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You are Invited to the... *Solid Rock Café*

Kids 4 Christ will have two performances...

Sunday, May 23, 11:00 am at the Woodburn Campus.

Sunday, May 23, 6:00 pm at the Franklin Campus.

The program begins with a group of children heading for the "Praise the Lord Music Festival" when they encounter several problems. The kids feel they have lost their *Praise*. With the help of Soulman Mac, Bubba the cook and the rest of the Solid Rock Café staff they partake of some great soul food - the Bible - to help them. This musical is one of hope, encouragement and faith.

City of Woodburn - Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival, will take place on **Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1**. There will be lots of activities, food, fellowship and things to buy, come out to Woodburn and enjoy the fun.



ENROLLING NOW!
Woodburn Baptist Church's **FIRST** weekday preschool program, "Kid's Day Out" is scheduled to begin on August 5th. 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. Please visit the table in the lobby or the church website for more information and registration.



Graduates Day

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 bring 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.

High School Graduates

Jacob Dyer, Franklin Simpson High School

Ryley Mayhall, Franklin Simpson High School

Kelsey Burnette, Warren Central High School

Kristen Carter, Bowling Green High School

Chad Smith, Bowling Green High School

Rebecca Hamm, Anchored Christian High School

College Graduates

Missy West - Western Kentucky University, Bachelor of Science Degree, Elementary Education

Kati Ayers - Western Kentucky University, Degree in Biology.

Chrissy Willis - Ashford University, Masters in Business Administration Degree

Beth Davis - Western Kentucky University, Associate Degree of Science in Nursing

Tess Turner - Campbellsville University, Bachelor of Science in Art, Minor in Education Ministries

Erica Hockstedler - Campbellsville U., Social Work Degree

John Roberts - Western Kentucky University, Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance.

Lynsey Hall - Western Kentucky University, Bachelor of Science in Accounting. (Dec 2009)

Andrew Causey - Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Masters of Arts in Worship Degree. (Dec. 2009)

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,

Where would the church be without our deacons? Woodburn Baptist Church ordains deacons to advance and serve God's larger mission for the congregation. Week in and week out, these men do a lot of the heavy lifting in the ministry of our congregation. They ensure that church family members are spiritually led and fed. They work to meet the everyday needs of individuals placed under their care. When you are in the hospital, it's often the deacons who will visit and pray for you. It was the deacons who caught the vision of a second campus, wrestled with the burden of it, and followed the Spirit as a dream became reality. Personally, I lean upon these brothers heavily, knowing that we all share the same desire to see Christ glorified and the mission of the church advanced. I know they never back away from the Lord's work.

Our deacons are wise, faithful, and Spirit-filled. I have zero complaints. Except that we need more of them.

Our present approach to pastoral-deacon ministry was established when we were a small community church with 100-200 members. Now the church has grown. The blessings of growth, however, do not simply make us a church with more members. We have necessarily become a different kind of church, requiring different strategies of administration and ministry. Because of this growth and transition, I'm beginning to suspect that the program of deacon ministry that brought us to this threshold may not take us across it.

Our deacons are feeling the tension; willing as they are, they can't be asked to keep adding more families to their lists when they are already serving at personal capacity. To cross over into the next stage of ministry, we must understand what lies ahead and make necessary realignments. We must build for the next stage before we can reach it. We must change to keep growing.

After much prayer, here's what I'm thinking: God wants us to invest much more of our energy into developing a continual supply of healthy new deacons (as well as other leaders). Remember how Jesus called his followers to pray for God to send more workers (Luke 10.2)? The harvest was ripe, he said. The only thing lacking was people to match the magnitude of the work. The situation sounds like ours. Franklin and Woodburn are ripe for a gospel harvest. I believe God wants us to keep reaching more people for Christ—and we're doing it! The present challenge for us, however, is that once people are saved and received into the body of Christ, they must be led and fed. That's where deacons come in, and that's why we need more of them. A lot more.

Our guys are presently looking at ways to realign the deacon program. Their fresh commitment is to identify, enlist, develop, and engage men (especially young men) in active ministry. We want to involve men as deacons, train as many as possible through Leadership Academy, and ultimately release the ones who will be called as pastors and leaders for future start-up churches.

I'm asking you to pray. Pray for the leadership of our church to be spiritually wise and courageous. In another month or so, we will enter into the process of new deacon and yokefellow selection. We must come into this process as we never have before, not just looking to appoint 3 or 4 deacons to replace the ones who routinely rotate out of active ministry. *We have to double the number of active yokefellows and deacons.* And that's only the beginning. Start praying now that new men—lots of new men—will step up to serve. There is a world of work for us to do for Christ. So let's get to work together!

