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Are you thirsty for more in life? Jesus said, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!" During October, the H2O series follows the theme of water in the Gospel of John. Come and discover with us how Living Water can satisfy your thirst.

View H2O Lessons at:

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Ladies EVENING Bible Study

DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD

BY PRISCILLA SHIRER

beginning Monday, October 10th @

6:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Shelley Hickman

Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible study helps participants know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through His Word, participants will be able to discern God's voice from the voice of strangers.

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 \$11 due at the first meeting on October 10th. Please sign up on the sheet located on the women's ministry bulletin board so the appropriate number of workbooks can be ordered.

Questions? Contact Amy Willingham at

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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,

October is here! I've been looking forward to this month since last year---that's when Warren Weeks and I began the planning for *H2O*, a church-wide study of the Gospel of John. I can't wait for you to read the Sunday School lessons written by Warren, Carol and Frank Jarboe, and Tracy Woods! I'm excited about the messages I get to preach! Months of prayer and preparation have already gone into this study. Now it's your turn to pray and prepare. Get ready to read through the book of John yourself!

Even if it's your first time to read John from beginning to end, I bet you are already familiar with many of the characters and stories; they are some of the most beloved in all of the Bible. How well do you think you know what's in the Gospel of John? Here's a quiz to test yourself before you get into the reading. You'll find the answers at the bottom. Good luck, and enjoy the Gospel of John!

1. True or False: John begins the story of Jesus like all the other Gospel-writers do, with Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.
2. Who is the first person ever to hear the words, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son"?"
3. When the woman of Samaria ran back to the city, what did she leave beside the well?
4. True or False: One of the amazing things about Jesus' feeding the 5000 is that, when the meal was finished, everyone was full, and not a single crumb was left over.
5. Since so many people began to believe in Jesus after he raised Lazarus from the dead, what did the chief priests plan to do?
6. In the Gospel of John, Lazarus's sister Mary is always found in the same place. Where does she tend to be?
7. Throughout the Gospel, Jesus keeps saying that his "time has not yet come." Finally, what is the sign that his time has come?
8. What does John leave out of the story, when he tells about Jesus' last night with his disciples in the Upper Room?

9. Who leaves after Jesus says, "Let's go," in John 14:31?
10. Look closely: where does the reader find water at the crucifixion?
11. Which "disciple" takes Jesus' body down off the cross?
12. According to the text itself, who is the author of the Gospel of John? (HINT: It never says that the author is John.)

See you Sunday. *Tim*

Answers:
(1) *False*: John doesn't tell the story of Bethlehem at all, although the question of where Jesus comes from is one of John's major themes. (2) Nicodemus (3) Her water jar (4) *False*. There were 12 baskets of loaves. (5) They intended to kill Lazarus. (6) At the feet of Jesus. (7) When the Greeks (Gentiles) come to Jesus. (8) John never mentions the bread or wine at the Last Supper. (9) No-body-Jesus just keeps on talking. (10) Water and blood comes out of Jesus' side, when he is stabbed with the spear. (11) Joseph of Arimathea. (12) In the final verses, it says that the author is "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Regus Hopkins Lena Van Meter Tressie Vice
Janice Casada Langdon & Thelma Dyer

October - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Vi Cato / Laura Spencer
2nd week - Rhodes Hester
3rd week - Jennifer Jones
4th week - Norma Palacios / Louise Stephens

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

Oct. 2 10 am - Blue Team Speaker, Tom Goodhue

Welcome New Members to the Woodburn Campus

Patricia Chancey joined September 4 by transfer of letter.

Khiyla Baker joined September 4 by baptism and is the daughter of Becky Johnson.



**Minister of Education
and Administration**



October's Sermon series is entitled H2O and is about the theme

of water in the gospel of John. Bro. Tim says, "If you drill down anywhere in the gospel of John, you will find water." You find it used in so many ways. Water is just a backdrop in some chapters but significant to our understanding of the passage. In others, Jesus refers to Himself as water several times. Water was appreciated more and not taken for granted in the environment where John was writing. Water represented life if you had it and death if you did not. Everyone understood its role in their lives. The best way to prepare your heart and mind for the sermons in October is to read the gospel of John for yourself. John's gospel is only 21 chapters long and can be read in 3 weeks if you read a chapter a day.

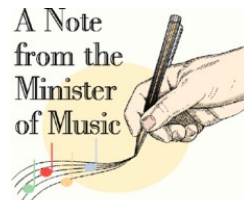
This is our fifth year to also prepare some special Sunday School lessons to go along with the sermon series during the month of October. It is a great time for us to link what we are hearing in worship with what we will study together in Sunday School. I hope that you will take this opportunity to be in a Sunday School class this month as we study these lessons together. You can pick up a book at church or view the lessons on the church website. We could not do these lessons without the help of others. Thanks to our writers, Frank and Carol Jarboe and Tracy Woods. Megan Wright did the graphics for the series. Thanks to Bro. Tim for the challenge of this project and selecting the theme. H2O is coming, "Are you thirsty?"

Serving Together, Warren Weeks



**MISSIONS
OPPORTUNITY**

There are few opportunities that we have to impact the community here right around our church. And even fewer times when they come to us. But Halloween is one of those opportunities when it seems that everyone comes out. This year, we would like to host a "trunk or treat" here at church where folks can come by to get candy. We need 12 folks to sign-up to be here on October 31 and park their car in the half circle we hope to form in the church yard and bring candy to pass out to those who come by. The church plans to prepare some bags with candy, tracts and a few prizes to pass out. Let's not miss this opportunity to share Christ's love by serving the community.



