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News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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New Member Class

A special and short term Sunday School class has been organized for new members of all ages.

There will be three sessions, and these three Bible study sessions will help orient you to the mission, history, and ministry of Woodburn Baptist. The dates are...

February 8 - Session #1 - Tim Harris ~ Introduction, Overview of Purpose Statement, Vision and Direction of Church, Review of Church History

February 15 - Session #2 - Tim Harris ~ Worship and Teaching, Philosophy, Ordinances.
Frank Wright ~ Youth Ministry, Children and Kids for Christ
Andrew Causey ~ Music and Worship

February 22 - Session #3 - Warren Weeks ~ Sunday School, Age Group Ministries, Preschool Ministry and Places of Service

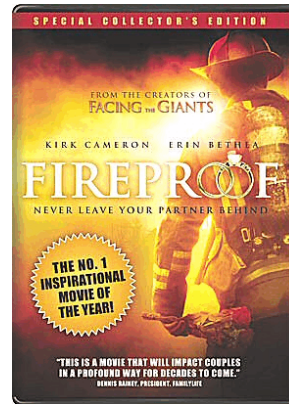
Each of the sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. and meet in the mobile unit across the street. If you have friends who are curious to learn more about WBC but are not quite ready to join, they are welcome to attend the classes as well.

Also, if you joined the church between June 2008 and now make plans to attend the luncheon on Sunday **afternoon February 22, following the 11:00 a.m. worship.**

These sessions are informal, fun, and informative.

Please RSVP with Debbie Brown, our church secretary, at debbiebrown@woodburnbaptist.org or 529-5221, and let us know whether or not you plan to attend the lunch on Sunday, February 22. We will need to know how many people to plan for the lunch.

Fire Proof



The movie Fire Proof will be shown at First Baptist Church, Franklin KY Friday, February 13 at 6:30 pm.

There will be no cost and child care is provided. First Baptist Church invites everyone to attend.

Simulcast Event: Focus on Marriage

“Seeing Your Marriage Through the Eyes of God”

Live Via Satellite Saturday, February 28

First Baptist Church, Franklin, KY

8:30 am - 3:30 pm ~ Tickets are \$40 per couple

call 270-586-3205 for ticket information.

Lunch will be provided free at First Baptist Church. No child care provided. Doors open at 7:45 am.

Scheduled to Appear:

- Beth Moore - Living Proof Ministries
- Dr. Gary Smalley - Author of The DNA of Relationships
- Dr. John Trent - Author of Breaking the Cycle of Divorce
- Gary Thomas - Author of Sacred Marriage
- Dr. Del Tackett - Focus on the Family's The Truth Project
- Jeremy Camp - Special Musical Guest

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,

While nothing we could do would ever take God by surprise, he delights in surprising us. That's why our spiritual lives depend upon our learning to embrace God's unexpected work in our lives. In his book *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*, Mark Batterson talks about the joy that comes through unexpected things—a lesson he learned while on vacation with his family in Orlando, Florida:

“One morning we were sitting at a stoplight in our rental van. The light turned green, and the car in front of us didn't go, so I decided to give them a little ‘love tap’ on the horn. But when I hit the horn, it got jammed, and I couldn't turn it off. The poor people in front of us! They must have thought I was a raging lunatic!

“I quickly pulled into a gas station while everybody stared at us. We were mortified, but fortunately the horn stopped honking when I turned the van off. So I started the van back up, and we got onto the highway. About two miles down the road, the horn started honking again without me even touching it. Scout's honor. So we were driving down the highway at seventy miles per hour blaring our horn at everybody and their brother. . . .

“That fifteen-minute ride would rank as one of the most chaotic driving experiences of my adult life. But you know what? We're still laughing about it. . . . In fact, I don't think my kids will ever forget the now infamous “honking horn” incident.

“Most of our trip was preplanned. We planned on swimming. We planned on catching lizards. We planned on visiting the Magic Kingdom. And all of these planned activities were a blast. But the highlight of the trip was totally unplanned. You can't plan a horn malfunction. But that horn malfunction causes as much laughter as the rest of the trip combined.

“Now here's my point: Some of the best things in life are totally unplanned and unscripted. . . .”

I never expected to become the pastor at Woodburn Baptist Church. I never even expected to become a *preacher*. The growth of our church—I never even saw it coming. I'm glad our lives are not limited to the smallness of our own plans. God always has something larger for us—something beyond what we would ask for or imagine—just around the corner. No matter how earnestly we look for God's plan, what he finally brings will always take us by surprise.

The idea of a Franklin Campus took me by surprise. Actually, the opportunity was first voiced to me on one of my lowest days. I was discouraged, wondering what would ever become of the vision I had for our church. I believed that God wanted us to grow by starting other congregations, but what would be the first step? How would we start? I do believe that launching this first, new campus is the next

step for us. I know that many of you never saw something like this coming. I realize that there are uncertainties, parts of the whole venture that we have yet to figure out. I see it as a muscular opportunity; I also see it as a divine appointment.

