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News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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First Baptist Church Woodburn and Woodburn Baptist Church, Woodburn and Franklin Campuses will celebrate Unity Sunday, January 16. We will meet at 10:30 am at South Warren High School.

Join us as we come together with Pastor Jimmy Williams and his congregation for a shared worship service and potluck lunch.

Following the service we will all break bread together and have a time of fellowship. Woodburn Baptist will provide the meat, bread and drinks. We are asking both churches to provide vegetables, salads and desserts. This potluck meal will be wonderful! The hospitality committee will be in the school cafeteria to receive your food.

Remember there will not be Sunday School or evening worship at Woodburn Baptist that day. Come and be prepared to worship the Lord on this most special occasion. Be sure to invite your family and friends.

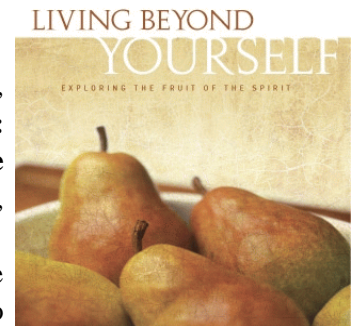
Experiencing God Class

Experiencing God will begin on Wednesday, January 5th at 6:00 PM in room 17. *Experiencing God* is a 13 week study is written by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, and Claude King and is based on the *Experiencing God* book, which has sold millions of copies worldwide.

This Bible study is based on seven Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator. By understanding how God is working through us even as we try to fathom His ways, we can begin to clearly know and do His will and discover our lives greatly and gracefully changed. The cost for the class workbook is \$15. The class will be led by Warren Weeks.

Attention all LADIES: Coming Soon...

Beth Moore Bible Study, “**Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit.**” Starting Monday, January 24th at 6:30 pm in classroom 22 located next to the Fellowship Hall. Guaranteed to be life changing!



Deepen your relationship with the Lord and discover a Spirit filled life as we study the fruits of the spirit. Workbooks are \$15. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. For questions please contact Stacey Marksberry 615-325-6699, or via email p_hops@bellsouth.net, or Reyna Anderson 270-991-7342, email anderson.reyna@gmail.com.



Women's Ministry News

Starting in January look for a new series of workshops entitled “*Tasty Tips to be a Creative Cook*” taught by Master Chef Margie Weeks and assistant Chef Pamela Jarboe. Throughout the year we will learn about canning, freezing, and other food preparation to entice the taste buds and stretch the family resources. Each workshop will take place on the fourth Saturday at 10:00 am in the Woodburn Baptist Church kitchen.

For January we will meet on the 22nd at 10:00 am. Soup is on the menu. You will learn that a variety of soups can be made from one basic recipe AND we will make chicken and dumpling soup. For more information contact Pamela Jarboe, pamelajarboe@gmail.com

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,

Last February, about three hours after sunset, a sheriff's dispatcher heard an anguished cry over the radio. An interstate truck driver at mile marker 14 was screaming, "Help! Help! I'm going 70 miles per hour and my brakes are out. I can't stop. Somebody help me!" A short while later, a second trucker radioed that, in near whiteout conditions, he had just barely been able to avoid hitting another truck that was stopped dead in the road at mile marker 14. That's when they realized that the first driver--the one still crying and screaming--was in the truck standing still in the road. He was under the delusion that he was out of control and going 70 miles per hour. In fact, he was stopped completely with the snow furiously swirling past him.

Fellow truckers rescued the frightened and disoriented driver. They approached his cab, talked to him, and calmed him down. Three of them formed a convoy with their trucks and surrounded the man, guiding him slowly to the next exit and off the road. In other words, rescue came in the form of compassionate friends who were able to help the hopeless man see the situation as it really was.

In one way or another, this kind of rescue is what happens when Christ does his work in our lives. Each of us is born into a world of sin and sinners. We ourselves become sinners. It's all we know from the start, and so it is rather impossible for us to comprehend our spiritual situation apart from Christ. Traditionally, the natural human state has been compared to being lost, to being in *bondage* or in *darkness*. However you want to describe it, it's something like the trucker, who was panicked by a situation in which he was blinded and out of control, in desperate need of saving.

