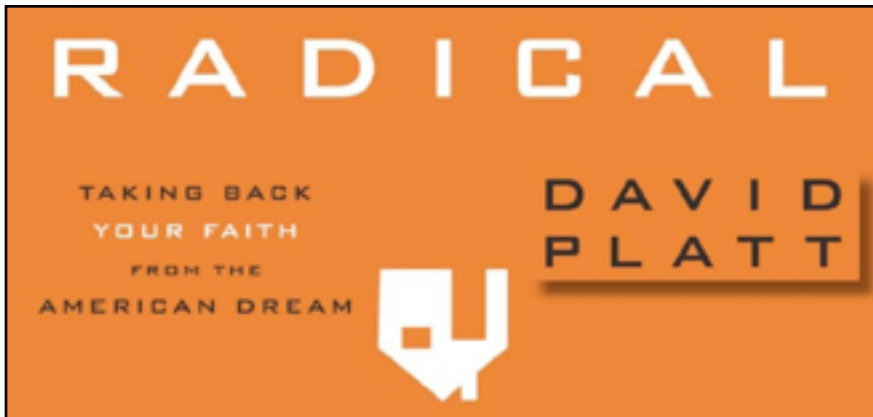


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Small Group Study Option

Begins Sunday, March 11. Sign up by February 26 to order a book.

We are going to read and discuss the New York Times bestseller *Radical* by Dr. David Platt. This book is a challenge to status-quo American Christianity. Our reading and discussion will likely unsettle us. We will be prodded to examine the Scriptures and ourselves as we take a closer look at what it really means to follow Jesus, even here in America.

“This book will challenge you. I hope it convicts you. I pray it

will change you. The church of the Lord Jesus has been seduced by a skilled seductress: the American dream. David Platt exposes this enemy of authentic Christianity and provides a way of escape through a radical faith that leads to a radical obedience. I am not the same after reading it. I trust that will also be true for you.”

—Daniel L. Akin, president,
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

February Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 - Dan Thompson
- 7 - Marshall Boughton
- 9 - Mark Gorbandt
- 11 - Amber Woolridge
- 12 - Wendy Soeder
- 13 - David Tingle
- 14 - Debbie Gorbandt
- 14 - Dorothy Sevcik
- 15 - Amy Pence
- 19 - Sharon Caswell
- 20 - Betty Rittenberry
- 21 - Raegan Franklin
- 25 - Jessica Tingle

Anniversaries

No anniversaries on file for February.

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Turn in your information to the church office. We will update our records.



Youth Guys Night , February 10

We will be hosting a youth Guys Night on February 10, 6:00 PM to midnight in the Family Life Center. Pizza, snacks, and pop will be

provided. Wear sports clothes, and be ready to play. If you have a video game system you'd like to bring, please contact Evan Tingle (939-0273).

This event is for all guys, grades 6-12. No girls allowed! Additional male chaperones would be more than welcome. See Evan for details.



Business Meeting Highlights

Brenda McKinney, Clerk

The church met in a business meeting on January 8, 2012. The following items were discussed:

The budget committee presented their recommended **budget for 2012**, and the alternative option budget was passed.

Debbie Gorbandt, minister of worship and children, reported that **Awana** attendance was up in December and that the group had decorated Christmas cookies and made cards for shut-ins in Westport.

Pastor DeWayne Sowell reviewed the year's last events and reported on **baptisms for 2011**. He announced that Sunday, March 4, would be **dedication day for the new building**. He reminded members that he and other church members will be on **mission to Honduras** in February. He announced dates of June 11-16 for **youth camp**, June 23-29 for **Kentucky Changers**, and July 8-12 for **VBS**.

Steve Kent, interim youth minister, reported on December **youth events** and announced several events coming up in January, including Oldham County Breakfast Clubs on January 12 and 26, Henry County Breakfast Club on January 23, Perfect North Tubing Trip on January 21 and skating on January 29.

Gail Sowell, chairperson of the **nominating committee**, presented a list of Positions of Service for the new year, and those on the list were approved.

Rick Lucas, chairman of the **building committee**, reported that the new building will be finished when the gym floor is complete. Our loan ceiling is tentatively set at \$230,000. A volunteer recognition is planned for the near future.

Pastor DeWayne Sowell submitted a **draft copy of a usage policy** for the new building. It was distributed to members present to read and consider in preparation for next month's business meeting.

The business meeting closed in prayer.

Financial Update and Request

Donnie Winters, Finance Committee

At the January business meeting, the church approved a budget of \$208,500 for 2012, a 3.2% increase over 2011.

Since the budget includes significant new dollars for insurance, utilities and activities due to the use of the new building, this rather modest increase is very understandable. In fact, it would have been more had we not aggressively controlled all expenditures.

The budget also includes \$1500 per month in debt servicing which will pay off the loan on the new building in a little over 15 years.

The budget amounts to \$17,375 per month. In 2011, our giving exceeded that number for the year.

But when we look more closely at our giving we see that it fell off the second half of the year, and we averaged only \$16,000 per month the last six months. This is cause for concern as continued giving at this level will limit our ministry efforts as well as our support for missions.

