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Sunday, August 1 at 4:00 PM

We will have our evening services on the banks of Drake's Creek this year at the Franklin Community Park beginning at 4:00 PM. The park is located on North Street just off the 1008 bypass.

There will be a potluck picnic. The church will provide the barbecue, buns and drinks. Everyone who comes will need to bring salads, chips and desserts.

The outdoor worship will include singing, Scripture and baptism. Bring your lawn chairs for sitting and old shoes for wading in the creek.

Promotion to New Classes

All youth, children and preschool classes will promote to the next age or grade level on Sunday, August 1st for Sunday School. Youth classes, Kids 4 Christ and Preschoolers for Christ classes will move to the next age group Wednesday, August 4th.



Red Cross Blood Drive at the Woodburn Campus Thursday, August 12, 2010 1:00 - 6:00 pm

Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. That blood can only come from a volunteer donor, a person like you who makes the choice to donate. When you make a blood donation, you join a very select group. Currently only three out of every 100 people in America donate blood.

To learn more about blood donation opportunities, visit www.givelife.org.

WBC 2010 Marriage Advance

Theme: Marriage by Design

When: Sept. 24th – 26th

Where: Montgomery Bell State Park, Dickson, TN

Who: All married couples at Woodburn Baptist Church

Cost: \$350 per couple (*minimum \$100 deposit required at registration with balance to be paid in full by Sept. 19th)

Registration will begin Sunday, July 11th. Scholarship sponsorships will be welcomed if you would like to donate money that will help meet someone else's financial goals of attending the Marriage Advance.

Cost includes lodging and all meals beginning Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. We will meet at the church to caravan and car pool. The Marriage Advance planning team is being lead by Rick and Kathy Roepke. Topics to be discussed at the Marriage Advance are Finances, Communications, Weathering the Storms, and Spiritual Intimacy. Reservations are only guaranteed for first 30 couples to register.

Ice Cream Supper



The Woodburn Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Ice Cream Supper on Saturday, August 14. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. with live music, food, games and auction. The Ice Cream Supper will be at the Woodburn Ball Park.

If you have items you would like to donate for the auction, please leave a message at the fire station by calling 529-2301. We also need cakes and pies for the cakewalk. They can be brought to the park or left at Richpond Market. Funds raised during the Ice Cream Supper will be used to create an assistance fund for firefighters injured in the line of duty. Visit the Woodburn Fire Department website at www.woodburnfire.org

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,

No doubt we have a number of hot days still to come, but when the kids go back to school, it always feels like the end of summer for me. I love the summertime. I wish it weren't so nearly over. Nevertheless, it's the perfect opportunity for me to stop and reflect. God has been good to me the past few months. I've experienced some beautiful moments and received some precious gifts from God this past summer. Here's my top 10 (in no real order):

1.) I like the work of summer. I really enjoy mowing the yard and everything that goes with landscaping and keeping plants. I've reworked one of our bathrooms this summer. The work of ministry (which is my passion) is very different from the kind of work I get to do around the house in the summertime.

2.) My son turned 16 last month. Riding as a passenger with Wade behind the wheel is awesome. Simply awesome.

3.) Seeing people get saved just never gets old. Whether it's teenagers at camp, kids at Vacation Bible School, a man on the street in New Orleans, or the fellow who said *yes* to Jesus in my office a few weeks ago—nothing compares to that holy moment of salvation. Nothing.

4.) Working with our ministry interns this summer has been a great experience. Pam Jarboe, Chase Thompson, and Justin Dyer have contributed a lot to the successes of the last couple of months. They have been eager to serve, and their energy and ideas have been refreshing.

5.) Vacation. I am easily transformed into a total beach bum—and I treasure those long days with Kacy and Wade.

6.) It's a little embarrassing to admit, but I got really choked up during the movie *Toy Story 3*. It's a movie that depicts well the sweet sadness of growing older and the blessing of friends.

