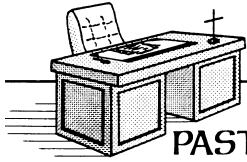


# THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELLSVILLE, KANSAS  
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our nation was established on Christianity and the principles found in Scripture. However, many today would assert otherwise. Some people point to the First Amendment to the Constitution as evidence that some of the founding Fathers were not Christians and therefore, wanted to limit the influence of Christianity in this new nation. In making these assertions, Thomas Jefferson is normally lifted up as one who opposed Christianity in America. However, as President of the United States, Jefferson gave a speech on January 1, 1802 to the Danbury Baptists in which he said,

*"The First Amendment has erected a wall of separation between church and state, but that wall is a one directional wall; it keeps the government from running the church, but it makes sure that Christian principles will always stay in government."*

As can be seen, contrary to popular belief, Thomas Jefferson was not opposed to Christian principles in our government. It must be acknowledged that although Jefferson was probably a Deist (the belief in a creator) and not necessarily a Christian, he was not opposed to Christianity. Jefferson said that,

*"The reason that Christianity is the best friend of government is because Christianity is the only religion in the world that deals with the heart."*

This republic was founded on Christian principles and cannot be denied. The Delaware Constitution, 1776 stated that *"Everyone appointed to public office must say: "I do profess faith in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ his only Son, and in the Holy Ghost...one God and blessed forevermore; and I do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration."*

It is my belief that we must pray for Biblical Christianity to once again be the basis for our government, our society, and our culture. If this is not done, the future of America remains in doubt. We have left our Biblical foundation and this eventually will be our downfall unless we repent. We must pray that as a nation, we do not go the way of the once mighty, but failed Roman Empire.

Edward Gibbon, author of The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, has attributed the fall of the Empire to:

1. The rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society.
2. Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public monies for free bread and circuses for the populace.
3. The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.
4. The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within, the decadence of the people.
5. The decay of religion--faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to warn and guide the people.

What can we do besides pray?

1. Encourage our lawmakers to consider the claims of Christ and His Holy Word.
2. Become involved in issues that define morality.
3. The most important act is to become a contagious Christian. Lead your neighbors to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. It only by dealing with the hearts of people that they will repent and seek the face of God.

I am,

Yours in Christ,

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL & VARIETY SHOW

The Wellsville Baptist Church ABW ladies are hosting an Ice Cream Social & Variety show on Sunday, July 11th at 5:30 p.m. We will have a home-made ice cream contest with a prize for the best ice cream. We ask that you bring a freezer of ice cream or other dessert and your own table service. During the evening, we will enjoy a show provided by members of our church.

A free-will offering will be taken during the evening for the ABW project which is updating the Cross Wind Conference Center in Hesston, Kansas.

If you would like to participate in our variety show, contact Earline McGinnis at 785-883-2806, Ted Buckley at 785-883-2195 or Keith Churchill.

## BREAKFAST & BOOKS

Our Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study will meet on Sunday, July 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and talk about books they have read, want to read or have heard that someone else has read. All women are invited to come and share in the morning.

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th. We will resume regular hours on Tuesday, July 6th.

## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING Sunday, July 25, 2010 1:00 P.M.

Our next Quarterly Business meeting will be held on Sunday, July 25th following a covered-dish fellowship lunch. The lunch will start at 12:10 p.m. We ask everyone bring their own table service.

Chairmen, your reports are due in the church office by Wednesday, July 7th.

## BABY DEDICATION SERVICE

We are planning an infant dedication service on Sunday, July 11th. If you and your family would like to participate, contact the church office as soon as possible.

## PASTOR TOM VACATION

Pastor Tom and family will take some much-needed vacation time. They will be gone from July 12th through July 21st. He will return to the office on Thursday, July 22nd. We pray they will have a safe and happy time and return refreshed and ready.

If you have a prayer need during this time, contact one of our deacons, Larry Averill, Dee Kyle, Bob Cramer, Leonard Burbank, Doug Mosher, Jeff Courter, David Johnson, Ted Buckley or Nancy Courter.

## 2010-2011 AWANA CREW

**Commander:** Donna Thomasson

**Snack Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office:** Bev McAuley, Dorothy Jones, Tracy Reynolds, J.C. Jones

**Games:** Lynda Swafford, Luke Thomasson

**Nursery:** Wilma Boyer, Donna Hernandez, \_\_\_\_\_  
(substitute needed)

**Cubbies:** Cambry McHugh, Christi Brewster, Pam Phares

**Sparks:** Diane Wingert, Mark Stutz, Christie Haigh, Carol Nitzsche, Pat Campbell, Jim Wright, Richard Raugewitz, Debbie Galloway, Linette Burton

**T&T Girls:** Rebecca Oshel, Melody Carpenter, Loir Rogers, Kari Owings, Kara West, Leslie Rogers, Shelby Tyrer, Jean Ann Moss, Lesley Breithaupt

**T&T Boys:** Rick Haigh, Don Nitzsche, Cal Knapp, Kenny Coffman, Bob Moss, \_\_\_\_\_

**Trek:** Sean Breithaupt, Tim Thomasson, Jan Bloss, Wanda Schnoke, Richard Hargett, Matt Rogers

As you can see, we still need a few more helpers. If you are willing, contact Donna Thomasson at 785-883-2895.



## Breakfast on the Hill

Sunday, July 11, 2010

7:00 A.M.

# Finders & Seekers

See Bob Cramer for more information.





