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Creek Baptism and Picnic

Mark your calendars now! **Sunday, August 7, 2011 at 3:00 pm both campuses will come together at the Franklin Community Park.**

The park is located on North Street just off the 1008 bypass.

Games and activities begin at 3:00 pm. There will be a corn-hole tournament and a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. There is a sign up sheet for these activities on the hall bulletin board. The potluck picnic begins at 5:30 pm, with the church providing the barbecue, buns and drinks. Everyone who comes will need to bring salads, vegetables and desserts.

The outdoor worship starts at 6:15 pm and will include singing, Scripture and baptism. Bring your lawn chairs for sitting and old shoes for wading in the creek.



All age graded classes move to the next grade.

Sunday School Classes - Sunday, August 7, all youth, children and preschool classes will promote to the next age or grade level.

Wednesday Night Classes - Wednesday, August 10, all Youth classes, Kids 4 Christ and Preschoolers for Christ classes will move to the next age group.

Marriage by Design Tidbits

The Woodburn Baptist Church Marriage Ministry Team
newsletter

Ahoy!!!! On Saturday evening, August 6 at 5:00 pm, the WBC MBD team has planned a get-together at the Woodburn campus for any and all married couples for a "theme" movie night! We'll cook out and feed everybody gourmet hamburgers and hot dogs and other "cookout" foods, then we'll sit down and watch the Disney movie, "Pirates of the Caribbean." Pirate attire that night is optional to all attendees, so don't be surprised if you encounter some buccaneers roaming about the galley and decks! So, make plans to attend on Saturday, August 6 at the Woodburn campus! The feast and festivities start at 5:00 pm. To attend, simply sign up with one of the MBD team members or we'll have a sign up sheet in the vestibule before and after Sunday services. The evening is free, unless, of course, you run into a pirate that evening, looking for loot!! We hope to see you there!!!!

Plans are moving along for our fall marriage retreat. Come join us on September 23, 24 and 25 at Montgomery Bell State Park. It looks to be a wonderful worship experience for married couples, so plan to attend! Sign-ups have begun in the vestibule of the church, Woodburn campus. For our Franklin campus brethren, sign-ups can be called into Rick Tingle, at 270-586-2590, or you can stop by Franklin Bank in Franklin and register with him in person.

All Senior Adults from Woodburn and Franklin campuses are invited to a potluck fellowship in the Woodburn Campus fellowship hall. Join us on Friday, August 26 at 12:00 noon. As always there will be lots of food, fun and fellowship!

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,

If they were alive today, I bet your great-grandparents would seem strange compared to folks like us. Do you remember how they used to do? One lady says her grandparents used to take the extra condiment packets they would get from fast food restaurants and squeeze them into their own bottles at home. They never actually bought a bottle of ketchup or a jar of mayonnaise. Ever.

A 17-year-old went to visit his grandmother one summer, and when she offered him some cake, he took her up on the offer. She pulled a couple of slices out of the freezer, and thawed them in the microwave. It tasted a little off, but he thought nothing of it. As he was finishing up the slice, she mentioned, "You know, that's your parents' wedding cake." (The boy's parents had been married for 24 years!) There was an elderly couple who would use the bathroom wherever they were before they went home just to save a flush's worth of water. At one point the water company came out to the house to see if the meter was broken, since they used so little water.

Previous generations would save and hoard almost everything. I heard about a lady who used to keep chicken bones from the family's supper plates to make soup the next night. Did you ever notice the way old people reused every plastic bread sack, piece of string, coffee can, and paper bag? With them, nothing ever got thrown away or wasted. That generation lived through the Great Depression. They assumed that resources were limited, and so they were careful to let nothing go to waste. Their philosophy was, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without." Having lived through hard times, when basic necessities were scarce, they had a survivor mentality.

Compare this old way of thinking with the way people behave now. Many of us have developed a consumer mentality, based on an assumption that there is an unlimited supply of everything. We scrap plates full of perfectly good food. We have to purge over-full closets to make room for new clothes purchased on a seasonal spree. Thrift and frugality are out. It is simply too easy and enjoyable for us to update and upgrade everything constantly.

