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News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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Easter Activities and Services



Saturday, April 3 - All children through age 10 are invited to come for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Woodburn Campus which begins at 10:30 am.

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service at 6:30 am. We will meet at Rich Pond Baptist Church this year, Pastor Tim will preach. Rich Pond will provide breakfast.

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday - Worship Services will be at 8:30 and 11:00 am, Sunday School at 10:00 am. No evening services on Easter Sunday.



ENROLLING NOW! Woodburn Baptist Church's FIRST weekday preschool program, "Kid's Day Out" will begin in August. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The program will offer classes for 2, 3 and 4 year-old children. Each Sunday a table will be set up in the lobby for more information and registration.



Graduates Day

GRADUATES

If you or someone you know from the Woodburn or Franklin Campus will be graduating from college or high school this year, please get their information to the church office. Call 529-5221 or email debbiebrown@woodburnbaptist.org.

Our graduates will be honored Sunday, May 16, during the evening worship service. Each high school graduate will have the opportunity to decorate 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 two or three pictures to Frank Wright no later than Sunday, May 2nd.

City of Woodburn - Strawberry Festival

It's time to be thinking about the Strawberry Festival. This year the festival will take place on **Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1**. There will be lots of activities, food, fellowship and things to buy.

Health Fair



The church is planning another health fair at this year's Woodburn Strawberry Days on Saturday, May 1st. If you would be able to help or have special skills in the healthcare area, please contact Kacy Harris at 529-2043 or at kacy.harris@wku.edu.

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,

Finally—Spring! Winter seemed longer this year, and the warm weather has been slow in coming. I love this time of year, to get out in the yard and see what's beginning to turn green. The problem is, I have this particular shrub. Every year, I think it's dead. Sure looks dead. I consider digging it up.

The annual dilemma reminds me of one of Jesus' parables from the Gospel of Luke (13.6-9). This parable is probably not anybody's favorite. It hardly ever gets preached. It's the parable of the manure.

In the parable, a man has a fig tree in his vineyard that doesn't yield any fruit. Frustrated, he says to the man who takes care of the vineyard that after three years, it's time to cut the thing down. But the caretaker replies, "Leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig at it and throw manure around it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down."

I admire the patience of the caretaker. He knows that some things take time, and that some things are well worth the time required. Most of us are more like the frustrated owner who's ready to chop the whole thing down and move on—that's often how we solve problems. Ask yourself: What's the fruitless tree in my life right now? Is it the child that simply doesn't respond to instruction? Is it the marriage without laughter or love? Maybe it's the Sunday School class you've taught for years without visible result, or the diploma you think you'll never earn. Are you thinking about giving up on a rocky relationship, a failing diet, or a disappointing dream? The easiest and quickest way to get past the frustration would be for you simply to stop bothering, give up, and walk away.

But hold on. Not so fast. Learn the lesson from this parable. Sometimes giving up is not the answer, and walking away too soon would be tragic. A thing can look as good as dead, but that doesn't mean there's no life in it. Give it one more chance. Get back to work. Dig at it. Throw some manure, if that's what it takes. It's going to involve some sweat and stink on your part, and it won't be a quick fix. It may take a long time to actually see if you're making a difference. After all, manure is a slow solution. You never know. It just may work.

So whatever it is from which you're thinking of walking away—think again. You may be frustrated and disappointed today, seeing no fruit or signs of life, but maybe it's worth one more effort. You don't see what God sees, and you don't know yet how he plans to intervene. Don't quit.

I love this time of year, to get out in the yard and see what's growing. Of course I have this particular shrub. Every year, I think it's dead. Sure looks dead. I consider digging it up, but instead, I put the water to it and the fertilizer. And it always comes back to life.

See you Sunday, Tim

In Recap: Of the Music and Worship Forum

We met, as a congregation, on March 20th, in room 42. There were 14 of us who took the time from our Saturdays to make it to the discussion and I appreciate each and every one of you who were there. We had a good cross-section of those who were concerned about the worship and music ministry here at WBC Woodburn Campus. I just wanted to let you know of a few new ideas that we will be enacting as of March 28th (last month):

- Choral words are hard to understand sometimes. So, we will be putting the words on the screens over the choir as they sing. This way you, the congregation, will be able to know exactly what we are singing as we praise God and give testimony to His goodness in our lives.

- Contemporary songs would be easier to sing if the choices contained more clear melodies. What a great point! If our worship's test of authenticity is edification, then I must make a more concerted effort to pick songs that have clearer melodies and more *singable* harmonies as well.

- Other points of interest or concern included: More testimonies in worship, More creedal confessions in worship, Paying clear attention to volume levels, Less sitting down and standing up throughout the service, More solos in worship.

