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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday - Join us for morning worship at 8:30 or 11 am. We will have the children's palm processional at both services.

Sunday, April 5 - Our adult worship choir presents their Easter musical entitled "*The Risen Christ*" at 6:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

Wednesday, April 8 - We will **not** have any services tonight. We will meet tomorrow on Thursday.

Thursday, April 9 - Maundy Thursday dinner and service - Dinner begins at 6:00 pm followed by worship service at 7:00 pm. The worship service will feature special music and the Lord's Supper.

Saturday, April 11 - Easter Egg Hunt - All children through age 10 are invited to come for the Easter Egg Hunt which begins at 10:30 am.

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6:30 am. We will need our church to help provide breakfast for everyone. Richpond Baptist Church will join us for the service this year.

Morning Worship Services at 8:30 and 11 am
Sunday School at 10 am - We have a class for every age and several options for adults.

Upcoming Women's Retreat

Woodburn Baptist Church would like to invite all women 9th grade and up to a Women's Retreat at Barren River Lake **Saturday, May 16, 2009** from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. The theme of our retreat this year is "Let us walk by the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25). Please save the date! Tables will be set up in the lobby the first Sunday in April to provide additional information about the retreat and the guest speakers. Women will have an opportunity to register for the event at this time as well. Registration will be limited to the first 50 women.

Just an update on the Franklin Campus

As we move forward with our implementation of the MAP, I hope that you are getting excited as we move ahead.

The Leadership Advance training session was held at the Franklin Campus Friday, March 20 with 60 in attendance. It was great to meet and use the facility for this event.

Soul Harbor church voted unanimously to accept the proposal of the transfer of property. The closing on the transfer of property will occur on Friday, March 27. Continue to pray that all the details will get worked out. So far, things have gone smoothly.

Continue to pray for the Lord's leadership in our search for a Campus Pastor. The personnel committee is accepting resumes through April 17. If you know of someone who may want to submit a resume, they can review the job description on the church website at www.woodburnbaptist.org and submit their resume' and cover letter to the church office. The ad the church put in the Western Recorder can be viewed at www.westernrecorder.org/wr/wrsite.nsf/pages/classifieds. Much of our planning for the launch date and outreach hinges on this important decision. So let's all pray for the one who will lead this ministry in Franklin.

Pray for other leadership team positions to be filled, youth leader, outreach director, multimedia technicians and campus teller.

Woodburn Baptist Church is a family of Christians that loves and welcomes everyone, shares the gospel of Jesus Christ, and serves God through worship, teaching, and everyday acts of service.

Sisters and Brothers,

You'd think that as broad as the English language is, we'd have all the words we need. Not so. The dictionary is always expanding. Interestingly, they say that almost every outbreak of war brings a slew of new words into our usage.

Take the word *skedaddle* for example. You know what it means—to run away or flee in panic—but do you know where the word comes from? During the Civil War the word came to be used to describe an escape from the battlefield. Originally, *skedaddle* probably came from a Scottish or Northern English word that meant “to spill.” The sight of blood being spilled on the battlefield probably caused Civil War soldiers to say “skedaddle” when they made a rapid retreat from the fighting.

Soldiers in battle start using such terminology, and the words quickly slip into everyday use. In a time of stress, have you ever said you were catching a lot of “flak”? The word *flak* was first used in the 1930s to describe the bursting shells from German anti-aircraft guns. The word *undermine* started out as a military term for digging a secret passage under a building to sneak up on the enemy. Ever referred to someone as a *basket case*? Today, a basket case is simply a deeply troubled person, but during World War I it meant a living soldier who had lost all his limbs and was carried home—tragically—in a basket. Present global conflicts have already given us some new terms: *hillbilly armor* is a term for the scraps used by resourceful soldiers to make their vehicles bulletproof; *agrorrorism* refers to terrorist acts intended to disrupt a country's agriculture; *blowback* is a word now used to talk about unintended, adverse results of a political or military action.