7.) For pastors, weddings make the summer months busy and fun. I love helping couples get ready for marriage, and this summer has been especially fulfilling. It's a thrill to be the one who gets to say, "I now declare that you are *husband* and *wife*." Serving communion at the wedding of Heather and Cody Gilstrap was a spiritual high point for me. I got to dance with my sister at the reception after the wedding of Lynsey and John Roberts. You should have heard John Brackett sing the song he wrote for his bride, Tracie Womack. I felt simply blessed to be there.

8.) The Sunday night service that our youth choir led after their trip to New Orleans was at once beautiful, raw, and painfully honest. They helped us to fix our eyes on Christ while not turning away from the horrors of a messed-up world.

9.) At the Woodburn Campus, I missed Vacation Bible School altogether; but I made it to the Thursday night session at Franklin. I don't know when I've enjoyed anything as much. "Tumbleweed" is my new favorite song, and watching the workers interact with those children reminded me of how ministry is such joyful, hard work.

10.) Honestly, it's usually the ordinary days of summer I love the most. Worshiping at church with the ladies waving their fans, grilling supper and eating on a candle-lit porch, taking a nap in the shade, cutting wildflowers from the field, shucking sweet corn, watching heat lightning in the night sky—these are some of the best gifts of this summer. I've tried to savor and celebrate them all.

Once more, the summer has flown by, but it has been good. Very good. Thanks be to God.

See you Sunday. Tim

Financial Peace University

You may have heard of Dave Ramsey from his radio talk show or seen his show on the Fox business channel. Maybe you have seen him on Good Morning America. Dave's common sense approach to managing money makes his Financial Peace University a popular course on money management. So far, we have had 90 people go through FPU in the past three years. This year we are offering classes at both the Woodburn and Franklin campuses.

Still thinking about attending? Consider these facts. The average family pays off \$5300 in debt and saves \$2700 during the 13 week period. Financial stress is reduced. Communication between couples is improved as they talk about money, priorities, goals and more. Families begin to live out the biblical principles because application is emphasized throughout the class. Biblical stewardship is woven through all 13 lessons, guiding families to manage 100% of their resources. Check out the details on the upcoming FPU classes and plan to attend.

Serving Together, Warren Weeks



Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming again this fall to both the Woodburn and Franklin campuses. 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 Franklin campus class will be on Tuesdays with a preview session on August 17 and classes beginning the following week on August 24. The Woodburn campus will have a preview session on Wednesday, August 18 and classes beginning the following week on Wednesday, August 25. Classes at both campuses will be at 6:00 PM. Kacy Harris will lead the Woodburn Campus class and Kenton Powell will lead the Franklin Campus class. The cost for the class materials is \$90. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Regis Hopkins	Bill Moore	Dennis Wheeley
Tressie Vice	Annie Beasley	Lena Van Meter

August - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Wilma Guthrie
2nd week - Margaret Ann Adams
3rd week - Joy Bush / Nancy Williams
4th week - Don Harris
5th week - Brenda Maxwell

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

Aug. 1	10 am - Blue Team	Speaker, Terry Chaffin
Aug. 15	10 am - Red Team	Speaker, Mark Sweeney
Aug. 29	10 am - Purple Team	



Well, it's happened again, another summer has come and gone and school is starting back. The youth did a great job serving in VBS, and Camp was such a blessing. Three students professed Christ as their Savior, and several felt the call into the ministry! We will be going to the New Song Music Festival at Camp Loucon on August 13-15. The cost is \$60 and if you haven't paid talk to me. I need the money as soon as possible. We will be leaving at 4:00 pm on Friday, August 13 and will be returning around 1:00 pm on Sunday August 15. We are looking at having a youth game night in August so make sure you keep your eyes open for the details on that. Also, as I write this article, we are planning to host a luncheon, probably late August, for all the teachers and administrators at South Warren. We will be asking the youth to help serve. More info about these events and other items are on the church's youth page as well as facebook. If you haven't become a fan of the WBC Youth Group on facebook, make sure you look us up.

