



The Steeple

News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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GRADUATES

fellowship hall at 5:00 pm for folks to bring cards and gifts.

Our graduates will be honored Sunday, May 15, during the evening Worship service. **Each high school graduate** will have the opportunity to decorate a box (provided by the church) and set up in the

High School Graduates

Bowling Green High School - *Brittney Bellamy*

Sonseeker Academy - *Martha Weeks*

Greenwood High School

Chelsea Long Trent Norris Lindsey Mumley

Franklin Simpson High School

*Ashley Duvall Jacob Harris Johnathon Martin
Jessie Powell Isaiah Wemyss Laura Morris
Katlin Cassity*

South Warren High School

*Nicholas Cobb Brittany Domsch Haley Corder
Jordan Hippler Nick Rigdon Casey Poppy
Emily Roepke*

Western Kentucky University

*William A. Brown
Daniel Poppy, MBA
Holly Hunter, Bachelors Degree in Public Health
Hank Smalling, Bachelors of Arts in Geology*

*Lacy Turner, Bowling Green Tech. College, Surgical
Technician*

*Erica Hockstedler, Campbellsville College, Masters in
Social Work*

Deacon/Yokefellow Wives Training

All Deacon and yokefellow wives are invited to the special training session here at the Woodburn Campus on Saturday, May 21. The speaker will be Diana Davis, author of the book Deacon Wives.

Schedule

- 4:00 to 6:00 PM - Deacon/Yokefellow Wives conference with Diana Davis
- 6:00 to 7:00 PM - Dinner for Deacons, yokefellows and their wives
- 7:00 to 7:30 PM - Wrap-up session with Deacons, Yokefellows and wives

CARE Night

Our next CARE night will be on Sunday, May 22, beginning at 4:00 in the fellowship hall. We will be focusing on telling the community about the upcoming Vacation Bible School "Son Surf Beach Blast." We will also following up with our recent guests. There is a way for everyone to be involved in CARE night. Come and be a part of growing the Kingdom.

Senior Adult Fellowship

We will meet at the Woodburn Campus, Friday, May 27 at 12:00 noon. Bring a dish or food item to share with the group. Jacqueline Olsen will be our guest speaker. All seniors from Franklin and Woodburn are invited to attend.

Save the Date for the 2nd

Annual Marriage Retreat

Montgomery Bell State Park, Dixon, TN
Sept. 23-25, 2011 ~ Cost \$350.00 couple

Enjoy a great weekend of wonderful food, Christian fellowship and an opportunity to build and strengthen your marriage.

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 2002 movie *Catch Me If You Can* tells the true story of Frank Abagnale, who was pulled from his 10th-grade classroom and taken to a courtroom, where he was told his parents were divorcing and he needed to choose where to live. The kid crumpled into tears, and the judge called a recess. When court resumed, Frank was gone. And that's how the story of one of the FBI's most notorious criminals begins.

That 16-year-old kid ran away and quickly figured out how to get his hands on money—lots of money. By the time he was 21, Frank had cashed \$2.5 million dollars in rubber checks. Of course the FBI was looking for him, so Frank became a master of assuming false identities. That's the rather unbelievable part of his story: this kid managed to pass himself off successfully as an airline pilot, a lawyer, a sociology professor, a pediatrician—all before he turned 21. *He was a master of faking it.* He lied, he cheated, he stole; but Frank says that there was never a moment when he felt like his life was glamorous. He says he cried himself to sleep every night. He was lonely. The only people around him believed he was somebody else. Eventually, Frank himself had no idea who he really was. He had to live with the constant fear of being exposed. It was a life of misery.

Unfortunately, you don't have to become a world-class swindler to discover the misery of faking your way through life. People these days keep appearances up. Image is everything, or so we are told. We go through the motions of life all day long, giving the impression that we are happy and all-together, acting interested, putting our best face forward, doing what's expected. In a world full of fakes, impostors, and hypocrites, how can we separate ourselves from the frauds? Keeping our lives real and authentic might have to do with the way each of us responds to three questions:

For what am I willing to suffer? People would not choose to suffer for what they know to be false. It's hard to serve Christ. It's hard to be a real husband, a good mom. It's hard to be a teenager that pleases God. When we try to take shortcuts around life's difficulty, our lives start to fall short of what's true.

