



The Steeple

News and Announcements from the Woodburn Baptist Church

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Worship services will start at 10:30 am
(no Sunday School or evening services)

At noon we will gather for a potluck lunch. The church will provide meat, bread and drinks. Our church folks are asked to bring vegetables, casseroles, and salads.

At 12:30 pm the weigh-in will begin for the annual Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull. Children less than 75 pounds are eligible to compete. The tractor pull will get started around 12:50 pm.

There will be other activities for our kids and youth.

After lunch and the tractor pull the Building Committee will make a presentation about the new building project.

This is a day when we will all dress comfortably and be relaxed. Wear your WBC shirts.

WKU and Red Cross Food Drive

WKU Public Media, in conjunction with the South Central KY American Red Cross, the Daily News, McDonalds and Wal-Mart, will hold a canned food drive on Saturday, September 10 at Wal-Mart off Campbell Lane behind Greenwood Mall in Bowling Green.

Volunteers will accept donations of canned food items at Wal-Mart off Campbell Lane in Bowling Green on Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. They will also accept cash contributions on behalf of the American Red Cross to purchase additional food items. A list of needed items will be available at Wal-Mart on Saturday the 10th. Only food items listed will be accepted.

Woodburn Baptist Franklin Campus

Celebrates their

2nd Year Anniversary Sun. September 11

Worship Service at 10:30 am

(no Sunday School or evening service)

After the Worship Service we will have a potluck lunch. The church will provide meat, bread and drinks. We are asking everyone to bring vegetables, casseroles and salads for the meal.

There will be fun activities for the whole family. So bring your lawn chairs, appetite, and memories as we gather together for a time of fun, food and fellowship!

2011 Annual Church Profile for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. These numbers are calculated between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2011.

Total Members FC & WC = 964

Franklin Campus = 204 Woodburn Campus = 760

Average Worship Attendance FC & WC = 629

Franklin Campus = 137 Woodburn Campus = 492

Average Sunday School Attendance FC & WC = 420

Franklin Campus = 72 Woodburn Campus = 348

Cooperative Program Giving	\$ 59,067.00
Annie Armstrong Giving	\$ 5,840.00
Lottie Moon Giving	\$ 9,344.00
Total Mission Giving	\$ 141,921.00

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 American Kennel Club officially recognizes over 150 breeds of dogs. Others estimate that there may actually be thousands of different types; but when I get a dog, I always get the same kind. The *dumb* kind.

Don't hear me wrong—I love dogs, and I'm always particularly partial to my own. I love the dog I have now. She doesn't eat drywall anymore, she's affectionate, she's a great family dog. She's just dumb.

Oggie (that's her name) goes everywhere I go. When I'm getting ready for work, she lays on the rug in the bathroom and watches me. The other day, however, she rose slowly from the floor and crouched menacingly. Her eyes narrowed, the fur stood up on the back of her neck. She growled deep and long. I could tell she was preparing to fight something at the other end of the room—*What was it?* It was another dog, staring back at Oggie, crouched low, fur standing up. The dog she was looking at was just as nervous and dumb as she was.

We have a full-length mirror on the bathroom wall. It's been there forever. I guess Oggie has just never paid much attention, since she *totally* never expected to see another dog staring back at her. She approached the dog in the mirror cautiously, growling a little, crying a little. She looked it in the eye, and she tried (unsuccessfully) to sniff the other dog's tail. This canine comedy went on for some time. I still don't think she's figured it out.

I know how she feels. It's happened to me many times in my life with God. The book of James says that the Bible is like a mirror: In the same moment when I see what God's word says, I see an image of myself, my true self the way God sees me. It's not always the *me* that I want to see. I'm never quite sure whether I want to approach the truth or run from it. Seeing my true face in the mirror of God's word can be startling.

