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## News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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### Vacation Bible School - 9:00 am until 12 noon Monday, June 8 thru Friday, June 12

Vacation Bible School is almost here and we are excited about this year's theme, *Boomerang Express*. Kids will hop on board the Boomerang Express and take a train ride across the Land Down Under! As kids wind their way through Australia, they'll discover the vastness of God's love, and they'll learn that no matter where they go or what they do in life — **it all comes back to Jesus.**

If you know of a child (3 yrs. old - 6<sup>th</sup> grade) that could come to VBS, make sure you let them know the dates and times. We are encouraging parents to sign up their children online. Go to the Vacation Bible School page on the church website; from there, click on the link to register your child.

Join us for Bible School commencement, Sunday June 14 at 6:00 pm. The kids will perform songs they have sung all week and refreshments will be served afterwards.

### “Boomerang Express” VBS Supplies

We are in need of some items from you to help make the VBS experience memorable. **Those items are:** paper towel and gift wrap tubes, electrical tape in many colors, and t-shirts (any color and sizes M-XL children and S-M adult). There will be a box in the foyer to place these items in or you can contact Rhonda Smith. Thank you for your help!



CHURCH  
AT THE  
PARK

### Recreation Day with Evening Service at the Woodburn City Park Sunday, June 21 at 4:00 pm

Everyone is invited to join us as we gather for an evening of activities starting with a church wide softball game for ages 12 and up at 4:00 pm at the Woodburn Ball Park. Children are invited to participate in games for different age groups.

A potluck supper will be at 5:45 pm under the park pavillion. A time of music and worship will follow supper. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks will be provided. We need our church folks to bring salads, and desserts.

The City of Woodburn and the Woodburn Police Department invite you to attend their Third Annual



### U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony

Sat., June 13, 2009 at 10:00 am  
at Woodburn Baptist Church.

Bring non-serviceable (worn, old, torn or otherwise damaged) flags that you wish to have properly retired to Joe Wheet on Main Street, Woodburn or to the church office.

*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,

This past Tuesday, May 26, Woodburn Baptist Church turned 142 years old. Since our *Coming Home* Sunday is held in September, we don't typically celebrate our anniversary in the spring. Even so, I still get a kick out of trying to imagine what it was like way back then for the twelve ordinary people, who first dreamed the dream of Woodburn Baptist Church. Imagine how they prayed. Think about how much harder they had to work every day just to sustain their farms and families. It was the worst of times, with the nation still reeling under the aftermath of the Civil War. Imagine their hearing from God, that he wanted those twelve to start a church. Them of all people. In Woodburn of all places.

We can probably imagine them, but I wonder if they could have ever imagined *us*. One hundred forty-two years later, we are living their dream. They were our parents in the faith, and I like to think we inherited some of their spiritual DNA. Some things may just run in the Woodburn Baptist Church family—a reliance on prayer, a genuine love, the willingness to try new things, courageous and giving hearts. If they can see us now from their vantage in the cloud of witnesses, I know they're cheering us on.

We're doing what they did. We're listening to God, trying always to know and to follow his purposes for us. Like our ancestors, we've been called to start a new congregation, this time in a place other than Woodburn, for people other than ourselves. The Lord has brought us a long way toward seeing the dream become reality in Franklin, and we must never cease praying and listening to his voice, especially over the next number of weeks.

At the present moment we are at a critical juncture. The Personnel Committee is placing before us a potential Campus Pastor for Franklin. They feel that God has led them to Eric Walker, and they are united in presenting him to the congregation. Personally I'm excited about the prospect, and I believe Eric is the man for us; but we shall discern the Lord's will concerning this candidate and reach a decision this month—all of us together.

Of course none of us has ever really seen a *Campus Pastor* (or a satellite church campus, for that matter). What should we be looking for? How would we know a good campus pastor if we were seeing one? Plainly speaking, God will show us. In discerning God's will, it may be helpful to study the job description we've already written and approved. The Campus Pastor's role is primarily one of leadership and shepherding. Keep in mind that the Franklin Campus is an extension of Woodburn Baptist Church's ministries and mission. The Campus Pastor must be divinely called to share our church's mission, our core beliefs, our values, and expression. His job will be to extend our leadership to the Franklin site—first to learn, then embody and communicate our church's vision and purpose. In other words, we're seeking the leader who will walk hand-in-hand in the same direction with us, under Christ's supreme leadership. We're also seeking a man who will be the campus shepherd, the one who will care for the fellowship and be the on-site pastor. He must love God and love people and love being the pastor for people. We want a man who will work to know and love everyone God brings into the Franklin flock. He's going to have to be anointed at drawing people in, leading them, and sending them out to serve.

