

THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELLSVILLE, KANSAS
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



Winter is almost over and spring is just around the corner. It will be nice to have the warm weather (not to mention all that goes with nature this time of year)! This is a time to rejoice as new life and growth begins to stir.

With the idea of spring and new life I began to consider the spiritual possibilities of new life and growth. Maybe this is a time when we should reflect on our walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

What season are our lives in as we consider our spiritual condition? Are we still frigid toward Jesus or are we moving closer to Him? How does our Christianity and relationship with Jesus impact our lives on a day to day basis?

One church member gave me a brief paper to read that is indicative of Christianity in America at this time in history. The contention of the author, Michael Horton, is that many of those within our ranks; and especially our young people, have become functional deists. This is the idea that God created the world, that He wants all of us to be nice people (as taught by most world religions), that the central goal in life is to be happy, that God does not need to be involved in our lives except when needed to solve a problem, and that good people go to heaven when they die.

This is not Biblical Christianity! Christianity is about a relationship with a savior who saves us from real sin, and whose goal is to make us holy people! Happy is good, but holy is better! He wants us to enter into a vibrant relationship with Him! He requires surrender if we are to follow Him. Remember, Mark 8:34ff tells us that we must deny ourselves and take up our cross if we want to follow Jesus.

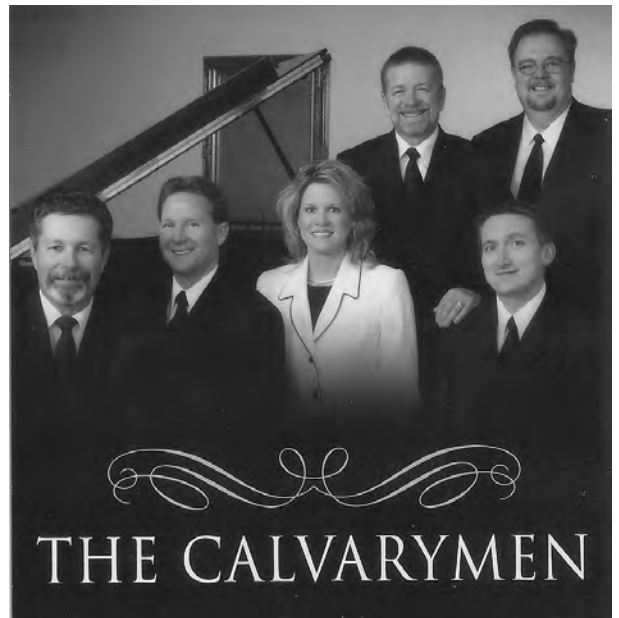
Let us reflect on our spiritual season this month and seek to give more of ourselves to Him as He seeks to use us for His purpose and His glory!

In Christ,

Pastor Tom

WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Invite you to join them for



From Hartville, Mo

(Pictured here are the members of the Calvarymen Quartet & their musicians.)

A SOUTHERN GOSPEL QUARTET CONCERT

On

February 28, 2010

6:00 p.m.

In the Sanctuary of the church

For more information call

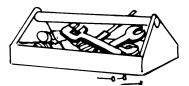
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A free-will offering will be taken during the evening.
Please bring snacks for a time of refreshment in the Fellowship Hall following the concert

GUYS!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



On March 6th, we are planning to do some remodeling on the parsonage garage. We will add insulation and remove the garage door so we can replace it with a people door and wall. For more information about this project, contact Dave Lowe at 913-549-0628.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS PRESCHOOL

Special Blessings Preschool will begin enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year during March. Please contact Kari at 785-883-4933 for information.

The Preschool still has about 25 coupon books to sel. They are \$5 and the Preschool makes \$4 profit.

Thank you for the continued support & prayers for our program.!



(Left to right: David Johnson, Sean Breithaupt, Brett Kyle, Penny Hargett & Carol Fleming)

YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

During our January Business Meeting we elected a committee to start the search for our

next youth pastor. During their first meeting, they elected a chair, Carol Fleming, and a secretary, Brett Kyle. The rest of the committee consists of Penny Hargett, Sean Breithaupt, Dave Johnson and Pastor Tom. Please be with them in prayer as they undertake this important search.

WITH WILLING HANDS

Connect. Care. Celebrate

America for Christ Offering 2010

Countless people need Jesus' love and healing touch. How can you reach out and make a difference in so many lives? It's a difficult challenge to take on as an individual, but American Baptists working together can make a difference by supporting the America for Christ Offering 2010.

This year's theme — "With Willing Hands: Connect. Care. Celebrate." — is a powerful reminder that Jesus' public ministry was all about connecting and caring for people in need. Through the work of National Ministries, which is supported by the America for Christ Offering, we can participate with our Lord in connecting, caring, and celebrating the power of the Gospel:

- as people come to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ;
- as children in poverty are reached through the Penny Project;
- as youth, children, and adults grow in discipleship;
- as communities are changed through Christian centers;
- as we increase church vitality through the Church in Mission trainings; and
- as we help to support and relocate refugees into churches and communities.

