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**First Baptist
Church Woodburn
and
Woodburn Baptist
Church will
celebrate
Unity Sunday,
Jan. 18 at 10:30 am**

Join us as we come together with Pastor Jimmy Williams and his congregation for a shared worship service and potluck lunch. We will all gather at Woodburn Baptist Church for a great day!

Following the service we will all break bread together and have a time of fellowship. Woodburn Baptist will provide the meat, bread and drinks. We are asking both churches to provide vegetables, salads and desserts. This potluck meal will be wonderful! The hospitality committee will be in the kitchen ready to receive your food at 10:00 am.

Remember that there will be no Sunday School or evening worship at Woodburn Baptist that day. Come and be prepared to worship the Lord on this most special occasion. Be sure to invite your family and friends.

Youth Choir Program

Everyone is invited to join the Youth Choir Sunday, January 4, 2009 at 6:00 pm as we continue to celebrate the Christmas season with our Christmas program, *"Before the Throne."* We will be celebrating the birth and life of Christ on this, the eleventh day of Christmas. We invite everyone to attend.

Byron and Susie Lucas



WBC - Franklin Campus Ministry

Sunday, January 4, 2009, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

There will be an Open House at the Blackjack Road location in Franklin. Everyone is invited to come and look at the building and grounds. We will have times of prayer at 2:30 and 3:30 pm.

Sunday, January 11, 2009, 7:00 pm at the monthly business meeting there will be a formal recommendation with a Ministry Action Plan (MAP) for church review and approval.

To help you understand church planting and our church 20/20 vision there are question and answer sheets located in the vestibule.



Kelly & Trisha Lawrence

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who is working in you, [enabling you] both to will and to act for His good purpose.

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**Kelly and Trisha Lawrence
will be speaking at
both worship services,
Sunday, January 25. They
will speak about their
call to the Good Shepherd
Children's home in
Honduras.**

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 thinking a lot about my life lately. Maybe it's part of a mid-life crisis. I'm old enough to realize how quickly the years go by, but I'm young enough to imagine a number of years ahead. I want to make the best of them. If faith is "the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen," as the book of Hebrews says, then the life of faith is all about hoping for things and watching for them to come into being. That's why I've decided to do a lot more hoping. Certainly, all my best hopes will be realized after this life is over. Nevertheless, I don't want to waste my life, letting it all slip away without fulfilling all God's purposes and possibilities.

So I'm setting some serious goals. For weeks now I've been praying and dreaming. One day I will stand before the God who gave me life. What will I have accomplished? What will I have seen and experienced of the world he created? How many of his gifts will I have recognized and savored? What kind of person will I have become? Life is too short. Lord willing, here are some of my life aspirations, in no particular order:

- Run 20 miles a week. I want to run a marathon before I'm 50. I want to run another one after I'm 60.
- Make my family laugh every day. But when sorrow comes, I never want to hide my tears.
- Keep all my promises to Kacy—to love, honor, and cherish her till death. I will keep myself sexually pure for her as long as we both shall live. And I will take her to the Biltmore House one day.
- Don't do anything I'd be ashamed to explain to my son.
- Be debt-free by 2015.
- Look for opportunities to be generous. I want to give as much as I can whenever I can.
- Set aside time to think every day.
- Read the Old Testament through in its original Hebrew, and read the New Testament through in Greek.
- Draw or paint something every week.
- See the churches and museums of Europe.
- Lead one church—Woodburn Baptist Church—with passion, creativity, and vitality for the whole of my life. Never speak poorly of the church, its people, or the work of ministry. Bring a fresh word from God whenever I stand before his people. Do every small act of ministry as if it were a large act of ministry.
- Be a part of starting 20 churches by 2020.
- Invest in young ministers. Keep young thinkers in the circle of those who influence me.
- Die well. I want to leave nothing important unsaid or undone. I want to die doing something I love. I want my son and his children to have great stories to tell about me.