We are also excited about the incoming 7th graders and look forward to having them in youth on Wednesday nights. Just another reminder that Sunday School promotion takes place on Sunday, August 1, Wednesday night promotion is on August 4. The 7th graders will meet in the parsonage for Sunday School. Lastly, every year brings a little sadness as we send the graduated seniors off, but this year I am experiencing a little more sadness as the 2010 class was the first group that I have had all the way through the youth ministry. They were 7th graders when I started at Woodburn. Class of 2010, it has been a great joy and honor serving you for the past 6 years!!

In Kids 4 Christ news, we had an amazing time at Camp Joy. Twenty students 4th thru 6th grades went and four adults. We can't wait to go back next year!! We are also looking forward to the new 1st graders coming into K4C. If you are new to Kids-4-Christ, we meet in room 22 on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm. Currently we are doing Worship Kidstyle, which has large and small group Bible study, music, games, and videos to teach the children God's truths.

Frank Wright, Youth and Families Minister

Prayers and Sympathies to

Bob Skipper on the death of his grandmother, Malissa Matlock.

Join us for a Bridal Shower in honor of

Cristen Ballance

Sunday, August 1st at 1:30 p.m.

at Woodburn Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Cristen is registered at Dillards and Target

Congratulations on Your New Baby! To Amanda and Lucas Hughes on the birth of their son, **Josiah Lee Hughes**. Josiah was born on July 8, 2010. He weighed 8 lbs. 3.5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

To Allison and Brian Mefford on the adoption of their daughter **Clara Jinyoo Mefford**. Clara was born in Korea on November 6, 2009.



Worship Ministry // Talent vs Service

I've been reading this summer (enough to make me a nerd again), and I've been particularly entranced by Francis Chan's *Forgotten God*. This book (which comes highly recommended by yours truly) is a keen reminder of our triune God. You see, it's easy to worship Christ. We can sing about the cross, pray about his blood, and read scripture about his sacrifice. Our Creator God, the Father, is also a tangible aspect of the trinity to worship. We celebrate creation, His provision, our sanctification, and his all-encompassing loving justice. Yet... when it comes to the Spirit...

Exactly. Romans 8:9 reminds us that we are no longer simply flesh, but that the Spirit of God is in us. That should shock you to the core; not because it's a new revelation from God, but because we have the potential to not only worship in the Spirit, but to even live in the Spirit. So we come to it. Is our talent a prerequisite to our service in the kingdom of God? ... I'm just going to let you think about that for another second: do we have to have amazing talent... to serve God with what he has given us...? My point is this: your level of talent is far less important than your level of availability. Letting the Spirit of God speak through you in the worship choir, student choir, multimedia worship ministry, or the worship band is a calling in your life, if you've been given even the inkling of ability in the area. This worship ministry isn't seeking professional technique, we're simply seeking willing hearts, ready to serve a God who is jealous for you and your abilities. Think about it... we really do need you. Love you all!

Andrew Causey

Calendar:

Sun., Aug. 15 at 4:30 pm	Youth Choir Practice resumes
Wed., Aug. 18 at 7:15 pm	Worship Choir Practice resumes
Sat., Aug. 21 9:00am to 3:00 pm	Multimedia Retreat
Fri., Aug. 27 (Location TBA)	Worship Choir Kick-Off Night
Sat., Aug. 28 (Location TBA)	Worship Choir Practice

Welcome New Members from the Woodburn Campus

Cameron Esters joined July 18 by baptism. Cameron is the son of Tracey and Ann Esters.

John Roberts joined July 25 by baptism. John and wife Lynsey live in Franklin.

Whitney Mann joined July 25 by baptism. Whitney lives in Plano.



Congratulations! To Lynsey (Hall) and John Roberts on their July 10th wedding. Lynsey and John were married by Pastor Tim Harris. The couple will live in Franklin, Kentucky.

To Tracie (Womack) and John Brackett on their July 23rd wedding. Tracie and John were married by Pastor Tim Harris. The couple will live in Bowling Green.

From the Franklin Campus...



Kids 4 Christ

Franklin Campus had their first AWANA Commencement Ceremony for their kids on Wednesday, July 7. The kids did a great job reciting Scripture and singing songs. They all received their awards for their accomplishments this year.