It's a lot to find in one man, but I'm convinced that God has such a man ready for us. It might be Eric Walker. Pray for Eric, and pray for God's will. Launching a new congregation is complex and challenging, but we're not the first ones ever to do it. It's how God has been growing his kingdom in the world since Pentecost. It's how Woodburn Baptist Church got here. It's the way God is

moving us forward. And it's a great way to celebrate our anniversary.

*See you Sunday, Tim*

### *Remember Our Shut-Ins*

Dorothy Martin    Regis Hopkins    Bill Moore  
Tressie Vice      Annie Beasley    Lena Van Meter

### **June - Homebound Visitation Schedule**

1<sup>st</sup> week - Wilma Guthrie  
2<sup>nd</sup> week - Margaret Ann Adams  
3<sup>rd</sup> week - Joy Bush / Nancy Williams  
4<sup>th</sup> week - Don Harris / Keith Norris

### **Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry**

June 7    10:00 am - Blue Team  
June 21   10:00 am - Red Team

## *Worship Schedule*

**Sunday, June 7** [Series begins: *Old-Time Religion*]

A.M. *Old-Time Religion: It's Good Enough for Me*  
(1 Corinthians 11.17-34) with communion

P.M. *Old-Time Religion: Greatest Hits* (Matthew 15.1-20)  
followed by special church session to discuss Eric Walker  
as Franklin Campus Pastor

**Sunday, June 14**

A.M. *Old-Time Religion: Who Stole My Church?* (Colossians 2.6-23)  
with official church vote re Eric Walker in both services

P.M. VBS Final Worship Rally

**Sunday, June 21 [FATHER'S DAY]**

A.M. *Old-Time Religion: Glory Days* (Philippians 3.7-4.1)

P.M. Church Recreation Day (4:00 P.M.)

**Sunday, June 28 [PASTOR ON VACATION]**

A.M. Preacher Frank Wright

P.M. Youth Concert for Zimbabwe



*Be part of the largest prayer meeting in history.*

*Wednesdays June 10, 17, & 24 @ 6:00 p.m.*

### *Sympathies and Prayers to ....*

Pat Ballance on the death of her brother, Danny Smith.

Stevie Cherry on the death of her grandfather, Larry Joseph Kennedy.

Danny Morgan on the death of his brother, Terry Morgan.

Dennis Smith on the death of his brother, David Smith.

## Leadership Academy Class

### *Thanks for Listening: Learning How to Be There for Others - June 1-2, 6:30 to 8:30 pm*

Jesus said, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand"(Matthew 11:15). Of course everybody has ears, and most of us have ears capable of hearing; but hearing is one thing. Listening with understanding is something altogether different. There are very few good listeners in the world. You are blessed if you have someone in your life who truly listens to you. Likewise, you will be a blessing in the lives of others, if you will learn to listen--really listen. This 2-evening workshop will train you in the basic skill of "being there" for others. Sign up on the church bulletin board or email Warren Weeks. Cost for workbook is \$11.00. (This workshop fulfills requirements for Leadership Academy Course C1.)

### ...Making Disciples of All Nations...



What an interesting concept; and what a thing to wrestle with as an individual believer. We make a mistake if we start with others, however. First, we must learn Scripture ourselves. We are to hide God's word in our heart, as the Psalmist says. We are accountable to Scripture and what

it says, yet we spend some much idle time in front of the TV watching Idol. We yearn for spiritual depth, but lack the discipline to step forward and let ourselves be taught.

If we are not only supposed to reach all nations, but to make disciples of them, then how seriously must we take the doctrines of our faith. This is something that I wrestle with daily, during my own Scripture study. I see our doctrines passed to our children through music. I guess it's good that I notice this is true; I am your worship pastor, so this only makes sense! My challenge to you, this month, is to seek understanding in Scripture and study it.

