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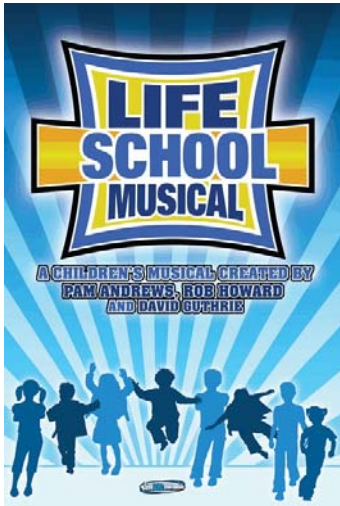
## News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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### Kids 4 Christ ~ Summer Musical

join us for one of the two performances

Saturday, July 18 at 4:00 pm and Sunday, July 19 at 11:00 am



When Miss Knowsalot's class at Life School begins on this particular day, the students have no idea what a special day it is destined to be! Ben, the new kid, and all the other students get the surprise of their life when colorful characters from the Bible materialize on the scene to truly bring their lessons to life.

While all they can think of when class starts is the impending weekend, by the end of this delightful romp they have come face to face with the life-changing power of the Gospel, and they've been handed the "keys to life" by some very special characters.

Experience the drama, songs and dance as WBC kids bring an important message.

**LAURA**  
**ROSSER**  
 ★★★ IN CONCERT  
 SUNDAY NIGHT, JULY 5TH, 6-7 PM



### 4x4 Dinner Groups

What is a 4x4  
Dinner Group?

A 4x4 Dinner Group is an opportunity for fellowship with church friends whom you would like to know better. The idea is simple—we take households (individuals, couples, or families) and organize them into groups of 4. Most groups turn out to be a lively mix of singles, married folks, and families with kids. The aim is to get to know one another by sharing a meal together once a month for 4 months (August to November).

Participants in a dinner group make plans together. Some open their own house and invite the group over for a home-cooked meal or potluck; others meet dutch at restaurants after church or coordinate picnics at the park. Whatever you want to do—it's up to you and your group!

We will try to group people together according to common interests.

*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,

Alpha Marshall has a bronze plaque on the wall of her garden that says, “On this spot in 1897, nothing happened.” I don’t know about you all, but I’m ready to find a spot where nothing is happening and spend a little bit of time there. Ordinarily, I like to be wherever things *are* happening. I rush around to keep myself in the middle of the action, in the thick of excitement. But I wasn’t created to live like that all the time. Neither were you.

Few years back, we got a new computer at home. First time I turned it on, a message was displayed, recommending that I create a series of system back-up discs as soon as possible. What is the purpose of the back-up discs? To record the *default* settings of the computer, the original order of computer codes and parameters set by the factory maker. Fact is, as I use the computer day after day, adding and deleting files and programs, things can get out of order. I do not see what is going on deep inside the computer, but I might begin to notice the symptoms of dysfunction. The computer gets slower, more inefficient. Ordinary daily processes become frustrated. Eventually, the computer can crash. In this event, it is important to be able to recover those default settings. The aim is to restore the computer as the maker originally programmed it to operate.

As human beings, we, too, have a Maker, who has set the parameters for our lives. Unfortunately even as Christians, we are prone to drift from the Maker’s intentions for us. Our lives become full of frustration, problems, and dissatisfaction. Our lives begin to crash. In this event, how do we recover the default settings of our souls?

The answer is simple. *Rest*. The book of Isaiah says, “Only in . . . resting in Me will you be saved. In quietness and in trust is your strength” (30.15). *Resting, quiet, trust*—honestly, these are not words that well describe my everyday life, and yet these words describe perfectly what God commands. We are to cease from striving, to be still. Resting may be simple as a concept, but it is very hard for many of us just to let it all go. I know it’s hard for me. First, the way I choose to live makes me feel as if I always have things that I *must* do. I can hardly imagine a day (or even a part of a day) when I might have nothing to do; but the truth is, you and I have greatly increased the definition of what we *must* do. We all make our choices every day, and we choose to be over-committed, over-scheduled, and under-rested. What is more, some of us actually feel guilty about kicking back, even for a moment. This kind of guilt is ironic, since God clearly commands us to rest, as opposed to our staying ever busy. We should feel guilty about our disobedience in *not* resting—this is our sin.

Bottom line, I suppose that our constant working reveals a basic desire to be at the center of everything, to be the ones who make things happen. Instead, you and I must stop and allow God to be at the center of our lives, to be the One who makes things happen according to his own perfect desire. Maybe this is why resting, slowing down, and

enjoying the quiet are such difficult things for us; we have to surrender control and give up the notion that everything depends upon our energy and effort.

If we were, however, to stop the busy routine, we’d have time for thinking, for asking questions about our lives and what they mean to God. We could begin to address the dysfunction and dissatisfaction that is mounting within our souls. We could place ourselves back into the hands of our Maker, who invites us into his rest. So set aside some time for doing nothing. Relax in him. If there is anything important to be accomplished, trust God to accomplish it without your help. Rest assured, he can handle it all just fine by himself.

