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News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 13 thru Friday, June 17
9:00 am until 12 noon

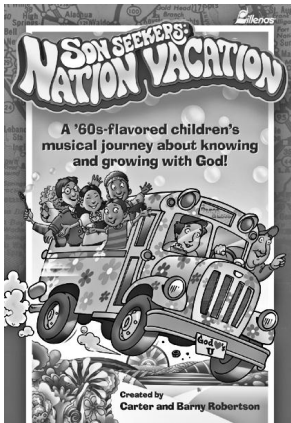
Ages: 3 years old to 6th grade completed

Slide into your flip-flops, grab a pail and shovel, and head for oceans of fun with *öSonSurf Beach Bash.ö* Kids will catch the wave of God's faithfulness as they learn all about

His love for them.

VBS commencement will be Sun., June 19 at 6 pm. Come out and be a part of what your kids have done this week.

Our scripture verse for the week is... *“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”*
John 14.6



Join our **Kids 4 Christ** as they present

“Son Seekers Nation Vacation”

Saturday, June 25 at 4:00 pm
and
Sunday, June 26 at 11:00 am

Join our kids as they travel across the country on their way to a Bible drill competition. They will

encounter a few set backs and hardships along the way, but learn to trust in the Lord for all their needs.

Our kids will perform Monday, June 27 for the Bowling Green Boys and Girls club. They will then spend a fun filled day at Beach Bend Park, in Bowling Green.

Senior Adult day trip... anyone interested in going to the Amish market? Let's try to go on Thursday, June 2nd. Meet at the Woodburn Campus at 7:00 am. We can go and get back before it gets too hot.

The next Senior Adult potluck lunch will meet at the FRANKLIN CAMPUS on Friday, June 24 at 12:00 pm. We will also celebrate the beginning of summer with some home-made ice cream. If you have an ice cream maker, would you let me know if you can make some ice cream? Hopefully, we can have several flavors!

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.

Dear Jeff,

Ordinarily I use this space to say something to the congregation as a whole, but this column is an open message to you, Brother.

First, let me say, *Welcome!* It feels so good to have you on board. After all the months of praying for God to send us the right man for the job, it turns out that *Jeff Bowman is the man!* We are impressed with your ministry experience and excited about the talents you are bringing to Woodburn. In the short time we have known you and Jennifer, you've become instant members of the family. The love between us is genuine and automatic. You are the answer to our prayers, and we will continue to support you with our prayers from now on. We want God to strengthen, bless, and use you in an incredible way.

Your success matters a great deal to us, because you are stepping into a position of stewardship over one of the church's greatest treasures—our kids. Certainly we know that the *home* is the first place of spiritual formation for girls and boys, and that *parents* have the primary responsibility to lead their children to fear and love the Lord. Even so, you will have a powerful influence in our kids' lives. Our children and youth understand that you have been called especially as minister for *them*. They will imitate your example. They will listen to what you say.

Jeff, we hope that you will be a man on fire, burning before their eyes with passion for Christ. Be a faithful shepherd of their souls. Feed them God's word, both the spiritual milk and the meat. Look for the spiritual gaps in their lives, and position yourself in those gaps. Love them as your own.

After all, we believe that the Lord wants to do something thrilling with our congregation in the next 9 years. He's going to use us to start 20 (or more) new churches. That means in all likelihood, a number of the kids under your ministry are going to be church planters and pastors and bold servants of the gospel. Do you think it's possible that this generation rising up inside our church is truly chosen for spiritual impact and greatness? In God's plan to redeem the world, what if the kids you are about to lead have God's hand upon them in a most important way? Then without a doubt, God's hand is going to be upon *you* in a most important way. I believe it, Jeff. With all my heart.

So hear me say, I'm glad you're here. Things previously impossible for us will now be possible because we have your input, your gifts. We will begin to see parts of the future that have been beyond our seeing, because now we will have your eyes. As a staff, we can't wait to work with you. As a church, we simply want you, Jennifer, and Caleb to make yourself at home with us. If you will join us in a life of praying and laughing and crying (and eating) together, then you will surely be blessed. We will all be blessed.