We will be learning a new song this month! The name of the song is Victorious King. It's a highly celebrative song and one that instills the hope and truth in our younger generations that Christ is our Victorious King and Savior! I love this song, and hope that you will grow to love it as well. The song is written in a typical hymnic form and finds its audience amongst younger generations in general. However, we will seek to approach this song from different vantages so that we might learn the song and learn to love singing it together here in our family at Woodburn Baptist Church.

*Andrew Causey*

#### "Victorious King"

**Verse 1:** You reign in majesty Lord, You reign in matchless splendor  
You reign above all others Lord, You reign

**Verse 2:** You reign in hope and sorrow, You reign You hold tomorrow  
You reign above all others Lord, You reign

**Chorus 1:** So reign over me victorious King, Rule in my heart  
have Your way, All power is Yours You are victorious Lord  
My heart will find rest in Your name

**Verse 3:** You reign in hope and sorrow, You reign You hold tomorrow  
You reign above all others Lord, You reign

Congratulations  
on Your  
New Baby!



**Congratulations!** To Amy and Nick Oliver on the birth of their son Aaron James Oliver. Aaron was born May 15, he weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz.

## Franklin Campus News

The Personnel committee recommends Eric Walker to fill the position of WBC Franklin Campus Pastor. The personnel committee also recommends that Eric will be a paid staff member of Woodburn Baptist Church. The Campus Pastor will work 20 hours per week, earn \$1300.00 per month plus regular staff benefits of mileage re-imbusement and convention allowance of \$500.00.

### *Presentation Schedule for meeting Eric Walker ...*

**Sunday, May 31** - Eric will preach at the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services. Youth and Adult Sunday School classes will meet in the sanctuary to hear Eric give his testimony and answer questions.

**Sunday, June 7** - There will be a special called business meeting for the purpose of discussing Eric Walker as Campus pastor following the evening worship service.

**Sunday, June 14** - We will vote in both morning worship services on the recommendation of Eric Walker as Campus Pastor for the Franklin Campus.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL is a foundational strategy

**Sunday School Definition:** Sunday School is the foundational strategy in a local church for leading people to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and for building on-mission Christians through open Bible study groups that engage people in evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship.

The two words "foundational strategy" set apart Sunday School as more than just a weekly event, but as a strategy. Sunday School is not just a program; it is a ministry. Jesus tells us in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) what we are to do as Christians to reach the world. The question for us is "How do we do that?" Sunday School is foundational in helping us accomplish that as a church. Allan Taylor, in his book *The Six Core Values of Sunday School* explains the importance of Sunday School. "What is the mission of Sunday School? Its number one purpose is to fulfill the Great Commission. The Sunday School is the church organized to do the work of the Great Commission. The Sunday School alone is the organization with the task of reaching people. Therefore, if the Sunday School does not reach people, then the whole church suffers. When we lose sight of our purpose, then we become maintenance-driven instead of mission-driven." Sunday School is foundational at Woodburn Baptist Church because it helps us reach people, teach the Bible and minister to one another. Sunday School needs all of us in order for us to move ahead as a church in accomplishing the Great Commission.

*Serving Together, Warren Weeks*

## *Welcome New Members...*

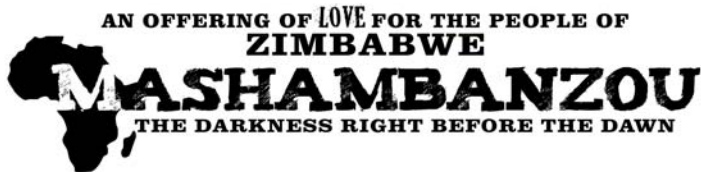
Armin Smailhodzic joined May 10 and was baptized on May 17. Armin lives in Bowling Green.

The Gibbs family joined May 17 by transfer. We welcome Steve & Allyson, Lauren & Zach. They live in Bowling Green.

Thomas Jones joined May 17 by baptism. His parents are Tommy and Jennifer Jones. Tom will be baptized in the creek on August 2, 2009.