Nonetheless, as Christians we can't automatically join the world in its materialistic carnival; but we're not our grandparents either, and we don't live in their world. If we don't share the survivor mentality of a past generation, and we reject the consumer mentality of our neighbors, then what is left for us? The Bible calls us to have a stewardship mentality. It's a radically different way of being in the world, based on the knowledge that everything belongs to God, and he provides it all for the benefit of everyone.

Since God's word (and not the culture) shapes our lives, we must practice the principles of stewardship we see in the Bible. Is there any way we might stop the constant, unnecessary buying that takes so much from our lives? Some of us seek stuff because we falsely think that what we buy might bring some kind of happiness. It would be so much better for us to

rediscover the true happiness that comes in a life with Christ. In the world today there is an endless supply of things for us to covet and to buy. But none of the things that add value to your life are on sale in a store.

See you Sunday. *Tim*

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Regis Hopkins Lena Van Meter Tressie Vice
Janice Casada

August - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Jennifer Jones
2nd week - Norma Palacios / Louise Stephens
3rd week - Wilma Guthrie
4th week - Margaret Ann Adams

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

Aug. 7 10 am - Blue Team Speaker, Tom Goodhue
Aug. 21 10 am - Red Team Speaker, Mark Sweeney

Welcome New Members to the Woodburn Campus...

Faith Adams joined July 3 by baptism. Faith is the daughter of Larissa and Brian Adams.

Becky Johnson along with her daughters **Lori Johnson and Hope Donnelly** joined July 3 by transfer of letter.

Caleigh Esters joined July 10 by baptism. Caleigh is the daughter of Ann and Tracey Esters.

Mike Rassel joined July 10 by baptism. Mike is married to Deb Rassel.

Austin Wheeler joined July 17 by baptism. Austin is the son of Melissa and Perry Wheeler.

Megan Wheeler joined July 17 by baptism. Megan is the daughter of Melissa and Perry Wheeler.

Brian Wilson joined July 17 by baptism. Brian is the son of Jennifer Blankenship.

Lucas Haskins joined July 24 by baptism. Lucas is the son of Crissy & Kevin Willis.

Prayers and Sympathies to . . .

James Bush on the death of his brother, Arnold Bush.

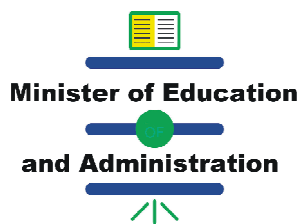
Butch Spencer on the death of his brother, Calvin Joseph.

Stan Jackson on the death of his mother, Lona Jackson.

Michelle Coats on the death of her mother, Denise Norris.



Congratulations! To Missy and Christopher West on the birth of their son, Fisher Allen West. Fisher was born July 22, 2011, he weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz.



Why You Should Serve In Children's or Preschool Ministry

1. Children are important to God. I don't know about you, but I want to serve in ways that matter most to God. There is no question about God's attitude toward children. The

Bible tells us that kids are a blessing from God. While Jesus was on earth, he made a point to welcome children and to affirm their value. He even talked about punishment for anyone who would abuse a child. Make no mistake, kids matter to God.

2. Serving in Children's and Preschool Ministry multiplies your efforts long-term.

There are few ministry opportunities that allow you to impact the future in such a direct way. When you love and teach kids this Sunday, you are also influencing generations to come. These children will one day become parents and church leaders themselves.

3. Reaching children should be a top priority for the church. It's been proven that most people who will come to Christ do so when they are young. The childhood years are the years of greatest opportunity for the Gospel. Unfortunately, many times, we don't make the most of what God has given us.

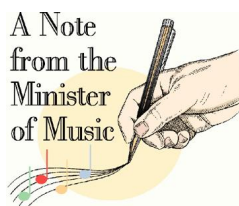
4. Serving children will build humility into your character. Too often, those who work hard in the church nursery, Sunday school or in Wednesday night programs are not given credit for their service. "Out of sight out of mind," is the way we sometimes think. While this can be discouraging, I think it's a blessing in disguise. Like so many other acts of service done quietly, the rewards come in heaven.

