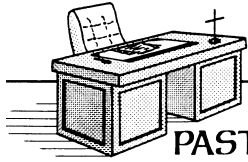


THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELLSVILLE, KANSAS
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame,
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same!*

We thank God for all the ways He continues to touch our WBC family!

- If you've shared the inspiring baptisms with so many lately ...
- If you've celebrated infant dedication and marriage services with so many ...
- If you've plugged into our AWANA ministry on Wednesday evenings ...
- If you've noticed the new enthusiasm from our newly-installed officers and WBC Board members ...

Then you too can be full of thanksgiving for God's blessings, guidance and direction!

Despite winter's coldest blasts, the warmth of the WBC family reaches out to all! Hope to see you on each of our February Sundays. Here's the preaching plan for the entire month ...

February 1
"Being Touched"
Mark 5:21-43

February 8
"Are We Just Talking to Ourselves?"
Colossians 4:2-6

February 15
"Forgiven!"
Galatians 5:15-21

February 22
"Good News for Bad Kids!"
I Samuel 2:6-8

Don't forget Bill Gaither's second verse:

*Since I met this blessed Savior,
Since He cleansed and made me whole!
I will never cease to praise Him!
I'll shout it while eternity rolls!*

Looking forward to seeing you in worship! rr

P.S. Wow! What a great WBC congregational meeting on January 25th! Don't miss the highlights from it in this newsletter!

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Pastoral Search Committee has been meeting regularly for the past few months. We created a packet of information and helped with the new website so that prospective candidates would be able to learn more about our church. After receiving more than 20 résumés, we narrowed our search to 3 candidates. We had phone conversations with the people they gave as their references. After interviewing a candidate and meeting his wife, we are now focusing on one particular pastor from McPherson, KS. We will do a pulpit visit on February 15th to listen to him preach. We are very mindful that 'preaching' was at the top of our congregation's list of strengths we want our pastor to have. After the church services that day, we will again meet with him, as we seek to know God's will for our church.

After our February 15th visit, we will quickly let the congregation know what our next step will be, whether to go ahead with this pastor and bring him to Wellsville for the congregational visit, or to begin again looking at prospective candidates. We feel we are at a crucial point in the search process, and ask that you as a congregation cover us all with your prayers. Every step of the way, the committee has been in complete agreement as to God's leading, and we wait, as you do, to see God's will unfold.



PRESCHOOL 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our preschool will celebrate it's 30th year on Saturday, April 18 from 2-4 pm. We are looking for pictures from the past 30 years. If you have any, please contact Kari @ 883-4933.

Our preschool website is www.geocities.com/preteacher01. Please watch this website for info about our preschool and it's happenings. Thank you.

PRESIDENTIAL QUOTES

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.—Thomas Jefferson

The Bible is the rock on which this Republic rests.—Andrew Jackson

I have been driven to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day.—Abraham Lincoln



AWANA



Here at WBC, we have been given a real blessing in the form of Awana. I believe the blessing goes two ways: first, the blessing flows freely to the Clubbers who attend Awana each week; second, all the adults who work so tirelessly with these boys and girls receive a blessing that is just as real.

Awana is a worldwide youth program designed to “reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ” with the ultimate goal being to “train them to serve Him.” (Both quotes are from the Awana Flag pledge.) Awana is an acronym for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed. Our name comes from II Timothy 2:15: “Do your best

to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” WBC holds Awana Club meetings Wednesday evenings from September through April. We are half way through our sixth year.

Like WBC, Awana’s history is long and proud. Lance “Doc” Latham held the first Awana Club at North Side Gospel Center in Chicago in 1941. Soon, other churches heard about the program and wanted access to the materials. Rapidly the program spread...and spread. Latham and Art Rorheim officially founded Awana in 1950. These two men brought their ideas about youth ministry together to form the core principles of Awana:

1. They both held a firm belief that the **Gospel** should be shared with children, as even young kids can definitely make a decision to trust Christ.
2. They believed that **scripture memorization** was vital to growth as a Christian.
3. And, in order to draw children, the program needed to be **fun** and **rewarding**.

Mr. Rorheim is still alive and active in Awana business. Last year, I was privileged to see several interviews featuring him. What wonderful stories he shared about the first Awana game “oblong” (as opposed to a game circle) so designed to accommodate the warehouse where the Club met. Or just when the idea of uniforms was evolving, he found an entire trunk full of beanies (in Awana colors, no less!) in an abandoned elevator shaft. He spoke of outgrowing Awana headquarters and Clubbers who grew up to lead their own Clubs. He referred to the kids as a “precious mine...full of gold.” And, always, he pointed to Christ as the **ONLY** way these great things were accomplished.



