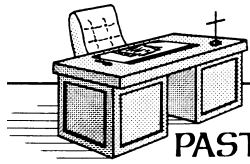


THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELLSVILLE, KANSAS
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

July, 2009

What an exciting time for my family and me! We are truly blessed to be a part of the Wellsville Baptist family!! As we have interacted with members of our church family we have found the congregation to be very kind and loving!! We are looking forward to getting to know each of you better and pray that God will give us a long and prosperous ministry here!!

It is obvious that God has been working at this church for many years! I want to acknowledge and thank all those who have gone before me, both pastors and members who have sacrificed to make this church so vibrant. I especially want to thank the search committee and Pastor Roger who have bathed us with love and prayers. I know the church will miss Pastor Roger and Cheryl as they move forward to help another congregation through it's transition, but know that they go in God's will and timing.

With faith and determination, God can truly continue to use this church to reach it's community and the world. In Hebrews chapter 11, we see how God worked through His people in the past, and in chapter twelve we are encouraged to press on in our faith! Although sometimes events don't seem to be all that spectacular when we are living into them, many times they turn out to be exceedingly prosperous for the Kingdom. I can only imagine how uneventful building the ark must have seemed to Noah and yet we see how much that act of faith impacted the earth! We must press on with our daily walk and when we look back upon our lives and our ministry together, it is my prayer that we will have truly walked with God.

As we begin our ministry together we must look through the eyes of faith as one which will significantly impact our community as well as those who are already believers and members of the church!

May the Lord richly bless each one and give us many fruitful years of ministry together!!!!

Pastor Tom



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in celebration of Independence Day. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 6th.



We, the people ...

"We, the people ..." Those are the opening words of one of the greatest documents ever written, the Constitution of the United States. What responsibility do we, the people, have to history? The Bible, that book whose wisdom is endless, puts it to each of us in words that have never been equaled: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself" (Luke 10:27). If each of us will just do his or her best to live up to that majestic utterance, our responsibility to history will be fulfilled and our nation will prosper. — Norman Vincent Peale

The Newsletter Newsletter, July 1994, Volume 16, Number 7, page 1.

YOU ARE INVITED

to a
Fellowship Lunch
on
Sunday, July 19, 2009

12:10 P.M.
in the
Family Center

MENU

Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Pasta Salad
Dessert
Beverages

Our teens are raising money to buy paint to decorate their new Sunday School room in the Family Center. Cost for the meal will be a free-will offering. (The meal will take place prior to the July quarterly business meeting.) All are invited to attend the meal and the meeting.

FROM PASTOR ROGER ROBERTSON

Dear Friends in Christ of the WBC family!

My family and I share our warmest gratitude, appreciation and thanksgiving to God for the sixteen months I have served as your Interim Pastor! It's been a great ride!

Surely, Lord, this church is Yours!
Surely You have touched each of us!

As the apostle Paul wrote to Philippi:

"I thank God every time I remember you. And I always pray for you with joy. I thank God for the help you gave me while I preached the Good news ... This is my prayer for you — that your love will grow more and more, that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love, that you will see the difference between good and bad and choose the good, that you will be pure and without wrong for the coming of Christ, and that you will do many good things with the help of Christ to bring glory and praise to God!" (1:3-5, 9-11)

Cheryl, Greg and I look forward to receiving your newsletter, and hearing of your faithful service to Christ with your new Senior Pastor and his family! Shalom! rr

P.S. In keeping with our pastoral code of ethics, I will not be available to share with you at social, funeral/wedding services, other church services unless invited by your new Senior Pastor. Though leaving a church family is one of the hardest and most challenging parts of pastoral ministry, the congregational family should look to the ministry of its new shepherd and leader. Know that as you do, I'll be lifting all of you in my fervent prayers!

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, July 19, 2009
1:00 P.M.
Family Center

During this meeting, we will hear an update from the trustees regarding the work on the foundation of the church and the work on the parsonage. We will also hear an update on the pictorial directory. All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

CHAIRMEN & GROUP LEADERS

Your quarterly reports are due in the church office by Sunday, July 12th.

NEWS FROM BETHEL NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Dear Friends in Bethel Ministry:

Thank you for your recent mission gift to the Bethel Center Ministry in June 2009. Your gift makes it possible for our Bethel youth to learn invaluable lessons and enjoy their summer at Bethel Center instead of sitting idle at home. Thank you so much for helping us to give a renewed sense of hope through our Summer Youth Enrichment Program. Our senior adults enjoy their different activities Monday through Friday at Bethel.

The Bethel Community Garden, which is sponsored by the **Latino Health for All**, has become a center of attraction for the youth and senior adults at Bethel. The youth and senior adults learn about the importance of engaging in physical activities, having healthy food and snacks, and learn ways to save money by planting their own gardens. Seeing our community garden, one of the mission team members from Des Moines, Iowa said, "Instead of growing grass alone, we should grow vegetables and donate the produce to community centers."

Thank you once again for your partnership in the Bethel Neighborhood center ministry.

With sincerity and gratitude,
Rev. Mang Sonna, Executive Director

(See the letter (with pictures) on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.)

ICE CREAM & TALENT NIGHT



Our ABW ladies & Board of Christian Education are hosting a fundraiser night with ice cream and fun on Sunday, July 26th. They will start with a home-made ice cream contest and end the evening with people from our church and community sharing their talents. (If you would like to participate, contact Rose Baker at 242-4642 or Darrell Kerr at 883-2182.)

