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Thanksgiving Worship Opportunities



Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship

Thanksgiving dinner with the Woodburn Baptist Church family will be a potluck supper. **The Woodburn Campus will meet at South Warren High School on Sunday, November 13 at 5:00 pm.**

Our church folks will need to bring vegetables, casseroles, salads, and desserts. The church will provide ham, turkey, and drinks. After supper, we will share in a time of worship and music.

There will be no services Wednesday, November 23 at the Woodburn Campus.

The Franklin Campus church-wide Thanksgiving dinner will be Sunday night November 20 at 5:30 pm at the Franklin Campus fellowship hall. The church will provide meat, bread, and drinks. The Franklin folks will need to bring vegetables, casseroles, salads, and desserts. We will have a worship service following the meal.

There will be no services Wednesday, November 23 at the Franklin Campus.



Our Community Thanksgiving service is a long-standing tradition in the Rich Pond-Rockfield-Woodburn area.

This year's celebration of giving thanks together will be held Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm at Rockfield Baptist Church. There are eight churches that come together for the service and each church has a responsibility. Woodburn Baptist Church is responsible for the Benediction.

Thanksgiving Rest Area Outreach

Our outreach this year is Saturday, November 26 from 7:00 am until 12:00 Noon. Members of the Woodburn and Franklin Campuses are invited to help pass out donuts and beverages to travelers at the Franklin, KY rest area on I-65. We not only will be giving out free food and drinks to travelers, but this will be a time to share the love of Christ to those with whom we come in contact. We are looking for people that are willing to give of their time (either 1-2 hours, or the whole time). Sign up on the bulletin boards or call the church office to let us know when you can volunteer.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 6 [CLOCKS BACKWARD] A.M. <i>A Necessary Reminder</i> (Joshua 24.14-28) P.M. <i>Kids These Days</i> (Psalm 78.1-8)	Sunday, November 20 [PASTOR TO PERRY, OK] A.M. Guest Preacher, Jeff Crabtree P.M. CARE Night
Sunday, November 13 [VISION SUNDAY] A.M. <i>The Chicken with Its Head Cut Off</i> (Eph. 5.15-23) P.M. Church Thanksgiving Supper/Worship Service <i>Thankful for the Church</i> (Ephesians 5.15-23)	Wednesday, November 23 [NO SERVICES] Sunday, November 27 [BEGIN ADVENT] A.M. Guest Missionaries, Trisha/Kelly Lawrence P.M. Guest Preacher, Brandon Harris

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Worship Attendance

Sun.	School	Worship	
Oct. 2	318	8:30 - 231	11:00 - 199 Overflow - 12
Oct. 9	345	8:30 - 235	11:00 - 194 Overflow - 13
Oct. 16	360	8:30 - 247	11:00 - 194 Overflow - 13
Oct. 23	337	8:30 - 261	11:00 - 227 Overflow - 15
Oct. 30		8:30 -	11:00 - Overflow -

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,

It's been said, "Everything we do should be a result of our gratitude for what God has done for us." God is good, and he has been good to me. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, here's a list of some of the blessings I'm counting these days. Read my list—then take a moment and make a list of your own. In no particular order, I'm thankful for the following:

Life. Every day is a day God has made, and he has given today to me, though I am forever undeserving of the gift. I want to savor every blessed moment. Tomorrow is never guaranteed.

The gospel. To say I owe everything to Christ is still not to say enough. To hear that he loves me continues to overwhelm my heart with joy. To speak of his love is my true calling. To show his love is the reason I live.

The Bible. It grows more dear to me every day. I used to imagine that if I read closely enough and studied hard enough, I would eventually master the Bible. Now I realize that the goal of reading is to let God's word master me. The Bible doesn't come alive until I come to it dead to myself.

People. First, my wife and son. Coming home to Kacy and Wade is the best part of every day. My parents are the most loving and generous people I know. I love the men with whom I am privileged to work here at church—Warren, Andrew, and Eric are friends to me, closer than brothers. And all of you, my church family, I love you more than you'll ever know. I can't wait to get back to church every Sunday and Wednesday. Before church, I stand on the sidewalk and wait for you to arrive. I would spend every day of my life with you all.

