell variety) for an old fashioned Ice Cream Social at the Dufour's Saturday, July, 25, 6:30 p.m. There will be refreshments provided for those who cannot eat ice cream.

**A Note From The Elders**--It's Time to Renew Our Loan. Thanks to your generosity, Tom's oversight as our contractor, and Owen's careful stewardship, Westchurch has paid down our loan from \$150,000 to less than \$38,000 in five years. Our present lender, Florida Parishes' Bank, has offered a 36 month loan at 6.95% for the balance. To accept the offer, we need to have Membership Meeting of Westchurch Church of Christ, Inc., to elect board members. The Board then approves a resolution to accept the Bank's offer and selects or appoints members to sign the loan instrument. Those members selected sign as members and are not personally responsible for repayment of the loan. Please take time this afternoon to attend this 2:00 meeting to attend to this important item of Westchurch business.

**New and Improved**—Be sure to check out our new web site. We still have a lot to do, but a lot has been done. Thanks to Chris Fayette and Mike Perrin for all their work. Also, notice the renovations and improvements in the foyer. Thanks to Becky Johnson, Reba Perrin, Don Hartman, and Chris Fayette for all of their work on this.

**New E-mail Addresses**—The Mauldin's have new e-mail addresses.  
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# **WAIT MEANS WAIT**

## **--Terry Rush--**

One of the new things Jesus has plunked down on my table is to wait. I'm impulsive by my old nature and it surely wishes to penetrate my new. Confidence and wait are two twin towers in the Spirit-led life. Confidence comes from God and results come from the same.

We who are in ministry usually have a common thread; urgency. We, therefore, become hyper when an idea hits us that we "know will work". Our spirits are punctured whether one or several kill the dream. I have lived many depressing days in this desert.

But over time I've learned the value of waiting. Sometimes I have been allowed to get my way only to watch my own dream crash in flames alongside the road of kingdom pursuit. I once "had to have" a certain man added to our staff. The elders declined my passionate request twice. They yielded against their better judgment upon my third desperate plea. This employee was one of the worst experiences of my 62 years young life.

I've learned to wait. I learned to be puzzled and wait. I continue experience complexity and confusion over matters; but I know if I will wait God will keep His promise. He will show up with full explanation. So, especially to you young whipper-snappers who have great drive.....let me urge you as to how to keep that drive over the long haul. Wait. Wait on God. He will not let you have your way in some areas because He either sees a problem with it you can't envision from earth's citadel or He has the better idea coming around the bend hidden in a new member coming to your congregation in fifteen years.