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## News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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### Vacation Bible School ~ 2010

**Monday, June 21 thru Friday, June 25**

**9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

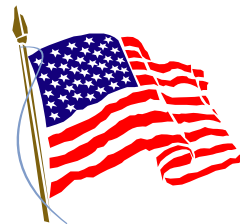
All kids ages 3 years old thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Saddle Ridge Ranch, where we will be Drivin' Home Answers. Saddle up for VBS 2010 where kids will be ridin' the range and roundin' up questions like, "What is God's plan for me?" and "How can I be like Jesus?" At the end of the day, they'll discover God's Word has all the answers!



### Church Wide - Recreation Day and Evening Services

We will all meet at the Woodburn City Park, Sunday, June 20 at 4:00 pm for an evening of activities, meal and praising God. The evening will start off 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 Fourth Annual

### U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony

**Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 10:00 am**  
at the Woodburn Campus.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

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

I get excited every time someone new joins the congregation. Welcoming new members is a joy—but it is also a responsibility. The Bible says that, as a pastor, my work is to watch over the souls of the ones God brings under my care; and I will answer to him for my faithfulness to this awesome task (Hebrews 13.17). In other words, every time I extend the hand of fellowship and receive a new member, I'm accepting a sacred obligation. I'm making a promise to be God's pastor to that person (just as you all make a promise to be the body of Christ). It's an important moment for you and me. I assume it's an important moment as well for the one who has taken the step to join us.

That's why I'm puzzled by the ones who join the church—then disappear. It doesn't happen very often, but there have been individuals who united with us on a Sunday morning, and that's the last we saw of them. Where did they go? What motivated them to join the church in the first place? Was it a carefully considered commitment?

Some decisions are not to be made in haste. Joining (or leaving) a church is one of those momentous decisions, requiring genuine soul-searching, deliberate consideration, and lots of praying. It's a serious two-way commitment—like getting married—and it shouldn't be taken casually.

That's why I'm preaching a new message series this month called, "Don't Join this Church Until . . ." Certainly, I want people to join this church—as many as God leads! But God isn't going to lead everyone to our church. He has his own purposes for every different church and for every believer's life. When an individual attends Woodburn Baptist Church and enjoys it, there are a number of questions that he or she needs to ask before making a commitment to the body of Christ with us. For example, nobody should move to join a church until they have become a Christian, a true follower of Jesus. The local church is, after all, a fellowship of people who believe and serve Jesus with whole lives and hearts. Everyone is welcome to attend (even non-believers), but membership is reserved for those who share Christian faith and commitment.

Beyond such basic questions about shared faith, people thinking about joining should consider whether or not this is a church where they will be challenged to grow in serving and imitating Christ. God does not simply bring you and me into the church so that we might be kept happy and satisfied by other people. God uses our total engagement with the body of Christ in the process of making us holy, like he is holy. In other words, if church is a place to have my needs met, my need to grow in holiness is more important than my need for friendship or religious enjoyment. That's why a person's decision in joining a church is so serious. It's a choice that affects the eventual health of your faith. The shape of your soul.

There are eternal matters at stake every time someone new comes forward to join this church. I welcome each new member with hope and delight. I just wouldn't want anybody to rush such a weighty commitment. Let's talk about church membership for a few Sundays this month, and let's pray that God will continue adding to our number!

**See you Sunday, Tim**

## *Remember Our Shut-Ins*

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

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

1 <sup>st</sup> week - Don Harris	3 <sup>rd</sup> week - Diane Harris/Martha Murray
2 <sup>nd</sup> week - Brenda Maxwell	4 <sup>th</sup> week - Vi Cato/Laura Spencer

### **Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry**

June 6	10 am - Blue Team	Speaker: Mark Swinney
June 20	10 am - Red Team	Speaker: Tracy Reels

## **Well, Because He's God**

*Jesus called people to come to him to find rest for their souls, and when they respond to his call by faith, they begin a new life of service and worship in him. – Allen P. Ross*

The question that directly precedes the title of this article is: "Why do we worship, and put so much energy into it when we do?" Well, because he's God. I love Allen Ross's quote above due to the conclusion of the statement. We see Paul's words in Romans spelling this out for us clearly as well (Romans 5.1-2). Paul is dealing with our response to God's saving grace in our lives. God deserves our praise and our worship. You may believe that simply showing up fulfills some type of obligation. If this is true for you then you need to reexamine your response to the Almighty, Fearful, Judging God who has spared you with the blood of his own Son. Our response to God *does* require a life that portrays peace, love, joy and happiness. Let's join together in "new life" and glorify the God who died on a cross for our very souls.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** will be a special Sunday in our upcoming weeks. We will be having only one service that day (at 10 am), with no Sunday School or Evening Worship that day. Our choir will be singing that day. ***If you have pictures of family members who served in or are in the military now, please turn them into Andrew Causey. I will be putting the pictures together for a special slide show during the service on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please include the name of the person, to whom they are related and how they are related.*** The morning will start with a breakfast potluck, which will begin at 9:00 am. The church will provide donuts, coffee, juice, plates and napkins. The congregation is welcome to bring breakfast foods to supplement the meal.