This leads to two requests. The first is that we all would tithe faithfully. If we do that, we will have a strong base of support for all programs and ministry needs.

The second is to consider doing something "More for Christ" which is the current Southern Baptist challenge and relates to all areas of

Treasurer's Report

Rhonda Sewell, Treasurer

January Offering Receipts:

January 1	\$6,473.61
January 8	\$1,976.10
January 15	\$3,679.30
January 22	\$2,493.84
January 29	\$4,107.17
January Total	\$18,730.02

Monthly average needed to meet budget	\$17,375.00
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our Christian service. This "something more" can take a couple of forms. The first is to give a little more than a tithe to our general fund which will both support our programs and increase our giving to missions and world hunger relief.

The other is to give or continue to give to the building fund. Any giving to the building fund will go directly toward reducing our loan. Over the last few months, giving to the building fund has averaged around \$3000 per month. If we can continue at that rate, the building can be paid off in less than 5 years!

The Lord has blessed our church tremendously. Faithful stewardship of these blessings will allow us to strengthen our ministry to reach the lost of Westport and around the world.

Bible Drill

Debbie Gorbandt, Children's Minister

This spring, the children will be learning new "Sword Skills," aka Bible Drill. We will be playing games and using friendly competition to improve our knowledge of the Bible. These activities will take place and serve as childcare during the *Radical* Study. All children 5th grade and under are welcome to join us.

Community Easter Choir Begins

Debbie Gorbandt, Worship Minister

The Westport Community Easter Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, February 12, at 4:15 P.M. We will once again be sharing the Easter story in song and drama on Good Friday, April 6.

The theme for this year's concert will be "Southern Gospel Easter II" and will hopefully

include a Children's Choir, the Creative Ministry Team, soloists, and maybe a few more surprises!

We will only rehearse EIGHT times, so every rehearsal is important. I hope to see many of our WBC singers along with members of the Westport Community on the 12th!

The Annual February Family Fun Night

DeWayne Sowell, Pastor and Family Fun Night MC

Come on out on Saturday, February 25, 5:30 PM, for February Family Fun Night. We will share a casual meal together, and then the fun begins.

There will be some friendly competition in a spate of party games that are sure to be different than anything you've done lately!

There will also be children's activities and the much-anticipated "Not-So-Newlywed" Game. Contestants are needed, so we're taking volunteers and nominations.

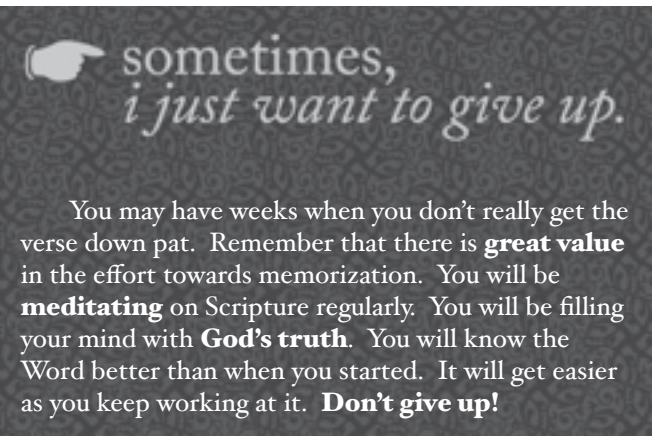
A sign-up list for the food will be coming around to the Sunday School classes very soon. Be on the look out.

Fighter Verses 2012: *a year-long quest to memorize Scripture.*

The easiest way to find time to memorize is to incorporate memorizing into your already established daily routine.

1. Use meal times as a time to memorize.
2. Memorize while exercising—e.g., while riding a stationary bike, running, walking on a treadmill, etc.
3. While washing dishes, folding clothes, dusting, snow shoveling, mowing the lawn, or performing various other household chores, you can be memorizing.
4. Memorize while walking the dog.
5. How about memorizing while showering? Write the verses on a piece of plastic (an old tablecloth, or clear plastic from the hardware store) using a permanent marker. If people can sing in the shower, why not say verses aloud in the shower?

Each month, we'll include new tips for memorizing Scripture. If you have an idea, please send it in. What works for you may work for someone else, too!



For more information about Fighter Verses, including apps for your smart phone, please visit www.fighterverses.com. We are using set 1, currently on weeks 6-9.

Fighter Verses for FEBRUARY

- Week 6, February 5: Psalm 56:3-4
- Week 7, February 12: Psalm 62:5-7
- Week 8, February 19: Romans 8:1
- Week 9, February 26: 1 John 2:15-17

February 2012

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*Family Life Center
Dedication Celebration*

Sunday, March 4, 2012

Regular AM Worship Schedule

Noon Potluck Fellowship Meal

1:30 PM.....Dedication Service

2:00 - 4:00 PMOpen House

4:00 - 6:30 PMOpen Gym (Volleyball and Basketball)

Please join us as we dedicate this building to God's service in our community.