5. Serving kids will make you a more patient person. Children's and Preschool Ministry is unpredictable and even the best plans can be torpedoed by a disruptive child. This is another blessing in disguise, working with kids will teach you patience. Where else can you gain this excellent fruit of the Spirit in as little as one hour each week?

6. The #1 qualification is love. Many avenues of church service may be beyond your abilities. You may never sing a solo or preach a sermon in church, but God wants you to find a place of ministry. Serving in the Children's or Preschool Ministry is open to almost all Christians. If you love God and his children, then there are many different ways for you to help.

These ideas are from Tony Kummer's Ministry-to-Children newsletter and are a great reminder to us of the importance of Children's and Preschool Ministry here at Woodburn. We always need more workers to help us minister to children and preschoolers. If you would be interested in learning more about how you can be involved in Children's and Preschool Ministry, please let me know.

Serving Together, Warren Weeks

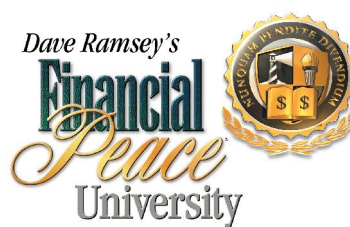


So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. James 4.7-8

Is there some part of you divided between God and the world? Do you worship and serve two masters; three masters; seventy times seventy masters? If your loyalty is divided so will your heart be. We cannot have a heart after God with him receiving only 10% of our time, thoughts, actions, and resources. Don't you want to be a part of something greater than yourself? Are you giving God the priority in your life? Because that is what worship is. You don't worship God when the time you give him is confined within the walls of a church. You worship God when you show worth to Him moment by moment. Where does your time go? That's where your heart is also.

Take some time this month to find a place to serve. Our multimedia ministry is looking for volunteers. Are you interested? Contact me and I'll get you serving. Do you want to play in a band? I can tell you that if you have the ability and you aren't, then you should be. There are options for every level of involvement of time and resources in our over-arching worship ministry, here at WBC and at our Franklin Campus as well. There are no try-outs or auditions, only prayer. My prayer for you all is that you will answer the voice in your heart asking you to serve the church in whatever way that can occur.

With Love - Andrew Causey



Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming again this fall. 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.

FPU begins with a preview session on Wednesday, August 17 and classes beginning the following week on Wednesday, August 24. Classes begin at 6:00 PM and are led by Kacy Harris. The cost for the class materials is \$90. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

News from the Franklin Campus...

AWANA:

Summer break is officially over on August 10 in Franklin as our children go back to school. We've had a great break this year. Our children spent a wonderful week at Camp Joy in June, and they had a blast attending VBS in July. Thankfully, many of our workers were able to take a break and fellowship/study the Bible for a few Wednesday nights as well.

Since AWANA runs concurrent with the school year, we will begin our AWANA year on August 10. We are so excited about the children that the Lord will be entrusting us with this year through this ministry. However, as we are growing, we desperately need more AWANA workers! A very wise preacher once told me, "God may not grow this ministry much until you've found enough workers to minister to the children." So, I'm asking each of you reading this newsletter to prayerfully consider helping our AWANA ministry this year. If you usually worship at Woodburn, would you consider Franklin to be your mission field on Wednesday nights? If you usually worship at Franklin, has God been whispering to your heart to start serving Him through our children's ministry?

On Wednesday, August 3, after Bible Study, AWANA workers will be getting together for a brief meeting at the Franklin Campus. Anyone who is interested in helping with this ministry, please come to the Fellowship Hall after church service that night. If you are interested in helping but are unable to attend, please call me at (270) 598-9033. *God Bless, Ellen Bunch*

Welcome New Members to the Franklin Campus

Cameron Witt joined July 3 by baptism.

Dan Jarvis and his son **Tyler** joined July 3. Dan by statement and Tyler by baptism.

Tim & Rhonda Kidd joined July 6 by statement. Their children **Timothy, Theresa and Anthony** joined by letter of transfer.

Sue Brown joined July 17 by statement.

Beck Davis joined July 17 by baptism.

Phillip Allen joined July 17 by statement.

Troy Monnier joined July 21 by baptism.

Sherri McKeel joined July 24 by transfer of letter.