During the first several weeks of this new year, let's talk about what it means to be sinners, and what God wants to do in our lives through Christ. The message series is called *The Sinner in the Mirror*. It's important for you and me to recognize that we sin (even as Christians) but also to know that the Spirit is at work every day to deliver us from sin's power. God is making us *holy*, but the process depends upon our daily struggle to resist sin and yield to Christ. During this series of sermons, we'll see what the Bible says about our freedom from sin and the pursuit of holiness. We'll look at the age-old question of original sin, and we'll talk practically about how temptation works. You and I may see a sinner in the mirror, but when God looks at us, he sees the righteousness of Christ.

This will be an important month for us. We will celebrate with sister congregations at Unity Sunday and reach out to our community at CARE Night. We will host the Fifth-Sunday Singing for neighboring churches. Behind the scenes, the Personnel Committee will be receiving resumes in search of a new Minister of Youth, Children, and Families. Let's all make a new resolution to walk daily with Christ, to keep peace with one another, and to surrender

every part of the church's life to the Lord. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us in 2011!

Jim

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Regis Hopkins Bill Moore Lena Van Meter
Tressie Vice Annie Beasley

January - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Renee Morse
2nd week - Norma Palacios / Louise Stevens
3rd week - Wilma Guthrie
4th week - Joy Bush / Nancy Williams
5th week - Don Harris

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

Jan. 2 10 am - Blue Team Speaker, Tracie Reels
No Red Team this month
Jan. 26 10 am - Purple Team

Senior Adults will get together Friday, January 28 at 12:00 pm. All seniors are invited to attend the potluck lunch and bring a dish to share. Lets start the new year out with food, fellowship and fun!

New Members Woodburn Campus

Owen Mefford joined December 5 by baptism. Owen is the son of Brian and Allison Mefford.

Jana Benningfield and son **Max** joined December 5 by transfer of letter.

Chris and Carrie Sweeney joined December 12 by transfer of letter. Chris and Carrie have two children John and Ava.

Tom and Sandra Goodhue joined December 19 by transfer of letter.

Nate Weed joined December 19 by transfer of letter.

Bill and Donitta Brinkley along with **Ashley and Zachary** joined December 19. Bill and Donitta have another daughter Lindsey.

Michael and Marie Gregory joined December 26 by transfer of letter. Michael and Marie have a son Cooper.

Payers and Sympathies to . . .

John Minnicks on the death of his mother, Dorothy Adams

Gayla McCoy on the death of her grandfather, Robert Clay Simpson.



Re-inventing the Quiet Time

In a recent article by Josh Hunt, he makes the point that every devotional method becomes old after nine months and it is time for a new one. (<http://joshhunt.com/2008/02/reinventing-the-quiet-time/>) It is not the experience that gets old, but it becomes so routine that it loses its meaning. We get bored with our method. Hunt suggests re-inventing the quiet time. Does your quiet time need to be re-invented in 2011? What is involved in having a quiet time? Basically, it is a time to read the Bible, pray and prepare yourself for the day ahead. (Rick Warren has a great article on having a meaningful quiet time that covers the details: <http://www.purposedriven.com/article.html?c=115094&l=1>)

There are numerous ways to start your day with God's Word. You can read your own copy of the Bible. There are several Bibles with different methods for reading during the whole year. You can find one that works on your smart phone (Youversion.com is a good one). You can also find your favorite version of the Bible on the internet (Biblegateway.com). Listening to the Bible on CD or MP3 and following along in your Bible helps some focus and is helpful for those who have difficulty reading. Whatever method you choose, the daily intake of God's Word is essential to our growth as Christians. Prayer is the other basic component to the quiet time.

Prayer is one of the areas where we all could grow. Find a method of prayer that works for you and helps you focus on God. Prayer lists and journals work for some. Others prefer to pray Scripture and let it bring to mind requests from the text. The important thing is that we are praying and asking God to help us live for Him that day. I encourage you in 2011 to think about how you can re-invent your quiet time to foster your spiritual growth.