The Franklin Campus. It's beyond everything we ever hoped for or imagined, and it's only just begun! I believe God wants to do something BIG in Simpson County. At present, what we're seeing in Franklin is a welcome shower of blessing. But mark my word—the revival that's on the way is going to be a gully-washer!

Troubles. I don't enjoy troubles, and I'm not looking forward to future trials. Looking back, however, I can say that God has brought me blessings I could not have received had I not first been broken. When God seems far away, I learn to reach for him. When I begin to realize there are things I cannot do, I learn there's nothing God cannot do.

Technology. Is it weird to be thankful for my iPad and the phone I carry in my pocket? We live in days of constant amazement—and the technology we possess has potential to accomplish so much for the cause of

Christ! I'm thankful for the way we can partner with the church in Oklahoma and with missionaries around the world. Do you realize that if it pleases the Lord, with technology and the 20/20 vision, we could plant a church virtually anywhere on the planet? What a thrilling time to be serving the Lord!

Home. I'm thankful for God's daily provision, for a bed to sleep in and a yard to mow. I love living near the woods, with deer crossing the back field and trees dropping their leaves in the pond. I love cooking supper. I love being the last one to sleep at night and turning out the lights.

That's my list. I could go on thanking him, but it's your turn now. Count your blessings. Make a list if you will. I promise, there's nothing better for the soul than a healthy dose of gratitude.

See you Sunday. *Tim*

Remember Our Shut-Ins

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

November - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Wilma Guthrie
2nd week - Margaret Ann Adams
3rd week - Joy Bush / Nancy Williams
4th week - Don Harris

Prayers & Sympathies to

Brian Bunch on the death of his mother, Linda Trussel.

Jean Gore and Pam Mayes on the death of Jean's daughter and Pam's sister, Judy Vantrease.

Bobby Cook on the death of his mother, Edna Cook.

Norm Poppy on the death of his grandmother, Ella Saigeon.

Martha Meng on the death of her husband, Joe Meng. Joe had been a member of WBC since August 1, 1934.

Welcome New Members to the Franklin Campus

Destini Smith joined August 28 by statement of faith.

Dylan Sellier joined September 28 by statement of faith.

Gaige Mauro joined October 9 by baptism.

Jordan Ivy joined October 9 by baptism.



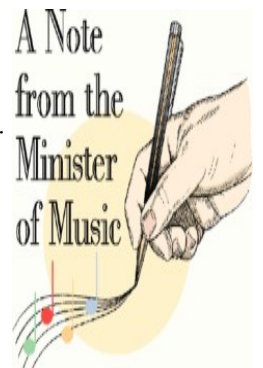
Reflections on H2O
Wings on H2O

I hope you enjoyed the "H2O" sermon series and Sunday School lessons. It was great to look at some familiar passages of the Bible from the book of John in a new way. The context was important in each of the sermons and lessons. The Bible truly is God's living Word that is fresh and new each time that we read it. Sunday School is important in helping us understand God's Word in a small group environment where we can get to know others and have opportunities to minister to one another. If you are not currently attending Sunday School, it is always a great time to start. The H2O series also reminds us of the importance of reading God's Word each day for ourselves.

I have said before how much I enjoy the Thanksgiving season. It is my favorite holiday. We have several Thanksgiving celebrations coming up at church this month. I hope you plan to be a part of them. We have Thanksgiving dinner for the Woodburn campus on November 13 at the South Warren High School cafeteria and auditorium. The Franklin campus will have Thanksgiving dinner on November 20 in their fellowship hall. CARE night is coming up on November 20 at the Woodburn Campus with some special activities and opportunities to minister to others. We will be delivering 2012 calendars to the homes around the church, sending Christmas cards to soldiers, working on a Christmas mailout and contacting recent guests and members. I hope you plan to be a part of this special CARE night. We have much to be thankful for all the time. I hope you have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Serving Together, Warren Weeks

Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins (Eph 5.3-5), for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. Don't participate in the things these people do. For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of the light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. *Ephesians 5.6-9*