There's something about this process that makes me wish I had started a lot sooner. I wish I hadn't wasted so much time, living without much of a vision. I can only move forward, of course; but I know that all my days are in the Lord's hands. And that's what gives me the courage to dream.

Happy New Year! See you Sunday! Tim

Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 4 [Series begins: *HOW?*]

A.M. *How to Set Goals* (Luke 2.25-32; Hebrews 11.1; Philippians 3.12-14)

P.M. Youth Choir After-Christmas Concert

Sunday, January 11

A.M. *How to Read the Bible* (Joshua 1.7-8)

P.M. *How to Pray* (Matthew 6.5-17)

Sunday, January 18 [UNITY SUNDAY]

A.M. *How to Love People* (Luke 10.25-37)

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

Sunday, January 25

A.M. *How to Give* (Luke 21.1-4; 2 Corinthians 8.1-15, 9.6-15), with missionary update from Trisha & Kelly Lawrence

P.M. CARE NIGHT

Sympathies and Prayers to

- Ken Blick on the death of his grandmother, Ella Ruth Cauley of Logan Co.

- Lisa Williams on the death of her mother, Mabel Lawrence of Franklin.

- Tracy Jenkins on the death of her grandmother, Sarah Goatee of Ohio Co.

- Lynna Norwood on the death of her brother-in-law, Brian Denning of Tennessee.

- Cecil Jenkins on the death of his brother Charles Eugene Jenkins our Woodburn neighbor.

- The family of our dear church member and neighbor Sarah Sutherland.

Forward Momentum!

I hope you all were able to make it to one of our Worship Choir's presentations of "He is Born" this Christmas. Our choir was proud to lead you in worship through this program and pleased with all the support we received from our congregation. We are now gearing up for our Unity Sunday Service and Easter.

Consider joining our Worship Choir if you enjoy singing. Our music for Easter will center around many hymns our congregation knows and loves, including: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" and "The Power of the Cross." The presentation for Easter will be accompanied with a video presentation and beautiful music arranged for choirs of our size and style. Our practices are every Wednesday night from 7:15pm - 8:15pm. There is childcare provided for anyone who needs it for free.

Thank you to everyone who helped Emily and me during and around the birth of our baby girl, Eden. We appreciate and love you all and thank God for such a supportive church family! Your gifts, food, and prayers were priceless and received gratefully.

Andrew Causey, Minister of Music



Family Night

Family Night will resume Monday nights beginning January 26 and will run for 10 weeks, unless otherwise indicated. This time, we are happy to be offering several classes. We hope to offer meals, beginning at 5:30, with classes to run from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Adult and Youth Class - Body, Mind, and Soul - Living a Purpose Driven Life *Class Leaders: Tim Goss, Lisa Roberts, and Tina Harris.* This class will learn how to find success in living a balanced lifestyle of diet, nutrition, and exercise. Plus, we will focus also on understanding God's purpose for our lives by discovering our spiritual gifts and balancing worship experiences with private Bible Study and prayer. (Participants should bring a towel, wear loose clothing/tennis shoes appropriate for a 30 minute low-impact physical workout.)

Women's Study - Beth Moore's Jesus One and Only

Class Leader: Ellen Bunch. This study is an intimate reflection of God's one and only Son for those who long to grow closer and know more about our Savior, Jesus Christ. Its intent is to bring out new insights and application through a careful examination of the life of Christ.

Parents of Youth (4 weeks) Class Leader: Frank Wright

This class will cover the basics of youth culture and will familiarize you with facebook and myspace (and other social networking). We will also be looking at how to better understand and relate to your teenager.

Children's Devotion Time - Homework assistance (if needed), and recreation is included.

Food Volunteers and Child Care Workers are being recruited. Please see Ellen Bunch or Warren Weeks if you would like to help in either of these areas.

