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WBC ~ Franklin Campus "Launch Day" Open House Sunday, September 6 at 3:00 pm

On Sunday, September 6, we will launch the Franklin campus with a special service at 3:00 pm. This date and time was chosen so that as many as possible could attend and also give an opportunity for those from the community to be a part in beginning this new work. The service will include singing, preaching, a special video segment and participation from some special guests. We will not have our regular evening services on September 6. The Franklin Campus will begin weekly worship services on Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 am.



Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 am

We will start the morning with a worship celebration in the sanctuary. Most Sundays

we worship in separate services, here's a chance for us to reunite as one church family!

Nursery care will be provided during the worship service for children under four. There will be no Sunday School classes or 6:00 pm service this day.

At noon we will get together for a potluck lunch. The church will provide meat, bread, and drinks. We are asking our church people to bring vegetables, casseroles, and salads.

At 12:30 pm the weight in will begin for the annual Kids' Pedal-Tractor Pull. Only children less than 75 pounds are eligible to compete. The tractor pull will start around 12:50 pm. There will also be an inflatable play area for kids.

New Sunday School Class

Learn to share your faith the way Jesus did during the new "Way of the Master" evangelism course which will be offered during Sunday School in the mobile units across the street. Rodney and Sande Henderson will lead the course which will equip you to biblically share the Gospel with anyone you meet. A sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby. More information is available at www.wayofthemaster.com.



Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009 at 4:00 pm

Does any of the following describe you?

If you have been missing someone in your Sunday School class, CARE night is your opportunity to contact them.

If you have been meaning to visit a shut-in but always have somewhere else to go, then CARE night is your opportunity to make that visit.

If you have a desire to see your Sunday School reach more people but never have found the time to do anything about it, then CARE night is for you to write, call or visit class members and guests.

If you have a desire to share your faith and tell others about Jesus but never seem to find the opportunities that you desire, then CARE night is for you.

CARE night is a night of opportunity, opportunity to reach out to others in a way that fits your personality. Come and discover a way that you can be involved.

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,

Ever ridden a roller coaster? I love a thrill ride, except for the moment right before the thing launches. The waiting in line, the stepping into the seat, the big bar coming down across your chest, the smell of sweat and adrenaline—this is not the part I enjoy. I read the warning to heart patients and pregnant women one last time. My stomach knots up.

This is exactly how I feel right now. As a church, we are about to take the ride of our lives.

Are you nervous? Me, too. We've prayed and talked about this moment for more than a year. It's hard to believe it's really happening. *The Franklin Campus launches this month.* We are about to see a vision become reality. And our church will be changed forever.

Woodburn Baptist Church is becoming a multi-site church: one church that meets in more than one location. We're haven't invented the idea; the strategy has been around for at least 30 years. Consider these statistics (from Todd Rhoades of *Monday Morning Insight*):

- In 1990, there were 10 multi-site churches.
- By 1998, that number had expanded to about 100.
- In late 2005, there were more than 1,500 multi-site churches in the United States.
- Last year there were an estimated 2,000 multi-site churches across the country. (Broadway United Methodist Church was the first church to go multi-site in Bowling Green.) It is predicted that every major city and large community in America will have multi-campus churches by 2010.

What will it mean for us to be a multi-site church? It will mean that our church will have one staff, one deacon body, one purpose and mission—but two locations. Pastor Eric joins the rest of our staff as a partner in our ministry, and his part of the work will be focused in Franklin.

Being one church in two locations will give us unique opportunities; that's why it's important. We will all be a part of something bigger than ourselves, bigger than a single local body. We will always be able to do more together than we could ever dream of doing at a single campus. We can reach more people. We can engage more people in serving and leading. And God will receive more glory.

I heard a pastor say last week, "Lots of people say they want to see miracles. The problem is, they don't want to be in any situations that would require a miracle." Friends, we are moving out into *miracle* territory. For decades, we have worked hard, serving God from memory, doing things more or less the way they've always been done. We've often depended on our own strength, experience, and creativity; but something tells me that the future will require so much more from us, infinitely more than what we can find in ourselves. We will be depending on God—more than ever—and trusting him for the vision and power to do his will.

So take a deep breath in the Spirit. Remember who has called us

to this task. Hold on tightly to Christ and to one another. It's going to be a thrilling ride.