Brothers in ministry, See you Sunday.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

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

June - Homebound Visitation Schedule

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

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

June 5	10 am - Blue Team	Speaker, Floyd's SS class
June 19	10 am - Red Team	Speaker, Tracy Reels

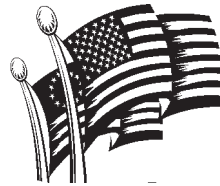
Prayers and Sympathies to . . .

Freddie & Brenda Perdue on the death of their daughter-in-law, Bree Perdue.

Jerri Turner on the death of her grandmother, Zelma Stallons.

Pixie Jarvis on the death of her grandfather, Curtis Burch Sr.

Jennifer & Patrick McKinney on the death of their infant son Callum Patterson McKinney.



"The American flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 am

The city of Woodburn will be retiring several United States flags. The ceremony will take place at the Woodburn campus, with several groups participating. There will be speakers and special music. Everyone is invited.

Kids 4 Christ Parents of 4th thru 6th graders...

Don't forget about Camp Joy!

Sunday, July 17 thru Thursday, July 21.

Sunday, June 26 - Weekly Form and \$25 deposit
Sunday, July 3 - Balance of \$90 due.

To get registration and medical forms go to...

www.campjoybaptist.com/registration

There are openings for adult chaperons, men and ladies.

If you can go during the above days contact,

Jeff Bowman in the office.

Congratulations! To Kati and Tyler Ayers on the birth of their son, Joshua Ayers. Joshua was born May 20, he weighted 7 lbs, 8 oz.



Half a Century!

The month of June finds me at 50 years old since my birthday was at the end of May. While I am not one to worry about my age, I will admit that 50 has made me pause to reflect some on my life thus far. I

have seen so many changes occur in my lifetime. I remember back in college going to see a computer room at a local pharmaceutical company with the raised floor to accommodate all the cables, massive discs to store data and the vast array of monitors to keep it all going. Now we have that same computing power on most cell phones. I purchased my first calculator by saving money for months and it just had 4 functions: addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. The same money today buys a calculator that does every math function imaginable. My next door neighbor was the first person on our street to get a Weed eater. What a marvel of technology that was at the time! Oh well, enough of my nostalgia.

The spiritual things in my life have remained a constant through all the changes around me. I still read my Bible, a habit I started as a youth thankfully because of the example of my brother. Now I read it sometimes from the Bible app on my iPod. I still pray and find peace in talking with God each day. As much as I have learned about God and the Christian life, there is always something new to discover and experience. Church is still exciting to me and I love to be a part of God's work in the world around us. Fifty years has taught me a lot but there is still so much to learn. Who knows what God has in store for us in the future? One thing is always true; I am thankful for His unchanging love for me.

Serving Together, Warren Weeks

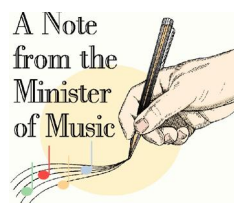


Greetings in the name of the Lord,

As God began to move in our hearts in early 2011, Jennifer and I could never have imagined how blessed we would be to be called to Woodburn Baptist Church. While packing up and leaving our friends in Fulton, KY has been hard, it has been with the eager anticipation of the plans that He has for us with our new church family. I would like to take this time to thank the many, many people who spent numerous hours allowing themselves to be used by God in a process that eventually led to my calling to service at Woodburn. The members of the personnel committee, the staff, and the committee chairs who participated in the interview process were both very personable and professional throughout. From our very first visit we felt well cared for and even loved as our relationships grew.

It is with supreme confidence that Jennifer and I come, knowing that God has spoken clearly. While we have hit the ground with our feet running, we hope and pray that we will have the time to get to know our new family very soon. It is our desire that we serve the Woodburn family for a very long time. Thank you once again for all the kind words of affirmation that you have already shared with my family and me. We look forward to serving with you as co-laborers in the work of the Lord.

— Be Salt and Light - Jeff Bowman



Striving - For What?

This life is a gift from God, in every sense of the word "gift." He created us from the dust, which he created from his imagination. We have been given access to God the Creator through his Son, and none of this is earned or deserved in any form. We can all agree on that. However, when the rubber meets the road we tend to forget about the eternal implications of our daily life. Not only do we give too much weight to the temporary things in life, we seem to be consumed by them. Don't let me fool you into believing that I'm not precisely the same way, because I am - in many ways. I can spend too much time thinking about my financial future, or my health, my family, my ministry, or even my own legacy when I'm gone from this world.