Goals are Important

Have you set any goals for 2009? Goals help us accomplish things in ways we don't always recognize. When we set a goal, our whole being is somehow changed to want to try and accomplish it. When we get too tired to do anything, we remember the goal and do what we need to do to get ourselves back on the path to accomplishing it. For example, if your goal was to read through the Bible, you sense the need to read even on those days you don't feel like it because you want to accomplish a goal that you have set. As a church, we set goals for things like baptisms, giving goals through our budget, mission offering goals, 20/20 vision goal for starting new churches and other ministry items that set the direction of our church. Sometimes the path to a goal gets difficult. That is when we have to remind ourselves of our purpose. I encourage you to set some goals for 2009 related to your spiritual life. The Triple Two Challenge is a great place to start but also consider how God is calling you to the next level of commitment. The goal of starting a Franklin campus is a big one for all of us. There will be much for all of us to do, both there and here, as we seek to grow God's kingdom. Pray for God to help you in setting some goals for 2009 and for your life.

We completed another year of CARE nights in 2008 and each one was great. We begin another year of CARE nights on January 25th at 4:00 PM. If you have not been, it is a great time to minister to others. In 2008, we passed out approximately 900 gifts to our community, mailed over 4,000 cards, made many visits, phone calls and carried food to our shut-ins. Deacons delivered communion to those unable to be here for worship. CARE night continues to be a growing ministry that is always changing to be more effective in reaching our community and ministering to everyone. Make your plans to join us for this first CARE night of 2009 as we prepare for another year of Caring for And Reaching Everyone!

Warren Week, Minister of Ed. and Administration

Did You Know ?....

- That you can order Angel food boxes from WBC, Thursday, January 8 between 3 and 5 pm. Boxes are \$30 each for approximately \$60 worth of food. Cash and food stamps only.

- That we have 2009 calendars for each family and 2009 read your Bible through in a year schedules for each person. You may pick those up in the vestibule.

- That our church donated 111 coats and jackets to be distributed to those in need.

- That our "Gift to Jesus" mission offering was \$ 25,262.50. The offering is divided by percentage to Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, Eliza Broadus and Baptist Medical & Dental Mission International.

- That several Sunday school classes and individuals helped families with Christmas gifts.

- That the ladies who organized the Mary Kay fund-raiser for Good Shepherd Children's Home sent over \$700.00 to them. Thanks to everyone who helped sell and buy products.



To Robin and Todd Smith on the birth of their son **Carson Stephen Smith**. Carson was born Nov. 28. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz.



As we start this new year, we are excited about a new direction for the youth. We now have a youth mission statement and a yearly theme. This mission statement is designed to

give youth a goal to strive for as they journey through our ministry. It will allow us to evaluate each aspect of our ministry to make sure that it is following where we feel God has called us to lead the youth.

The youth's mission statement is as follows... The WBC Youth Ministry desires to: PRAISE- Him who is worthy (Psalm. 34:1), GROW- in His grace & knowledge (2 Peter 3:17-18), and GIVE- without limits (Proverbs 21:26). If you notice, these three keywords are very similar to the last part of our church's mission statement (serve God through worship, teaching, and everyday acts of service). Our "Theme" for the year will be the umbrella that encompasses every Wednesday night meeting, youth event and Sunday school hour. At the core of our annual "Theme" will be the bedrock of our existence and that is our purpose and Mission Statement. We feel that it is vitally important that our youth ministry mission statement reflect the church's overall mission statement, in a more youth friendly version. Our charge will be to evaluate every event, worship service, Sunday school class, and all other activities we do in the WBC youth ministry to ensure that it enables us to accomplish at least one aspect of our mission statement. Please be in prayer for our youth as they are continually challenged by this mission statement.

Our theme will be **COME**. Check out John 4:5-15 and then follow along as we share about what we feel God is wanting to teach our youth. This is truly an amazing story for several reasons. If we look past the obvious, Jesus talking to a woman (and a Samaritan at that) we can see so much of ourselves in this story. The woman at the well was empty inside and tried to fill her life with so many things of the world. She is a perfect example of how we truly don't understand what Jesus is offering. We think that we can get it once and not have to continually come back to him. In today's society, youth do not know what they truly want or more importantly, what they truly need. The WBC youth ministry should exist to give youth what they need. For the remainder of the 2008-09 school year (and through the summer), we think it is important for the youth to understand that they are to **COME**. It has been exciting to see how many youth come on Wednesday nights, how many come to the events, and even how many come to church on Sundays. However, why do they come? For the next 7 months (August will start a new theme for the 09-10 school year) we will focus on how and why the youth need to **COME**.