See you Sunday, Tim

Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 6 [Series *Starting Point* begins]

A.M. Communion, *The World According to God* (Isaiah 42.9, 43.1-19a)

3:00 P.M. Franklin Campus launch

P.M. (NO P.M. SERVICES)

Sunday, September 13 [COMING HOME]

A.M. *Yesterday's Gone* (Joshua 1.1-9) **10:30 am Worship**

P.M. NO P.M. SERVICES

Sunday, September 20

A.M. *The Mess You've Made* (Genesis 4.1-24)

P.M. *Brand New Man* (Acts 9.1-31)

Sunday, September 27

A.M. *The Path Principle* (Proverbs 3.5-7, 7.6-27)

4:00 P.M. CARE NIGHT

Sympathies and Prayers to

Pixie Jarvis on the death of her grandmother Emma Burch.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

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

September - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Joann Walton

2nd week - Renee Morse

3rd week - Norma Palacios / Louise Stevens

4th week - Wilma Guthrie

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

September 6 10:00 am - Blue Team

September 20 10:00 am - Red Team

WBC Annual Church Profile, 9- 2008 thru 8- 2009

All Baptist churches in Kentucky turn in a profile each year to the Kentucky Baptist Convention here are a few of our statics:

Total Members: 652

Total Baptisms: 38

Total joined: 90

Average Sunday School attendance: 383

Average Worship attendance: 536

VBS enrollment: 153 Total Music Ministry: 117

Cooperative Program Giving: \$ 76,332.00

Total Missions Giving: \$ 68,046.00

Learners are Leaders

Have you ever heard it said that “we always need to be learning something new?” The reason for that is it keeps our minds sharp and always growing. It is important in the Christian life as well to always be learning something new whether it is reading your Bible a new way, reinvigorating your prayer life, taking on a new challenging spiritual discipline or serving in a new way outside your comfort zone. This is how we grow in our faith and dependence on God and not our self. We all need to be learners so that we can be an example to others and continue to make a positive impact for the Kingdom. Two opportunities for learning are coming up this month.

Financial Peace University begins on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00 PM. This 13-week class is designed to teach you and your family how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, and build wealth. This is the 3rd year for us to offer the FPU class. So far we have had more than 50 folks complete the class. The FPU class is a video class taught by Dave Ramsey and the class discussion time is led by Kacy Harris. If you have any questions, come to the preview class on September 2nd. Class cost per couple: \$93 which includes the FPU membership kit: FPU workbook, Audio CD library of all sessions, Total Money Makeover book, budgeting forms, FPU envelope system and bonus CD rom.

Step by Step Through the Old Testament is a 13-unit course that provides a survey of the message and important events, people, places and themes of the Old Testament. This study helps build a framework for understanding and interpreting the Old Testament and gain an understanding of the biblical backgrounds needed for a lifetime of meaningful study of God’s Word. This class begins on Wednesday, September 2 and will be led by me. This class is part of our Leadership Academy classes which can be taken by anyone. If you want a better understanding of the Old Testament, I encourage you to come.

Sunday School is the best place to study God’s Word each week and get to know others. Let me know if I can help you find the class for you. *Serving Together, Warren Weeks*

Welcome New Members...

Willie & Olean Ray joined Aug. 2 by transfer. Willie and Olean live in Simpson County.

Cody Warden joined Aug. 2 and was baptized at the creek. Cody lives with his parents Stenetta and Scott Harris on Three Springs Rd.

Sandy & Haley Mefford joined Aug. 9 by transfer. Sandy, husband Tim, Haley and Ethan live in Franklin.

Sam & Brenda Wheeler joined Aug. 9 by transfer. Sam and Brenda live in Auburn.

Sally Smalling joined Aug. 16 by baptism. Sally, husband Hank, Danielle and Jes live in Allen County.

Ray Mitchell joined Aug. 16 by baptism. Ray lives in Franklin.



Do You Love our Choir?

I know you do; so, I want to explain the changes you will be seeing in worship this year. Our worship choir is coming off of our summer break and looking forward to blessing the congregation and worshipping with you. We will no longer be singing both services on a given Sunday, but will be rotating between the 8:30 and 11:00 service. This will allow us to fill the choir loft and enable our choir members to continue serving fully in their various ministries in the church.

Our practices will continue to be on Wednesday nights from 7:15 – 8:15 each week. We will also be adding a Saturday practice each month to keep everyone caught up on what we will be singing through the fall and Christmas in case they miss a Wednesday night practice or simply can’t make Wednesday nights a part of their schedule. We are hoping to see new people in the choir and bring you back if we haven’t seen you in a while. We started practicing our Christmas music Wednesday, August 26. It’s time to look toward the advent season. There is much to do in preparation for this fall and we hope to have you with us if you are interested.

In Humbled Love, Andrew Causey

New Song of the Month

Our new song this month is a Chris Tomlin song entitled, “Your Grace is Enough.” This is a highly worshipful and beautifully written song of testimony from his kingdom here on earth.

Chorus 1

For Your grace is enough, Yeah Your grace is enough
Yeah Your grace is enough, Yeah Your grace is enough for
me

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God of Jacob
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead me by still waters into mercy
Where nothing can keep us apart

(BRIDGE)

So remember Your people, Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of heaven's vict'ry
And all Your people sing along

Welcome New Members...

Clifford Stewart joined Aug. 9 by transfer. Cliff lives in Bowling Green.