We see in Psalm 119.19 (go ahead and read it), that this life is temporary. Psalm 39.4 would sound death-fixated to this generation of humanists, if it weren't simply true. We are, as I am, near-sighted in terms of our vision of what God is offering us through the blood of his son, yet we seem to be more worried about the seemingly good idols that use up the precious time God has given us in this life to be His. What is between you and God? Is it your family; your retirement; your goals and ambitions; your temporary happiness? Or are you, like 2 Corinthians 4.18, fixing your eyes and ambition on what God has for you? Can we really be serving God if our primary yearning is to serve ourselves? So? ... Fix it.

Youth Choir News... Our Woodburn Campus youth choir and ministries team will be teaming up with our Franklin Campus youth ministry to serve the housing authority in Franklin, KY. If you are available during the week of June 20th, please contact Andrew Causey. There are many things to do and I am praying for eager hands to help lead and serve our youth ministries during this week. andrew.causey@gmail.com

Andrew Causey, Music Minister

Ladies Summer Bible Study

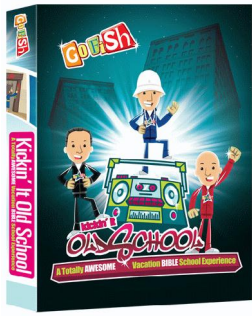
JONAH by Priscilla Shirer

beginning Monday, June 20th @ 6:30 p.m.

What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! Priscilla Shirer redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city.

This is a 7 week Bible study with 30 minutes of personal study 5 days a week in the workbook. The cost of the workbook is \$13 due at the first meeting on June 20th. Please sign up on the hall bulletin board so we can order workbooks. Questions? Contact Amy Willingham at amy.willingham@insightbb.com or Stacey Marksberry at p_hops@bellsouth.net.

News from the Franklin Campus...



Going Retro - Thank you all for your support so far in this year's Franklin Campus VBS - **Kickin' It Old School!** There are still a few ways you can help: **1.** Begin praying now for the kids, youth, and adults that will be attending and the workers that will be volunteering. **2.** We still have a handful of positions that need to be filled with helpers. **3.** If you do not feel led to

work directly in VBS but would like to donate some supplies we need white cardstock, paper clips, different color Sharpie (or any type of permanent) markers, and fist-size smooth stones (like ones you would use in a flower bed).

I am overwhelmed at the way our church family supports this annual outreach opportunity. Go ahead and mark your calendars for an exciting week during July 18 - 22 and plan for your entire family to come! If you have any questions, contact Nichole or Matt Buckman (270)253-3116 or wbfc.kids@gmail.com.

Franklin Campus Summer Help for Wednesday Night

The Franklin Campus workers have been praying about our kids and what they will be doing throughout the summer. As you may be aware, we do not do AWANA throughout the summer. We want to offer a more relaxed summer program. We are in need of some assistance. We have been so grateful for the volunteers bringing food but as you can imagine the need for food will be even greater during the summer since the kids will not be receiving their meal(s) at school.

If we can get some volunteers we would like to see if they would be willing to provide the food as well as prepare a short lesson, about 15 minutes similar to a children's sermon. Matt and I would be there to supervise and work with the kids as well. I have looked at the calendar and there will be 7 Wednesdays during the summer. I have talked with a friend about speaking on internet safety. We have so many young ones on Face Book and the internet. That would leave us with 6 Wednesdays. Please let us know if this sounds like a possibility or if you have any questions. Thank you for all of the support you guys have given us so far.

Nichole and Matt Buckman

Franklin Campus Numbers

	Sunday School	Worship
May 1	76	161
May 8	85	172
May 15	58	147
May 22	64	165
May 29	69	156

Welcome New Members to the Franklin Campus

Joined April 20, 2011

-Selena Gregory by transfer. -Nick Dyer by transfer.

Joined April 24, 2011

- Scott & Kelli Montague by transfer. - Karen Vinci by statement.
- Terry & Paula Dreyfuss by transfer. - Justin McCoy by baptism.