If God does tend to work by surprising us, then faith in God always calls us to embrace the uncertainties of life. We step out in faith. We leap forward into a future we could have never planned for ourselves. And this is how God tends to bring us into the best days of our lives.

See you Sunday!

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Dorothy Martin Regis Hopkins Bill Moore
Sue Thomas

February - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Diane Harris / Vi Cato
2nd week - Rhodes Hester / John O'Brien
3rd week - Jennifer Jones
4th week - Joann Walton

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

Feb. 1 10:00 am - Blue Team
Feb. 15 10:00 am - Red Team

Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 1

A.M. *How to Talk about Your Faith* (Acts 17.16-33)
P.M. *How to Worship God* (John 4.23-24)

Sunday, February 8 [CELEBRATE RECOVERY SUNDAY]

A.M. *You Don't Have It in You* (Ephesians 2.1-9)
P.M. *Doormat People* (Mark 6.30-32)

Sunday, February 15 [Series begins: *Goodbye to Worry*]

A.M. *Goodbye to Worry: Where Your Heart Is* (Matt. 6.19-25)
P.M. *Goodbye to Worry: A Single Hour* (Matthew 6.25-34)

Sunday, February 22

A.M. *Goodbye to Worry: The Opposite of Worry* (Philippians 4.6-9)

P.M. *Goodbye to Worry: He Cares* (1 Peter 5.7)

Wednesday, February 25 [ASH WEDNESDAY]

Sympathies and Prayers to

- Louise Ferguson on the death of her father, Odell Severe.
- Family of our neighbor and church member Jean Warren.

Special Called Business Meeting for the Ministry Action Plan

On February 8, the church will vote in a special called business meeting, the vote will be on the proposed Franklin campus. The vote will be by secret ballot during the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. The ballot will state:

I support the ministry action plan for the Franklin campus as printed: YES or NO



Understanding Music

That's a dense title and one that I can't completely unpack if I were given a book to explain my arguments. There are so many standards, and so many opinions, styles, cultures, and artists. Here is where I start, personally: *intent*, or *implied emphasis*. Let's focus on this idea through the lens of music that is incorporated in worship services. Any creation of music is **Imago Dei** - in the image of God. We are given the gift to create something out of nothing by our Father in heaven who is Creator of all things. When the writer of a song begins their process of creativity what is their intent? What point is it that they are trying to get across?

We have to understand that the intent and focus of music in worship is all about our own abandonment of opinion and our own praise and worship of God through testimony, praise, and prayer. If none of these elements exist then we should look with a critical eye on the music chosen and used during worship services. This does not apply to all music, but it must apply to music used in Christ-centered worship services.

The intent and implied emphasis is primary, while the style should always be secondary, but also heavily considered. Well-known psychologist, Daniel J. Levitin, states "Tune recognition involves many complex neural computations interacting with memory" (*This is Your Brain on Music pp 133*). In terms that I can understand; this simply means that certain styles of music make us feel uniquely different ways and remember uniquely specific instances in our past. This is vague, but it has to be to incorporate the range of feelings people can have regarding the same exact song used in worship. For example, any time I hear Paul Simon's song, *Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes*, I am transported back to my dad's first stereo system in the den at my home when I was seven years old. We all associate memories with music we hear. It's just in our DNA. On any given Sunday our family here at Woodburn worships more easily to some songs rather than others. We all have preferences and valid reasons for preferring what we do. The beauty of Christian worship is the recognition that none of us, in and of ourselves, hold all the answers or all the right opinions. We come together, and will continue to do so because of what we believe and what we proclaim in worship.

So, in understanding music, we see intent and style moving in tandem toward testimony, praise, and prayer to our God. We sing because we were created to sing. Praise God from whom all blessing flow!

Andrew Causey

This Month for the Adult Worship Choir:

Easter Practice has already begun! If you are interested in singing with us for our Easter Season, we'll see you soon in practice on Wednesday nights from 7:15 - 8 pm!

February 28th - Saturday Easter Choir Practice 9:30-12 noon in the choir room.



Our Baptismal Goal for 2009 Bringing new Christians to Christ

Baptismal Goal

Last year, we set a goal of 24 baptisms and had 37! Praise the Lord!



That is more than we have had before in any one year. It was exciting to experience baptism so many times last year in our worship services.

This year, we have set a goal for 48 baptisms in 2009. That is twice our goal from last year.

Baptisms just don't happen and that is the purpose of setting the goal. It is a reminder to us that it takes prayer, and intentional effort to share with others about Jesus. We should always be inviting others to church and be in constant awareness of those around you that God is wanting you to reach.

Here are some things you can pray for as we think about this year's goal. 1. Pray for the lost people that you know (write them down on a piece of paper and pray for them every day), 2. Pray for the goal of 48 baptisms in 2009 and that it will be a constant reminder to us as a church and as individual Christians of what is most important, and 3. Pray about how God can use you to reach someone in 2009.