# Get Your Lemonade!

Get ready, get set, go! The Preschool Annual Lemonade Stand will be June 24, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the church. All children ages 2 – kindergarten are invited to participate. We will meet at 4:45 to get set up and ready for all of our customers. We will be needing cookie and brownie donations. Please prepare 2 cookies or brownies to a baggie. Lemonade will be \$1 a cup and cookies \$1 a bag. After the Lemonade Stand has shut down, we will celebrate with pizza on the playground. Please contact Allison Mefford if you have any questions



## Woodburn Baptist Church Sunday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m.

This concert has been written by Byron and Susie Lucas and 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 will soon be 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
- Wheelchairs
- Towels/Wash cloths
- Small stuffed animals
- Pillows/Bedding

*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 to attend*

*Please RSVP by June 7, 2009 to 270-392-5843,*

*270-799-7179 or lucas.hughes451@wku.edu*



As summer approaches, make sure you check out the youth page on the church website for the upcoming events. Our biggest event is camp. We will be returning to Crossings @ Cedarmore this year during the week of June 15-

19. Please be praying for our youth as they spend a week being challenged to grow in their walk with the Lord. Wednesdays, June 3 & 10 we will be in the sanctuary to listen to Andrew's mission trip & participate in One Prayer. We are excited to welcome Matt Powell for this summer as the Youth Intern. He will officially start Sunday, May 31 and will conclude his internship on Sunday, August 2.

### Youth in the News

**Congratulations!** Johnathan Martin recently won the Kentucky Future Business Leaders of America competition for Data Base Design and Application. He will be going to California for the National competition in June.

We will be starting Vacation Bible School (3 yrs. old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade) Monday, June 8 at 9 am. If you haven't registered online ([www.woodburnbaptist.org](http://www.woodburnbaptist.org) check out the VBS page), make sure you get to church a few minutes early. Registration will be under the old canopy. Our closing ceremony will take place Sunday, June 14, in the sanctuary at 6 pm. The theme this year is Boomerang Express; it all comes back to Jesus.

The Kids 4 Christ are busy preparing for their summer musical. The kids will perform "Life School Musical" Saturday, July 18 at 4:30 pm and again on Sunday, July 19 at 11 am. We will then take the show on the road to Highland Park Baptist Church in Columbia, TN. Students are required to attend 10 practices, plus 2 out of 3 dress rehearsals to go on the trip. Practices are on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm and on Sundays from 4-6 pm. **If you have any kind of bug costumes we could borrow for our program, contact Rhonda Smith or Teresa Strait.**

### Minister of Youth and Families, Frank Wright



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Bravo Company 16<sup>th</sup> Ord BN  
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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.

## Family Night Update

I would like to thank all those who attended and/or helped in making Family Night a success this spring. We had approximately 50-60 people who participated in some way for our Family Night. We were blessed to have a number of classes offered this time. Frank Wright offered a four week class to parents of youth. Megan Wright and Susie Lucas offered a class to our youth ladies. Tim Goss, Lisa Roberts and Tina Harris offered a class called Body, Mind, and Soul. Jeff Bunch and Warren Weeks facilitated a Men's Study on the Book of Genesis, while the Women's Study was on Jesus The One and Only. Many thanks to all these who took the time to lead these studies.

Every Monday night we began our Family Night with the best meals you could imagine, lovingly prepared by JC and Brenda Maxwell. Our parents were blessed by Mrs. Bonnie Carrier who stepped up and said she would come and care for our children only if she could teach them a Bible Study as well!!! Other helpers volunteered with our children throughout the course of Family Night. Thank you to Mrs. Jimmy McElroy, Amanda Williams, Logan Williams, Martha Weeks, Emily Weeks, Ari Mayhall and Riley Mayhall for filling in when we needed you. Please be in prayer about how you might participate in our next Family Night coming this fall.

### *Worship Attendance*

	<b>Sun. School</b>	<b>Worship</b>
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April 5	386	8:30 - 242 11:00 - 270	Overflow - 32
April 12	386	8:30 - 349 11:00 - 303	Overflow - 66
April 19	443	8:30 - 291 11:00 - 236	Overflow - 46
April 26		8:30 - 11:00 -	Overflow -