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News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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Easter Activities at the Woodburn Campus

Sunday, April 17 ~ Palm Sunday

- 8:30 am and 11:00 am, The children will have a palm processional during both services.

Thursday, April 21 ~ Maundy Thursday

- 6:00 pm, We will start the evening with a soup and sandwich meal. Following the meal we will have a worship and communion service.

Saturday, April 23 ~ Easter Egg Hunt

- 10:00 am, All kids ages birth to 10 years old. Both campuses and the community are invited to join us. We will be hunting eggs at the Woodburn Campus.

Sunday, April 24 ~ Easter Services

- 6:30 am, Rich Pond Baptist will join us for worship and Pastor Steve Hussung will bring the message. We will provide breakfast for everyone. Please help us by bringing breakfast foods, casseroles and fruit.

- 8:30 am & 11:00 am, Worship Services.

- 10:00 am, Sunday School
- No 6:00 pm worship service.

Worship Choir Special Music

Join us for three special worship services this month; beginning with Palm Sunday Worship, Maundy Thursday Service, and Easter Sunday Worship. This will be a wonderful week of worship and we hope to see you here!

Easter Activities at the Franklin Campus

Sunday, April 17 ~ Palm Sunday

- 11:00 am, The children will have a palm processional.

Wednesday, April 20 ~ Communion Service

- 6:00 pm, Service and Communion

Saturday, April 23 ~ Easter Egg Hunt

- 10:00 am, Franklin Campus will join the Woodburn Campus for the annual Easter egg hunt.

Sunday, April 24 ~ Easter Services

- 6:30 am, Sun Rise service with breakfast being served.
- 9:45 am, Sunday School
- 11:00 am, Worship Services
- No evening services



GRADUATES

Graduates Recognition

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 15, 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.

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,

Ever heard of Christopher Hitchens? He's probably the most famous atheist in the country. He became a champion of the "New Atheism" movement with his 2007 book, *God Is Not Great*. His acid statements against religion have led him into debates across the country, often with some of the most passionate and articulate Christian thinkers alive today.

However, during a recent appearance in Portland, Oregon, Christopher Hitchens was interviewed by Unitarian minister Marilyn Sewell. Rev. Dr. Sewell came out of a Southern Baptist background but rejected traditional Christian faith in favor of liberal Unitarian-Universalist principles. (Unitarian-Universalists teach that many paths lead to truth, and they may borrow inspiration from Atheism, Humanism, Paganism, and all other religious or philosophical traditions, including Christianity). The entire transcript of the interview has been posted online. I find this part of the conversation especially interesting:

Sewell: The religion you cite in your book is a generally fundamentalist faith of various kinds. I'm a liberal Christian, and I don't take the stories from the scripture literally. I don't believe in the doctrine of atonement (that Jesus died for our sins, for example). Do you make any distinction between fundamentalist faith and liberal religion?

Hitchens: I would say that if you don't believe that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ and Messiah, and that he rose again from the dead and by his sacrifice our sins are forgiven, you're really not in any meaningful sense a Christian.

Sewell: Let me go someplace else . . .

Marilyn Sewell apparently wasn't pleased with the atheist's assessment of her beliefs. Isn't it peculiar that, when you compare the statements of the "liberal Christian" and the atheist, it's the *non-believer* who understands what *believers* ought to believe? While there aren't a lot of things that Hitchens and I would agree on, here's one thing he gets right: What you actually believe about Jesus Christ matters—a lot. Especially if you want to call yourself a Christian.

In a few weeks we'll be celebrating Easter with Christians around the world. It's the most important day of the year for believers, because the resurrection is the most important part of what we believe about Jesus. Remember what the Bible says, ". . . that if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10.9). Fact is, there aren't multiple paths to the truth—just the One who is himself the Way and the Truth. You must believe in him.

See you Sunday.



Remember Our Shut-Ins

Regis Hopkins Bill Moore Lena Van Meter
Tressie Vice Annie Beasley Janice Casada

April - Homebound Visitation Schedule

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

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

April 3 10 am - Blue Team Speaker, Mark Swinney
April 17 10 am - Red Team Speaker, Will Baker

New Members Woodburn Campus

Steve and Patty Sawyer joined March 27 by transfer. Their children are Lindsay, Steven, Glen, Micah and Peyton.

Payers and Sympathies to . . .

Joe Mercer and family on the death of his father and our Woodburn neighbor, Charles Mercer.

Beth Davis and family on the death of her grandfather, Guy Neal of Auburn, KY.

Mike Morse and family on the death of his sister, Linda Kelley of Little Rock, AK.

Pixie Jarvis and family on the death of her grandfather, Kenneth Richardson of Bowling Green, KY.

Ellen Quick and family on the death of her grandmother, Anna Beth Powell of Fulton, KY.

Charleen Morris and family on the death of her son Richard Morris of Cincinnati, OH.

News from the Franklin Campus...

New Members at the Franklin Campus

Jatara McKinney joined March 6, by transfer of letter. She has a son Jeremiah Foster.

Jermaine Foster joined March 6, by transfer of letter.

Rickey Hoskins joined March 20, by baptism.

Bailey Cornell joined March 27, by baptism.