Joined April 27, 2011

-Hillary Ladd by statement. - Karlee Coats by baptism.

Joined May 1, 2011

-Connie Shelton by transfer. - Aisha Kirk by transfer.

Joined May 15, 2011

- Dorothy Miller by transfer. - Destiny Dyer by baptism.
- Cayllie Lyle by baptism. - Barbara Shelton by transfer.
- Charles Shelton by transfer. - Peggy Smith by transfer.
- Justin Branton by transfer.

Preschool News at the Woodburn Campus Lemonade Stand June 1, 2011

Let's welcome in the start of summer with a nice cup of lemonade! The Preschool will hold the Annual Lemonade Stand on June 1 from 5:30 pm - 6 pm. All children ages 3 - kindergarten are welcome to participate. Children will need to arrive at 5:15 to help set up.

Cookies will also be available for sale - one bag of cookies \$1. Cup of Lemonade \$1. Money collected that night will go into the Woodburn Missions Fund. Come out and support our preschoolers in their effort!

Summer Fun Here we Come

We have some great events planned for this summer. On JULY 20 we will be hosting the puppet ministry from First Baptist Bowling Green. They will perform at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. All preschoolers and Kids for Christ students are invited. The performance will be followed with a cookie reception. On July 27 the preschoolers will be having a swimming party at Franklin Country Club. More details will be available soon - but mark your calendar now!

New Curriculum for Preschoolers

The Wednesday Night Preschoolers are using new curriculum ðFirst Lookö and it is wonderful! In addition, we have added a "worship rally" with lots of fun songs and Bible stories and our music is led by Andrew Causey. Thank you so much Andrew for doing this! We are having so much fun back there, you may here us all the way to the sanctuary. If you would like to join the fun, we have a place for you. We will need 2 new leaders in August. We are also looking for leaders and helpers in the 2 year old classroom. If you are interested, please contact Warren Weeks or Allison Mefford.

Nursery Cleaners

We put out the call for help needed in cleaning the nurseries and we got great response. We now have a team of people that come in on monthly rotation and clean our nursery toys, change the bedding and keep the nurseries nice and clean. Thank you to Darlene Atkerson, Sherry Wren, Mary Slack and Linda Hunter. This is a big job that means a lot to many!

Women Leading Women ~ All Women, All Generations

Emily's Closet

At Woodburn Baptist Church, Woodburn Campus

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."
Ephesians 2:10

Emily's Closet: a self-supporting ministry tool for pre-teen and teen girls who are at risk, in foster care, or in a season of life when hope is needed. Contact through local community agencies will help provide a "needs assessment network" for a referral of girls to Emily's Closet. Opportunities to shop by appointment will be offered one time per month at Emily's Closet boutique to allow the girls to select up to three pieces of clothing at no cost. The boutique stocks gently used, current, name-brand clothing in sizes zero to 4X and is funded through donations and through the purchase of donated clothing from consignment shops in surrounding counties. The girls will be offered opportunities to submit prayer concerns and requests that will be presented to a prayer team on a weekly basis.

Emily's Closet Too: a ministry tool for women who are transitioning back to work or church, single moms, women in protective shelters or recovery programs, women in crisis, etc. Contact through local community agencies will help provide a "needs assessment network" for a referral of women to Emily's Closet Too. Upon referral, each woman will be provided with a Bible and two outfits at no cost. Each woman will be offered opportunities to submit prayer concerns and requests that will be presented to a prayer team on a weekly basis.

Sister-to-Sister: a partnership opportunity between Woodburn Baptist girls and girls at the Good Shepherd Children's Home in Honduras. The ministry focus is to nurture a loving relationship and concern between girls in two distinct parts of the world. Woodburn Baptist Church girls would be paired up with girls at the Good Shepherd Children's Home to encourage communication and relationships by becoming "pen pals." Twice a year, girls from Woodburn Baptist Church will personally select an outfit or clothing item from Emily's Closet for their Good Shepherd Children's Home "sister." These will then be prayed over, neatly wrapped, boxed, and mailed to the girls at GSCH...sister-to-sister.