I love this Scripture! This word from God demands change in our lives - not that the change produces salvation, but that our salvation produces change in our lives. So, to another "mirror-question" (go ahead, stand in front of a mirror and say these words out loud)... "Is my life reflective of Christ?" My answer, more often than I would like, is that the tarnish I cake on is making the light dim, if visible. I still have too much affection for things that are worldly, and will therefore decay and rust. My tarnish is cleaned off so often for my forgiving God, but it seems that the light which could be shining from my life is still so inconsistent. My mind moves to anger or sarcasm too quickly. My feet move to the beat of the world, while my heart yearns for a substantial glorification of God's will in my life. You might think that it's no big deal, cause I *am* just the music guy ;) (doh! too much sarcasm) We are called to a life, of which the greatest descriptor is the single word "light." Have you achieved the God-glorifying light of Christ in your daily tasks? May God make us spotless and remove the tarnish that we seem to be all too ready to apply - each day.

*Love to you all,
Andrew Causey*



POINSETTIAS

As we do each year, the Woodburn Campus will be purchasing poinsettias for the purpose of decorating the stage through the advent season. If you would like to purchase a plant in honor of, or in memory of, any event or person special to you, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome table. Each plant will cost \$12.50 with checks made out to WBC Flower Fund. Please put check in the white box beside the sign up. Last day to order will be November 13.

News from the Franklin Campus...

“How was your service today?”, I recall a pastor asking me on a Sunday afternoon. “Oh, we were down today. Not many people showed up, only about a hundred and twenty,” I replied. He looked at me and responded by saying, “I would love to see that many people show up at our church.” Wow!!!! What was I thinking when I responded with that answer? Sometimes, when we get so caught up with what we want God to do, we fail to thank Him for what He is doing. A spirit of thankfulness will take us far in helping us to appreciate the little things around us, as well as those things that we might consider "bigger blessings". It's amazing to think that everything that comes into our lives, first of all, is sifted through the loving hands of our Heavenly Father! In thinking about thankfulness, I'm reminded of a little story entitled, "Remarkable Thankfulness" that goes something like this... When thieves robbed Matthew Henry, the English author, he still found something to be thankful for. He wrote these words in his diary: “Let me be thankful first, because I was never robbed before; second, because, although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed.” Dr. Whyte of Scotland always found something to thank God for in his pulpit prayers. One stormy morning, a disgruntled member of his congregation thought to himself ...the preacher will have nothing to thank God for on a wretched morning like this. But Whyte began his prayer, “We thank Thee, O God that it is not always like this. In reading this short story, we come to realize that we too can surely find something to be thankful for even in the midst of some of the most trying and difficult circumstances of life. Most parents have had the challenge of teaching their children to be thankful. We have taught them at a very young age to learn the habit of saying "thank you", and have come to understand that thankfulness is not something we are just naturally born with. No, parents don't (or shouldn't) teach children to be selfish...and, as a matter of fact, if we want to see how quickly selfishness is born, just put two, 2-year old children in a room with only one toy! Let's take time to not only "be" thankful, but do our best to share the importance of thankfulness to the next generations. The best way for our children to learn is

always by example! I Thess. 5:18 says, “In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” Do you want to do the will of God? Well, the best place to start is by giving thanks.

Love you guys, Pastor Eric



*Check out the new
Women's Ministry Bulletin Board
outside Room 13 at Woodburn Campus!*

*Look for the monthly calendar, pictures, &
flyers for current & upcoming events.*



DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED!!

- Have you read a good Christian book lately?
- Do you have suggestions for a Bible study that you think would be of interest to other women?
- Do you have a special talent or hobby you would be willing to share with other women?
- Would you be willing to facilitate a study and learn alongside other women?

If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, we need you to share your knowledge & gifts to help women grow in their walk with Christ and each other. Plans are being made now for women's ministry in 2012. Contact Amy Willingham at amy.willingham@insightbb.com or any of the ladies on the women's ministry committee: Emily Causey, Pat Ballance, Marla Hardcastle, Rhonda Smith, and Laurie Tingle.

Franklin Campus Numbers

	Sunday School	Worship
Oct. 2	84	167
Oct. 9	75	191
Oct. 16	88	135
Oct. 23	128	145
Oct. 30		