Serving Together, Warren Weeks

Kids 4 Christ (1st-6th grade) will begin XBG (Xtreme Bible Games) on Wednesday, January 5. The Xtreme Bible Games will last 10 weeks and go thru mid March. The kids will be divided into teams and compete by learning questions according to their grade level.

School and Church Closing Policy

As always the 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.

Youth - Disciple Now Weekend 2011

Disciple Now Weekend is coming up on February 18-20. This is a weekend where our youth are encouraged to deepen their relationship with God. During this week the youth will stay at a "host" home where small group Bible studies will take place. We are looking for your help. If you would be interested in being a host home, then please contact **Amy Oliver @ 792-7913**. Responsibilities would include providing snacks, 1 breakfast, and 1 dinner for about 8-10 youth during the course of the weekend as well as allowing them to stay at your house.



Beginning to Serve

My prayer for you this year is that you will find a place to serve. I know that many people are excellent (even professional) at finding excuses not to serve their local congregation, or justifications for their laziness. The one that perks my ears the most is the "time" excuse. I see, and am guilty of from time to time, a growing sense of obligation to many organizations, jobs, relationships, and hobbies that take up our time. None of these things are inherently wrong, unless they are taking the time you need to serve your local congregation. Then they are flat out sinful. I hear another one that is hard for me to understand as well: "I'm taking some time to heal and rejuvenate before I serve again." I understand that many of us get burned out or hurt by ministries or the people who are involved therein, but there is no excuse for sitting back and "soaking up" the ministry of a church. My language is a bit riling, and that with intent. My intent is to awaken our sleeping ministers (because we're all called by God and obligated by the blood of Christ to serve) in our church so that this year will mark a revival of service in our church. *May the Spirit of God take my words and make them useful to His purposes, Amen.*

Unity Choir Practice Schedule: *Wednesday, December 29th * Wednesday, January 5th * Saturday, January 15th*

Youth Choir Practice begins back on Sunday, January 23rd at 5:00 pm in the Choir Room!

Worship Choir Practice begins back on Wednesday, January 19th at 7:15 in the Sanctuary!

Our Worship Bands and Praise Teams need YOU and YOUR God-Given TALENT - Contact Andrew for needs.

I love you all! Andrew Causey



Nursery & Preschool Dept. Cleaning Day

It is officially still winter but we will hold a "spring cleaning" day for the nurseries and preschool classrooms on **January 8th 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

With cold and flu season in full force, we need all hands on deck to help clean toys, organize our supplies and make our class rooms nice and neat for the start of the year. If you help in the nursery or preschool areas, your help is needed. And even if you don't currently volunteer in these areas, you are invited to come and help. The more the merrier! We will provide light breakfast too. Please come out and help us get our rooms in tip top shape for our little ones!

Annual Preschool Teachers' Meeting

We will be holding our Annual Preschool Teachers' Meeting in February. As usual, all teachers who work with children ages 1 to kindergarten on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights are encouraged to attend this time of planning and training. So we can get the most participation as possible, we are asking these teachers, via email, which dates they prefer for the meeting. In the past, this meeting has been sparsely attended and we need your feedback in selecting a date. The choices for meeting times are as follows: Feb 11th Friday evening, Feb 12th Saturday morning, Feb 18th Friday evening, Feb 19th Saturday morning, or Feb 20 Sunday afternoon. Please let your preference be known by January 5th to Warren Weeks (warrenweeks@woodburnbaptist.org) or Allison Mefford (allisonmefford@hotmail.com). Once a date has been selected, more details will be provided.

News from the Franklin Campus....

A new year is upon us, I would like to take a moment to say how much I love our Woodburn family. It is a special time for us to reflect on the past year and to look forward to our mission for the year to come.

This past year has been a blessing that has allowed us to continue the vision of Woodburn Baptist Church. The church's relationship with the community is very important and this year we have seen that relationship grow. I truly appreciate all those whose hard work has made Woodburn Baptist Church a home to so many in need over the years. As we move into the new year let us give thanks to the Lord for the blessings we have received and shared with one another. Let us strengthen our walk with Him as well as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

There are so many wonderful things on the horizon this coming year and I am honored to have the opportunity to experience them with all of you. I look forward to seeing you and your family in service. Be blessed.