YOU ARE INVITED

Mr. and Mrs. Don Nitzsche
&

Mr. and Mrs. Ross McIlvain

Request the honor of your presence as

Tiffany Ann Nitzsche

&

Joshua Ross McIlvain

Begin their new life together
growing in Christ's love
On Saturday, the first of August,
At two o'clock in the afternoon
Two thousand and nine

Westview Community Church
Manhattan, KS

Josh and Tiffany are registered at
Target
Bed, Bath and Beyond

See the invitation at the back of the sanctuary for
more details.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

New Pastor – Rev. Tom Swafford and family

Mike Moss – seeing a cardiologist for heart tests

Janet Coffman – awaiting test results

Marie Moore – recovering from a broken wrist

Lesley Breithaupt – undergoing cancer treatment

Jim McDaniel – kidney health concerns

Melinda Huff – health concerns

Robert Courter – health concerns

Bob Dunaway – health concerns

Carrie Rogers Hoffman – at home, on bed rest for the
remainder of her pregnancy

Dennis Kichler – recovering from heart surgery

Family of Larry Fort – Jenny Klamm's father – follow-
ing his passing

Paula Horn – Heather's mother – health concerns

Roy Elrod – Sandie Elrod's husband – health concerns

Ryan & Cristina Schnoke – son of Fred & Wanda

Schnoke – in Nicaragua to adopt a child.

Unspoken requests

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY OUTING

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

The Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study Group are getting together for a fellowship outing. They will leave from the church at 8:30 a.m. to go to IHOP. All women are invited to join them, even if you've never attended the Bible Study during the year. Contact Pam Sharp at 785-594-3006 for more information.

THANK YOU

My Church Family,

Thanks for the Max Lucado book. I enjoy his material and have no doubt I will enjoy this book as well. I cannot say thank you enough for all the thoughts and prayers.

Jesse Smith

(The book was a gift from the church on the occasion of Jesse's graduation from KU.)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 26, 2009

10:50 A.M. Worship Service

While our 10:50 service will feature a contemporary format, our 8:30 A.M. Worship Service will feature a more traditional service. All are invited to join us for either (or both!) services.



If you would like to join our worship team, we practice every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Just stop by and join in!

THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

On July 4, 1776, fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence. They were not wild-eyed radicals; they were dedicated men of means and education.

Twenty-four of them were lawyers. Eleven of them were merchants. Nine of them were plantation owners. Of the fifty-six, nine of them died in the Revolutionary War. Five were captured and executed by the British. The homes of twelve of them were ransacked and burned.

Corder Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy trader, saw his ships swept from the sea by the British Navy. Thomas McKean lost all his possessions and died in poverty. Ellery, Clamer, Hall, Walton, Guinette, Hayward, Rutledge and Middleton saw their homes looted and destroyed.

The signers of the Declaration of Independence valued freedom and God's will more than they valued their properties and their lives. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged for the support of this declaration, a firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence of almighty God. These are those who laid the foundation of our nation.

JULY, 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*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, 7:00 P.M. Worship Team Practice. **Wednesday—Regular Weekly Services—6:45 p.m. Adult Coffee & Dessert Time, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study		Worship Service, 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship Service	1**	2 Swafford family moves into WBC parsonage	3 Church office closed	4 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast Independence Day
5*	6 Work starts on Church foundation	7 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision	8**	9 10:00 a Bingo at Wellsville Retirement Center	10 2:00 p Girls leave for Girls of Joy Camp	11 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
12* Girls return from camp today	13	14	15**	16 6:30 p Christian Ed meeting, 7:00 p Trustees' meeting, 7:30 p Deacons' meeting	17	18 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, 10:00 a Teens leave for Worlds of Fun
19* 12:10 p Teen fundraiser lunch, 1:00 p Quarterly Business Meeting	20	21 8:30 a Ladies' Bible Study outing, 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision	22**	23	24	25 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
26* 8:30 a Traditional service, 10:50 a Contemporary service, 6:00 p ABW Talent Show & Ice Cream Fundraiser	27	28	29**	30	31	

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

Anniversaries

3-M/M Bill Kyle
7-M/M Jay Thompson
12-M/M Tom Beuthien, Rev/M Tom Swafford
18-M/M Wilson Rushing
19-M/M Ken Taylor, M/M Dave Londo
26-M/M Chad Young
28-M/M Tom McDaniel
30-M/M Jim Campbell

Birthdays

1-Pat Campbell
2-Bettie Phares
4-Jessica (Fouts) Puvogel, Melissa (Huff) Thuro
5-Derick Thornton
8-Janet Coffman, Ellie Carlisle
9-Nancy Courter

Birthdays (cont.)

12-Barbara Wright
13-Harold Gregg
14-Karla Taylor
16-Cheryl Robertson (9560 Monticello Road, Lenexa KS 66227)
17-Bill Coffey, Catherine Christian, Jo Ann Massengale, Michelle Chrisjohn, Jeremy Lee, Dale Bartholomew
21-Paula Calvert, Shirley Lintner, Tracy Reynolds
22-Francie Winslow, Chad Guthrie
24-Odree O'Connor
25-Pam Phares
26-Brittany Lowe, Tom Reynolds
28-Kelli McDaniel, Matt Rogers, Wilson Rushing
29-Alice Broers
30-Lorrie Coffman
31-Carol Nitzsche

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