

Westland's impact on our community this year has been different than most other years. On a normal year, Westland is involved with the Pregnancy Help Center, Katy Christian Ministries, Union Baptist Association, Mission Discovery as well as building a church building in Reynosa, Mexico. We still do participate in all of these mentioned areas. But this year, after Hurricane Ike came rambling through, we had numerous families with damage in our community. Many men and women helped rebuild fences, fix roofs, pull carpet or whatever else needed to be done to help others in our community.

The outreach ministries we are involved in hopefully have an eternal impact. Our outreach is designed to reach people who don't know Christ and help them see that they need Him and will in turn follow Jesus. Our children and youth have weekly times where we encourage our students to reach out to their friends and invite them to church where we have a fun time as well as presenting the gospel each week. Our adults are encouraged to reach out to their friends, family and coworkers. Each week we visit prospects in their homes to share Jesus with them and let them know about our church family.

We have the best looking youth pastor! Seriously, I don't know why we should be chosen as Church of the Year. We need to be about our business of reaching out to people in need and to also share Jesus with any who will listen. If that is happening then we will consider ourselves to be an effective church in the Kingdom of God.