See you Sunday, Tim

The Renaissance of the Church - *In His Image*

We are familiar that Scripture reminds us that we were created in God's image (Genesis 1:27). So, we assume that God must also have two legs, two arms, ten fingers, and ten toes. In our mind's eye, we picture him with a long flowing beard, as white as snow, and eyebrows that wouldn't be so bushy if our Creator God had the time to trim them. Like always, we are spending time concocting the exterior likeness in our imagination, without even considering his attributes, or the qualities that make him Almighty God, the great I Am. I want us to focus on his attribute that allows him to create from nothing – something.

“Creativity” is a descriptive attribute that reminds us that we are a work of his precise design, and inhabit a delicate *creation*. We do, and should, spend time in his creation with worship and praise for what his hands have done (read Psalm 148 here). Our response to His creation is praise, clearly. But, what about us?

We are made in the image of God. This does not give us his power, but certain attributes are instilled in our hearts, and one of them is creativity. You see this attribute at work everywhere: movies, music, paintings, poetry, etc. As His people – His bride – His church, we must move towards this gift, not away from it. We are living in a time when His people are reclaiming the arts and giving the glory to God, and I want our congregations to feel this desire and this call. Our imaginations are full of this mirrored attribute of creativity... *Let it out!* Be the creative, created creature that you were put here to be! My call extends to all campuses and all people reading this article. Create! Delight your imaginations to be in his image. I want the in boxes, mailboxes, and e-mails of our multi-campused staff and leadership teams to be filled with ideas. Why not sing songs from our own hearts and hear poetry from our own people. Christ's church is worldwide, but let's let our voice be heard in this cloud of worship and praise ascending to the throne room of God!

Join the choir! Children, youth, and adults have a choir where you can be a part of impacting this congregation towards Christ at each of our campuses. Stop coming up with excuses for why you *can't* and hear the nudging of the Spirit to be a part of something bigger than yourself!

Pray for our worship leaders! If you can't aid in a leadership role, lay the foundation of prayer for our services. Pray for our multimedia, choirs, greeters, deacons, and staff. They need your prayers and you need to support them in that way. Prepare your hearts for worship by praying for our leaders!

In Humble Love, Andrew Causey

Remember Our Shut-Ins

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

April - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Norma Palacios / Louise Stephens
2nd week - Wilma Guthrie
3rd week - Margaret Ann Adams
4th week - Joy Bush / Nancy Williams

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

May 2	10 am - Blue Team	Speaker: Terry Chaffin
May 16	10 am - Red Team	Speaker: Will Baker
May 30	10 am - Purple Team	

Taking A Look At Numbers

Last month we said that the purpose of Sunday School is to Reach People, Teach People and Minister to People. We are in the people business. Numbers represent people. Let's take a look at our numbers so far this year and what they tell us. Since, September 6th at the Woodburn Campus, we have averaged 350 in Sunday School and 505 in worship which means 69% of our worship attendance attends Sunday School at that campus. At the Franklin Campus, we have averaged 67 in Sunday School and 131 in worship attendance which means 51% of our worship attendance attends Sunday School at that campus. One of the things we can learn from this is that we need to encourage everyone in worship to come to Sunday School. Sunday School offers us not only the opportunity to learn more about the Bible and how it applies to our lives. It's our opportunity to build relationships with others. If you are not currently attending Sunday School, this is a great time to start. If you are in a Sunday School class, look around in worship and invite someone to come with you to your class. Remember our Sunday School purpose, Reach People, Teach People and Minister to People.

These numbers also show that our church is growing. In the same period last year, we averaged 384 in Sunday School and 561 in worship with just one campus. With two campuses, we average 417 in Sunday School and 636 in worship. That is a growth of 9% in Sunday School and 13% in worship. The 20/20 vision of starting 20 churches by 2020 is about Kingdom growth. By starting the Franklin campus, we are reaching more people. Let's begin to pray now for the Lord to lead us to start another campus in His time.

The number I like to report the most though is baptisms. Our church goal for 2010 is 48. So far this year, we have baptized 15. Let's continue to pray for our goal of 48 and do our part by inviting others to church and sharing our faith. Numbers represent people and it is people that Jesus commands us to reach for the Kingdom by sharing His love with everyone. **Warren Weeks**

Sympathies and Prayers to . . .