**The Youth Choir Mission Trip** is coming up soon as well! I can't wait to take our Youth Choir to New Orleans, LA from July 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. We have two fund raisers planned and I want you to know of them and help us out all that you can.

--- **The first fund raiser is a Pancake Breakfast** on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 am – 10 am. The cost for the breakfast will be donations to the youth who are going on the trip to help offset their \$125 for the trip.

--- **The second fund raiser will be a church-wide Garage Sale** on July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7 am – 11 am. We need your stuff! Not your junk, but your stuff. If you have things laying around that you would not mind donating to our mission trip fund we will begin collecting those items in the choir room on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Couches, TV's, old freezers and fridges, old cars, old purses and man bags, DVD's, CD's, etc. Please help us in our efforts to make this trip more affordable for our youth.

If you would like to sponsor one of our youth please talk to Andrew Causey, so I can let some of the families know who may not be able to afford the tuition of the trip this summer.

**Love you all! - Andrew Causey**

## “Summer Reading”

Did you ever have to do Summer Reading in school? The mere mention of it brings back bad memories for some. This summer, how about doing some summer reading that can enrich your life and strengthen you spiritually. We have selected 3 books from Leadership Academy for summer reading. The plan is to read one book a month and attend the group session at the end of the month. At the group session, we will come together to discuss the book and talk about what it meant to each of us.

June’s book is *Wild Goose Chase* by Mark Batterson. Batterson unmask our misconceptions concerning discipleship and decision-making and urges us to dare to take risks. Topics include: playing offense, surviving shipwrecks, pursuing passions, challenging giants, and more. This book also has a study guide available.

July’s book is *The Principle of the Path* by Andy Stanley. This book was recommended by Bro. Tim. “It should be required reading for everyone. It’s that good,” he said. Where you want to go in life and the path you choose to get there don’t always agree---despite good intentions. Teaching that our direction determines our destination, Stanley offers a story-driven, Bible-based road map to help you avoid unnecessary disappointments and attain your goals for your marriage, career, finances, and more.

August’s book is *Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know* by Wayne Gruden. There are certain matters of doctrine---that is, the church's teaching---that every Christian simply must know. Theology is important because what we believe affects how we live. This readable guide to the essentials of Christian theology helps make them both clear and applicable to life. I encourage you to participate by reading all three books. If you aren’t able to read all three, choose one and join us for that one.

### *Serving Together, Warren Weeks*



### Leadership Academy Summer Reading

The Summer Reading consists of three books from Leadership Academy. You read the book at home (or on vacation or wherever) and then attend a group session at the end of the month to discuss what you read and how it applies to your life. Join the group for all three books or choose one that interests you. If reading isn’t your favorite activity but still want to participate, you can purchase these books on CD and listen to them. You can purchase the books on your own or buy the set from the church for \$33.00.

Book #1 – *Wild Goose Chase* by Mark Batterson (Multnomah, 2008) Group session July 11 @ 4:30 PM.

Book#2 – *Principle of the Path* by Andy Stanley (Thomas Nelson, 2009) Group Session August 8 @4:30 PM

Book #3 – *Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know* by Wayne Grudem (Zondervan, 2005) Group Session August 29 @4:30 PM

### UPCOMING IN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

*Financial Peace University* – another session begins in August  
*Sickness and Death* – A one day learning experience and field trip for training in hospital visitation and ministry in the context of death and grieving. This class will be offered in September or October. Watch for the date to be announced soon.

*The Deacon I Want to Be* – Six session training for deacons and yokefellows coming in August.

## *Welcome New Members from the Woodburn Campus*

*Olivia Yaste* joined May 16 by baptism. Olivia is the daughter of Kevin and Vicki Yaste.

*Logan Chaffin* joined May 23 by baptism. Logan is the daughter of Brian and Lori Chaffin.

## *Sympathies and Prayers to . . .*

L.P. McElroy on the death of his sister, Sybil Hutcheson.

Garrett James on the death of his grandfather, Kenneth Garrett.

Jill Willingham on the death of her grandfather, Lawrence Jackson.



### LEMONADE STAND COMING UP IN JULY

The date is yet to be determined but we will hold our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lemonade Stand in July. If you are interested in helping out with this fun project, please contact Allison Mefford.



## Youth News Woodburn Campus

We will be returning to Crossings @ Cedarmore this year during the week of June 14-18. Please be praying for our youth as they spend a week being challenged to grow in their walk with the Lord. We will have our Camp Service on Sunday night, June 27<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, any youth not attending camp will be in the sanctuary.

We will start Vacation Bible School for 3 yrs. old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am until 12 noon. You can register online at [www.woodburnbaptist.org](http://www.woodburnbaptist.org), and check out the VBS page. We would like for everyone to register online to make the first day run smoother. The theme this year is “Saddle Ridge Ranch.”

