

# Sunday, December 16, 2012

*Today* at W.L.A.

**9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service(s)**

This is the first of two "Christmas Sundays" at West London as we make our way through December to Christmas Day.

**SERMON:** [Mike Wilkins]

**"CHRISTMAS FAITH"**

Matthew 1:1-25

**9:15 a.m.** JK-Grade 5

**Growzone 1**

**9:15 a.m.** Grades 6- 8

**SHIFT**

**9:15 a.m.**

**Prayer Ministry**

Join us in the Library to pray for the people in our lives, our church, our city, and the world. All are invited and welcome. Contact Nigel Garnaitis if you have any questions ([nigel.garnaitis@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.garnaitis@gmail.com)).

**10:30 a.m.** Coffee and tea and time to talk. In the Gym. **Intermission**

**11:00 a.m.** Grades 3 – 6

**Junior Bible Quizzing**

**11:00 a.m.** Grades 7 – 12

**Senior Bible Quizzing**

**11:00 a.m.** JK-Grade 3

**Growzone 2**

*This Week* at W.L.A.

**Tuesday, 6:15 – 7:30 a.m.**

**Women's Prayer**

For women of all ages [18+.] Don't have much free time during the day or evenings? How about an early morning group (with optional breakfast to 8:00am)? An excellent way to grow deeper in your walk with God and to meet some new friends. For more details contact Deb Wilkins at [dwilkins@compassion.ca](mailto:dwilkins@compassion.ca).

**Tuesday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Seniors' Community Drop-In**

Seniors and their friends are invited to join us for coffee, snacks, special features, games and much more. This week is our Christmas Party!!!

**Tuesday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Playgroup**

The Nursery is open every Tuesday for parents with young children to spend time together in a fun space...enjoying the company of other kids and parents. Snack will be provided...bring your own drinks/coffee.

**Thursday, 6:00 – 7:30 a.m.**

**Men's Prayer & Accountability**

We meet together every Thursday, early, to "spur one another on" to godliness, and to pray for the work of God in London and around the world --- and for one another. All men are welcome. Contact Mike or Nate for more information. [mike@wlachurch.org](mailto:mike@wlachurch.org); [nate@wlachurch.org](mailto:nate@wlachurch.org)

*On Beyond* THIS WEEK

**Sunday, December 23, 6:45 p.m.**

**Christmas Caroling**

In the neighborhoods around the church building. Let's go wish our neighbors a Merry Christmas! *Questions?* Ask Chad!

**Monday, December 24, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve Services**

The 4:30 Service is especially for families with young children. The 6:30 service will be a celebration for adults. There will be no Nursery at either service.

**Tuesday, December 25**

**WLA Christmas Dinner**

If you are interested in enjoying a shared meal at the church on Christmas Day, please contact Julia or Stephen Argall, at (519) 473-4461 or [julia@argall.ca](mailto:julia@argall.ca).

**Sunday, December 30, 10:00 a.m.**

**One Sunday Service**

**Wednesday, January 9, 9:15 – 11:30 a.m.**

**TLC**

**The Ladies Connection...**is a morning out for women of all ages to deepen their connection with the Lord and each other through prayer and study. Resumes again each Wednesday after the Christmas Break.

**Thursday, January 10, 12:00 Noon**

**Forevergreen Luncheon**

We will start the year off with a nice hot lunch (\$5/person). Special guests: Matt & Connie Russell, newly appointed International Workers with the Alliance Church.

**Friday, January 11, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**ESL**

Weekly reading and discussion groups for women looking to practice English. Resumes again each Friday following the Christmas Break.

## *Other Important* NOTES

**Our condolences...**to Brad & Susan Lister and their family, on the death of Brad's father on Saturday, December 1.

**Special thanks...**to our many volunteers who helped make yesterday's Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree event a great success!

**Financial Summary...**as of December 9

Budgeted to date \$693,396

Received to date \$666,926

Shortfall to date \$26,470 (96.2% of budget)

**Last Sunday,** we received an offering of \$1,591.86 to be used to provide Christmas Baskets for distribution through the Northwest Resource Centre. We are continuing to collect contributions this month.

**Numbered Offering Envelopes...** are now available in the South foyer. If you are not already using them but would like to request a set for 2013, please use a "Let Us Know You're Here" card to say so. And if you would like to participate in our automatic withdrawal "Pre-Approved Donation Plan", you will find Enrolment Forms in the chair pockets.

**Every year at Christmas...**we present our pastoral and office staff with a cash Christmas gift. To contribute, please use an envelope marked "Staff Gift".

**Congratulations to...** Nate Booy, Caleb Gaunt and Noah Banman, who placed first, Zach Wilson, Katherine Wright and Matt Booy who placed second, and Timothy Blackwell who placed third, within West London Junior Quizzers at our recent tournament.

## *Growzone* NOTES

**Our thanks in advance to next Sunday's Nursery workers...**

**9:15 a.m.** Trish MacLeod, Marcia Gardiner, Julia Argall, Grace Bell, Lynda Ryall-Henke, Rick Curley, Christine Parfitt, Val Tremain, Kim Banman

**11:00 a.m.** Greg & Lori Elder, Haley Thompson

*Youth* STUFF

**CORE**  
STUDENT MINISTRIES

Check out our website for the latest events, pictures, leader bios, prayer requests and more!  
[www.wlayouth.org](http://www.wlayouth.org)

**CLUB CORE** (Grades 6-8)

**Sundays, 9:15 a.m. SHIFT** in the **CORE**.

**Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Join us at Fleetway for some Christmas Bowling! Cost: \$13. Prizes for best score and best (ugliest!) Christmas sweater! Pick-up and drop-off at Fleetway, 720 Proudfoot Lane.

**SENIOR CORE** (Grades 9-12)

**Wednesday, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Join us for our annual Christmas Semi-Formal! Come for good food, good times, and good cheer!! Make sure to invite your friends. Cost is only \$5!

**OASIS** (18-24ish)

**Sunday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Enjoy your exams, followed by holidays! Look for details about when we will be reconvening in January.

For more information, contact Dave DeSmit at [dave@wlachurch.org](mailto:dave@wlachurch.org)

## *A NOTE* to Our Guests:

**Welcome! And thanks for being with us!**

We're happy you are here today and hope that being with us will be a help to you in learning to know and love our great God. Please take a moment to fill out a "**Let Us Know You Are Here**" card and bring it to the **Welcome Kiosk** in the South Foyer. **We have answers to your questions, a packet of WLA information and a gift for you!**

You can use the card to provide us with any information you think will help us serve you. You can email us at [info@wlachurch.org](mailto:info@wlachurch.org) or check out our website at [www.wlachurch.org](http://www.wlachurch.org) or phone us at (519) 471-8716.

**Mike Wilkins**, Pastor

**Lyall Mix**, Associate Pastor

**Graham Buchanan**, Director of Community Connections

**Chad Louwerse**, Director of Worship Arts Ministries

**Dave De Smit**, Director of Student Ministries

**Kim Seabrook**, Office Manager

**Angela McCallum**, Administrative Assistant

**Judith Gaunt**, Director of Sunday Morning Children's Ministries

**Nate Wright**, Apprentice Pastor