



# The Steeple

## News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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### **There will be a New Member Class for Woodburn Campus and Franklin Campus**

(Franklin Campus details on the Franklin Campus newsletter page)

All those who joined the **Woodburn Campus after February 28, 2010** are invited to a short term "First Class." These three Bible study sessions will help orient you to the mission, history, and ministry of Woodburn Baptist. The classes will meet during the 10:00 am Sunday School hour in the sanctuary. Dates for the classes are...

February 13 - Session # 1 - Tim Harris -- introduction, Overview of Purpose Statement, Vision and Direction of Church, Review of Church History.

February 20 - Session # 2- Tim Harris ~ Worship and Teaching, Philosophy, Ordinances  
Andrew Causey ~ Music and Worship

February 27 - Session # 3 - Warren Weeks ~ Sunday School, Age Group Ministries, Preschool Ministry and Places of Service.

If you have friends who are curious to learn more about WBC, but are not quite ready to join, they are welcome to attend the classes. Also, make plans to attend the catered luncheon, served by the deacons Sunday, February 28, following the 11:00 am worship service.

Please RSVP with Debbie Brown, our church secretary, at [debbiebrown@woodburnbaptist.org](mailto:debbiebrown@woodburnbaptist.org) or the church office 270-529-5221, and let us know whether or not you plan to attend the lunch on Sunday, February 28. We will need to know how many people to plan for the lunch.

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### **UPDATE ON SEARCH FOR YOUTH/CHILDREN/FAMILIES MINISTER**

The Personnel Committee is committed to finding God's person for the job ahead. We appreciate the leadership of Scott Turner, and all the youth and children's workers who continue to serve well.

The Committee has met six times since November 21, '10. A strong pool of candidates has applied. We have begun the narrowing process, but we are still accepting resumes. This procedure takes time, and is a PROCESS requiring prayer, and seeking God's leading.

February 7, at 6:00 PM we will have a meeting with the youth and children's workers at both campuses to listen to their concerns, questions, and for us to share updates with the group. We would like to have youth representatives meet with us at a later point when we have top candidates ready for consideration.

We ask that you continue praying for God's choice to be so clear to us, and that we are obedient to His leading. Also pray for the committee as we do hours of reading, evaluating, and meetings to advance the process.

In Christ alone, Joy Bush, Donna Rigdon, Amy Lawrence, Charlie Brooks, Barry Hall, Claud Johnson

*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,

The story is told of a rich kid whose family moved to a new city. The parents didn't want the boy to draw attention to himself (or to them), so they told their son that they were poor. "We really don't have much," they told him. "Others are much better off than we are." On the first day of school the teacher asked the children to write a paragraph about themselves. The young boy wrote, "I am poor. My father is poor. My mother is poor. Our maid is poor. The man who flies our jet is poor. . . ."

No matter what he had been told, the boy was not poor, and neither was King David at the end of the story in 2 Samuel. God had told him to build an altar and offer a sacrifice on a piece of property in Jerusalem. The place was being used by its owner as a threshing floor.

When David approached the owner, the man bowed before David with his face to the ground. David told the man that he had come to buy his threshing floor, to build an altar to the LORD. "Take it and use it as you wish," the man said to David. "You may have the land. I will give you my oxen for the sacrifice, and you may burn the ox yokes and the threshing boards for the fire on the altar. I will give it all to you."

If you were in King David's position, what would you do? Here's a man, who's willing to give everything he has, because he thinks it will honor the LORD. God had told David the exact address of the man on whose property the altar would be built; and when David approaches him, the man is happy to give it all, right on the spot. It's a God thing—isn't it?

David doesn't see it that way. "No," David insists. "I will not offer anything to God that costs me nothing."

It's one of those moments when you can see what makes David such an extraordinary man before God. If there is a sacrifice to make, he will be first to make it. If there is a price to be paid in the Lord's service, he reaches first into his own pocket. He's not going to serve God at a discount.

God needs more of us to gain a heart like David's. It's not hard to give to God the spare change of your life, but will you serve him at a cost? We often obey God when doing so is easy. A lot of Christians are more than happy to let others make the sacrifice, showing up after the hard work is done and the price has been paid at someone else's expense.

There is so much to do for the Lord—gloriously hard work that will demand risk and sacrifice. If we sit around long enough, there will probably be someone else who will step up. They will make the sacrifice (and we will avoid it). They will take the risk (and we will remain safe). Someone else will give their precious time and money. Someone else will care for the needy, teach the children, plant the churches, preach the gospel (and we can live our lives as we please). Someone else will bring glory to God's name. And we will bring him shame.

