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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



Rest Area Missions

Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 23, our church will provide donuts and beverages at the Franklin, KY, rest area. This will not only be a time to give out free food and drinks to travelers, but it is a time to show the love of Christ to those we come in contact with. It is a very practical and easy way to tell other about Christ!

The Mission Committee is looking for people that are willing to give of their time (either 1 or 2 hours, or the whole time) to help. If you feel intimidated by talking to someone about Christ, there are other opportunities for you to serve on that day. We will be at the rest area from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm. A sign up sheet is on the hall bulletin board. Please sign-up as soon as possible, so we will know what time slots to fill.

City of Woodburn

Strawberry Festival



Can you believe it is Strawberry Festival time again? Believe it or not, this means we need help. This year we have two great things going on during the Strawberry Festival – food booth and health fair. Both are encouraging for the public and a wonderful chance to witness in a very real way. Please plug into an area of ministry on May 2, 2009.

For the food booth, we need strawberry pickers (Thursday, April 30), strawberry preparers (Friday, May 1), shortcake makers, workers to cook and serve food (Saturday, May 2). Those that can donate items to sell and/or pray for the day. If you can do any of the things with the food booth, please contact Chip Willingham, Debra Stokes, Rhonda Smith, or Lori Chaffin. If you can help with the health fair, contact Kacy Harris. We look forward to serving the Lord together.



Graduates Day

If you or someone you know from WBC will be graduating from college or high school this year, please get the information to the church office.

Our graduates will be honored Sunday, May 17, during the evening worship service. Each high school graduate will have the opportunity to decorated a box (provided by the church) and set up in the fellowship hall at 5:00 pm for folks to put cards and gifts.

All high school graduates are asked to turn in 2 or 3 pictures to Frank Wright no later than May 10.

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,

I've been a runner for 20 years, but for 16 weeks, I've been training hard to run the Louisville Marathon. That's 26.2 miles. By the time you read this, the race will be over; but as I write, it's 3 days away. I haven't talked much about my marathon goal at church. Honestly, I'm a bit embarrassed. I know I don't look like a runner, and if you've ever actually seen me run, you know that I don't *run* like a runner. Some athletes make it look easy, sliding swiftly and smoothly down the road like butter on a hot stove. Not me. I make it look hard. People pull over and offer to give me rides.

So why am I doing this? I can't say. I know that running a marathon is not necessarily intelligent. Such long, continuous exertion is agony for the body—and brutally punishing for the mind. I will sweat until my face turns white with the salt. Certain body parts will bleed. (Don't ask.) Toenails turn black. And when I'm finished, that first shower may be as painful as the running.

The Bible has a number of verses that talk about running. I like the proverb that promises, "When you run, you will not stumble"(4.12) and the whole section in Isaiah that includes the part about running without growing weary (40.31). Paul most likely has something like a big marathon race in mind when he says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." He continues, saying, "I do not run like a man running aimlessly"(1 Corinthians 9.24-26). He's comparing the Christian's life to the kind of effort in training one sees with athletic champions. When I'm out running, however, the verse that motivates me more is from Hebrews 12: "Run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus . . . so that you will not grow weary and lose heart"(2-3). Again, Scripture is using *running* as a metaphor to talk about the everyday life of the Christian, but when I'm out on the road, bargaining with my legs to carry me home, the verses take on new meaning. I know that what I gain from the discipline of running bears fruit in my spiritual life. The Hebrews passage goes on to say, "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees"(11-12). Believe me, I know all about weak knees.

But Lord willing, I'm going to run. I can't put into words how important this is to me. It's probably got something to do with the fact that running is the only sport in which I've ever been able to prove myself. It's probably got something to do with my being over 40. I know it's got something to do with the way, after 20 years, running has become a form of prayer for me, a solitary way of placing body and mind into a state of rhythm and quiet before God. Training for and running the marathon is a kind of sacrifice for me, an offering of my body, a submission to discipline. In Louisville I will run a course with hundreds upon hundreds of others, yet I will be running my own race alone with God. The pain will teach me perseverance. Crossing that finish will be all so much sweeter for the suffering.

I've a race to run. So do you, but it's never really the same for any of us. I don't know what race has been marked out for you, what hard road you must travel. Like me, you will most likely be alone in the moments when the heart threatens to fail and the knees start to

wobble. Others may support and pray for you, but they can't run your race for you. It's you and the Lord, with him providing the strength, and you putting one foot in front of the other. As they say, the race is not always to the swift, but to the ones who keep on running. We'll finish the race some day soon, and we'll rest and tell our stories. But for now there are miles to go. Run on, dear friends!