Some upcoming things that you need to be aware of in the youth ministry are: the summer camp (June 15-19) deposit of \$75 is due on Feb. 1, and the ski trip (Feb. 6-7) money of \$75 is due on Feb. 1. If you have any questions or need some help with funding for these events please do not hesitate to contact me, Frank Wright, at 529-5221.

Kids 4 Christ News

The new year is bringing in some exciting times for our K4C ministry as well. To create a well-rounded children's ministry, we are looking at some upgrades to our current ministry programs. In January we will start to include a time for music training on a more regular basis. This will allow us to work on various songs for the summer and winter musicals, plus (something I am really excited about) allow our kids to lead in worship on Sundays and Wednesdays through song. We are also going to have some adults and youth come and share briefly in K4C. They will share with the kids about what God has been teaching them (the adults and youth) about worship, reading their Bible, prayer, serving, missions,

etc. If you would like to come and share, please contact Frank Wright @ 529-5221

Frank Wright, Youth and Families Minister



Precious in His Sight Preschool and Nursery Update **Come Eat, Come Meet, Come have some Fun**

The Annual Preschool and Nursery Workers' Meeting will be January 31 at church 9:00 am until noon. We will have a delicious brunch and a time to discuss issues related to working with our youngest ones at Woodburn Baptist.

We will have separate sessions and speakers for preschool teachers and nursery workers so there will be relevant information for everyone. If you work with Nursery, Preschool Welcome Center, Preschool or Sunday School on Sundays or Wednesdays, this meeting is for you. Or if you are just interested in learning more about working with the young ones, please come! Contact Warren Weeks if you have any questions.

Welcome New Members...

Katie Bunch joined Nov. 16 by baptism. Jeff and Ellen Bunch are her parents.

Jordan Turner joined Nov. 30 by baptism. Scott and Jerri Turner are her parents.

Olivia Lake joined Dec. 7 by baptism. Kevin Lake and Stephanie Gallagher are her parents.

Danny Morgan joined Dec. 14 by transfer of letter. Danny lives in the City of Woodburn.

CJ Cleveland joined Dec. 21 by baptism. CJ is the son of Scott Cleveland and Nancy Stadler.



Highlights of the Dec.14 business meeting

- **Budget / Finance Committee**, presented & got approval for the 2009 budget
- **Sunday School**, Chip Willingham, the Sunday School Director, reported that we had our highest attendance in Sunday School in November of 410. This was on a regular Sunday and had a lot to do with the wonderful teachers we have!!
- **Deacons**, the deacons made a motion to endorse Frank & Carol Jarboe's re-enactment ministry, this was approved. The deacons requested affirmation from the congregation to continue pursuit of a second campus ministry location in Franklin. This was approved along with the authority to spend up to \$6,000.

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.

CARE NIGHT

Our first CARE night for 2009 will be on Sunday, January 25 beginning at 4:00 PM in the fellowship hall. We will be focusing on telling our community about Woodburn Baptist's Sunday School and other ministries the church offers. The beginning of the year

is a time when people are making changes in their lives. We need to let them know about how the Lord can impact their lives. Come and join us. We will need folks to help write cards, address mail outs, telephone recent guests, make visits, prayer walk and pass out gifts to the homes around the church.

Worship Attendance

	Sun. School	Worship	
Dec. 7	361	8:30 - 277	Overflow - 26
		11:00 - 261	
Dec. 14	347	8:30 - 250	Overflow - 19
		11:00 - 264	
Dec. 21	395	8:30 - 243	Overflow - 40
		11:00 - 249	
Dec. 28	326	8:30 - 240	Overflow - 25
		11:00 - 194	