New Members from the Franklin Campus....

Tiffany Doss joined July 18 by baptism. Tiffany lives in Franklin.

Kain Kotoucek joined July 18 by baptism. Kain is the son of Kelly Cardwell.

Our Numbers from the Franklin Campus

	Sunday School	Worship
July 4	51	92
July 11	66	110
July 18	68	132
July 25		



I couldn't wait to tell everyone HOW AWESOME our FIRST EVER Vacation Bible School went at the Franklin Campus and how blessed we are to have the workers who have put such energy and time into it.

Each night started with Brother Willie and Brother Larry pulling into the parking lot and unloading about 100 wiggly, talking, squealing, beautiful children! (Did I say 100? Well, maybe only about 30 or 40!) They came pouring into the church and joined the other 30 or 40 children already there and they all began eyeballing the tables set up for supper. A few might even stick their finger into the chocolate cake!

At exactly 5:00 someone would ring the LOUD dinner bell, which clanged loud enough to get everyone quite, we said a blessing thanking God for the wonderful children, the food, the wonderful workers and our wonderful church. The kids may be small but they are HUNGRY! We have fed between 75 and 85 children every night. Wednesday night we cooked 160 hot dogs!! Not to mention mac and cheese, chips, fruit, cake and "cow pies" (don't ask).

After supper or I should say, after Nichole rings that LOUD dinner bell again, all the kids and leaders head upstairs to enjoy the opening hoe down, I mean worship service with the dedicated team of Byron and Susie! The kids are learning songs about how much Jesus loves them NO MATTER WHAT! They are learning our VBS memory verse from James 1:5. They are learning what missionaries are and what they do.

Then Nichole (or Pastor Eric, if he's had a chance to sneak it from her) rings THAT BELL again, and off everyone goes to either a Bible study class, crafts, recreation or music.

I have been so happy every time I watched our newest Christians (some adults, some teenagers) interacting with these children as they lead the kids around to the different areas during VBS. I see their joy as they get paint up to their elbows in the craft area, or as they do some major sweating while playing out on our new playground. These helpers do everything from helping the little ones fix their plates during supper, to helping with bathroom breaks, to shushing them during Bible study time, to wiping hands and faces covered with paint, to showing them how to bow their head to pray. This group of workers was so amazing. Every 20 minutes or so someone rings that LOUD BELL and off they go to their next station! It's a fast-paced, hectic night, but everyone is smiling and laughing and talking while dodging each other, and keeping hold of the hands of the little ones!

Nichole and Matt Buckman put in a lot of hours to make our whole church look just like a real ranch! You would think you were in Montana. We even have a completely BLUE SKY on our ceiling!

We have reached SO MANY children and adults here at the Franklin Campus, not just with VBS, but with our other outreach efforts also. We love Pastor Eric (even if he cannot dance!). He does such a good job of making people feel welcome.

Sandy Mefford

Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 1 [Series : *Promises to Keep* (A.M. only)]

A.M. *The Promise of Priority* (Genesis 2.18-25)

P.M. CREEK BAPTISM (4:00 pm)

Sunday, August 8

A.M. *The Promise of Pursuit* (Genesis 29.1-30)

P.M. "I Was Sick, and You Cared for Me"

(Matthew 25.31-46) [Family Meeting]

Sunday, August 15

A.M. *The Promise of Partnership* (Ephesians 5.21-33)

P.M. "In Prison and You Visited Me" (Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16)

Sunday, August 22

A.M. *The Promise of Purity* (Genesis 2.25, 3.1-13)

P.M. PASTOR-SWAP

Sunday, August 29

A.M. *It's Not Over 'Til It's Over* (Nahum 1.1-10)

P.M. *I Bet You Think this Sermon is About You*

(Ecclesiastes 1.12-14; 2.1-26)

Worship Attendance

	Sun. School	Worship
July 4	none	10:00 - 299
July 11	332	8:30 - 245 11:00 - 244
July 18	312	8:30 - 265 11:00 - 154
July 25	356	8:30 - 262 11:00 - 228