The America for Christ Offering 2010 strengthens our churches by providing support to our pastoral counselors and chaplains, designing leadership workshops and conferences, promoting excellent discipleship resources through Judson Press, and providing opportunities for churches, individuals, and youth groups to participate in home missions through Volunteer Ministries.

Are you encouraged by this year's theme to come alongside people "with willing hands" to connect, care and celebrate? How do you see Jesus at work in your community and country? How can you help Jesus with this important work?

Each year we, as a church, set a goal for this offering. This year's goal is \$1,572.00. Please give as generously as you are able to the America for Christ Offering 2010. (An offering envelope is included in this mailing, or just mark your check AFC.) Together we can touch and change lives for the cause of Christ. Together we can make a difference. *"For the love of Christ urges us on ..."* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

YOUTH NEWS

From Fred Buckley



As many of you know, I fought the ice patch on January 10, 2010 and the ice patch won. So much for a good start in the New Year. My elbow and upper arm have been reconstructed and physical therapy has begun. I am still facing another surgery on March 8th where bone will be taken from my hip and added to the elbow region. Dr. Heddings has promised that it will not be another 7 1/2 hour surgery like the first one. Praise God! It will be an overnight stay at the hospital. After recovery, I look forward to diving head first into physical therapy. Hopefully instead of taking 2 steps forward and 1 step back, I will be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Two big goals are: reaching my mouth with silverware and shooting a basketball with the teens.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your prayers, get well cards, phone calls, visits, food and all the many offers to help out during this time. I have had many opportunities to share my faith with doctors, nurses, therapists and hospital roommates. Thanks to your prayers, I have seen God work in the lives of many. I have also been encouraged by the testimonies of many of the medical staff.

I really miss working with the youth, but I know that they are in good hands with Don & Carol Nitzsche & Jeff & Cindy Courter. Some of the plans we had for the youth had to be postponed and will be rescheduled as soon as the doctor releases me. I am praying that the youth crusade can be put on the calendar soon. God is on the throne (Lamentations 3:31-33 RSV) and He knows best!!

Board of Trustees

The newly formed Board of Trustees is up and running. As the chair of this board, I am very pleased with the people I am surrounded with to help in the administering of the financial and tangible assets that the Lord has entrusted to our church body. The management and upkeep of three buildings, one vehicle and all the things that go along with that can sometimes be a daunting task. With God's guidance, through the help of some willing individuals, I am amazed at the things we can accomplish. Not only the members of the Board of Trustees, but many in the congregation willingly donate the gifts and talent God has given them, to repair and revitalize his house. *'Well done, my good servant!'* Luke 19:17

For those of you who are just not sure what God is calling you to do (*We have different gifts, according to the grace given us Romans 12:6*), we (the Board of Trustees) will be in prayer for your guidance. In fact if you show up at Church on April 24th, I am sure you will see an answer to prayer.

Now you're wondering. "What is happening on April 24th?" Well we are having the first semi-annual "WBC Gratification Day". You see we used to call these "work days" but whenever someone participates, they find it to be very gratifying. So why put a negative connotation on something positive?

So if you are in search of gratification, watch the upcoming bulletins for more information on the events that will happen on April 24th.

In Christ,
Scott Moore



ATTENTION!

Members of our Small Groups Dinner Ministry,

Winter **is** passing and spring **will come!** With this in mind, we have set the date for our final combined meeting for Sunday, May 2nd at 12:10 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Leaders, please bring an entrée, everyone else is asked to bring your choice of salad, vegetable or dessert. Despite the weather, flu, colds & sniffles, we've had a fair attendance at our meetings. We look forward to a great time of fellowship for our last one of the season. We hope to see you there.

FAITH—DO I HAVE ENOUGH?

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Heb. 11:1

After listening to Pastor Tom's message last Sunday, I haven't been able to get this thought out of my ole' bean. How much faith does it take to get me through the storm? In Matthew's gospel that we just heard last Sunday, Jesus said to the disciple in the midst of the storm, "Why are you timid, you men of little faith?" That seems to suggest that they needed more faith. If that is so, where do they find it or acquire it? If we would be honest, all of us have said, "I wish I had more faith." But faith that gets us through the storms is never based on how much or how little I have.

Biblically, faith acts on the promises or commands of a living God. Faith must be demonstrated in one of two ways, things hoped for or things not seen. In other words, your faith in the invisible demonstrates your trust in the unseen. The bible says of Peter, "Whom having not seen he loved." We love and follow the One that we have not seen.

All of us walk by faith whether we are aware of it or not. Faith is built on commitment before knowledge. The object of your faith, not the quantity of it determines what you call it. If the object of your faith is dice, you call it gambling; if it is in the doctor, you call it medicine; if it is in the stock market, you call it business; if it is your spouse, you call it marriage. The object of your faith determines the value of your faith.

