



Pastor Carl and
Linda Bishop

Welcome!

We would like to invite you to join us in worship here at Words of Life. It is our desire to minister to the vast needs of families in today's fast paced world. We believe the success of the church depends on the success of the family. We have a dedicated team to minister to the needs of adults and children, as well as teens. Bring your family and join us as we experience Jesus Christ in an exciting atmosphere of worship and praise.

C12 Group

1st Thursday each month starting

March 1st – 6:15 - 9:30 pm

Words of Life Tabernacle will be offering a monthly mentor's meeting for those interested in learning more about, "Business as a Ministry." [Full or part-time business owners, managers, or anyone desiring to learn more about business.] The group will be limited to 12 to 15 men/women **committed** to attend 6:15 pm to 9:30 pm, Thursdays - March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 9, September 6, October 4, November 1, & December 6.

Agenda: Fellowship [6:15 - 6:30] Devotion [6:30 - 7:00] Prayer [7:00 - 7:15] Working on my Business [7:15 - 8:00] Break [8:00 - 8:10] Working on my Ministry in Business [8:10 - 9:00] Accountability, To Do Lists and Open Forum [9:00 - 9:30]. To learn more about C12, visit www.C12Group.org. To sign-up for this program or ask any questions, see Joe Adams in church as soon as possible.

Ministry

Opportunities

Get involved – be a part of God's Plan. Below are some opportunities to be blessed. If you are interested – please see the designated person for further details.

- Drug Rehab Ministry** – Greg Pippin
- Street Ministry** – Gail Shelton
- Bus Ministry** – Matt Gibson
- Greeting Ministry** – Wilson Bishop
- Children's Ministry** – Linda Bishop
- Nursery Ministry** – Niki Bishop

Fellowship Building

For information regarding reserving the fellowship building
Contact Shawnee Davis
777-4738

Services

Sunday

- Sunday School 9:45 am
(Classes for all ages)
- Preaching 11:00 am
- Children's Church 11:00 am
- Preaching 6:00 pm

Wednesday

- Preaching 7:00 pm
- Youth
(7th grade & up) 7:00 pm
- Children's Church 7:00 pm
(Pre-k to 6th grade)

Nursery is available for ages 2 and under

March Events

C12 Group

Thursday, March 1st - 6:15-9:30 pm

For more information please see article on this page or contact Joe Adams

Ladies Meeting

Tuesday, March 6th – 7:00 pm

All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend! Come get to know, learn with and grow with your sisters in Christ. Meeting is held in Fellowship Building.

Parent's Night Out

Saturday, March 10th

6:00 pm - 10:00pm

The WOLT Youth would like to invite you to have a Parent's Night Out! Bring your children ages 2-12 to WOLT Saturday March 10th from 6-8 pm and the Youth (with Youth Leaders) will play with and entertain them while you enjoy an evening off. The cost is only \$10 per child and proceeds will go towards Youth Camp. See Serena Graham, Katrina Graham or wolt.org for details.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Kickoff Meeting

Monday, March 12th – 7:00 pm

Join us as we begin to prepare for the greatest PRAISE event of the year – come be part of a life changing event!

Teen Bake Sale

Sunday, March 25

Immediately following morning service
Funds raised go towards camp for the teens this summer!

March's Special Project - Flooring

We will continue with last month's special project of replacing the flooring with carpet and linoleum in the Children's Church Building. If you would like to donate or pledge to this project, please place offering in envelope and mark it "Carpet Ministry". Flooring will be installed this month.

Come Visit Our Library!

The library is located in the Children's Building.
Hours: Sundays from 5:00 - 5:45 and 20 minutes after each service.
Copies of services available on CD \$3 or DVD \$5
Lamination is available free.
For more information, contact Rick or Darlene Robinson.

Testimony

Looking back at my short time here, already I have experienced things that most people will not in their whole lifetime. But through the heartache and pain I have to consider myself blessed, because I have also been able to see the Lord's hand work in every situation when I didn't even know it was Him doing the work.