In Jesus' day, common expectations for the Messiah were expressed with words like *king, glory, warrior, renewal* and *restoration*. Of course when Jesus the Messiah actually comes, his fulfillment of God's purposes was infinitely beyond these human expectations. In the eighth chapter of Mark, he begins to explain to his disciples what his divine destiny will entail, and in the course of Jesus' explanation, he introduces a new word into their messianic vocabulary: *suffering*. The Scripture says, “Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead” (Mark 8.31-32). These Jewish men expected the language of following the Messiah to be more triumphant; but for Jesus to talk about his life and the lives of his followers, he had to draw upon the violent language of rejection and killing. In other words, following the Messiah would lead them into a life-and-death battle marked with suffering, loneliness, and pain.

Later in the garden of Gethsemane, Judas led an armed posse to Jesus; they laid hands on him and arrested him. What did the disciples do? According to the gospel of Mark, they

skedaddled. Actually, Mark says that they “deserted him and ran away” (14.50). Same thing.

Not much is new. Many folks still think of following Jesus as a happy, Sunday-morning affair; when the battle is engaged, however, they will fall away. Jesus is clear and up front—his words are direct—and before one of us falls into formation behind Jesus, we need to listen to his language of discipleship. Even as he invites us, the words he speaks are startling, warning us of the cost of following him. There is a battle to be fought in him, make no mistake. But the words he speaks are the words of life, and only in his word will we experience final victory.

Happy Easter.

See you Sunday, Tim

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Dorothy Martin	Regis Hopkins	Bill Moore
Tressie Vice	Annie Beasley	Jerry Grimes

February - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Don Harris / Keith Norris
2nd week - Brenda Maxwell
3rd week - Diane Harris / Vi Cato
4th week - Rhodes Hester / John O'Brien

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

April 5 10:00 am - Blue Team
April 19 10:00 am - Red Team

Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 5 [PALM SUNDAY]

A.M. *The 12: Judas* (Matthew 26.47-50, 27.1-10)
P.M. Choir presents, *He Is Risen!*

Thursday, April 9 [Maundy Thursday]

Church Supper & Communion,
The Blame Game (Mark 14.32-52)

Sunday, April 12 [EASTER]

A.M. *Death Takes a Vacation* (Luke 24.36-53)
P.M. (NO P.M. SERVICES)

Sunday, April 19

A.M. *One Prayer: God Is Creative* (Jeremiah 18.1-12)
P.M. *Empty Faith* (1 Corinthians 15.1-19)

Sunday, April 26 [Series begins: *Forever Young*]

A.M. *Forever Young: The Old Man in the Clouds* (Psalm 90)
Gideon's Messenger Jack Wright
P.M. Personal Testimony by Don Harris

Sympathies and Prayers to

Tess Turner on the death of her grandfather, Doug Turner.

Louise Morse on the death of her brother, William Davidson.

Church Wide Health & Safety Fair at the Woodburn Strawberry Days

Do you have questions about your health? Have you ever wondered what your blood pressure is and what it means? Do you or your kids have safety concerns? Are you curious about health issues? Come to the **Church Wide Health and Safety Fair Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00am-12:00pm at the mobile units across the street.** Health professionals will be available to answer these questions and many more. There will be educational information, demonstrations, and free stuff!

Tables/Booths will include:

- Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Dental Health
- Sun and Skin Safety
- Nutrition Information
- American Cancer Society and American Heart Association materials
- Pregnancy Education
- Mental Health
- Kids Safety Zone

Watch the bulletin for more information!

The Worshiping Church



“Man’s chief end is to glorify God and _____.” Ok, so now that your quiz is over I will give you the answer and why I feel this is a valid quote when dealing with worship.

We must also “*delight in God.*” When we meet together on Sundays and Wednesdays our goals are worshiping God, edifying each other, and delighting in God’s mercy and love. When we pray, we should pray with humble hearts of thanksgiving. When we hear the word of God and the preaching from Pastor Tim we should let the words edify us and instruct us in our journey. And when we sing... Each week I remind my choir that we are singing not only with our voices but with our eyes and expression. What I’m meaning by this is that the joy of which we are singing should be exhibited on our faces. It’s impossible to sing of God’s mercy for us, and stand there with our hands in our pockets and our faces as long as a shoe! Granted, we all bring our burdens to worship, but we should always be willing to shed these burdens and help each other with them. As we remember to delight in God, our voices will not be able to contain our joy and thanksgiving. Nothing could be truer during the season of Easter. With everything that God has given us, let us rejoice and be glad!