Mitchell Duffer and daughter **Brianna** joined July 24. Mitchell by transfer of letter and Brianna by baptism.

Jordan Smith joined July 24 by baptism.

Madison Smith joined July 24 by baptism.

Franklin Campus Numbers

	Sunday School	Worship
July 3	70	149
July 10	70	148
July 17	83	141
July 24		129

Lisa Greetings my sister,

We had an outreach earlier this month to an area called Makathenizi about 497 miles from Harare. There are no vehicles on this island. There are about 5000 people, about 1000 children. The saddest thing is the school where some of these children go to is very, very sad. They do not have a classroom, they are taught under trees, also they share one pencil amongst 3 children, also they write on one sheet of paper no books. They have never worn shoes they walk with bare feet, their feet are so hard and cracked.

No body likes to go there, when we visited this area Makathinizi, we met a lot of wild animals, lions we seen too, elephants lots and lots. The most scary and frightening issue is that these children walk through the jungle for 9 to 12 miles to go to this place which they call school under a tree. Bare in mind they do not have food. They carry an empty bottle to put water inside that is their lunch. These people love our Jesus Christ they enjoy singing hymns. They love to listen to stories of David and Goliath and how Jesus was born, they just enjoy the Word of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

They have no undergarments at all, no socks, tennis shoes to keep their feet warm. These children are in grade 1 thru 7. The grades 1 thru 3 we feel so sorry to see these poor little ones just sitting on the floor with their legs crossed and just smiling, you know what Lisa they smile so much that they cried when we left.

We had good news for them, we told them people from United States of America love them so much, they have sent gifts for you all they were all amazed and looked at each other and giggled. We gave out undergarments, shoes, socks, cloths, some vaseline, toys, story books, pencils (they were so happy to get one of their own my gosh their smiles are so sweet), crayons and we made lunch. What a joyful day we had with them. The container is really a HUGE BLESSING to the ministry and the people of Zimbabwe, with out the container we would not have been able to reach the remotest areas to preach the gospel and bless each and everyone with something. God bless America.

We love you all and may God bless each and everyone mightily.

God bless, Martin and Ivy

THE RACE IS ON!

The race is on to collect items for the next container going to Harare, Zimbabwe. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please spread the word to family and friends. These are the items that we will be focussing on through the summer months.

- Gently used, lightweight children's clothes & shoes
- Gently used, lightweight adult clothes and shoes size small & medium. - Pillows, blankets, sleeping bags
- School supplies (paper, pencils, crayons)
- Towels & Wash Cloths - Baseball hats
- Undergarments - Anti-bacterial Soap
- Toothpaste, & toothbrushes - Sterile Gloves

PLEASE HELP! WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!

Contact: Jeff & Lisa Williams 270-996-3974

Thank you...

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your prayers, cards, meals, words of encouragement and the many visits we have received from everyone. We can never thank each and every one of you enough for all the love and support shown to us through yet another battle. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family and we love you all. God is good and he has yet to fail to be there in our time of need. I love Him and thank Him so much for all He has done for me and all that He will be doing. God bless you all! **Tina King and Family**

Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 7

[Series begins: *God's Riches at Christ's Expense*
(*Doctrine of Grace*)]

A.M. *The Flaming Sword* (Genesis 1.27-31, 3.1-24)
4:00 P.M. Church Rec Day and Creek Baptism

Sunday, August 14

A.M. *Man of Faith* (Genesis 12.1-3, 15.1-6)
P.M. *The Rule of Love* (Exodus 2.1-10) (Family Meeting)

Sunday, August 21

A.M. *Saving Grace* (Ephesians 2.1-10)
P.M. *Graceless Religion* (Matthew 23.1-28)

Sunday, August 28

A.M. *Chains Are Gone* (Colossians 2.6-23)
P.M. *Gracious Me!* (2 Peter 3.18)

Worship Attendance

	Sun. School	Worship	
July 3	320	8:30 - 261	11:00 - 153
		Overflow - 324	
July 10	341	8:30 - 289	11:00 - 207
		Overflow - 18	
July 17	359	8:30 - 270	11:00 - 244
		Overflow - 13	
July 24	334	8:30 - 268	11:00 - 195
		Overflow - 27	