MINISTRY FOCUS:

- To share the love of Jesus Christ to all women, all generations.
- To involve girls and women to foster the use of God-given gifts and talents to minister to other girls and women.

- To mentor and teach girls at Woodburn Baptist Church how to serve, minister, and share the love of Jesus Christ by allowing them to experience the power of Christ through ministry to others.
- To reach at-risk girls and women by meeting outward physical needs in order to demonstrate Christ's love for them.
- To foster dignity and self-worth in girls and women through clothing and visits to Emily's Closet to spawn understanding, infinite value, and worth through the grace of Jesus Christ.

FUTURE VISION:

New Beginnings: a ministry targeted for girls transitioning out of the foster care system. At 17, each girl would be paired with a mentor. The mentor would then spend time with the girl in order to teach her life skills such as cooking, sewing, finances, etc. to help prepare her for life outside of foster care and into the world.

Emily's Closet Mobile Mission Outreach: a vision to reach areas in which God is revealing a need. Emily's Closet would become mobile and set up in surrounding counties. The first priority would be southern Warren and Simpson counties as a target beginning point; however, outreach possibilities may encompass surrounding counties as well. This could be a part of the 20/20 vision.

Leadership Academy: a tool to encourage women to be trained as leaders in women's ministry.

Ways You Can Help

There are many areas for women to serve in this ministry. Below, are possible areas in which this ministry could use you:

- Volunteers to organize clothing, shoes, accessories in Emily's Closet
- Volunteers to wash clothing, iron clothing, sew to repair clothing
- Closet Coordinator
- Appointment Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Website Manager
- Community Contact Liaison
- Prayer Team Coordinator and prayer team members
- Mentorship Coordinator and mentors

Any Interest or Questions, please contact: Marla Hardcastle or Laurie Tingle.

Marriage by Design Tidbits
The Woodburn Baptist Church
Marriage Ministry Team newsletter - June 2011

Valentines Recap

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

Movie Night

Saturday evening, July 30 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 food that will be named later.

We will then settle in and watch a movie together. The MBD twist here - we have to come "dressed" as if we were a character in the movie! More details will follow. Make your plans to attend on Saturday, July 30 at 5:00 pm at the Woodburn campus. We hope to see you there.

**Save the Date for the Second Annual
"Marriage Retreat"**

Montgomery Bell State Park, Dixon, TN. ~
September 23 - 25, 2011, Cost \$350.00 per couple.
Enjoy a great weekend of wonderful food, Christian
fellowship and an opportunity to build
and strengthen your marriage.

WEE WORDS

A mother was teaching her three-year-old daughter The Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she repeated it after her mother.

One night the little girl said she was ready to solo, and as her mother listened with pride, she carefully said every word right up to the end... "And lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some email, Amen."

"Nothing you do for children is ever wasted."

Garrison Keillor

We had 39 couples attend our Valentines Celebration in February, and by all accounts, everyone had a great time, even the four contestant couples! Thanks go out to Kenton and Rhonda Powell, James and Linda Hunter, Tommy and Tracy Newton and David and Brenda Graves, who were drafted to play WBC's version of the Newlywed Game!! After a neck and neck contest, and, after much heckling by the crowd, David and Brenda came out on top and won the game on the final question! Our married couple audience was, let's say, amazed by all the contestants' answers!!

We also enjoyed hearing the love stories of Don and Dianne Harris, Jim and Pixie Jarvis, Jack and Monisa Wright and James and Joy Bush. Each couple spoke for a few minutes about how they came to be, and we all were blessed by their stories. Thanks to each of you for sharing!!

Special thanks go to all those on the Marriage Team for their hard work in planning and pulling the evening off. Kudos goes out to Rick Roepke, who served as our game show host, Steve and Allyson Gibbs, who provided the decorations and room setup for the game. Also, James Weakley provided us with superb dinner entertainment as we enjoyed our meal. Cathy and Norm Poppy, Kathy Roepke, Laurie Tingle, Bonita and Keith Norris, Rodney and Sandy Henderson, Lisa and Mark Roberts also pitched in to make the evening a success. To all who helped, a big THANK YOU!!!!

Matthew 19:5-6

⁵And Jesus said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh? "So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