Sometimes we read the Bible under the assumption that God simply wants to inspire us with warm thoughts for the day. We like to find a quote that we can post on Facebook and repeat to ourselves for comfort. James says that we're not supposed to read the Bible just to find a new favorite verse; we read God's word in order to see what God wants to change in us. At times this will mean facing things about your life, staring at them head on, recognizing that the sinner in the mirror is you. Of course getting a good long look at yourself is just the beginning. Once you've seen, you've got to do something different. You've got to obey everything God says (James 1.22-25).

We read the Bible a lot a round here. Let's not be just hearers of the word, but people who do what it says. For 144 years, the people of this church have thrived on the

word of God. They listened long for God's voice and spent themselves in daily obedience. This month, we celebrate the life of Woodburn Baptist Church—and the two-year anniversary of the Franklin Campus! We're standing strong, but our strength comes not from within us. We're strong because we're standing on God's word. May we always find our foundation and future in the word of God.

See you Sunday. *Tim*

Remember Our Shut-Ins

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

September - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Joy Bush / Nancy Williams
2nd week - Don Harris
3rd week - Brenda Maxwell
4th week - Diane Harris / Martha Murray

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

Sept. 4	10 am - Blue Team	Speaker, 11-12 Grade SS
Sept. 18	10 am - Red Team	Speaker, Tracy Reels

Welcome New Members to the Woodburn Campus...

Keri Gregory joined July 31 by baptism. Keri is the daughter of Chris and Rose Gregory.

Melissa & Faith Martin joined July 31 by baptism.

Kurtis Palmer joined August 7, 2011 by baptism. Kurtis is the son of Richard and Carla Palmer.

Jenna Shockley joined August 14 by baptism. She is the daughter of Jay and Brandy Shockley.

Abby Jones joined August 14 by baptism. Abby is the daughter of Brian & Patricia Jones.

Joseph Reynolds joined August 14 by baptism.

Lauren Perdue joined August 21 by baptism.

Prayers & Sympathies to

Clinton Cherry and family on the death of his father John Cherry, Sr. of Woodburn.

Maxwell Lawrence on the death of his brother Fred Lawrence of St. Louis, MO.

Vernon Long and family on the death of his sister, Shelia Cook.



Sunday School is Still Effective

Many growing churches have come to realize something that others have missed. These growing churches have realized the impact of an hour of weekly Sunday School for all ages. Thom Rainer and George Barna said, "The

challenge is great, but the reward greater. It's time for churches to stop sitting around wondering how to reach people and get busy doing it. Sunday School is the best place to start." What difference can the investment of one hour in Sunday School make? Consider the following:

- 1.) In five years, only 13% of new members who become active in Sunday School will drop out of church while 87% of those who attend worship only will drop out.
- 2.) One out of three lost people will accept Jesus in twelve months of Sunday School attendance while only one out of 342 will do so through worship attendance only
- 3.) Sunday School attenders learn about God and His Word, His will, and His ways.
- 4.) Sunday School attenders develop meaningful relationships (which is significant since 80% of new members will drop out who don't have friends, are not in a small group, and are not involved in serving).
- 5.) Leaders are developed through group interaction and opportunities to serve in the class. The community and world are impacted through the outreach and ministry of classes while at the same time that service helps to develop better disciples out of Sunday School attenders.
- 6.) Sunday School teachers grow because they pray and study God's Word to present to a group.
- 7.) Some attenders read their pupil books weekly for class which is the only commentary many will ever read.
- 8.) Sunday School attenders are encouraged to develop a daily practice of spending time with God in prayer and Bible study.
- 9.) Spiritual disciplines are taught about and encouraged.
- 10.) Spiritual, physical, and relational needs are discovered and addressed.
- 11.) New people are greeted, affirmed, connected, and contacted.
- 12.) Prayer requests and praises are shared and private and corporate prayer is lifted up.

Sunday School has a lot to offer in helping you grow in your Christian life. If you are not currently involved in Sunday School, this is a great time to start. We have a class for every age. I would be glad to talk to you more about Sunday School and helping you find a class.