Jean Gore joined Aug. 16 by transfer. Jean lives in Franklin.

Natasha Lyvers joined Aug. 16 by transfer. Natasha, husband Jeremey, Jerin and Alora live in Bowling Green.

From the Franklin Campus

The count down is almost to an end even though we know this is all about God and this is His party, we still need to bring something to this great celebration. This is a “b.y.o.p” bring your own praise party as we begin to lift up the name of Jesus. I am excited and also nervous but God is in control. The Franklin Campus leadership team would like to thank everyone for their help and hard work. My family and I would like to thank everyone that has help make this journey a little easier for us.

Love you, Pastor Eric Walker

Volunteer Youth Leader for the Franklin Campus

We are still in search of a person(s) to lead the youth @ the Franklin Campus. We have had a few people express interest but at this point, no one has come forward with any genuine interest. If you are interested in helping to lead the youth, please contact Frank Wright for more information.

Franklin Campus Supplies

Some supplies are needed for the Franklin campus. If you have one of these items that you could donate, please contact the church office. Items needed: a couple of couches are needed for the youth room.

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University is a 13-week course on learning to manage your money better. Each of the 13 Lessons deals with a different topic that will change the way you think about personal finance. Dave teaches how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving. The class is led by Kacy Harris and meets in the sanctuary classroom beginning with a preview session on Wednesday, September 2nd and runs through December 9th. The cost for class materials is \$93.00.

Leadership Academy

Step by Step Though the Old Testament - This 13-week class will be offered on Wednesday nights beginning on September 2nd at 6:00 PM and will meet in room 17. The class is led by Warren Weeks. The cost for the workbook is \$15.

Ladies, mark your calendars!

The ladies Bible study and fellowship will begin meeting once again on **Tuesdays starting September 8**. Our topics for discussion will include: Power of Words, Presence of God, Living, Forgiving and Surviving Life's Quakes. **Come join us each week at 9:00 am** for food, fellowship, and Bible Study. A minimal fee will be charged to cover costs. Any questions, contact Marla Hardcastle at 796-9343 or e-mail mthard@bellsouth.net. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.



“Busy Times”

It is hard to believe that it is already September. The year is flying by. The Kids-4-Christ have just started with Xtreme Bible Games, however, it is not too late to get plugged in. XBG is for children grades 1st -6th and is a team game that encourages Scripture memorization, Theological content, & Biblical Knowledge. Make sure you come out on Wednesday, October 7th for an XBG Exhibition in the Sanctuary for everyone.

The youth had a wonderful time at NewSong. We took another huge group this year. Thanks to everyone who donated tents, canopies, and/or water, they were greatly appreciated and well used. Things are starting to slow down a little with fewer activities, but we are still going strong on Wednesday nights. Make sure you come out and see everything that is going on. On Labor Day, Sept. 7, we will be hanging out at Bro. Tim's house from 3-5 pm, playing Capture the Flag. Coming up later this month is “See You at The Pole” on Wednesday, September 23rd. We will be heading to Franklin that evening for a youth rally. We will leave at 6:00 pm and return by 8:30 pm. Keep an eye on the youth web page for other upcoming events!!

Youth and families Minister, Frank Wright



Our youth had a great time playing “Ice Cream” football!



“New Song” great food, new tents, awesome music!



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.

Jeff and I have spent the last few hours packing what was brought in on Sunday night. Jeff told me that Joe Neal told him anyone needing diarrhea medicine in Bowling Green or Franklin would have to come to our garage to get it. I want you to know that we can see and feel the love in every item out there and every dollar given. We are broken over it. This will be even more true when it reaches the people of Zimbabwe. I am praying for many lives to be saved (physically and spiritually) through what you have done. We are so thankful to be a part of you. I was praying this morning about what I could possibly give you in return. All I can do is pray over you. I would like to pray first of all a Scripture that Amy Willingham gave me yesterday. It is Ps. 90:16-17, *"Let us, your servants, see You work again; let our children see Your glory. And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful!"* We are seeing Him work right now. Not just in this, but in Franklin, too. It is so amazing.

Second, I would like to pray Prov. 19:17. It says, *"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and He will reward him for what he has done."* I pray will all of my heart that the Lord will bless you for your generosity. I pray that the Lord would "open up the floodgates of heaven and pour out blessings that you will not have room enough to receive."

I also promise to provide pictures and letters when this container arrives so that you will know the results of what you have done.

Total offering received to date for Zimbabwe missions is \$ 6,151.54.

Thanks again, Lisa Williams

Worship Attendance

Sun. School Worship

Aug. 2	448	8:30 - 304 11:00 - 211	Overflow - 42
Aug. 9	427	8:30 - 283 11:00 - 249	Overflow - 43
Aug. 16	336	8:30 - 234 11:00 - 245	Overflow -
Aug. 23	350	8:30 - 238 11:00 - 249	Overflow - 46

