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News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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Growing Ministries Tour

This leadership training is sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. There are six locations to choose from. The two closest to WBC are...

March 15 at Horse Cave Baptist Church, 301 E. Main Street, Horse Cave, Ky.

March 24 at Living Hope Baptist Church, 6305 Eagle Way Bypass, Hopkinsville, KY.

Seminars to be included are...

Assimilation, Discipleship, Preschool/Children's Ministry, Stewardship, Sunday School, and Youth Ministry.

Seminars are \$10 per person. You can find out more about these seminars and the speakers by going to www.kybaptist.org/growing. There is a brochure on the hall bulletin board.

Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt for both campuses, Franklin and Woodburn is scheduled for Saturday, April 23 beginning at 10:00 am. The egg hunt is open to ages birth to 10 years old. If you would like to help with this event for our children and community contact Warren Weeks. Easter candy is needed for the Easter eggs. Please bring individually wrapped candy to church and place it in the box in the lobby.

March Forth on March 4th!

Preschool and Kids 4 Christ workers are invited to attend a fun night, to learn from area churches about programs and curriculum for children. Join us at 6:00 pm for light meal, followed by presentations and a time for questions. If you are interested contact Allison Mefford or Warren Weeks.

CARE Night



Our next CARE night is Sunday, March 27 beginning at 4:00 in the fellowship hall at both the **Woodburn and Franklin campus**. We will be focusing on some outreach activities to tell the

community about our upcoming Easter celebrations. We have ordered 2500 cards which will need to be addressed for mailing. The church has also printed a special edition of the Easter devotional books which we will hand out to the homes **around both campuses**.

We will need extra help to be sure we are able to cover all the **homes in both areas**. There will also be visits that need to be made to recent guests, ministry visits and contacts made to Sunday School class members. Let's make this a special CARE night as we prepare for Easter.

Rekindling the Passion



The Easter devotional books will be distributed beginning Sunday, March 6 at both campuses. All the devotions were written by church members and cover the dates from March 9 to Easter Sunday, April 24. These devotions will help us focus on Christ as we approach the Easter season.



Time to Spring Ahead 1 hour

Turn Your Clocks Forward One Hour ~ Saturday night, March 12

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,

I probably ought to go to the doctor. There's nothing wrong with me as far as I know—but of course I'm not a doctor, so what do I know? That's why a person like me is supposed to make an appointment with an actual physician now and then. Health must not be taken for granted. Occasionally, I should be weighed, poked, scoped, and looked at from head to toe. After a thorough assessment, it would be good to know that I'm truly healthy. But what if I were to learn that I'm not really as healthy as I thought? It would be important to know that as well.

The same is true for our congregation as the body of Christ. Church health must not be taken for granted. Occasionally, we have to put the church on the scales. We have to submit ourselves to the Great Physician, letting him examine us, inside and out. Honestly, most churches consider only one indicator of how well they're doing—the *numbers*. How many people attend on Sunday morning, and how much money are they giving? While one could argue that attending and giving are true biblical signs of Christian faithfulness (Hebrews 10.25 & Malachi 3.10), I would say that the weekly numbers are not the only signs of spiritual life, and they may not be the most important at all.

If Woodburn Baptist Church were submitted to a complete health assessment, what functions of the body should be examined? As always, we have to look at ourselves in the mirror of God's word. In the second chapter of Acts, the church is still brand new and unaffected by the world. The description that is given is the very picture of church health. Notice what characteristics are described: devotion to the word, worship, and prayer (2.42), evidence of God's power (2.43), generosity in sharing (2.44-45), mutual fellowship and hospitality (2.46), and the constant addition of new Christians (2.47).

No matter how strong we feel or how successful our church may appear to be, we would be wise to check our health in terms of these 5 vital signs. When it comes to God's word, prayer, and worship, are we becoming more hungry and devoted as a church—or are we falling into unhealthy habits? Are we allowing God to lead us into situations that would require his miraculous intervention—or are we attempting only what can be accomplished with our own limited strength? When it comes to sharing what we have, are we cheerful givers—or has the body been invaded by a virus of selfishness? Of course we love each other, but do we like each other enough to make hanging out together a priority on days other than Sunday? Are we seeing people get saved on a *daily* basis?

To answer these questions honestly is to perform a kind of spiritual x-ray of our church's body. So what do you conclude—are we as healthy as we have assumed? If we continue current patterns, will we become more spiritually fit or less so?

To be honest, I worry that our church is not quite as fit as it should be, and the weaknesses put limits on what we can accomplish for Christ. This church needs to feed upon a

richer diet from God's word. We need more daily discipline in the exercise of obedience. After all, some churches do get sick. Some even die. Health must not be taken for granted, especially as the body of Christ. The stakes are too high, and our purpose too important.