Franklin Campus Numbers

	Sunday School	Worship
March 6	68	117
March 13	69	162
March 20	68	136
March 27	81	126



The Importance of Name Tags

Since October of last year, I have been encouraging each of us to wear a name tag on Sunday morning. As I look across the worship center or in the hallway, I see many of you wearing them. Name tags are important in helping us accomplish one of our core values and that is to make everyone feel welcome. Here are a couple reminders of why name tags are important.

1.) Name tags help your regular attenders to be ready for guests. They are a visual reminder that names are important. They acknowledge that guests come to church or to the Sunday School class with some anxiety which can be eased through personal connection. And one way to help is for the guest to get to know class members by name and vice versa.

2.) Name tags also help members remember each other's names. Some are not good with names. Some are forgetful. And many are not verbal learners, so you can tell them the name over and over and they will not remember the name. But they may be visual learners (about 60% of people today) and if they see the name one time, they will remember it.

That is why a church which desires to shift the emphasis toward reaching out benefits from encouraging name tag use. It is a small action that points to guests. It is a reminder that we are expecting new people. It is a reminder to pray for, care for, and invite new people. As we prepare to welcome guests each week, let's remember to put on a name tag to help our guests feel welcome. During the Easter season, we expect even more guests to come. Name tags will help us let them know we are glad that they are here.

Serving Together, Warren Weeks

Kids 4 Christ News . . .

Our Wednesday night kids just finished "Xtreme Bible Games." The kids learned Bible facts and memorized verses, while competing on teams.

Kids 4 Christ will be starting our spring musical, *Son Seekers Nation Vacation*. During the time of learning songs and sharing devotions the kids will have an opportunity to be involved in drama, dance and mission projects and other learning experiences.

Church Wide Communications

If you do not receive phone messages from the One Call and would like to, contact our secretary Debbie Brown. Provide the phone number you would like to use to receive call updates. **If you do not** receive weekly emails and would like to, send your email address to debbiebrown@woodburnbaptist.org.



Creativity as Worship

Genesis 1.26 tells us that we are made in the image of God. So, it is natural to conclude that we all look exactly *like* God, right?... Clearly that's not the case, as that we are all individually handcrafted for His glory. What, then, can we conclude from this very forthright verse from Scripture? First, we must realize that it is true. Scripture is, by definition, true - so, there must be a more definitional understanding of the statement. The hinge word seems to be, "image." So, maybe we redefine "image" as the qualities God exhibits to us all. Do we have all of God's qualities? Of course not - but, we must retain some portion of his qualities for the Scripture to be true. To start at the beginning, God is the Creator of this world, existence, time, and all things of the spiritual realms as well. How are we like God, in this way?

We are like God because we too are given the gift of creativity. What we do with this gift examines and proclaims our heart as much as it shows our gratefulness to our Creator. When we use our creativity to create idols (anything that brings worth to ourselves, others, or materialistic objects), we are abusing the gift that God is giving us. When we use our creativity to create *anything* that brings glory to God, we are worshiping. I have called on us to create, as a congregation, in the past - but, I feel a distinct urging to call us to action in this area again. The hymns, songs, aesthetics, and prayers we use in worship are created for the church (in its entirety on earth). Maybe, we have the gift of creativity to create within the constructs of our own church culture, for the purpose of bringing glory to God. Where have all the artists gone?

The artists, represented in our congregation, must create again for the worship and glory of God in our own unique circumstances, positions, and understanding of the Scripture. Why not sing hymns written by our own congregation? Why not admire art sketched by our own hands? Why not use our creativity to honor God: here. As we worship him with our creativity, we show glory of the One whom we worship. May we follow the psalmist's guidance and worship God in all ways, and at all times, as we are indeed created in His image!

Andrew Causey, Minister of Music



Youth Choir Practice

If you're a youth, and you are not in youth choir, make it a point to come out to practices on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 pm in the choir room! We are getting ready for a Youth Choir Mission Trip, June 19 thru June 24 in Nashville, TN. We need to begin learning our music and preparing for our trip!

Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 3

A.M. *Are You Asleep?* (Mark 14.37)

P.M. *What Is Truth?* (John 18.38)

Sunday, April 10

A.M. *Aren't You One of His Disciples?* (John 18.17)

P.M. *Do You Love Me?* (John 21.15)

Sunday, April 17 [PALM SUNDAY]

A.M. *Are You Betraying Me with a Kiss?* (Luke 22.48)

P.M. *What Shall I Do with this Man?* (Mark 15.12)

Thursday, April 21 [MAUNDY THURSDAY]

6:00 P.M. *Do You Understand What I Have Done for You?* (John 13.12)

Sunday, April 24 [EASTER]

6:30 A.M. Sunrise @ WBC (Steve Hussung preaches)

A.M. *Who Will Roll Away the Stone?* (Mark 16.3)

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

Worship Attendance Woodburn Campus

	Sun. School		Worship	
March 6	373	8:30 - 275	11:00 - 222	
		Overflow - 46		
March 13	342	8:30 - 232	11:00 - 241	
		Overflow - 0		
March 20	359	8:30 - 288	11:00 -	
		Overflow - 42		
March 27	322	8:30 - 209	11:00 - 219	
		Overflow - 20		