Come, friends, let's not serve God on the cheap. God has

lavished his love upon us, and everything we have

belongs to him. Let's lay it all on the altar for him, and may we never offer to Christ the things that cost us nothing.

See you Sunday. Tim

## *New Members Woodburn Campus*

Jeff Carlock joined January 9 by transfer and daughter Sara joined by baptism.

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## *Payers and Sympathies to . . .*

Henry Smalling on the death of his sister, Dema Gass.

Steve Cassetty on the death of his grandmother, Elberta Wims.

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**Senior Adults** will get together Friday, February 25 at 12:00 pm. All seniors are invited to attend the potluck lunch and bring a dish to share. There will be lots of food, fellowship and fun!

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## **Bible Studies for Ladies**

The **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** starts up Tuesday, February 1 from 9 am until 11 am. Childcare will be provided. We will be studying the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.

**Monday Night Ladies Bible Study**, Beth Moore Bible study "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruits of the Spirits." At 6:30 pm in room 22.

### *Remember Our Shut-Ins*

Regis Hopkins	Bill Moore	Lena Van Meter
Tressie Vice	Annie Beasley	

### **February - Homebound Visitation Schedule**

1<sup>st</sup> week - Brenda Maxwell  
2<sup>nd</sup> week - Diane Harris / Martha Murray  
3<sup>rd</sup> week - Vi Cato / Laura Spencer  
4<sup>th</sup> week - Rhodes Hester / John O'Brien

### **Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry**

Feb. 6	10 am - Blue Team	Speaker, Tom Goodhue
Feb. 20	10 am - Red Team	Speaker, Billy Wemyss



## Sharing Our Faith

We made our 2010 baptism goal of 48 by having 50 baptisms in 2010! Praise the Lord! The deacons have set a goal of 60 for 2011. What can you do to help Woodburn Baptist reach the goal in 2011? First, we need to pray. Pray for the goal. Prayer bookmarks with a number from 1 to 60 are available which serve as a prayer reminder to pray for the goal and the person represented by the number you choose.

We need to also pray for those without Christ that we know. Finally, we need to pray that we will have the opportunity to share our faith with someone this year and see them come to know Christ as Savior. As we think about sharing our faith, I encourage you in this new year to think about how you would share your faith if the opportunity arose. How would you do it? Would you use a gospel tract, memorized verses from the Bible, your personal testimony of salvation or read some verses from your Bible? All these methods are useful for sharing our faith. Instead of having only one, we should develop several ways to share our faith as we come in contact with different folks in different situations with each requiring a personal presentation of the gospel.

I encourage you as we as a church move toward our goal of 60 to be involved in sharing the gospel in as many ways as possible in 2011. Let me know how I can help you in sharing your faith.

*Serving Together, Warren Weeks*

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### Gifts to Jesus

#### Missions Giving Report for 2010

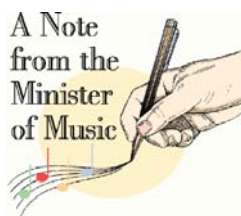
- International Missions (Lottie Moon) \$ 9,343.53.
- North American Missions (Annie Armstrong) \$5,839.71.
- State Mission (Eliza Broadus) \$ 3,503.82.
- Baptist Medical and Dental Mission International \$ 4,671.76.
- Co-operative Program \$ 59,066.81.
- Warren Association \$ 18,860.99.
- Simpson Association \$ 2,192.71.

Thank you for your generosity as a church in giving to missions!

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### School and Church Closing Policy

As always, the Wednesday night preschool, kids and youth programs at the Woodburn Campus will go along with the Warren County school system. If there is no school because of bad weather, we will not have preschool, kids or youth programs.



A Note from the Minister of Music

While reading through a book recently I came across this quote: "If our structure has become an end in itself, not a means of saving the world, it is a heretical structure" – John Stott. I have to admit I reread this multiple times. I stopped and prayed over the words; for God to illuminate his truth as it reflected in this

simple and logical statement. I took the context (examining programs and programs in churches) and threw it out the window. Instead, I applied this same proof statement to my own life, my own practice of discipleship. I came up with two sticking points that I'd like to share with you now.

1. My devotional life seems to center on "getting something out of His Word," rather than obedient and humble study. What I mean by this is that I tend to approach the Word of the Living God in a way that suggests it is more of a Holy self-help brochure than the powerful and breathing revelation of God to mankind. When I continue to approach Scripture as a Christian check-list, I'm taking away the possibility of God to speak to me in a fresh new way. (To be honest – there I go again, I'm trying to make God's Word about me.)

2. My prayer life is also centered on me, and what my plans and ambitions are. I leave too little time in my prayer life to be led by the Spirit. I'm too quick to let God know what "needs" are in and around my life, and far too slow to listen and heed God's instruction for my day.