See you Sunday. Tim

Remember Our Shut-Ins

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

March - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Jennifer Jones
2nd week - Renee Morse
3rd week - Norma Palacios / Louise Stephens
4th week - Wilma Guthrie

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

March 6	10 am - Blue Team	Speaker, Hunt SS Class
March 20	10 am - Red Team	Speaker, Tracy Reels

Hopkins Nursing Facility Ministry

Has the Lord been calling you to be a part of the ministry program at Hopkins Nursing Home? Now is your opportunity to say "YES". Contact Denice Cornell for more information at 202-8678 or 843-2321.

We now have three teams. The Blue Team meets the first Sunday, the Red Team meets on the third Sunday and the Purple Team meets in months were there are five Sundays. God has a place for you in this vital ministry and I promise YOU WILL BE BLESSED!

New Members Woodburn Campus

Victor and Susie Jasper joined February 13 by transfer of letter. Son **Chase** joined by baptism.

Dorothy Shumate joined February 20 by transfer of letter. Dorothy is the mother of Jean Secrest.

Hope Jones joined February 27 by baptism. Hope is the granddaughter of Joyce & Dion Jones.

Payers and Sympathies to . . .

Pat Ballance and family on the death of her mother, Mae Beth Smith.

Kathryn Jarboe and family on the death of her husband and our dear church member Brown Jarboe.

Jerri Turner and family on the death of her father Jerry Stallons.

Burlon Russell and family on the death of his wife and our dear friend, Debbie Russell.



Rekindling the Passion

“In a recent survey by LifeWay Research, the No. 1 predictor of spiritual maturity among church goers

was whether or not they read the Bible on a daily basis. Yet, only 16 out of 100 of those who regularly attend our churches read the Bible every day; about 1 of every 6 church attenders. Another 32 percent read the Bible at least once per week. Less than half (48%) read their Bibles at least once a week. This means that more than 50 percent of people who come to church on a regular basis only read their Bibles occasionally, perhaps one or two times per month, if at all. Even more sobering, only 37 percent of those who attend church regularly say that reading and studying the Bible has made a significant difference in the way they live their lives. Only 37 percent.” (From Mark Miller of the Tennessee Baptist Convention)

As we prepare for the upcoming Easter season, the church has prepared a daily devotional guide entitled *Rekindling the Passion* for March 9 to Easter Sunday, April 24. The purpose of the book is to help us focus on Christ during the Easter season as we read some common passages of Scripture together and also provide a way for those who are not currently reading their Bible to begin this important discipline. God speaks to us through His Word. The reason we miss out on what God is saying to us is that we are not reading the Bible in order for Him to speak to us through it. I encourage you to take one of the devotional guides and to read the Scripture for each day and the devotion. Then pray and let the Holy Spirit apply the verses to your life as you pray. I hope that you find this devotional helpful in rekindling the passion in your life for God’s Word and a closer walk with Christ.

The Easter devotional guide is also an important part of our outreach to the community for both campuses. We plan to print a special version to pass out on CARE night. This has been one of the most effective things we have passed out in the community in the past. But we need folks to come help us do that. We will need 8 teams at both campuses to help with the distribution at CARE night on March 27. Can you help us reach our community in this way?

Serving Together, Warren Weeks



Join the Youth Choir

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 this summer and need to begin learning our music and preparing for our trip!



A Note from the Minister of Music

Sharing Our Faith

“Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.”

When Isaac Watts penned these lyrics, he was making a statement of worship that echoes into our generation. We gather together, each Sunday (and maybe even Wednesday), to worship and to be discipled. Our worship (to show worth to something) is holy and unique, because we worship the one true and living God the Father, Son, and Spirit. We show worth to our Creator God by praising his name and testifying about what he’s done in our lives - through song, prayer, and Scripture study. Church is a part of our lives and a part of our schedule and routine.

If you’re like my family and me (and the one I grew up in), church can begin to become a part of our lives, rather than the way we live our lives. This creeps up on us, too. You’re not alone; in fact you’re living in a culture where church is only a piece of what we do, rather than the way we live our lives-in every detail. So, let’s dream together about a better way, maybe a more Scriptural way to approach church in our hearts and our lives. What if the lyrics in italics were a testimony instead of a desire? What would our lives look like if church was less building-based and more based in the world where we live our lives? The greatest irony of some of our lives is that we can turn church on and off depending on where we are physically taking up space from day to day. The point of Watts’ song is not worship harder or better when we’re at church, but to work harder at being better at church.