See you Sunday, Tim

Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 3

A.M. Forever Young: *If the Jonas Brothers Said Breathing Wasn't Cool, 95% of Girls Would Be Dead.* (Ecclesiastes 11.9–12.1)

P.M. Forever Young: *Miley Cyrus Said Hi to Me and I Walked Away . . . That Was the Greatest Moment of My Life* (1 Corinthians 15.33)

Sunday, May 10 [MOTHER'S DAY]

A.M. Forever Young: *Normal Children Don't Act That Way Very Often* (Matthew 18.1-14)

P.M. Forever Young: *SEND THIS MESSAGE 2 EVRY KID U NO & SUMTHNG GUD WIL HAPN TMRW DNT BREAK D CAHAIN* (Psalm 78.1-8)

Sunday, May 17

A.M. Forever Young: *We Need Each Other, Even Though We Creep Each Other Out* (Galatians 3.26-28)

P.M. Graduate Recognition Service, Forever Young: *The Same People Who Didn't Do Their Homework In High School Are Out In The Big World Now Still Not Doing It* (1 Samuel 17.32-37)

Sunday, May 24 [CHURCH'S 142nd ANNIVERSARY]

A.M. Forever Young: *Young People Don't Know What Age Is, and Old People Forget What Youth Was*

(Leviticus 19.32, 1 Timothy 4.12)

P.M. *No Greater Love* (John 15.9-17)

Sunday, May 31[PENTECOST]

A.M. *A Flash of Fire* (John 16.5-15)

P.M. *Something Missing* (Acts 19.1-7)

Sympathies and Prayers to

Sharon Posey on the death of her grandmother, Alta Senn.

Judy Chaffin on the death of her father and our Woodburn neighbor JB Mason.

Leadership Academy is a program of learning exercises intended to train individuals for effectiveness in church ministry and leadership. Anyone desiring to be better equipped for Christian service is invited to enroll.

No educational prerequisites are required. Each academy student will advance at his or her own pace, learning both in private study and in group participation. No fees will apply, but students will be responsible for purchasing their own books and ministry resources.

The program involves instruction in 3 general areas: Spiritual Formation, Christian Doctrine, and Practical Ministry. To earn the certificate, Academy students will complete 10 units of study with at least 3 units in each general area. Self-study options can be engaged at any time, with official enrollment and assignment to a personal mentor. Group classes will be offered periodically (at least one per church quarter). The Leadership Academy will schedule opportunities in such a way that a dedicated student may fulfill all requirements and complete the program in 1 year. We are enrolling now. Interested? Find an application form in the vestibule and schedule an interview with Warren or Tim.



**New Song of the Month
You Are My All in All**

Here's a new song that many of us will know, but one that some of us might not. You Are My All in All is a song written by Dennis Jernigan and

was pretty popular in the 1990's which is when I came into contact with it in the first place. It's a very special song to me because it is one I have sung on my past six mission trips to Ukraine. It's a beautiful yet simple song of claiming the truths of God from Scripture. I've included the text this month in my article so that you can use it for your own personal devotion.

Verse 1

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool;
You are my all in all.

Chorus

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!

Verse 2

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless your name; You are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up; When I am dry you fill my cup;
You are my all in all.

Chorus

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!
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If you are interested in joining our worship choir, remember that our practices are Wednesday nights from 7:15-8:15. We will be jumping into a lot of fun music this spring and summer. Make music part of your ministry here at the church.

Look forward to May 17th as an opportunity to help with the fund for the new electric drums for the corporate worship and youth ministry. The Adult Singles class will be leading the fundraising event. They will be offering "lunch to go," and I know the food will be great. Just think, moms, two weeks in a row that you won't have to cook lunch, Hooray!!! Love you All! Andrew Causey

Welcome New Members...

Kolby Hickman joined April 5th and was baptized that day. His parents are Nicholas & Shelvia Hickman.

Ashley Hills joined April 5th and was baptized that day. Her parents are Anthony & Jerri Hills.

Chris Logsdon joined April 12 by transfer of letter. Chris, Holly and children Ashley and Noah live in Alvaton.