*Mr. and Mrs. David N. Robbs  
Request the honour of your presence  
At the marriage of their daughter*

***Nakayla Brianne Robbs***  
To  
***Waylon Bruce Hoshaw***

*On Saturday, the thirty-first of July  
Two thousand ten  
At half past 6 o'clock in the evening  
Wellsville Baptist Church  
3rd & Main  
Wellsville, Kansas*

*Waylon & Nakayla are registered at Wal-Mart and Target*

### **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

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### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Hallie Dunaway – health concerns  
Bev Knapp – recovering from surgery (praise: she is cancer free!)  
Keith Churchill – upcoming cataract surgery  
Carol Fleming – healing of his leg  
Shelly Gibson – friend of Judy Broers – undergoing chemotherapy  
Kevin Kramer – Virginia Kramer’s grandson – back health  
Teresa Sullivan – friend of Judy Broers – undergoing chemotherapy  
Larry Lowe – David Lowe’s brother – recovering from a heart attack  
Martin Kichler – Dennis Kichler’s father – health concerns  
Larry Matile – friend of Janet Coffman – diagnosed with cancer  
Dylan Waterson – 15 month old with health concerns  
Austin Sparks – 13 yr old – undergoing chemotherapy  
Bessie Bloomer – Ken Taylor’s friend – health concerns  
Sue Hackler – Vesta Burbank’s friend – cancer  
Ben Bugbee – Alva Skiles’ nephew – recovering from kidney surgery  
Ann Burnett – recovering from lung removal surgery  
Don Foster – health concerns  
Don McGinnis – Earline McGinnis’ son – health concerns  
Rod Barnes – Betty Lawrenz’s friend – undergoing leukemia treatment  
Earl Myers – Tom Reynolds’ boss’ father – in the hospital with heart failure and pneumonia  
Virginia Myers – Tom Reynolds’ boss’ mother – in early stages of Alzheimers’ disease  
Charlene McAuley – Pat McAuley’s mother – diagnosed with cancer  
Tom & Imogene Cassidy – health concerns  
Family of Mary Brown – Wes Brown & Lori Rogers’ step-mother – following her passing



*“In my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*  
Philippians 1:4-6

### **CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER**

When disability or extended illness strikes, our first concern tends to be for the person afflicted. However friends and family may be shouldering massive responsibilities for providing care. These fulltime caregivers also have rights and deserve support and care themselves.

Here is a partial list of ‘Rights for the Caregiver’

- Take care of yourself also. This is not selfishness - it enables you to provide better care.
- You have the right to do some things for yourself. Protect your individuality and your right to make a life that will sustain you when the loved one no longer needs full time help.
- Be proud of what you are accomplishing and applaud the courage it sometimes takes to meet the needs of your loved one.
- Accept that you are only human and that you will occasionally need to express grief, anger and depression.
- Recognize the limits of your endurance and seek help from others even if the loved one objects.

Various helping services are available in Franklin County. Among them, the Agency on Aging provides no cost professional services to caregivers such as caregiver support groups and in-home visits and evaluations.

The Wellsville Baptist Stephen Ministers can provide one-on-one caring visits as a confidential listening friend. Call the church office (883-2640) or contact Sandy Rogers for more information.

# JULY, 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Sunday—Regular Weekly Services — 8:30 a.m. 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 Adult Bible Study	Weekly Services — 8:30 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.	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.	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.	<b>1</b> 7:00 p Board of Deacons	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>4</b> * Independence Day, NO youth group	<b>5</b> Church office closed today, 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision	<b>6</b> 8:45 a Church staff meeting, 9:00 a Ladies' Breakfast & Books, 7:00 p Youth Pastor Search Committee	<b>7</b> ** 6:00 p Stephen Ministry training	<b>8</b> 10:00 a Bingo at Wellsville Retirement Center, 6:30 p Board of Christian Education	<b>9</b> 2:00 p Girls leave for Houseparty, 6:00 p Wedding rehearsal	<b>10</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, 5:00 p Jessica Haven & Josiah Mason Wedding
<b>11</b> * 10:50 a Infant Dedication Service, 2:00 p girls return from Houseparty, 5:30 p Ice Cream Social/Variety Show	<b>12</b> 7:00 p Youth Pastor Search Committee	<b>13</b> 7:00 p Board of Trustees  Pastor Tom gone on vacation this week	<b>14</b> ** 6:00 p Stephen Ministry Training	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>18</b> * 9:30 a Council meeting, 2:00 p Service at Wellsville Retirement Center	<b>19</b> 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision  Pastor Tom on vacation	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> ** 6:00 p Stephen Ministry training	<b>22</b> Pastor Tom back in the office today	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>25</b> * 8:30 & 10:50 a Stephen Ministers' Installation, 12:10 p Fellowship Lunch, 1:00 p Business Meeting, 6:00 p Music rehearsal	<b>26</b> 7:00 p Youth Pastor Search Committee	<b>27</b> 8:45 a Church staff meeting	<b>28</b> ** 6:00 p Stephen Ministry Training	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Wedding rehearsal	<b>31</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 p Nakayla Robbs/Waylon Hoshaw wedding

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, Dr/M Thomas Swafford  
19-M/M Ken Taylor  
26-M/M Chad Young  
28-M/M Tom McDaniel  
30-M/M Jim Campbell

### Birthdays

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

### Birthdays (cont.)

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  
29-Alice Broers  
30-Lorrie Coffman  
31-Carol Nitzsche

The Good News Bulletin is a monthly newsletter of Wellsville Baptist Church, 217 Main Street, Wellsville, Kansas, 66092. All visitors are welcome to worship with us each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Mid-Week Service is Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Swafford is the Senior Pastor and Fred R. Buckley is the Youth Pastor. The Good News Bulletin coordinator is Jan Beuthien. The church office phone number is 785-883-2640. The Pastor's phone number is 785-883-4201 and the Youth Pastor's phone number is 785-304-1408.

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