I was born and raised in Asheville, NC the daughter of Tami and Jamie Fowler. From the stories I've heard, my parents didn't get along well when I was even an infant and as I grew up I could see that myself. My Grandmother became a stable in my life and as a child I spent most of my time with her - but every now and then being in my home with my Mother and sometimes Father. I can't remember what age my Mom and Dad's drug and alcohol addictions became really bad, however, I was with my Grandmother and Granddad from a young age of my childhood. I can't remember my Mother or Father very much in my child hood. They were mostly just being faces that came in and out. Here today gone tomorrow. I remember being a young girl and my Grandmother taking me to rehabs and seeing my Mom on Sundays because that was family visiting day. I was blessed to have the childhood I had and I know that was from the most part thanks to my Grandparents. I had opportunity at my doorstep to travel, I never wanted for anything and I never took that for granted. They became my parents and I felt safe and loved. But there was always a void missing there. I wanted to be like my friends and have a home with my Mom and Dad. A day that really stands out in my mind, is when I was in the 5th grade. My Grandmother had told me my Mom had court, but that she would be picking me up in the car rider line from Mills River School. I looked forward to that all day and the sadness that crushed my heart when my Grandmother pulled up in her green jeep Cherokee was overwhelming, only to tell me my Mom had gone to prison that day. From a young age I cheered competitively and I started to make up stories to my friends and their parents about where my "real" Mom and Dad were. I would tell everyone that my Mom was in college and I didn't know my Dad. Being older now, I bet they really believed that.... My Mom was in jail and prison for maybe a year. I felt safe while she was there because I knew she was safe and I wouldn't have to feel the pain of her coming and going. I went on with my life and had many friends. I got along with everyone, but I have only one best friend "Ashley". I think I envied Ashley because through my eyes her family seemed "Perfect". My family never went to church on any regular schedule, mostly just for Christmas and Easter because I had a new dress. My sister Tessa was born in 1998 and I felt a special bond with her the first time I saw her, I loved her more than anything. I gave my heart to Jesus at a vacation bible school at a local Baptist church where Ashley and her family went. Not sure I did it because I felt like I needed to or because Ashley went up. But I am convinced that God had his hand on my life from the time I was born. I grew up, went on to Rugby Middle School, still living with my grandparents. I played golf all 3 years at Rugby and I loved it. I was a very pretty little 14 year old who looked like I was 17 and boy crazy. I did a lot of stupid things and lost a lot of friends because of it, including Ashley. I quit school the end of my 9th grade year because of to many absents. My mother's life was also turning in and out of drugs and bad relationships. So I think I stayed home some days just to see if she was o.k. I somehow took on this role of feeling protective of my Mom. We moved a lot. I have lived in 5 different homes. Time went on and I can remember a lot of Happy times and even more bad times. When I was 15 we had just moved again to a new home in Arden, and our neighbors invited us to a 4th of July cookout. This is where Will came into the picture. Now I told you before, I was a pretty size 0, little lady and he followed me all over that picnic. Shortly after that we started dating and I loved him and his family. I began going to church with him and his family, his Father was the music leader of their church. Six months later he told me they were moving to Maiden, NC where his Dad had taken a new music leader position at a church there. We decided we wanted to try to stay together even if it was long distance. I went to AB-Tech and completed my GED and decided to go to Blue Ridge for Cosmetology. My Mom in this time had gotten in an awful relationship and we had moved again to a home in Fairview. I couldn't stand this guy because of who my Mom became when she was with him. It was a drug infused abusive relationship and I decided that when I was done with school I was moving to Maiden. So I turned 19, had a 2 year degree and moved away from home for 2 reasons. 1) because of Will and 2) to get away from my Mom and that guy. I worked at a Salon and then began teaching preschool at Will's family's church. I loved teaching so much that I gave up on my stylist career and put my whole heart into teaching. My Mom's situation only worsened after I moved. I would rescue my sister from time to time and she would spend weeks with me on end in the summer time. Will and I got engaged to be married and had to change our date several times mostly because of me in hopes to give my Mom time to get her act together. I wanted the feeling of planning my wedding with my Mom for her to watch me try on my dress and cry, I wanted the story book feeling of wedding planning but I didn't get that. September 30th finally came and time was up. My Mom had no more time and she was not in any shape to be Mother of the bride. She was supposed to be in Maiden on Friday for the rehearsal but never made it. I had a family friend go get Tessa and bring her to the wedding. I can still remember getting dressed all by myself and crying because I felt so alone on my own wedding day, when I should have been so happy. I remember standing at the front of the church and my maid of honor looking at me and saying, "Heidi your Mom is here". All I could say at that time was don't let Tessa leave. So I said my I do's and walked out. A few minutes later my Mom come through the receiving line and I looked at her and said, "Mom you're sick". She said she knew that and for me to take Tessa. And so I did. My Mom called every day for 2 years and I never answered her calls. I had so much hurt and anger built up in me for her at that time. I had nothing to say, but I did pray for her. Two years later the calls stopped, and for a week we heard nothing. Finally I asked my Grandmother if she had heard from her and she paused and said yes she is sitting right her beside me. And like a bomb - all the hurt, pain and anger came out. I think I actually punched a hole in my wall. I was so mad that my Grandmother had let her back in their lives, but I couldn't see the picture at the time. When I decided to speak to my Mom the only thing I could say was find a Holy Ghost church....and she did - Words of Life. A year later, after the death of my Grandmother, which is a testimony in itself - I decided I needed to come back home. With the economy going down and Will and I were expecting our son Eli. We became a part of the Words of Life Family. It's very hard to put into a small 1 page story what all God has done for me and my family in our lives - or to even set apart one important time from the other because he has done so much for me. If anything, I would say the God and Lord of my life has been a Restoration God, Healing God, Loving God, Forgiving God, an Awesome God. And I know in my life He has plans for me and my family and I can't wait to continue and do more of His work.

~Heidi Stanaland~

<p><u>Inspiration</u></p> <p>You are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created in the image of God. (Genesis 1:27) • Fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14) • Precious and honored in His sight. (Isaiah 43:4) • Redeemed and forgiven. (Ephesians 1:7) • A new creature in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17) • Holy and blameless before God. (Ephesians 1:4, 1 Corinthians 1:30) • Chosen by God. (1 Peter 2:9) • God's masterpiece. (Ephesians 2:10) • Created with purpose to do great works for God's Kingdom. (Ephesians 2:10) <p>You are God's creation – beautiful, strong and created with a unique plan and purpose. (from Proverbs 31 Ministries)</p>	<p><u>Bible Trivia</u></p> <p>What man in the bible got his hair stuck in a tree? (Answer will be in April's Newsletter)</p>		
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