You may be the same way. You may not, but my instinct is that you have an issue with self-worship, and a "me-focus" that regularly pushes God out of his rightful place as Lord of your life. Read the words to "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" (found in any hymnal or online), and then stop and listen. God has a plan for your life, today. Are you living your life for him? Or, are you living it for yourself? Oh, and PS, join the worship choir! We need you, and you need the chance to lead others in worship.

*Andrew Causey*



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### Mowing Bids

The trustees are taking mowing bids for both the Woodburn campus and the Franklin campus. Separate bids for each campus should be turned into the church office by Sunday, February 27.

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### 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 receive call updates.

**If you do not** receive weekly emails and would like to send your email address to [debbiebrown@woodburnbaptist.org](mailto:debbiebrown@woodburnbaptist.org).

## News from the Franklin Campus....

"I thank my God every time I remember you." We read this verse of scripture in Philippians 1:3. Just as Paul said it to the people he loved, so do I say it to you and our church family at Woodburn Baptist Church. God has blessed me with a wonderful congregation of God-fearing people who are kind and caring. My family and I are so thankful to God for giving us such a wonderful church as our home for the ministry, He called us into. We could not be happier anywhere else and we thank you for allowing us to serve you.

I will be on the job every Sunday and every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. These will be my scheduled work days. I'll typically be my office in Franklin beginning at 9:00 a.m. each Monday and Wednesday. On Tuesday I will start the day in the weekly staff meeting at the Woodburn Campus, and then spend the afternoon in Franklin. I plan to finish my workday at 5:00 p.m. (except on Wednesday). Feel free to call me, to e-mail me, or send me a message on Facebook.

I am looking forward to keeping appointments here at the church as well as visiting in homes, hospitals, and anywhere else you may need me to be. I am planning to take a New Testament class on Thursday nights, but Thursday and Friday will otherwise be my days off. I am now free to take the biggest part of my time and devote it to the ministry, so I will feel blessed whenever you call upon me and allow me to meet your needs as your pastor.

*Love you, Pastor Eric*

### New Member Class - Franklin Campus

We will meet **Saturday, February 26 at 5:00 pm** for the three session classes. If you joined the Franklin Campus after February 28, 2010 or if you want to learn more about Woodburn Baptist, you are welcome to attend the classes as well. The New Member Class is to help orient you to the mission, history and ministry of Woodburn Baptist Church - Franklin Campus. These sessions are informal, fun, and informative.

Session # 1 - Introduction, Overview of Purpose Statement. Vision and direction of the church. Worship and teaching.

Session # 2 - Sunday School, Age group ministries, and places of service.

Session # 3 - Music & Worship.

After the sessions are over, we ask that you to join us in the fellowship hall for a catered supper. The supper will be served by the Franklin Campus deacons. So we will know how many to plan for please RSVP with Debbie Brown our church Secretary at 270-529-5221 or [debbiebrown@woodburnbaptist.org](mailto:debbiebrown@woodburnbaptist.org) .

### Our Numbers from the Franklin Campus

	Sunday School	Worship
Jan. 2	78	115
Jan. 9	79	125
Jan. 16	Unity Sunday	
Jan. 23	84	144

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

Judy Ann Chandler joined December 24 by transfer of letter.

Ethan Mefford joined January 2 by transfer of letter. Ethan is the son of Sandy Mefford.

## Unity Sunday



# *Worship Schedule*

## **Sunday, February 6**

A.M. *The Writing on the Wall* (Daniel 5.1-30)  
 P.M. *Wall of Shame* (1 Samuel 31.1-13)

## **Sunday, February 13**

A.M. *The Spiritual Dungeon* (Lamentations 3.1-33)  
 P.M. Frank Jarboe's Ordination Service  
 (with Family Meeting)

## **Sunday, February 20**

[Series begins: *A Person Like You in a Place Like This*]

A.M. *King of Everything* (Esther 1.1-2.2)  
 (11:00 D-NOW Service)  
 P.M. *Girl Next Door* (Esther 2.1-18)

## **Sunday, February 27**

A.M. *For Such a Time as This* (Esther 4.1-5.8)  
 P.M. *The Tables Turn* (Esther 5.9-6.14)

## *Worship Attendance*

	<b>Sun. School</b>		<b>Worship</b>
Jan. 2	372	8:30 - 276	11:00 - 204 Overflow - 25
Jan. 9	428	8:30 - 280	11:00 - 230 Overflow - 28
Jan. 16	Unity Sunday		10:30 - 638
Jan. 23	357	8:30 - 266	11:00 - 218 Overflow - 23