Whom am I going to please? You and I have to settle this matter once for all—our lives must be lived to please God alone. I like what Bill Cosby says: "I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

To whom will I give myself? The only way to have your life is to give it away—it's the fundamental principle of the Christian life. So who are you going to give your life to? You will give it to God, certainly; but Scripture tends to stress the fact that you can't give your life away to a God you can't see if you're not willing to give quite a lot to the people you can see. Paul writes to the Christians at Thessalonica and reminds them of his way of being with them: "I wanted to give you the gospel, but also to give you my own self, too" (2.8).

Want to keep your life real? The only way for you and me to live truly (without having to fake part of it) is for us to find ourselves in a genuine, growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Serving him. Anything else is to chase after a lie.

See you Sunday.

Jim

Remember Our Shut-Ins

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

April - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Diane Harris / Martha Murray
2nd week - Vi Cato/Laura Spencer
3rd week - Rhodes Hester
4th week - Jennifer Jones
5th week - Renee Morse

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

May 1	10 am - Blue Team	Speaker, Tom Goodhue
May 15	10 am - Red Team	Speaker, Billy Wemyss
May 29	10 am - Purple Team	

New Members Woodburn Campus

Brad and Ashley Hall joined April 10, both by transfer of letter. Brad and Ashley live in the Plano area.

Jan Sweeney joined April 17 by baptism. Jan and Husband Bill live in Rockfield.

Shurman and Odell Brown and daughter **Sheila** joined April 24 by transfer of letter.

Prayers and Sympathies to . . .

Janice Casada and family on the death of her sister Ruth Trelve Witt of Scottsville.

Judy Chandler and family on the death of her husband and loved church member L.B. Chandler.

Adrian Brown on the death of his grandmother Mary West of Franklin.

Congratulations! To Davy and Amanda Rupsch on the adoption of their son **Donovan Rupsch**. Donovan is 5 years old and his adoption became final on Fri. April 15, 2011.

Preschool Lemonade Stand



Mark your calendars and bring your change for the Annual Preschool Lemonade Stand out in front of church on Wednesday June 1st 5 pm - 6 pm. We will sell lemonade for \$1 and cookies for \$1. All children ages 3 - kindergarten are invited to participate. If you would like to help or provide cookies, please contact Allison Mefford. All money made that evening will be going into the Missions Budget.

INVITE

What is involved in an invitation? It is easy to invite someone but there is a lot more that goes into an invitation. When we invite someone to church, there is an expectation on how they will be received, welcomed and assimilated into the worship service and Sunday School class. David Francis, in his book **I-6** covers the 6 things that go into an invitation to church. Let's take a look at the 6 "I's" involved in creating an inviting environment.

The first I is for INVIGORATE. The first step in developing a culture of invitation is to invigorate the environment and experiences in the church and class. If we want people to tell others, "This is a great place to go to church or enjoy Bible study," then we need to do all we can to make sure it is a great place to go to church or enjoy Bible study! This is called the "wow" factor. **The second I is for INCORPORATE.** We need to incorporate the principles into our church and classes that will help us grow. Name tags, class leaders, introducing ourselves to those we don't know, frequent class fellowships and Involving class members in the learning process are things which we need to incorporate into our church environment. **The third I is INTERCEDE.** We must be willing to pray for those we invite or plan to invite to church. We must incorporate prayer into our church services, classes and into our personal lives. **The fourth I is INVEST.** We have to be willing to make an investment in the lives of others. Helping to meet the needs of others in the world in which they live opens the door for an invitation to church and Sunday School. **The fifth I is for INVITE.** We can do all the things to create a welcoming environment, but they will not come unless we invite them. There are many ways to invite folks to church. Most new residents appreciate an invitation to church. Using the internet through e-mail and Facebook are good ways to invite others to church. There are multiple ways to invite others to church but none are effective if we don't do it. **The sixth I is for INVOLVE.** We have to get those we invite involved in the life of the church. A great first step is Sunday School where they can get to know others.