*This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it;
Up from the grave he arose!
Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

Join us for our Worship Choir presentation of the Gospel on Palm Sunday night, April 5th, at 6pm! We will be worshiping through music, drama, and video, and using “The Risen Christ” musical as our platform to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Invite your friends and family to this exciting event.

Join us on Maundy Thursday night, April 9, as we remember our Christ. We will be observing the Lord’s Supper as individual families, around tables throughout the Sanctuary. We will be having many songs of worship this night that cause us to stop and remember Christ during this remembrance celebration. Come prepared for worship that night and also ready to partake in the Lord’s Supper.



Spiritual Integrity

Minister of Education
and Administration

At our recent Leadership Advance, I led a class entitled “Spiritual Integrity for Leaders.” The principles apply to all of us as disciples. Spiritual integrity is defined as being obedient to the teachings of Christ as found in the

Bible. It is not a one-time event but a process. Pastor Tim’s sermon series on “The Twelve” has taught us that discipleship is fundamentally two things: obedience and transformation. Obedience to what we know to be right as based on Scripture and being on a path of transformation by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform our lives. Two daily disciplines to help us get started down this path of obedience and transformation are daily Bible reading and prayer.

Reading our Bibles each day is essential to our growth as a Christian. Many get discouraged and just give up in their quest to read the Bible everyday. The reason is they either fall behind to some unrealistic goal of how much to read each day or they don’t understand what they are reading. Let me encourage you in both of these areas. Read the amount that is comfortable for you. I am completing reading through the Bible this month which I began 18 months ago by simply reading two chapters each day. The amount you read is not as important as your faithfulness to read each day and to allow God’s Word to change your life. We also need to have a long-term view to Bible reading. It is not a one-time through event but should be something we plan to do the rest of our lives. What you may miss this time through, you will see in a new way next time. Our goal should be to read the Bible through as many times as we can in our lifetime. If you are already reading, KEEP IT UP. If not, it’s always a great time to start.

Prayer is simply talking to God. Our discouragement in prayer comes from the frustration of repeating the same old phrases. Try using a Psalm for each day or other prayers from the Bible as a guide for your prayers. The Psalms can guide us in our thoughts and requests as we read one verse at a time and then pray what comes to mind. Try it, I think you will see what a difference it will make in your prayer life.

I am excited about what God is doing in the life of our church. Hearing daily from God through His Word and prayer are keys to a closer walk with God. *Serving Together, Warren Weeks*

Congratulations! To Stevie & Wendall Cherry on the March 10th adoption of their son Nathaniel Hunter Cherry. Nathan was born October 24, 2007, he weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. Nathan came to live with his parents Stevie & Wendall when he was two days old. Stevie and Wendall would like to thank everyone who was at the adoption ceremony and just ask for continued love and support from everyone.

Welcome New Members...

Dianne Dodson joined March 15 by baptism. Dianne lives in Woodburn.

Mark Swinney joined March 15 by letter of transfer. Mark lives in Bowling Green.

Cory Cleveland joined March 22 by baptism. Cory lives with his parents, brothers & sister in Franklin.

Hop to It! Easter Egg Hunt is a'coming!

Mark your calendars – Easter Egg Hunt is April 11th at 10:30 a.m. All children birth through 10 years old are invited to come and hunt eggs. Please invite your friends, too! We will be accepting candy donations in the bin in the vestibule. If you would like to volunteer to help, we need people to stuff eggs, folks to help with set up and clean up, and others to help with snacks. If this sounds fun, please contact Allison Mefford or Warren Weeks.

Preschool Supplies Needed

We need your help to stock up on supplies for our Preschool Sunday School and Wednesday night teachers. We are creating a central area where workers can find anything they need to enhance learning in their class. If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them off at the Preschool Welcome center. If you would like to donate money to purchase these items see Warren Weeks. If you have questions contact Kellie McDermott 270-726-1646 or Warren.