Our church isn’t and can’t be defined by the space we inhabit Sundays and Wednesdays, but must and should be defined by the way we, as Christ’s hands and feet, live our lives each moment of the day. Our worship, if we’re giving it our all, can’t be roped off within a certain set of walls, but must be experienced and shared, organically in every function of our lives.

That’s right. Start conversations in the grocery line. Share your testimony with the AT&T service representative in India. Love your neighbor with your time and the blessing of your help. Be the church. Don’t be content with attending. Give God your soul, your life, and your all.

Join us on Wednesday nights and learn parts to your old favorite hymns in our Worship Choir practices after prayer meeting! That’s right - I want to know your favorite songs to sing so we can share them with our congregation! If you haven’t been in a while, come and see how our Worship Choir is growing and learning to lead our congregation through the songs they already love! Also be watching for posters to sign up for the Worship Choir’s anthems, and special music throughout Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday).

Andrew Causey, Minister of Music

News from the Franklin Campus...

A recent survey was done among people who do not attend church. The results prove that our calling to bring others into the house of God is more important than ever. When the participants were asked what would convince them to attend a church service, the majority said that being invited by someone they know was the only way they would consider attending.

That means that, for some, you may be the only way they will ever decide to enter the house of the Lord. It's important that we take seriously the scriptures that admonish us to help others find their way to God.

We want to open our arms and show them that they are welcome. Our desire is that once they are in the presence of the Lord that they will never want to leave. We can do our part to welcome them, but first we need everyone to do their part by inviting people to come.

I want to encourage all of you to invite at least 10 people. Pray that God will give you wisdom to say the right words, and that. He will lead you to people who are hungry for Him.

I look forward to seeing the fruits of our collective labor. Go, and win souls!
Love you, Pastor Eric



Our Sunday School is Growing

We are continuing to grow our Sunday School at the Franklin Campus! We are averaging around 75 every Sunday! We have some very amazing teachers, and we have four dedicated cooks who donate their time and money to cook breakfast for our bus children every Sunday before class.

Please pray with us as we continue to search for a dedicated leader to start our new "Young Adult" class! We really want to get this new ministry started around the first of March. We have several young adults/college prospects. Pastor Eric says "Let's go for it!" so we are! We need this class to address issues and concerns that hit our young adults as they live and work in the world today. Also: Our Youth Class is "busting at the seams" up in their little oven/attic space! (ha! inside joke!) Please pray that we will be able to find a way to meet the needs of this very important group and their leaders!

Franklin Campus "Meet and Greet" Sunday, March 6 at 9:30 -- Come down the road and surprise us with a visit -- we'd love to have you!!

FC Sunday School Director, Sandy Mefford

Franklin Campus Numbers

	Sunday School	Worship
Feb. 6	72	
Feb. 9	72	
Feb. 16	73	114
Feb. 23		

Youth D-Now ~ A Weekend of Worship, Bible Study, Speakers, Music and Friends



Nursery Workers Needed at the Woodburn Campus

Nursery Workers are an important part of worship. They help assure parents that their children are properly cared for while they are in worship. Nursery workers are also the first ones to demonstrate the love of Christ to our youngest attenders. Finally, nursery workers receive the satisfaction of knowing their service has benefitted others and brought glory to God.

More nursery workers are needed for all our Sunday worship services, 8:30 (4 workers), 11:00 (3 workers), 6:00 pm (1 worker) and one worker on Wednesday night at 6:00 pm. Nursery workers serve once a month on a rotating schedule. Please contact Warren Weeks if you would like to know more about serving in the nursery.

<i>Worship Attendance</i>				
	Sun. School		Worship	
Feb. 6	363	8:30 - 293 Overflow - 21	11:00 - 226	
Feb. 13	370	8:30 - 261 Overflow - 22	11:00 - 203	
Feb. 20	389	8:30 - 232 Overflow - 32	11:00 - 558	
Feb. 27	373	8:30 - 281 Overflow - 11	11:00 - 258	

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.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 6

A.M. *Holy War* (Esther 8.1-17) (with Communion)
P.M. *Rolling the Dice* (Esther 9.1-10.3)

Sunday, March 13 [Series begins: *Passionate Questions*]

A.M. *Do You Believe in Me?* (John 11.26)
P.M. *Have You Never Read the Scriptures?*
(Matthew 21.42)

Sunday, March 20

A.M. *What Do You Want Me to Do for You?*
(Mark 10.36)
P.M. *Why Is Your Heart Filled with Doubt?*
(Luke 24.38)

Sunday, March 27

A.M. *Where Do You Come From? Where Are You Going?* (John 13.36, 19.9)
P.M. CARE NIGHT