These are excellent suggestions and the music committee and I will be addressing each one of them as we continue to grow our ministry here at WBC Woodburn Campus. It is my plan to continue scheduling these style of forums for the future and I look forward to more input from our congregation as we grow together and toward our Father in heaven. May we continue to serve each other with our worship and our praise when we gather, and may we each grow in our own personal worship. These are my prayers for us individually, and as a congregation. Let me know if you have any suggestions or concerns. There is no need to wait for the forums to let me know if you have any suggestions whatsoever. My love is with you and my prayers are for our worship to continue toward maturity in edification and praise to God. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Andrew Causey, Minister of Music

Remember Our Shut-Ins

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

April - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Vi Cato / Laura Spencer
2nd week - Rhodes Hester / John O'Brien
3rd week - Jennifer Jones
4th week - Renee Morse

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

April 4	10 am - Blue Team	Speaker: Will Baker
April 18	10 am - Red Team	Speaker: Tracy Reels

A New Sunday School Mentality

The purpose of Sunday School is to reach people, teach people and minister to people. It's not a program but an important ministry of our church. Only one of the three tasks has to do with education: teaching people. We will continue to emphasize the importance of teaching God's Word in Sunday School, but education is not all we do. We must also have the mentality and vision that moves us to reach people for Christ and church membership. In order to teach people God's Word, we must first reach them.

The Sunday School is better equipped to reach people than any other organization in the church for several reasons. We are the biggest organization; we meet during prime time on Sunday morning; we are structured into age-graded units and we are organized to quickly assimilate new people. We must also have a vision to minister to people. If God sends people to us, then surely He expects us to love and care for them. A Sunday School class should be a person's spiritual support group. If a person does not get their needs met there, they probably go unmet.

Sunday School must be seen as more than a one-hour happening on Sunday morning. A new vision for what Sunday School can be will enable us to see it not as an event to attend once a week but as a ministry to embrace. The Sunday School is the church organized to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ - which is more than a Sunday morning event! **Warren Weeks**

Summary of Benevolence Ministry for 1st Quarter 2010. This is a summary of the work of the Benevolence ministry of the church.

- Number of Requests for Help - 18
- Number of people helped - 15
(11 of these are church members or attenders)
- Total help given - \$1678.00

Sympathies and Prayers to ...

Todd Smith on the death of his father David Michael Smith.

William Mayhall on the death of his brother Sherman Mayhall.

Larissa Hall on the death of her three month old daughter, Essence La-Rey Holman.

Congratulations! To Saba Sadeghi and JT Meador on the birth of their son James Issac Meador. James was born February 20, 2010.

Congratulations! To Tina and Brandon Harris on the birth of their daughter Paisley Harris. Paisley was born March 5, 2010.

YOUTH- Woodburn Campus

The youth had an amazing D-Now weekend, with a record breaking attendance. We had 47 youth from the Woodburn Campus and 8 from the Franklin Campus. I remember the first year we had D-Now at Woodburn and we only had 7 youth in all. It has been exciting to see the weekend grow over the years. Many thanks to all those that helped out during the weekend (host homes, leaders, and other volunteers). It is such a blessing to minister at a church that supports and lets the youth have such an amazing weekend.

Some upcoming things that you need to be aware of in the youth ministry are: **Spring Break Service Project** on April 8th, we are going to the Nashville Rescue Mission, more info to come later. **24God Youth Conference** on April 16th-17th. This is a 24 hour youth retreat (very similar to D-Now) in Campbellsville, KY. The youth will be spending the night in a local church. They will need a sleeping bag, a pillow, etc.. The cost is \$20, due March 21st; but we could squeeze your youth in if they want to go; the late penalty is \$30 and covers supper on Friday, lunch on Saturday, and a t-shirt. We will be leaving from the Woodburn Campus Please turn in all money to Frank Wright so that it can be properly credited to your youth's account and if you are writing a check make it out to Woodburn Baptist Church. 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.

The Parent Meetings have been going great so far. If you have not gotten a letter from me, do not panic. I am sending them out about a week in advance to let you know when I can meet with you. I would continue to ask the church to pray for these "Parent Partnership" meetings that the Lord will bless in great ways.

In Kids-4-Christ news, we have started practice for the musical, Solid Rock Café. We are currently finalizing details for this trip and will get them to you as soon as possible. Here is what we have so far, we will head to Nashville on Friday night, May 21st spend the night and get back Saturday afternoon, May 22nd. The performance will be Sunday, May 23 during the 11:00 am service at the Woodburn Campus. The second performance will be Sunday, May 23 at the 6:00 pm service at the Franklin Campus.

If you are interested in helping with VBS, and were unable to make the meeting please contact me! Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 21st - 25th from 9:00 am to Noon. **Frank Wright, Youth and families Minister**

Wcome New Members from the Woodburn Campus

Josh Diamond joined March 14 by baptism. Josh lives in Woodburn.

Natalie Blick, joined March 21 by baptism. Natalie is the daughter of Michelle and Ken Blick.

From the Franklin Campus...

The Kids 4 Christ Franklin Campus...