Certainly, the Awana of the 21st century is different from the Clubs in the ‘50’s. (We now admit girls to the Clubs, for one thing.) But the basic principles are the same: **sharing the Gospel** with the kids in our Clubs over and over, **memorization and comprehension of God’s Word**, plus **games** and **rewards**.

This is what we do each week as we host an average of 90 Clubbers. Think of that: every week we have the attention of 90 kids who need to hear the Good News of Jesus. Our motto is “If they don’t hear it here, they may not hear it at all.” And God forbid we miss an opportunity to share!

Each week when I open Awana with our flag salutes, a short devotion and prayer, I am reminded that over 1,000,000 children attend Awana Clubs each week world wide. We are definitely in good company!



It takes lots of people to run a smooth Awana program. We are grateful to the parents of our Awana Clubbers for entrusting their kids to us each week. We always try to remember that they are the “gold” Mr. Rorheim referred to. And where would we be without the Crew who serves so faithfully week after week and, in many cases, year after year?? We’ll always be grateful to Peggy Inglehart for setting our Awana program on such a solid foundation. A big hug to the WBC Saints for supporting this fine ministry, prayerfully and financially. Above all, we thank Jesus for His Love and Sacrifice that makes what we do each week matter.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

New WBC Moderator, Bob Cramer, called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

Vesta Burbank will serve as Church Clerk. We appreciate you Vesta!

Special thanks were given to outgoing Moderator, Ted Buckley! Great job, Ted!

Pam Sharp reported from the Pastoral Search Committee. The group has narrowed their search to a pastor they will go to hear preach on February 15th. If the group feels led to recommend him to the congregation, he and his family will come to spend a weekend at WBC. After the Sunday worship services, a congregational vote will be taken to extend a call to this pastor to become our next Senior Pastor. Watch your bulletin and newsletter for more information coming soon, and do continue lifting our committee in your most fervent prayers. Thanks!

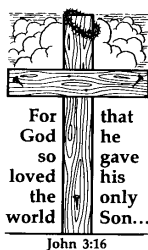
Deacon Chair, Larry Averill, reported on extension of the current Interim Pastor agreement with our American Baptist Churches of the Central Region so that Interim Pastor Roger Robertson will continue his service through May 2009 (unless the new Senior Pastor is ready to begin service prior to that date).

Our WBC Trustees reported on full payout for the balance due on remodeling completed in the church basement. Aren't the nursery and new bathroom areas terrific? THANKS to all who helped fund these wonderful improvements.

Lesley Breithaupt will serve on the Board for our WBC Special Blessing Preschool. We thank God for you, Lesley!

Our WBC Trustees reported on improvements coming to our WBC parsonage. Wait 'til you see work done to provide insulation, replace carpet and refinish hard wood floors, do some bath remodeling, and provide a new interior paint job. M/S/P to allow the Trustees to borrow up to \$15,000 to pay for this remodeling. Our goal is to have the work completed prior to our new Senior Pastor's arrival.

Interim Pastor Roger Robertson closed with prayer. Adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

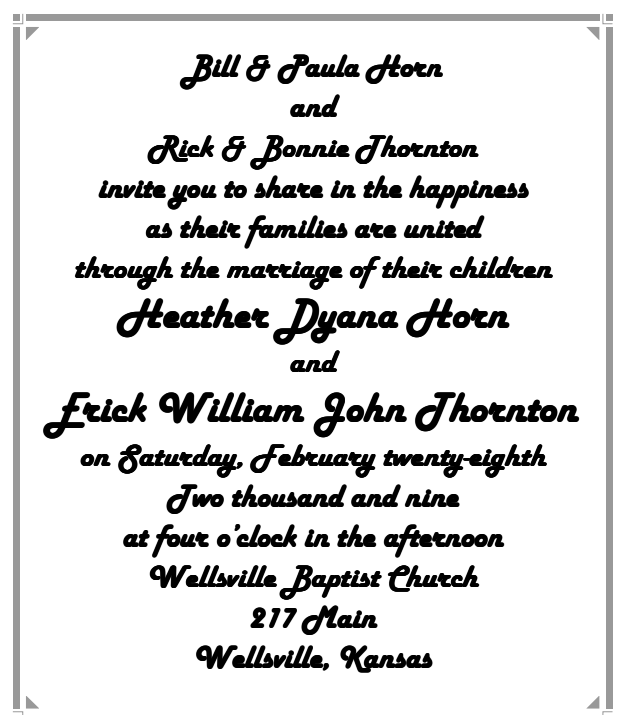


Learn about Narcotics Anonymous! The Stephen Ministry Continuing Education will host John S. from Narcotics Anonymous, Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!



PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Our Pastoral Search Committee
Jim McDaniel—health concerns
Kenny Ard—in Mid-America Rehab Hosp
Mike Moss—consulting with a cardiologist
Bob Dunaway—health concerns
Rev. Chris Evans—Cheryl Robertson's father—undergoing chemotherapy
Pastor Roger's mother & sister—recovering from surgeries
Larry Fort—Jenny Klamm's father—undergoing chemotherapy
Sally Sutter-Dishmer—Carol Wright's sister—recovering from a heart attack
Will Sharp—Glen & Pam Sharp's son—joining the military on February 2nd
Jennifer Rogers—Jim & Sandy Rogers' daughter-in-law—awaiting surgery
Gina Hall—Dave Lowe's sister—diagnosed with cancer
Lee Roller—Patricia Londo's father—in rehab, recovering from a heart attack
Susan Key—Staci Newhouse's mother—health concerns
Harry Lillich—Nadine Gale's nephew—undergoing radiation
Christians in India—persecuted for distributing Bibles



Thank You!

Dear Church family,

We have asked you many times through the years to pray for us and you have been so faithful! Thank you!

We thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for hearing and answering them. We have much to be thankful for; to all who sent cards with words of encouragement; Pastor Roger for the visits and prayers, they were much appreciated. Continue to keep Jim in your prayers as he seeks treatment.

In His hands,

Jim and Anita McDaniel

FEBRUARY, 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1* No choir this evening, <u>5:00 p</u> youth Super Bowl party at Heather's house	2	3 <u>8:30 a</u> Church Staff Meeting, <u>7:00 p</u> Stephen Ministry Supervision	4**	5	6	7 <u>7:00 a</u> Men's Prayer Breakfast
8* <u>12:15 p</u> O'Dea Small Group meeting in the FH	9 <u>6:00 p</u> Campbell Small Group meeting at Jim & Barb Wright's home	10 <u>8:30 a</u> Church Staff meeting, <u>9:15 a</u> Women's Bible Study	11**	12 <u>10:00 a</u> Bingo at Wellsville Retirement Center	13	14 <u>7:00 a</u> Men's Prayer Breakfast
15* <u>12:15 p</u> Mosher Small Group meeting in the FH	16	17 <u>8:30 a</u> Church Staff meeting, <u>9:15 a</u> Women's Bible Study, <u>7:00 p</u> Stephen Ministry Supervision	18**	19 <u>6:30 p</u> Christian Ed meeting, <u>7:00 p</u> Trustees meeting, <u>7:00 p</u> Rodeo Bible Camp meeting, <u>7:30 p</u> Deacon's meeting	20 <u>6:00 p</u> Lytle Small Group in the Fellowship Hall	21 <u>7:00 a</u> Men's Prayer Breakfast, <u>3:00 p</u> Family Center rented
22* <u>8:30 a</u> Traditional Worship Service, <u>10:50 a</u> Contemporary Worship Service	23	24 <u>8:30 a</u> Church Staff meeting, <u>9:15 a</u> Women's Bible Study	25**	26 Heather on vacation until March 13th.	27 <u>6:00 p</u> Heather & Erick wedding rehearsal	28 <u>7:00 a</u> Men's Prayer Breakfast, <u>4:00 p</u> Heather Horn & Erick Thornton wedding
<p>*Sunday—Regular Weekly Services — 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship Service, 5:30 p.m. Youth Group for ages 7th—12th grades; 6:00 P.M. Choir; 7:00 P.M. Worship Team Practice.</p> <p>**Wednesday—Regular Weekly Services—6:30 p.m. AWANA Youth Groups, 6:45 p.m. Adult Coffee & Dessert Time, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study</p>						

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed below, please call the church office and let us know.

Anniversaries

2-M/M Jim Wright
 3-M/M Lynn Brecheisen
 12-M/M Bob Dunaway
 15-M/M Harold Gregg
 16-M/M Oscar West
 21-M/M Leonard Burbank
 24-M/M Richard Raugewitz
 28-M/M Mike Moss

Birthdays

1-Donna Burkdoll, Lynn Brecheisen
 3-Jeremy Altic, Derik Fouts, Tina Guthrie
 5-Betty LaRue
 6-Cleta Johnston

Birthdays (cont.)

7-Kim Moore
 9-Charlene McAuley, Amanda Lytle
 10-Betty Lawrenz, Aaron Beuthien
 14-Thelma Crawford, Melinda Huff
 15-Earline McGinnis, Kari Owings, Joe Hendry
 16-Jim Wright
 19-Jennifer Bartholomew
 20-Robert Courter, Delaney Paulson
 21-Fred Groshong
 22-Joshua Young, Virginia Kramer
 24-Jean Ann Moss, Scott Moore
 27-Ginger McDaniel, Jill Robbs
 28-Hope Inglehart

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