Tim Cornell on the death of his father Neil Cornell.

Freddie Perdue on the death of his mother, Alean Perdue.

Tracey Woods on the death of her grandfather, Thomas Smith.

Robin Smith on the death of her grandfather, Mack Wilson.

Brenda Maxwell on the death of her sister Marilyn Jenkins.

Welcome New Members from the Woodburn Campus

Meredith Hightower joined April 4 by baptism. Meredith is the daughter of Brett and Jana Hightower.

Cathy Diamond joined April 18 by baptism. Cathy lives in Woodburn.

D-Now T-shirts on sale

We have a few extra D-Now t-shirts that the youth are selling. The cost is \$8, and sizes range from small to 2XL. Please make checks out to Woodburn Baptist Church (or you can pay cash). If you would like one, see Frank Wright to pay and get your shirt.

YOUTH- Woodburn Campus

In April, several youth went to the Nashville Rescue Mission and helped organize their donations. We also went to Campbellsville University for a youth conference (24God). The conference is very similar to a D-Now; large group worship, small group Bible studies, seminars, etc. It was awesome to see the youth be challenged and grow in their walk with the Lord. We had a church group time (it started at Midnight) on Friday night after the conference was over for that night. It was amazing to hear the youth share about what God was teaching them and doing in their lives.

In May we will be honoring our graduates on Sunday night, May 16th at the Woodburn Campus and Franklin Campus. We will have a camp meeting on Sunday, May 2nd at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Youth (if you are in youth choir you can show up after you finish). At least one parent needs to attend to make sure you get all the correct paperwork and forms as well as what to bring sheets and other important information.

In Kids 4 Christ news, we are excited about the musical,

Solid Rock Café. We will be having two performances this year at Woodburn Baptist Church; on Sunday morning, May 23 at 11 am at the Woodburn Campus; we will also perform Sunday night, May 23 at 6 pm at the Franklin Campus. We will be traveling to Nashville on Friday night, May 21- Saturday, May 22 for an overnight trip and fun activity to reward those who have worked hard to meet the attendance requirements for the musical. We have moved the musical up this year, because having it in July seemed to be a struggle for a lot of the kids to come to practices throughout the summer due to vacations.

Vacation Bible School is almost here and we are excited about this year's theme, **Saddle Ridge Ranch**. If you know of a child (3 yrs. old - 6th grade) that could come to VBS make sure you let them know that it will be from June 21st - 25th. We are encouraging parents to sign up their children online (go to the Vacation Bible School page on the church website; from there, click on the link that says to register your child.)

Frank Wright, Youth and families Minister

FUN IN THE SON



On May 26, all preschoolers age 2 - kindergarten are invited to be a part of a "field day" to kick off summer. There will be games, story time, face painting and fun to be had by all. Youth group members will be leading so it will be a great leadership and service experience for them as well. If you are interested in helping or learning more about this event, please contact Frank Wright or Allison Mefford.

HELPING HANDS NEEDED IN PRESCHOOL AREA

Yes, we have more and more young children involved in our preschool ministry. There are immediate needs for teachers and helpers on Wed. night in the 2 year old classroom and the 3 year old classroom. We also need people who are willing to serve on the substitute list and help out when needed. We are also seeking someone who has a passion for decorating bulletin boards. If you are gifted in this way, we could use your help to spruce up our preschool wing. Contact Warren Weeks if you can help in any of these areas.

From the Franklin Campus...

From Pastor Eric... Why Go To Church?

Did you know Jesus attended church? This is something we do not hear about often, but it is true. If we want to follow and imitate Jesus, then we must follow His example; Jesus made it a custom to attend temple services. Once, when He had wandered away from His parents as a child, He was later found in the temple. When Mary and Joseph finally located Him, His explanation for His disappearance was, "... How is it that you had to look for me? Did you not see and know that it is necessary [as a duty] for Me to be in My Father's house and [occupied] about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49, AMP) As an adult, if you were looking for Jesus, one place you would definitely find Him was teaching in the synagogue.

In everything God tells us to do, we have a choice whether to obey Him or not. Hebrews 10:25 says, "Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another..." (AMP). He has commanded through His Word that we should gather together with other Believers in a corporate setting.

Notice God said some forsake this practice. This simply means they ignore it and turn away from it. Why does God take this so seriously? When we come to church, we learn how to apply the Word of God to our lives to overcome the things we go through. We receive the wisdom we need to live victoriously in our everyday lives.