Here are a few suggestions on how you can be involved in helping us reach the goal. 1. Invite others to come with you to worship. It is a great first step for them and for you in reaching out to those around you. Think about neighbors, co-workers and those in your areas of influence. Most non-Christians say they would come to church if someone would just invite them. 2. Invite people to come to Sunday School. Actually, non-Christians who attend Sunday School are more likely to trust Christ as Savior than those who do not attend Sunday School but just worship. So invite those you see in worship to come to Sunday School with you. It could change their life. 3. Share your faith with others. It can be simply telling them what Christ has done in your life. No one can refute your personal testimony. Progress to learning to share your faith by explaining the gospel. Using the Romans Road which we studied in Sunday School recently is an example of a good gospel presentation. 48 in 2009 will take all of us working by praying, inviting and sharing.

Serving Together with You, Warren

Angel Food Ministries

For \$30.00 you can receive a box of food containing both fresh and frozen items. There will also be a \$4 tote deposit for first time buyers. Food items are top quality – bought from major food producers throughout the country to ensure the best food comes to your table.

Each month there is a new food list located in the church lobby. The list has places and times to order your food totes for that month. **In February, our church will be taking food orders February 12, from 3 - 5 pm.** Angel Food Ministries accepts cash or Food Stamps. Food totes will be picked up Saturday, February 28 at LC Curry Elementary School.

Welcome New Members...

- **Brian & Patricia Jones** joined December 31, 2008. They both joined by baptism. Brian & Patricia live in the Plano area with their children Daniel, Adam and Abby.

- **Candace Willingham** joined January 4, 2009 by baptism. Her parents are Amy and Chris Willingham.

- **Emily Weeks** joined January 25, 2009 by baptism. Her parents are Warren and Margie Weeks.

- **Michael & Wendi O'Neal** with their children Bre'Anne and Brett joined January 25 by transfer of letter. The O'Neal family lives in the Woodburn area.



American Red Cross Woodburn Community Blood Drive

The Need is Constant"

**Thursday, February 12 1:00pm - 7:00 pm
at Woodburn Baptist Church.**

Everyone who comes to donate will receive two great Sonic coupons: one for a free medium cherry limeade and another for a buy one, get one free Sonic Burger. Everyone who gives will also have their name put in a drawing for a \$50 gas card.

Missions Giving for 2008 Summary:

Lottie Moon offering for International missions \$10,991.00 an increase of 30% from last year.

Annie Armstrong offering for North American missions \$6,713.00 an increase of 34% from last year.

Eliza Broadus offering for State missions \$3,788.00 an increase of 41% from last year.

Baptist Medical Dental Mission International \$8,730.00 an increase of 46% from last year.

Cooperative Program Giving \$46,878.00 an increase of 16% over 1st year.

Warren Association of Baptists \$22,579.00 an increase of 12% over last year.



In youth news, we have a few things you need to be aware of for this month and in the near future. Check out the church website for more details, but here is a brief rundown.

Parent Seminar- It is not too late to start coming to the Parent Seminar that is taking place on Monday nights until February 16 from 6-8 pm at the church.

Etiquette Night- Wednesday, February 11th 6-7 pm
This will be a night where students are challenged to remain pure in their relationships as well as given some lessons on table and meal etiquette.

Camp Deposit- Due February 1st
\$75 (if your youth needs financial assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know). Camp is June 15 - 19.

Youth Ski Trip - \$75, February 6th - 7th
Perfect North Slopes; money is due February 1st. Leave time is 5:30 pm, Friday until 9 pm on Saturday.

D-Now: March 13-15: Cost is \$10
Check out the youth page on the church website or Facebook for more information about youth activities.

In **Kids 4 Christ news**, we are in the middle of Worship Kidstyle and will start SwordMaster in March. If you have a 1st - 6th grader who is not currently coming on Wednesday nights, we would love to have them and they would have a blast!!

Frank Wright, Youth and Families Minister



Our Preschoolers enjoyed a day at Hop Scotch.



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.



2009 Bowl for Kids' Sake - Join us at the 26th annual Bowl for Kids Sake!

It just takes 5 people to form a team, and the event is sure to be filled with fun, prizes and excitement! There are several bowling days to choose from...

- Tuesday, February 24 from 5-9 pm, WKU's Downing Center
- Saturday, February 28 from 9 am - 4 pm, Southern Lanes (Bowling Green)
- Sunday, March 1 from 12:30 - 4 pm, Southern Lanes (Bowling Green)
- Saturday, March 7 from 9 am - 4 pm, Highlander Bowl (Glasgow)

All proceeds benefit the local chapter of Big Brothers, Big Sisters.
For more information or to sign up your team, call: 270-781-1180

Worship Attendance

Sun. School Worship

Jan. 4	392	8:30 - 266	Overflow - 34
		11:00 - 276	
Jan. 11	401	8:30 - 289	Overflow - 27
		11:00 - 270	
Jan. 18	Unity Sun.	10:30 - 453	Overflow - 95
Jan. 25	366	8:30 - 251	Overflow - 49
		11:00 - 278	