Seasonal Ministry

I just want to clarify our music ministry direction with choral singing. Over time myself, our music committee, and our staff have begun noting and discussing the availability of time for our congregants. Our kids are busier, our jobs more demanding, and our time just seems to evaporate by the end of the necessities that seem to flood our lives. Instead of being the music minister who creates guilt in those who should sing in choir, I've noticed a far better (and more excellent) participation in our Worship Choir when a simple invitation is issued with the intent to follow up - for a time... Then, last Easter, our music ministry really seemed to "find a new kind of harmony" with our people when we set out an Easter Choir sign-up list. This is no brilliant idea, but it is an idea that really seemed to work. We packaged the commitment to an exact number of practices, hit our benchmarks and really seemed to lead the congregation through a uniquely *Woodburnian* Easter Season. This brought about a universal truth that our choral ministry may be headed towards seasonal emphasis, *while still maintaining, between major church seasons, choral specials as they become ready and prepared.* This upcoming season is Christmas :) I can't believe it! We had our Worship Choir Christmas party to introduce the new music on September 21st - and IT WAS SO FUN! So, I'm not guiltting you into singing, but if you're reading this far - you're interested :) Don't commit your year of Wednesday nights, unless God is calling to choral ministry. However, please consider committing a couple weeks for the mutual edification of our congregation and the call to lead this worshiping church through the Christmas season. Thanks for reading!

Our flower committee is being folded into our music (and worship arts - not officially named that, but it seems to be descriptive) committee as of this church calendar year. This is not intended to lead away from what we've been doing, but to allow for greater participation from all our members. If you have a special Sunday during the year and wish to aesthetically add to our worship experience in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, or loved ones who have passed on - please consider donating live and fresh flowers in their honor (or arranging silk flowers) in the pulpit area or for the conclave behind the piano. Look for more information surrounding this new form of congregation involvement!

Love to you all!

Andrew Causey

News from the Franklin Campus...

It was a “WOW!!!! Moment”, as well as a day of celebration at our 2-year anniversary service, and one of the things that brought a great sense of satisfaction and joy was looking around and seeing all the new faces that have joined our church family in recent months. I realize this is also because of the friendliness and commitment of many of you who have been part of the church for awhile now, and are doing your best to share the news. As you know, you have influence over so many people that I could never reach; yet, as we all work together, lives are changed and are won into the Kingdom of Christ and HE receives the Glory! I like the words of Paul as he wrote to the Church at Philippi: Philippians 1:3, "I thank my God every time I remember you." Truly, I do thank God for all of you as you have extended your hearts of love and hands of service in ways that allow the Kingdom to advance in the church and the community. I know you realize, this is not "MY" church, or "YOUR" church, but it is HIS Church, and according to scripture, we know He will build His Church and the powers of hell will not conquer it! I look forward to all God has for us in the weeks, months, and years ahead. “Uncommon church” doing “Uncommon things”.

Love you, Pastor Eric

Welcome New Members to the Franklin Campus

Justin Holcomb joined August 21 by letter of transfer.

Teresa Porter joined August 28 by transfer of letter.

Lizbeth Stokes joined September 7 by transfer of letter.

Mark & Kimberley Burdick joined September 11 by transfer of letter.

Jennifer Henderson joined September 18 by transfer of letter.

Blayne Henderson joined September 18 by transfer of letter and is the son of Jennifer Henderson.

Franklin Campus Numbers

	Sunday School	Worship
Sept. 4	84	167
Sept. 11	—	191
Sept. 18	88	135
Sept. 25		128



Apples of Gold

Listening, Loving, Learning, Living

Back by Popular Demand!!!

Six Weeks Ladies Mentoring Program

Tuesday Morning Classes Beginning October 11th

9:00 am – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Class Fee: \$20 (includes study book)

Childcare available!

Apples of Gold plays a vital role in strengthening the family, encouraging women in their daily walk with Christ, and training them in the practical aspects of homemaking and hospitality. This is a unique nurturing intergenerational connection of women where mature believers share their life experiences in loving their husbands, loving their children, and practicing submission, hospitality, kindness and purity. The relationships built in this class are a strong bond of love and appreciation between generations. All women, whether single



HARVEST PARTY

Mark your calendars for October 26th! The Preschool Department will have a Harvest Party that evening full of lots of fun, games, and candy! All children ages 3 through kindergarten are invited to participate. Bring a friend! More details to follow.

Prayers & Sympathies to

Amanda Hughes on the death of her grandmother, JoAnne Davenport

Brian Hockstedler on the death of his grandmother, Shirley Nugen

Ray Chaffin on the death of his brother, Dale Chaffin

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 2 [Series begins: H2O]

A.M. *Immersion* (John 1.19-34)

P.M. *Miracle Water* (John 2.1-12)

Sunday, October 9

A.M. *Water Birth* (John 3.1-21)

P.M. *Living Water* (John 4.1-30)

Wednesday, October 12

Rough Water (John 6.16-21)

Sunday, October 16

A.M. Guest Brian Ahern

P.M. Church Hayride & Barn Service

Wednesday, October 19

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Worship Attendance

Sun. School		Worship	
Sept. 4	289	8:30 - 243	11:00 -247
		Overflow - 19	
Sept. 11	----	10:30 - 385	
		Overflow - 20	
Sept. 18	366	8:30 - 272	11:00 - 180
		Overflow - 15	
Sept. 25		8:30 - 226	11:00 - 157