The AWANA ministry at the Franklin Campus has been going strong over the month of March. We've been averaging in the mid-30's as far as the number of children who are regularly attending. Approximately ½ of our regular attendees have completed their entrance booklets. What this means is that the Sparks Club members (K - 2nd grade) must know and understand John 3:16, and the Truth & Training Club members (3rd - 6th grade) must know and understand twelve memory verses! Once they complete their entrance booklets, they receive a free AWANA t-shirt to wear each Wednesday night, a fun book filled with scripture memory verses for them to learn each week, and a backpack in which to carry their book and Bible. We have additional t-shirts on sale, at \$10 each, for those adults who'd like to help us advertise the AWANA ministry at the Woodburn Franklin Campus.

It has been incredible to see these kids be so excited about learning their verses! We receive a two-minute knock on the door to let us know that Game Time is about to begin. Instead of throwing their booklets/books and Bibles aside and running to line up for Game Time, these kids are waving their books at each of the leaders, begging us to let them say one more verse from memory!!! It is amazing, and we are truly humbled. As we grow, however, we are also in need of more workers. So, please search your heart and see if you might be willing to give your time on Wednesday nights to merely listen to five children memorize their Bible verses. I promise you, as you bless us, you will in turn be blessed!

We will be having our first VBS workers meeting on April 11, right after our 11:00 am church service in Franklin. This year our children will be saddlin' up on the Saddle Ridge Ranch during the week of July 19. Nichole Buckman has come up with some wonderful ideas this year, like offering an adult class during VBS and offering VBS at night (6:00 - 8:30 pm) for those who have always wanted to help, but haven't been able to because of their work schedules. Please contact Nichole at nichole.watts@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you'd like to volunteer this year.

In Christ's love, Ellen Bunch

New Members from the Franklin Campus....

Teddy Cassetty joined March 7 by transfer of letter. Teddy lives in Franklin.

Mercedes (Shelly) Ramsey joined March 10 by transfer of letter. Shelly has two children, Natora and Teri.

Karolee McBride joined March 10 by transfer of letter. Karolee lives in Franklin.

Woodburn and Franklin Moms and Kids Dates

Play Date April 9 ~ 10 am until 11:30 am
All Children are welcome to come and play at Three Springs Park playground. Bring a picnic lunch for you and your children. Parental supervision required.

April 23 ~ Mom's Night Out

We are meeting at Olive Garden on Scottsville Rd at 6:00 pm. Open to all moms, come out for a time of fellowship and fun.

Our	Numbers from the Franklin Campus	
	Sunday School	Worship
March 7	77	135
March 14	57	105
March 21	75	135
March 28	89	133

Youth News from the Franklin Campus...

The month of March has seen a lot of growth in the Franklin Campus Youth Group. A group that began with just seven students last October has now grown to 22, but the growth of numbers is not nearly as important as the growth in spirit which has also been very evident.

We just recently finished our study entitled "Shaped by the Story" which enables the leader to re-tell the Bible in story-telling form, much like the Jews would have done. This study was a huge hit with the youth.

A new study has begun that I am calling "Bible and a Movie." Movies can sometimes, either intentionally or unintentionally, make really great points about the Bible, and for that reason, we are watching a movie clip and discussing how that applies to our Christian lives.

This past month also saw the Franklin Campus' first ever Disciple Now. This was an excellent opportunity that our youth got to spend a weekend devoted to small groups, worship and fun, and you only need to ask our youth to find out how much fun they had. But we are still in the early part of the year and there are a lot more events yet to come.

June may seem far away, but it is fast approaching, which also means camp is fast approaching. We will be having camp at Crossings @ Cedarmore June 14th to 18th. The balance for camp, however, is due May 16th. If you have a youth interested in going to camp, please see Greg Crittenden. Also, several youth want to go to camp, but not all can afford it. Therefore, I ask you to prayerfully consider sponsoring a youth. If interested in sponsoring a youth, again, see Greg.

Thank you all for the support and encouragement that you provide to the youth group and God bless.

Greg Crittenden

Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 4 [EASTER SUNDAY]

6:30 A.M. Sunrise @ RPBC: *Do You Love Me?*
 (John 21.1-19)
 A.M. *The Scapegoat* (Leviticus 16.20-22)
 P.M. NO P.M. SERVICES

Sunday, April 11 [Series begins: *Get mart!*]

A.M. *The Fountain of Smart* (Proverbs 9.1-12)
 P.M. *Thinking Ahead* (Proverbs 16.1-3, 9)
 [Family Meeting]

Sunday, April 18

A.M. *The 4-Letter Word* (Proverbs 27.23-27)
 P.M. *Saving All My Love* (Proverbs 5.1-17)

Sunday, April 25

A.M. *Unstoppable Friendship* (Proverbs 17.17)
 P.M. *What Ears Are For* (Proverbs 13.13-14)

Sunday, May 2

A.M. *Learning to Ride a Bike* (Proverbs 20.7)
 P.M. *Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise* (Proverbs 3.1-18)

Worship Attendance

	Sun.	School	Worship	
March 7	343	8:30 - 280	11:00 - 220	Overflow - 37
March 14	336	8:30 - 278	11:00 - 238	Overflow - 30
March 21	353	8:30 - 274	11:00 - 190	Overflow - 12
March 28	394	8:30 - 276	11:00 - 242	Overflow - 26