*Love you all, Tim*

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, July 5 [PASTOR ON VACATION]

A.M. Preacher Matt Powell

P.M. Hot Summer Nights Concert Series: Laura Rosser

### Sunday, July 12

A.M. *You Belong to God* (Psalm 24)

P.M. *The Power of Small* (1 Samuel 17.1-51)

### Sunday, July 19

8:30 A.M. *Smile Unto the Lord a New Smile* (Psalm 98)

11:00 A.M. Kids-4-Christ present *Life School Musical*

P.M. *The Bellyaching Bug* (2 Corinthians 6.1-13)

### Sunday, July 26

A.M. *So You Think You Can Dance?* (2 Samuel 6.1-23)

P.M. CARE NIGHT

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## Sympathies and Prayers to ....

Linda Clark on the death of her grandmother, Mary White.

Missy Russell on the death of her grandmother, Linda Wittlock.

Missy Hall on the death of her mother, Judy Strader.

*We are delighted to announce the union of  
Amanda Grace Chandler*

*to*

*Lucas Ryan Hughes*

*The ceremony will be held on*

*Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.*

*at the Ballance farm, Meng Road, Woodburn, KY*

*Reception will follow ~ Everyone is invited*



### **Woodburn Baptist - Franklin Campus Pastor**

My family and I would like to thank the Woodburn family. It is going to be an honor to work with you guys. I know that God is going to do amazing things, not just for the Franklin Campus, but also for the Woodburn Campus. We love you. Thank you for allowing me to be the "face with the place" at the Franklin Campus.

*Pastor Eric Walker and Natasha*

### ***For Who You Are***



*This next month's* song is entitled, "For Who You Are." You will find the song to be centered around the fact that our worship must always remain centered on God and what he is doing in his kingdom here on earth.

As we are moving out of the Old Time Religion series, we are left with several ideas and truths echoing in our minds. The most important idea for us all to remember is that we gather to worship God, not ourselves, not tradition, and not change. Let me unpack that, so to be perfectly clear. We obviously do not intend to worship ourselves, yet we so often leave worship services thinking that there was nothing in it for "us." We always must remember that it's not about any of us, individually, but that it's about God and his church. We have heard many great sermons now regarding the goodness of tradition and the possible pitfalls of blindly following tradition. We also are not a church body that worships change. There must be a level of comfort in a service of worship for the congregation so that they may freely involve themselves in the worship.

All three of these ideas stand in the shadow of the fact that we must worship God, for who He is, every day of our lives and every time we meet together. God is good and deserves all of our praise and adoration. I pray that this song will mean much to you as we learn it together and look forward to another month of worship with our family at WBC. Andrew Causey – Worship Pastor

Standing here in Your presence, Thinking of the good things You have done;

Waiting here, patiently, Just to hear Your still small voice again;  
Holy, righteous, faithful to the end; Savior, Healer, Redeemer and friend!

I will worship You for who You are!

I will worship You for who You are!

I will worship You for who You are, Jesus!

My soul secure; Your promise sure; Your love endures, always!



### **Growth is Not an Option**

Growth is not an option for the church, it is something we must do. If you have children, you probably looked at them sometime and thought "I wish they could stay the way they are now forever." But, growth is not an option. It must take place for life to continue. People must grow, plants must grow, churches and Sunday Schools must grow to remain alive and vibrant.

My desire is for our Sunday School to continue to grow. I want us to grow in number because it shows that we are reaching more folks. I want us to take our Sunday School to the next level in caring and ministering to one another. I want us to grow in Godliness and allow God's Word to transform our lives. Growth is not an option if we are going to have the kind of Sunday School that honors the Lord.

Let's look at some of the factors that determine our growth. The first factor is attitude. You probably didn't think attitude would be #1 but it is. Attitude is a choice not an ability. Philippians 2:5 says, "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus." Our attitude determines our ability to grow. Having an attitude for growth determines our goals and sets our strategy for accomplishing them. An attitude for growth will also help us through the 'growing pains' that accompany growth. The second factor that determines growth is relationships. Relationships are what people are looking for in a church. Sunday School is the best place for building relationships. Alan Taylor said, "The church's product is relationships. God to man and man to man." Relationships are important and must be cultivated with new folks and maintained with our present class members. The third factor is that outreach and evangelism must be a priority. Evangelism is the business of the church and the Sunday School. If we are going to continue to grow, we must all be inviting new folks to come and sharing our faith at every opportunity. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost," Luke 19:10. Growth is not an option for us as a church. It is our commission to continue to expand the Kingdom.

*Serving Together, Warren Weeks*

### **Welcome New Members...**

Macey McCoy joined May 31 and was baptized on June 7. Macey's parents are Steve and Gayla McCoy.

Lisa Rafferty joined June 14 by transfer of letter. Lisa and her husband Dan live in Franklin, KY.

David and Cindy Burnette along with daughters Kelsey and Kaley joined June 14 by transfer of letter. The Burnette family lives in Bowling Green.