Serving Together, Warren Weeks

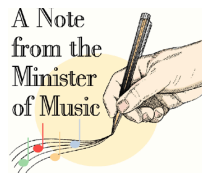


Preschool Mission Night

The Preschool Department will be learning about missionaries and the work they do during the month of September. We will have a celebration on September 28 at 6:00 pm. We will be collecting items to send to

Trisha and Kelly Lawrence at the Good Shepherd's Children's Home in Honduras. Please watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Help is needed in Sunday School for 1, 2, 4, and 5 year olds. On Wednesday help is needed in the 3 year old class. Contact Warren Weeks if you can help.



A typical week sees me from Sunday to Thursday, here at the church, every day. Sundays are Sundays. You are here, participating, and enjoying worship with God's people. I want to point you to my Mondays. I am not unique on my own

merit or discipline - in fact, lately just focusing has been hard, with the new dudes at home and Eden's simple need for attention as well. I am not to be commended or praised for Mondays, but you've gotta hear it from me - "They're not mine." I spend Mondays planning, debating with myself, and critiquing my planning from Sunday. I try to sit in the seat of the teenager, the five year old, and the older generations of the church. I try to understand how the worship was Scripture-oriented, unifying, and excellent. I go deeper because it's my job, but more so because it's my passion.

So, where has God gifted you? Are you expanding the gifts and growing the talent that He has entrusted you with? How is it going, and/or why is this not important to you? We're all out of time these days - all of us. I'm getting the smallest taste of this with three kiddos at home now, and an amazingly creative wife who honestly needs more time for her creativity to grow. I know it's not as easy as saying, "Find the time." While it isn't easy, and probably messy for our color-coded calendars, it is a calling. Bonhoeffer calls it a *burning in the bones*.

While this season of your life may not afford you the time you need to grow in your calling and talent, it might be the perfect time to amass the pieces of the process, so that when the time is available you will have a game plan - with benchmarks towards your goal. It's easy to self-focus and wonder what amazing thing God has put ahead of us, but maybe harder to understand how our gifting and talents serve a higher purpose: that all people will know the name of God. Make sure that if you're not actively growing your craft, you are at least preparing for that season of growth in your calling. May he say to us all, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Now - *there's* a depth of service to seek.

With Love - Andrew Causey

THE RACE IS ON!

The race is on to collect items for the next container going to Harare, Zimbabwe. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please spread the word to family and friends. These are the items that we will be focusing on through the summer months.

- Gently used, lightweight children's clothes & shoes
- Gently used, lightweight adult clothes and shoes size small & medium.
- Pillows, blankets, sleeping bags
- School supplies (paper, pencils, crayons...)
- Towels & Wash Cloths
- Baseball hats
- Undergarments
- Anti-bacterial Soap
- Toothpaste, & toothbrushes
- Sterile Gloves

Contact: Jeff & Lisa Williams 270-996-3974

News from the Franklin Campus...

Franklin Campus Vacation Bible School was an outstanding week! We had so many new helpers and leaders to step up this year. We averaged about 120 learners nursery age through adults this year, and we were able to spread what God says about perseverance at our first ever "Family Experience" to more than 160 kids and adults. Each night we were kickin' it old school and getting back to the basics of who God is and what that means for us through traditional hymns and digging into God's word. And He showed up in a mighty way!

In addition to planting seeds in many hearts God moved in the lives of 9 kids and youth and they received His gift of salvation. Praise God! Thank you to everyone from both campuses that came each night and volunteered, and on behalf of the lives that were touched thank you to everyone who fervently prayed for this outreach opportunity.



A baby shower will be given by the ladies of the church to **Matt and Nichole Buckman** on **Sunday, September 11 at 3:00 pm at the Franklin Campus**. Nichole's baby boy is due to arrive in early October. The Buckman's are registered at Target and Wal Mart. Everyone is invited to attend to help celebrate this blessed

event.