Let me illustrate this by a word picture. It is in the winter and I ask you if I can cross the Hillsdale Lake while there is ice on it. You tell me it is ten inches thick and it will in fact hold me. I am uncertain it is strong enough to hold so I crawl across to the other side safely. Now again in late spring I ask if I can come back across safely. You say, it is not thick enough and is only paper thin. I say to you, "Where is your faith? I know I can because I've done it before." I step out only to fall through. After I dry off and change my clothes, I stop to realize it wasn't the amount of my faith that held me up but the object of my faith that made the difference. Thus it wasn't how much I believed or how little I believed but who I put my trust or faith in, the same is true in the midst of the storm. Jesus is the one who will hold me up in the eye of the storm.

How about you, are you ready for the storm? You are if you know Him.

*In training still,
Ted Buckley*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Fred Buckley – undergoing therapy for surgery on his elbow

J.C. Jones – health concerns

David Johnson – undergoing treatment for back pain

Hallie Dunaway – undergoing chemotherapy

Reva Alumbaugh – health concerns

Forrest Laughlin – upcoming surgery to remove a spot from his face

Frank Bull – Lynda Swafford's father – undergoing cancer treatment

Family of Cindy Province – Tracy Reynold's sister – following her passing

Nita Jo Anstaett – Pat Campbell's sister – undergoing chemotherapy

Darrel Reichart – Jean Higbie's nephew – health concerns

Roy Hargett – Richard Hargett's father – needs a liver transplant

Shelly Gibson – friend of Judy Broers – cancer

LaDean Most – recovering from surgery

Family of Lucille – Emaline Guy's sister – following her passing

Vernon Nelson – friend of Judy Broers – diagnosed with colon cancer

Lacey Martin – daughter of Cathy Breithaupt – pregnancy complications and on bed rest

PRECEPT-UPON-PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY

February 23rd saw the premier of a new Bible study, Precept-Upon-Precept (PUP), at WBC. All Precept Ministry Bible studies use the inductive method, but PUP goes deeper than their other studies, including going back to the original language of the Bible.

Jack Arthur and his wife, Kay, founded Precept Ministries in 1970. Kay Arthur is the creator and co-author of the PUP study series.

Twelve pioneers and one veteran (Judy Broers) are currently tackling the six-week course on II Thessalonians (So you won't be deceived about His coming). They hope to discover the truth for themselves in this investigative-style study. Only after personal study are they allowed to consult another's understanding and interpretation in a commentary.

During their personal study of approximately one hour five days a week, they OBSERVE the text (discover what it says), INTERPRET the text (discover what it means) and APPLY the text (discover how it works or applies to them). Once they understand what the Word of God teaches, they are then obligated before God to accept that truth and to live by it, which sometimes involves reproof, "for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:16-17.

This dedicated group meets on Tuesday evenings for two hours. The first hour is spent sharing truths they have discovered in Scripture the past week. During the second hour they view a DVD featuring Rev. Wayne Barbour, which is applicable to their past week's study.

We pray that you will join us in our next in-depth adventure into God's Word and discover truth for yourself.

March, 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 p Daisy Scouts in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision in the Family Center	2 8:45 a Staff Meeting, 9:15 a ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p Precept Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall	3** 8:00 p Board of Deacons meeting	4	5	6 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, 9:00 a Work Day-parsonage garage, 2:00 p FC Rented
7* 12:10 p O'Dea Small Group in the Fellowship Hall	8 7:00 p Youth Pastor Search Committee meeting	9 8:45 a Staff meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p Precept Bible Study in the FH, 7:00 p Board of Trustees in the FC	10**	11 10:00 a Bingo at Wellsville Manor, 6:30 p Board of Christian Education	12	13 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
14* 2:00 a Daylight Savings Time starts, 12:10 p Mosher Small Group in the Fellowship Hall	15 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision	16 8:45 a Staff, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study, 6:00 p SM Training, 7:00 p Precept Bible Study	17** NO AWANA	18 7:00 p Rodeo Bible Camp meeting	19	20 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
Wellsville Schools Spring Break Week						
21* 9:30 a Council meeting in the Family Center Gym	22 6:30 p Daisy Scouts in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p Youth Pastor Search Committee meeting	23 8:45 a Staff meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study, 6:00 p Stephen Ministry Training, 7:00 p Precept Bible Study	24**	25 Sump Pump installation starts today	26	27 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
28* 10:50 a Contemporary Worship Service	29	30 8:45 a Staff meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study, 6:00 p Stephen Ministry Training, 7:00 p Precept Bible Study	31**			

*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.

**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

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

Anniversaries

4-M/M Richard Raugewitz
 12-M/M Scott Moore
 16-M/M Will Guthrie
 17-M/M Ken O'Connor
 20-M/M Bill Lytle
 22-M/M Kenneth Coffman
 29-M/M Tom O'Dea
 31-M/M Gary Bubeck

Birthdays

1-Kelli (McAuley) Thompson

Birthdays (cont.)

4-Bill Kyle
 6-Nakayla Robbs
 13-Marie Moore
 17-Randy Fouts, Patsy Shields
 18-Judy Broers
 20-Harold Neel
 23-Gavin Fouts, Chris Paulson
 24-Bettye Coughenour
 29-Darien Kerr
 30-Dawn Neel

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