The Kids 4 Christ did an amazing job presenting their musical. I would like to thank all the parents for bringing their kids to practices, all the workers for the hard work they put in every year to make it a success, and our church for supporting our kids in this way. Things were a little different this year with how crazy the school year wound up, so the trip that is usually in conjunction with the musical has been rescheduled for June 11-12th. For the kids that made 10 or more practices, we will be heading to Nashville, TN to spend the night at Thompson Station Baptist Church and then go to Nashville Shores water park. We are starting something new this year for 4th-6th graders. We will be going to Camp Joy on July 12-16th. The cost is \$130 (late fee) per person if they have not signed up but would like to go. Contact Frank Wright for more information.

*Frank Wright, Youth and families Minister*

# From the Franklin Campus...

## Kids 4 Christ - Franklin Campus



We will be wrapping up AWANA for a summer break at the end of June. The

AWANA ministry usually coincides with the students' school year. However, because we began at the end of February this year, we wanted the kids to have a little extra time. We've definitely had a great time this year... from Crazy Hair Night (you should've seen Chip Jenkins in a blond wig and Matt Buckman with green and orange, sparkly hair!) to our AWANA Store. This is where the children were able to spend their earned AWANA dollars on toys. We believe our children are hiding God's Word in their hearts from this ministry and are having fun in the process. We hope to have the AWANA ceremony to recognize the children's accomplishments the date is Wednesday, July 7.

We'll begin our VBS week on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Nichole at nichole.watts@gmail.com or if you are at the Woodburn Campus, you can let Frank Wright know of your interest. If you would like to register on-line, you may do so on the church's website.

Our playground should be finished by the time you are reading this newsletter! Thank you Chip Jenkins, Charles Reece, Larry Mercer, Willie Ray, Jeff Bunch, Chris Perdue, Ron Duvall, Matt Morris, Charlie Brooks, Matt Buckman, and Nichole Buckman for all your hard work! And, thank you again church for supporting our children in this way!

Thanks, Ellen Bunch

### New Members from the Franklin Campus....

**Steve & Sharon Cassetty** along with daughter **Carrie** joined April 28, 2010. The Cassetty's have a son Steven.

**Becky Dickerson** joined May 9, 2010 by transfer of letter. Becky lives in Franklin.

**Wes Cardwell** joined May 12, 2010 by transfer of letter. Wes lives in Franklin.



**Congratulations!** To Kelly (Oakley) and Wes Cardwell on their May 22, 2010 wedding. Pastor Eric Walker performed the ceremony at the Franklin Campus. The couple will live in Franklin, KY.

We will be selling copies of the Woodburn Campus, Kids 4 Christ program **Solid Rock Café**. If you would like a copy of this DVD, sign up on the hall bulletin board or contact the church office. The DVD will be \$5 each, proceeds will go to the Kids 4 Christ budget.

### Our Numbers from the Franklin Campus

	Sunday School	Worship
May 2	60	72
May 9	55	93
May 16	59	107
May 23	55	102

**The Center for Courageous Kids** is looking for summer volunteers! We are a medical-camping facility located in Scottsville, KY. We provide year-round, fun and unique experiences for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses at no cost to them. We need volunteers to commit to 2-3 hour day-shifts in the dining hall, to assist in our outstanding equine program, or to help prepare the lodges for consecutive groups of campers in between sessions. We are also looking for energetic and enthusiastic volunteers able to commit to a week-long summer session of making a difference in the lives of some very brave children! Dining Hall volunteers must be 16 and older. Horse barn and week-long volunteers must be 19 and older. Please contact Holly Conley at (270)618-2900 or [holly@courageouskids.org](mailto:holly@courageouskids.org) with any questions. Make an impact this summer!

### *Woodburn Campus - Kids 4 Christ ~ Solid Rock Café*



## *Worship Schedule*

### **Sunday, June 6**

A.M. *Don't Join this Church Until You're Willing to Love Us* (1 John 4.7-17), Communion

P.M. *Don't Join this Church Until You're Ready to Share Our Mission* (Ephesians 4.1-16) [Family Meeting]

### **Sunday, June 13**

A.M. *Don't Join this Church Until the Spirit Leads You Here* (Acts 13.1-5; 16.6-10)

P.M. *Second Thoughts* (Matthew 11.2-19)

### **Sunday, June 20 [FATHER'S DAY]**

A.M. *How to Survive Anything* (Genesis 6.9—7.5)

P.M. CHURCH RECREATION DAY (4:00 pm)

### **Wednesday, June 23**

Youth Camp Service

### **Sunday, June 27**

A.M. Preaching Intern Chase Thompson

P.M. VBS Final Worship Rally

## *Worship Attendance*

	<b>Sun. School</b>	<b>Worship</b>	
May 2	286	8:30 - 232 11:00 - 166	Overflow -
May 9	306	8:30 - 286 11:00 - 180	Overflow - 16
May 16	340	8:30 - 287 11:00 - 235	Overflow -
May 23	351	8:30 - 229 11:00 - 307	Overflow -
May 30			