Welcome New Members to the Franklin Campus

Jonathan Valdez joined July 27 by baptism.

Chaz Vinci joined August 7 by baptism.

Robert Moore, Jr. joined August 3 by letter of transfer.

Nikolas Sears joined August 19 by letter of transfer.

Kathlene Brooks joined August 10 by letter of transfer.

Jasmine Cowles joined August 10 by baptism.

Helen Vinci joined August 14 by baptism.

RaeAnne Bond joined August 14 by baptism.

Franklin Campus Numbers

	Sunday School	Worship
Aug. 7	74	128
Aug. 14	99	170
Aug. 21	75	136
Aug. 28		

"Women's Ministry Opportunities"

Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast

At First Baptist Church in Bowling Green

Saturday, September 10 ~ 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Tickets \$15

It may not be too late! A group of ladies from our church will be attending the Beth Moore conference. If you would still like to attend, you can contact First Baptist Church (842-0331) for ticket availability and stop by their office to purchase a ticket. Coffee, snacks, and lunch will be provided that day. Come join us!

Body, Mind, and Soul ~ **Living a life in Balance** ~

Facilitator: Lisa Roberts

Tuesdays in September From 9-11 a.m.

Learn how to find success in living a balanced lifestyle of diet, nutrition, and exercise and balancing our worship experiences with private Bible study and prayer. All participants need to bring a towel and wear loose clothing and tennis shoes that are appropriate for 30 minute low impact physical workouts. Contact Lisa Roberts for more information at lisa55@aol.com.

Woodburn Baptist Church Women's Ministry Fall Conference

LIVING IN TRUTH: EMBRACING GOD'S DESIGN

October 14-15, 2011 at WBC, Woodburn Campus

Cost is \$50.00 – Childcare provided

The Living in Truth events focus on helping women to identify how they might be living "falsely." The Scriptures refer to the "old self" (Eph. 4:24ff). It is this old self, or false self, that interferes with our experiencing the grace of God that actually transforms us into His image. The Presenter is Bob Hudson, founder of "At the Cross Ministries." The event will also be staffed by volunteers from Women at the Cross, a part of "At the Cross Ministries." His teaching will include:

- Identifying how we live "falsely" in our lives.
- What is the impact of doing so?
- What is it that we really want when we are defensive toward others?
- Identifying who we really are.
- How to come to the Cross of Jesus and lay down what is false and live out of the truth of who we are in Christ.
- How do we deal with someone else's false ways of living?
- The conference will provide opportunities for sharing in groups, visual expressions of the principles being taught, interaction with the teaching, audio/visual aids and a time for prayer and consecration before God.

Please email any questions to Pamela Jarboe

pamelajarboe@gmail.com

Registration will begin soon. Event is limited to 50 participants.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 4 [LABOR DAY WEEKEND]

A.M. *When I See the Blood* (Exodus 12.1-14)

P.M. *What this Country Needs* (Romans 13.1-17)

Sunday, September 11 [COMING HOME SUNDAY]

[FRANKLIN CAMPUS 2nd ANNIVERSARY]

10:30 A.M. *Get Moving!* (Exodus 14.5-31)

P.M. (NO P.M. SERVICES)

Sunday, September 18

A.M. *Sunshine on My Shoulders* (Exodus 15.22-27)

P.M. *A Visit from the In-Laws* (Exodus 18.1-27)

Sunday, September 25

A.M. *The Disappointment of God* (Exodus 32.1-35)

P.M. CARE NIGHT

Worship Attendance

	Sun. School	Worship	
Aug. 7	388	8:30 - 286	11:00 - 242
		Overflow - 28	
Aug. 14	418	8:30 - 295	11:00 - 238
		Overflow - 17	
Aug. 21	328	8:30 - 239	11:00 - 235
		Overflow - 18	
Aug. 28		8:30 -	11:00 -
		Overflow -	