Joy Harris joined April 19 by transfer of letter. Joy is the daughter of Shelia Harris.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:
More than just Bible Study**

The Sunday School movement began in England in the late 1700's by Robert Raikes. The first Sunday School teachers were hired by Raikes to teach impoverished children. The movement caught on in the United States and by the 1800's included both education and evangelism. Although the Sunday School movement began by educating children, it became the evangelizing, teaching, and nurturing arm of the church by 1900. Sunday School was the proud and prominent organization that represented the church's evangelistic thrust, discipleship strategy and ministry arm. She has not lost her effectiveness; she has lost her workers.

The question for us as Woodburn Baptist is, "Why is Sunday School important to us as a church?" Sunday School helps us reach people. Johnny Hunt said, "Sunday School classes help the church accommodate, assimilate, accelerate and access growth and build relational bridges for the unchurched to walk away from the world and into the church." Sunday School is important because it is about growth. Growth for us as a church as we reach more people, grow as disciples as we study the Bible together and growth in our relationships and ministry to one another. Sunday School classes help us grow as Christians through the study of God's Word. Jesus did most of his most intense and intimate discipleship in the context of a small group. The study of God's Word also exposes people to the gospel in a small group setting that is more effective in leading them to Christ. The key to all of this is that Sunday School builds relationships. Discipleship is produced by relationships. Ministry takes place within the context of relationships. Sunday School classes produce the relationships that make evangelism, discipleship and ministry happen. Thom Raider summed it up well in his book High Expectations, "We have known that Sunday School is a vital component of the past for American churches. Its history is almost as old as our nation itself. But more and more the research indicated the Sunday School is not only our past, it is our future as well." We need Sunday School at Woodburn to help us continue to be the church God desires us to be." Serving Together, Warren Weeks

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!

Congratulations! To Kelly & Tim Goss on the birth of their daughter Emmersyn Kate Goss. Emmersyn was born April 3. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long

New Décor in the Preschool Wing

What is black and white and seen all over the Preschool Wing? Our new framed photos! If you haven't had a chance to come and see some beautiful photos of our youngest participants at Woodburn, please come down to the Preschool Wing and check them out. A big thank you goes out to Trisha Lawrence for taking many of the photos and getting them framed and hung. We also thank Amy Woosley for helping take some of the photos. Our Preschool Wing really feels like home!

Lemonade Anyone?

Go ahead and mark your calendar. The Annual Lemonade Stand will be June 24th 5 – 6 p.m. out in front of the church. Anyone ages 2 – kindergarten can participate. More details to follow.

Easter Egg Hunt Recap

For a nice change, we had sunny skies for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th. We had over 80 children in attendance. Many thanks to Ginny Cleveland who stuffed over 1000 plastic eggs. We also thank the youth who came that day bright and early to hide the eggs, serve lemonade and set up and clean up. Thanks to their efforts and to the many others who helped out that day, many little ones got to hear the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.



Easter Basket winners



After the egg hunt kids enjoyed snacks and worked on cards.

Fundraiser Lunch

The Singles class will be having a "take out" lunch on May 17th after the 11:00 service. The menu will be BBQ on a bun, baked beans, potato salad and dessert. Hotdogs will be available for children.

Donations for adults \$5.00 and kids \$3.00. **All proceeds will be designated for the church drum set.** A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Don't worry about lunch, join us.



In May we will be honoring our graduates Sunday night, May 17. Summer is fast approaching and we have a lot of events coming up, make sure to check out the church website

for more information or feel free to contact Frank Wright. Speaking of summer, we will have a camp meeting (youth & at least one parent needs to attend), Sunday, May 3rd at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. Lastly, we are currently taking resumes for the Youth Minister position at the Franklin Campus, if you know of anyone who would be interested in serving in this position please have them contact Frank Wright.

In Kids 4 Christ news, we are about to get started with the summer musical, *Life School Musical*. We will have two performances at Woodburn Baptist Church: Saturday, July 18 at 4 pm for family and friends who cannot make a Sunday morning performance, and Sunday morning during the 11 am service. Then take the show on the road to Highland Park Baptist Church in Columbia, TN.

Vacation Bible School is almost here and we are excited about this year's theme, *Boomerang Express*. If you know of a child (3 yrs. old - 6th grade) that could come to VBS, make sure you let them know that it will be from June 8 - 12. 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 that says to register your child. We are also in need of some craft items, specifically baby food jars. Check out the bulletin for more info.

Minister of Youth and Families, Frank Wright

"Boomerang Express" VBS Supplies

I know it seems early to even think about Vacation Bible School, but 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!



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

	Sun. School	Worship	
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 -