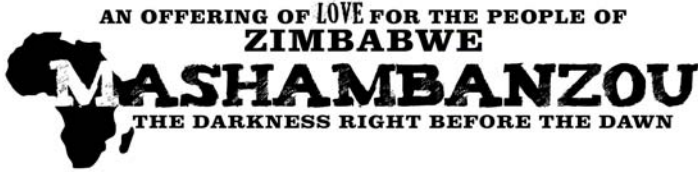
Natalie London joined June 21 by transfer of letter. Natalie and husband Michael live in Woodburn, KY.

Stephanie Reels joined June 21 by baptism. Stephanie is one of our youth and daughter of Tracie Reels.



## Sunday, July 26 at 4:00 pm

Care night will begin on July 26 at 4:00 PM. We will be writing and addressing cards for mailing, telephoning and visiting recent guests. We will also follow up with families who came to Vacation Bible School.



This concert along with drama has been written by Byron and Susie Lucas. It will be performed by our youth choir along with youth from surrounding area churches. The purpose of the concert is to raise awareness and to collect money, humanitarian and medical aid items to be sent on a 40' container as a love offering to the people of Zimbabwe. To get a grasp on how big a container is, it is 40' long (3000 cubic feet) and holds up to 44,000 pounds!

We are going to need LOTS of boxes! They should be a size that can be easily handled by women and senior citizens. If you have access to boxes this size please begin bringing them to the church or contact Lisa Williams at 996-3974.

Posters are available for you to use if you would like to start a drive where you work to collect items for this container. Please know how much your help is needed with this project. Please get involved.

### Missions Need List....

- Soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Non-aspirin pain reliever
- Antibiotic ointment
- Anti-diarrhea medicine
- Children's pajamas
- Tooth brushes
- Cooking pots (used over open fires)
- Old wedding dresses (or something a bride could wear)
- Canned soups (nothing to be added)
- Underwear (all ages: no larger than adult medium)
- Vaseline
- Sterile Gloves
- Cough medicine
- Anti-diarrhea medicine
- Towels/Wash cloths
- Small stuffed animals
- Pillows/Bedding
- Wheelchairs

## School Supplies Needed



We are planning for our annual Back-to-School Bash on July 28th from 4-6pm at Drakes Creek Middle School. We are asking area churches to help us collect school supplies to put in the school supply bags to give out to each student that attends. We would love to involve you in this event. If you could, collect 16-count packages of crayons and then I will pick those up on July 14th. Thank you for any assistance that you can provide!

**Amy Coffman, Family Resource Coordinator**  
**Rich Pond Elementary, (270) 843-4422**



June was a blast with the youth. It was amazing to see all the youth helping out with VBS and working so hard to make it a success. We had a wonderful week at camp,

God moved in some amazing ways. We saw the youth grow closer to each other and make new friends, along with growing in their walks with the Lord. Thanks to all who adopted a camper this year, they were greatly appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed.

This month we have some exciting events coming up that you won't want to miss. Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 10 pm we will be having Youth Game Night & Fireworks at the McKinney's (check the youth website for directions), feel free to bring a friend. Everyone is invited to attend the fireworks show at 10 pm.

On July 9<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Sr. High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) youth lake retreat. This will be a day of fellowship, boating, swimming, and worship. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Ice Cream Football & Parent Cookout starting at 12:30 pm! You won't want to miss this exciting, and messy event!

All youth are invited to Kings Island on July 13-14<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until 9:30 pm. July 17<sup>th</sup>, will be the Jr. High Lake Retreat. Lastly, I know it is in August, but I want to remind everyone of the New Song Music Festival on August 14-16<sup>th</sup> (more info will be available closer to time). If you have any other questions feel free to contact me or check out the youth page on the church website.

## Vacation Bible School

was a huge success this year, thanks to all the hard work put in by so many. We averaged 153 kids per day, over 75 youth & adult workers, raised over \$450 for Nate & Joanna Michael who are Wycliffe Missionaries in Africa, had several kids asking very serious questions about salvation, and 3 children pray to receive Christ into their heart. We will be doing follow-up on July 26<sup>th</sup> at CARE NIGHT, make sure you come and help out.

## In Kids 4 Christ

news, we are getting excited about our up coming trip to Highland Park Baptist Church in Columbia, TN on July 19th-20th. We will be performing "Life School Musical" Saturday night at WBC at 4 pm, and then on Sunday morning during the 11 am service. Make sure you plan to attend. We will have our annual Swim Party for the Kids 4 Christ Wednesday night, July 29<sup>th</sup> at Southland Pools from 4:15 pm - 7:30 pm. Every 1st-6th grader is invited to attend.



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.

## **Up Coming Events...**

Sunday, August 2, 4:00 pm - Creek Baptism

Saturday, August 8 - City of Woodburn Ice Cream Supper

Thursday, August 13, 1 pm until 7 pm - Red Cross Blood Drive at WBC

Fri., Sat., Sun, August 15 - New Song Concert

Sunday, Sept. 13, - Coming Home Sunday