Inviting others to church is not just vital for growing the Kingdom but also vital for those we are inviting. Hopefully, it will lead to an invitation to trust Christ as Savior and their salvation. Research has shown that 80 percent of people say that they would likely respond positively to an invitation to attend a church or small group experience. Also 80 percent of people indicate that the number one reason they came the first time to the class or church was because someone invited them. Let's create a culture of invitation at Woodburn and invite those around us to 'come and see.'

Serving Together, Warren Weeks

Kids 4 Christ News . . .

Woodburn Campus Kids 4 Christ, grades 4 thru 6, will be going to Camp Joy in Brownsville, KY this summer. This includes the grade just completed or the grade you will be going into.

The dates for the camp are Sunday, July 17th thru Thursday July 21. The cost of the camp will be \$135.00 for each child. Your \$25 pre-registration fee with the filled out camper's form needs to be turned by May 31. The remaining \$110.00 will need to be turned in no later than Sunday, July 10. Camper forms can be picked up in the church office or printed on line at <http://www.campjoybaptist.com/>



Your Ministry

"For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth."

Revelation 5.9b-10

The songs around the throne of God give us our response to Easter. Your ministry is not only assumed, but required. Regardless of your giftings, in the Spirit, you have been called into ministry in the clearest of terms. Giving yourself to this calling is instrumental in an obedient life. Too often we wait for the "spiritual giants" around us to do the work God has called them to, and we'll call ourselves support, or prayer warriors (which again, we ALL should be).

So, waiting for a call to ministry can seem a little "un"biblical. And, assuming that God owes you a personal letter, you may be asking for a repeat of a call that has already been issued to you in His living, breathing Word. Your call is -simply- written in His blood. I know that sounds very mystical and theoretical, but it's actually very substantively real. His actual blood was the payment and atonement for our sins, which made the way clear between us and God. We have a personal relationship with the Creator God and we are all called, because of this relationship, universally to ministry. We must approach our world with a purpose of gospel communication.

So, as we move from Easter to Christmas in the church calendar, we do so with an inter-generational call to minister. Instead of focusing on ourselves, a call to ministry helps us focus on others. Let's do it, together, and with a continual accountability of the church. I love you all!

Andrew Causey, Minister of Music

Did You Know?

- The church fed 16 firemen and distributed 30 Fireman Devotional books to the Woodburn Fire Department.
- The church printed 1000 of the Easter devotional books and passed them out at church and in the community at both campuses.
- Our Christmas cards from CARE night made it all the way to a group in Iraq who wrote the church back to tell us how much it meant to them.
- In March the church began sending video sermons each week to H2O Church in Perry, Oklahoma.
- We have baptized 9 folks so far this year and have 8 awaiting baptism.



Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 13 thru
Friday, June 17

9:00 am to 12 noon

Ages: 3 yrs. old to 6th grade
completed

Register on-line at

<http://vbs.lifeway.com/vbs2011/clubVBS/myChurch/?id=19067>

News from the Franklin Campus...

Church family,

We want to let you know that we have had an amazing year in our AWANA ministry. Thank you all for your prayers and support during this 2010 - 2011 year. We would like to invite you to come on **June 1st at 6:00 p.m.** to our annual **AWANA Commencement Ceremony** to hear about and see what the children have been studying and learning this year.

God has greatly blessed us with new faces this year, in the form of students, workers, and volunteers. Just recently two of our own became Christians and followed in Believer's Baptism. As we have said, God is moving and working, and we are blessed that you allow us to be involved in His work.

To allow our workers a time to fellowship with other believers and be rejuvenated in their spiritual growth, we will be breaking for the summer months following our Commencement Ceremony. We will start back up with the beginning of the new school year in August. We never, ever have to question if God wants us to minister to his children. Of course He does! So, please ask Him how you might serve in this area.

If you have any questions at all, please contact Ellen Bunch or Matt or Nichole Buckman. Again, thank you for your prayers and continued support - Ellen, Matt, & Nichole

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, **two.** 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 wbcfc.kids@gmail.com.

Welcome New Members to the Franklin Campus

Joined April 3, 2011

-Elizabeth Saylor by transfer. -Shaina Saylor by baptism.
-Steven Cassetty II by baptism.