- School glue
- Markers
- Old magazines
- Masking tape
- Foil
- Popsicle sticks
- Small fabric scraps
- Band aids (latex free)
- Paper Plates(not foam)
- Construction Paper-all colors
- Lunch size paper bags
- Plastic animals
- Play food & dishes
- Baby dolls (all plastic bodies)
- Glue sticks
- Paint brushes
- Rubber bands
- Cotton balls
- Scotch tape
- Pipe Cleaners
- Washable paints
- Sponges (shapes)
- Cardboard Tubes
- Crayons
- Post-it notes
- Butcher paper
- Glitter
- Sequins
- Stapler refills
- Yarn
- Tissue paper
- Chalk
- Stickers (dots, foam)
- Magnets with sticky back
- Play people
- Play doh
- Toy cars
- Play Dr. kits



American Red Cross

Blood Drive at Rich Pond Baptist Church

If you missed the blood drive at our church in February, you can give at Rich Pond Baptist
Thursday, April 16 from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm

- Soup / sandwiches / brownies
- 2. Childcare while you donate
- 3. Drawing for a \$50 gas card
- 4. If you need an appointment call 270-842-2593

“Youth News”

In youth news, we had a wonderful D-Now weekend. I can't thank everyone enough for all they did. Without such a wonderful, giving church that cares about our youth, a weekend like this would not be possible. We had our largest attendance to date since I have been here as the youth minister with over 45 youth participating. Several youth were really challenged from the weekend to grow in their walk with the Lord, please be praying for them & the other youth as they face the pressures @ school & from their friends.

As I write this, we are making plans to attend a youth event on March 27th @ State Street Baptist Church in Bowling Green that the youth group from First Baptist Woodburn invited us to. I am really excited to be able to participate in an event with FB Woodburn.

“Kids 4 Christ News”

In K4C news, we are about to get started with the summer musical. As of right now, we will have our main performance on Sunday, July 19th, with a dress rehearsal on Saturday, July 18th. We will follow this by a trip on Sunday afternoon where we will perform for another church & spend the night. More details on the summer musical to follow shortly.

I want to thank all the workers that give of their time and energy to minister to our 1st-6th graders. Without them, K4C would not be as huge a success. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School 2009



It is hard to believe that summer is just around the corner, which means that it is once again time to start thinking about **Vacation Bible School (June 8th-12th)**. We are excited about this year's theme **“Boomerang Express”**

that will take us on a thrilling ride across the outback of Australia. If you are interested in helping out with any aspect of Vacation Bible School it is important that you attend the meeting on April 5th @ 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be going over the schedule, looking at the theme, and starting to place workers. We look forward to seeing you there!

Warren Association of Baptists - VBS Clinic
Saturday, April 18 - 9 am until noon at Eastwood Baptist



What: Celebrate Recovery Meeting
Where: Woodburn Baptist Church
When: Every Friday night
Time: Starts at 6:30 p.m.
Who: Anyone who is in need of recovery.

Franklin-Simpson High School Project Graduation

For seven years PROJECT GRADUATION has been an amazing success and experience for the Seniors of Franklin-Simpson High School. The parents of this year's graduates will continue the all-night celebration with a safe, alcohol and drug-free event that is sure to be a memorable night for our Franklin-Simpson High School Seniors.

We are asking for donations for this event. We would like to ask for any surplus items you might have – anything from pens and pencils to bath towels. Or, if you could give a gift card that our committee can use to purchase items for the students, it would be greatly appreciated. Of course, money would be welcomed also.

The following is a list of some things that were donated last year: Flash drives, pencils, pens, sticky notes, clock radios, gift cards, bath towels, desk sets, desk lamps, aspirin, hand sanitizer, calendars, folders, spiral notebooks, back packs, gloves, hats, scarves, papers clips, photo frames, dictionaries, CDs/dvds, highlighters, digital cameras, copy paper, calculators

If you have any question please contact Teresa Dyer at teresadyer@bellsouth.net, 529-9025 or Sandy Mefford at 991-3757.

Thank you in advance for your donations, Project Graduation 2009 Donations/Prizes Committee

Worship Attendance

	Sun. School	Worship	
March 1	394	8:30 - 220 11:00 - 258	Overflow - 40
March 8	370	8:30 - 226 11:00 - 234	Overflow - 35
March 15	429	8:30 - 315 11:00 - 241	Overflow - 27
March 22	395	8:30 - 252 11:00 - 251	Overflow - 48
March 29	430	8:30 - 275 11:00 - 290	Overflow-39