If you are a Christian, you are part of the Body of Christ. Give honor to God by obeying His Word with a willing and obedient heart. Come into His presence in a corporate setting to give Him thanks and to encourage a brother or sister in Christ. You can help change someone's life forever by inspiring them to make Jesus their Lord and Savior. Allow your enthusiasm for the kingdom of God to overflow into the lives of others.

You will be amazed at how blessed we are at the Franklin Campus to have this much joy about experiencing the presence of Almighty God. I want to personally thank everyone at the Woodburn Campus. Because of the vision God has put your in hearts there are many people who can now say I can't wait to get to church.
Love you, Pastor Eric

Bowling Green House of Prayer

Bowling Green House of Prayer is a prayer ministry that provides a prayer room located at 929 College St. in Bowling Green. They are open for prayer all the time and have a 24 hour period of constant prayer each month. This month's 24 hour prayer is from 6:00 pm May 21st to 6:00 pm May 22nd. Anyone is invited to come by, signing up for 30 minutes or more on our Facebook wall: Bowling Green House of Prayer. Our theme this month is Unity so we are encouraging everyone to come and bring family and friends to join together in prayer.

We'll come to a close with 2 hours of praise and worship following the event(6pm-8pm) that all are invited to come back and be a part of, whether you prayed during the event or not.

New Members from the Franklin Campus....

Tina Herndon joined March 31 by baptism. Tina is the wife of Allen Herndon.

Our Numbers from the Franklin Campus

	Sunday School	Worship
April 4	91	170
April 11	68	147
April 18	74	153
April 25	83	

The Kids 4 Christ Franklin Campus...

Kids 4 Christ at Franklin continues to be exciting. We are holding strong in the mid 30's for attendance each week. We'd like to thank Chris Willingham for surprising us by coming and helping us with the children on April 14! We needed an extra worker that night, and God provided. I'd also like to thank the workers who continue to be faithful each week in helping with our children: Charlie and Wilma Brooks, Matt and Nichole Buckman, Allen Herndon, Chip Jenkins, Orean Ray, Lisa Williams, and Kim Purdue. If you are interested in coming and listening to four or five children recite their memory verses, please come and jump on in!

We're so excited about VBS this year. We'll begin our week on July 19th from 6:00-8:30. We still have a need for workers, especially Rotational Leaders. This role is intended to be extremely easy and fun. You will be assigned a number of children to watch over and ensure they get to each class as we rotate. 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.

Thank you again, Church, for voting unanimously for our playground! We've scheduled our **first work weekend on May 7 and 8**. Our goal is to put the fence posts up on Friday, as well as begin to construct the playground equipment. Saturday, we hope to have the chain link fencing completed, and finish putting together the playground equipment and installing the basketball goal. We'd love to eventually blacktop approximately half the area where the basketball goal will be! Contact Matt Buckman at bassfisher4life@gmail.com if you are interested in helping at any time during that weekend!

In Christ's love, Ellen Bunch

Congratulations to...

Tracie and Klaus Rotermann on the adoption of their daughter ***Kenzie Grace Rotermann***. Kenzie was born April 7, 2010 and weighed 5 pounds.

Stevie and Wendall Cherry on the adoption of their daughter ***Alyssa Renee Cherry***. Alyssa was adopted April 22, 2010.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 9 [MOTHER'S DAY]

A.M. *A Disciple in Deed* (Acts 9.36-42)
 P.M. *The Open Door* (Acts 16.6-15)

Sunday, May 16

A.M. *The End and the Beginning* (Revelation 21.1-8, 22-27)
 P.M. *Your Best* (2 Timothy 2.15)
 Graduate Recognition Service

Sunday, May 23

A.M. (8:30) *Never Alone* (John 14.15-17, 25-26; 16.7-15);
 (11:00) Kids-4-Christ Musical (WC)

P.M. CARE Night; (6:00) Kids-4-Christ Musical (FC)

Sunday, May 30 Series begins: *Don't Join this Church Until . . .* MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, CHURCH 143rd ANNIVERSARY]

A.M. *Don't Join this Church Until You Become a Christian*
 (Ephesians 1.15-2.10)

P.M. *Don't Join this Church Until You Are Baptized*
 (Acts 8.26-39)

Worship Attendance

Sun. School Worship

April 4	325	8:30 - 300 11:00 - 254	Overflow - 30
April 11	320	8:30 - 234 11:00 - 209	Overflow - 8
April 18	361	8:30 - 278 11:00 - 167	Overflow - 27
April 25	346	8:30 - 264 11:00 - 226	Overflow - 22