Joined April 10, 2011

-Megan Gregory by baptism. -Jennifer Eldridge by transfer.

Joined April 17, 2011

-Dylon Reece by baptism. -Adrian Brown by transfer.
-Anthony Valdez by transfer. -Raymond Lucas by baptism.
-Courtney Chandler by baptism.

Franklin Campus Numbers

	Sunday School	Worship		
April 3	53	101		
April 10	70	138		
April 17	81	144		
April 24	168	146	Sun Rise	

EVENTS FOR CANDIDATE FOR YOUTH, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES MINISTER

Sunday, May 1

Both campus locations will meet the candidate and his family via media presentation. Two members of the Personnel Committee will present a brief segment as well as distribute a handout with information.

- WBC 8:30 – Joy Bush & Claud Johnson
- WBC 11:00 - Barry Hall & Amy Lawrence
- WBC 11:00 - Charlie Brooks & Donna Rigdon

Sunday, May 1

7:15 p.m. – Special Called Family Meeting for discussion and Q&A with the Personnel Committee

Saturday, May 7

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Family Picnic for children and parents in grades 1-6. He will lead games and outdoor events with help from parents & children's workers. A hot dog lunch will be provided. Both campuses are invited to attend. This will be held at the Franklin Campus.

Saturday, May 7

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Deacons and wives Meet 'n Greet at the Woodburn Campus Fellowship Hall. Finger-food fellowship.

Saturday, May 7

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Youth Social at WBC for both campuses. Come meet the couple, get to know them, have fun with your friends. Snacks and drinks provided.

Sunday, May 8

8:30 (Woodburn) & 11:00 (Franklin) – Candidate Testimony during the worship services. He will also lead the Children's Sermon. This will be taped for the Woodburn Campus to see at 11:00, allowing him to be at the Franklin Campus to speak and lead the children's sermon at that service.

10:00 - Q&A session with the Candidate during the Sunday School hour at Woodburn's Campus. All SS classes grades 2nd through Adult Classes will be dismissed to enable all workers and teachers to attend this important time. The teachers of Nursery, Preschool, and grades 1 and 2 will have replacement workers so that they may attend.

Sunday, May 8 - Vote

10:45 a.m. – Voting at the Woodburn Campus for those attending the 8:30 service and 10:00 Candidate Q&A
12:00 p.m. – Voting at Woodburn and Franklin Campuses for those attending the 11:00 service

The Personnel Committee desires for this candidate to be hired and available for Youth Camp and VBS for both Campuses. The schedule above allows him to provide a two-week notice to his current church and then be available to us for these important dates. We have consulted with Pastor Tim and Pastor Eric on all these matters. We continue to pray for you to catch the vision we feel God has placed in our hearts in a unanimous way! -- Joy Bush, Committee Chair, Charlie Brooks, Barry Hall, Claud Johnson, Amy Lawrence, Donna Rigdon

Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 1

A.M. *Staying Inside the Lines* (Psalm 16)

P.M. *Reason to Rejoice* (1 Peter 1.3-12)

Sunday, May 8 [MOTHER'S DAY]

A.M. *Giving Jesus What He Paid For* (1 Peter 1.13-2.3)

P.M. *Face of an Angel* (Acts 6.8-15, 7.51-60)

Sunday, May 15

A.M. *Lord of All* (1 Peter 3.13-17)

P.M. *The Letter R* (Psalm 23) Graduate Service

Sunday, May 22

A.M. *Different Drum* (1 Peter 2.19-25)

P.M. CARE NIGHT

Sunday, May 29 [MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND]

[Series Begins: *What Love Is*]

A.M. *The Only Thing That Matters* (1 Corinthians 12.27-13.3)

P.M. *Try a Little Kindness* (1 Corinthians 13.4)

Worship Attendance

		Sun. School	Worship	
April 3	316	8:30 - 236	11:00 - 149	
		Overflow - 17		
April 10	350	8:30 - 243	11:00 - 214	
		Overflow - 18		
April 17	391	8:30 - 309	11:00 - 222	
		Overflow - 19		
April 24	362	8:30 - 395	11:00 - 322	
		Overflow - 66		
	240	Sun Rise Service		