Love you guys, Pastor Eric

Our Numbers from the Franklin Campus

	Sunday School	Worship
Dec. 5	78	137
Dec. 12	80	121
Dec. 20	81	122
Dec. 26	48	99

Welcome New Members from the Franklin Campus...

Drake and Amie Ricard joined December 19 by letter of transfer. Children Cierra and Gaven joined by baptism.

John Carnahan joined by December 19 by baptism.

A **ski trip** is being planned for youth and parents of both Franklin and Woodburn Campuses. We will be going to Perfect North, Friday, February 4, leaving at 5:00 pm. There is a sign up sheet on the hall board at the Woodburn Campus and the bulletin board down stairs at the Franklin Campus. More information such as cost and how much money you will need to bring with you will be in both bulletins soon.



The fifth grade Sunday School class at the Woodburn Campus is collecting box tops for education for Oneida Baptist Institute. Each box top collected is worth 10 cents toward equipment for the School. Please

place the box tops in the white box in the vestibule. Our class goal is 1,500 box tops. **The deadline is January 31, 2011.**

Marriage by Design Monthly Tidbits

The Woodburn Baptist Church Marriage Ministry Team newsletter January 2011

2011 WBC Valentine's Banquet

When: Sat., Feb. 12, 2011 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Where: Oasis Christian Center,

New Roe Road, Franklin (Franklin address, site is in Allen County)

Cost : \$40 per couple due at registration



Dinner and entertainment provided. Limited reservations to 40 married couples from WBC.

Registration begins Sunday Jan

2nd in the Church lobby

Hello, everyone!!

Be sure to sign up for our Valentine festivities this month as we continue to celebrate our marriages at Woodburn Baptist Church! We'll have a sign-up table in the Church lobby each Sunday through the end of January, and if you want to attend, plan on signing up and paying your dinner fee at the same time.

For everyone at the Franklin campus, you should call your reservation in to Rick Tingle at 270-586-2590, and drop off your \$40 fee at Franklin Bank & Trust at 317 North Main. Unfortunately we can't hold reservations without collecting the fee, as space is limited for the event.

Several members of our congregation have already visited the Oasis Retreat Center in Allen County, but for those of you that haven't, it is a wonderful setting for an event such as this. The Oasis will provide a nourishing meal, and we are busy now lining up the entertainment for the event to make the evening with your spouse UNFORGETTABLE!

In addition to our Valentine celebration, planning is also being done for a spring event to be held around the first part of May, 2011, a summer movie night in July or August, and another WBC Marriage Retreat in the fall. So stay tuned!

Sincerely, the WBC MBD Team

P.S. We think the man on the stool may be Tim, in a wig, or maybe it's Warren. If anyone knows for sure please get back with us...



Worship Schedule

Sunday, Jan. 2 [Series begins: *The Sinner in the Mirror*]

A.M. *“Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall”* (Romans 6.12-23)

P.M. *Bad to the Bone* (Romans 5.12-19)

Sunday, January 9

A.M. *Think It Over* (Genesis 25.19-34)

P.M. Missions Report: Carol and Frank Jarboe
(with Family Meeting)

Sunday, January 16

A.M. UNITY SUNDAY @ SWHS 10:30 A.M. |
P.M. (NO P.M. SERVICES)

Sunday, January 23

Series begins: *If These Walls Could Talk*

A.M. *Tumbling Down* (Joshua 6.1-20)

P.M. CARE NIGHT

Sunday, January 30

A.M. *Rubble* (Nehemiah 2.11-18)

P.M. Fifth-Sunday Singing @ WBC

Worship Attendance

Sun. School			Worship	
Dec. 5	370	8:30 - 269	11:00 - 199	Overflow - 19
Dec. 12	324	8:30 - 261	11:00 -	Overflow -
Dec. 19	327	8:30 - 250	11:00 - 168	Overflow - 24
Dec. 26	209	8:30 - 165	11:00 - 150	Overflow -