

# THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELLSVILLE, KANSAS  
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



We have been at WBC for almost a month. It is wonderful to be part of such a warm and loving church family!

Lynda, our family and I really appreciate everyone's warmth! We have felt at home since we arrived.

We want to thank all who helped us to unload and unpack as we arrived and over the next couple of weeks. It is extremely rare to find so many that are willing to give their time in a fast-paced society like ours. We want to thank all who prepared food, bought food, and who brought and continue to bring garden items to the parsonage. We also want to thank all who have donated their precious time to make sure that the parsonage is up to date and comfortable as well as the many other things that you have done. We truly feel loved and wanted here!

I look forward to serving you and your family as your pastor. I am getting to know you better even though I don't always know your name. Please bear with me on that. If I can be of service to you, I will help in any way that I can; just call!

In Christ,

**Pastor Tom**



## AWANA NEWS

Yes, It's HOT right now, but before you know it, fall will arrive and, with it, the start of another AWANA year. Our AWANA Club is growing and reaching more and more kids with the Good News of Jesus. That's great and we want it to continue ... but it can't without dependable adult leaders LIKE YOU. Consider working in AWANA this year. There are positions available in all age groups so you can be where you are most comfortable. The blessings are HUGE and the results are ETERNAL. Contact Donna Thomasson at 785-883-2895 for more information.



## SMALL GROUPS' DINNER MINISTRY NEWS

The Small Groups' Dinner Ministry meetings will start in September. These groups meet once a month in members' homes (many times the church is used for convenience) for dinner and fellowship. The host provides the main entrée and others are asked to bring a dish to pass. All who have taken part in a group in the past year will automatically be placed in a new group, unless you contact one of the committee. Groups will stay together through the spring, ending with a combined (all groups) meeting in May.

This is a great way to get to know your church family! You will be contacted during the last part of August or the first part of September to let you know who is in your group and when your first meeting will be held.

If you would like to take part in this fun ministry, call Earline McGinnis (883-2806) or Janet Coffman (883-4049) or mail this to the church at PO Box 555, Wellsville KS 66092.

Yes, I/we would like to take part in the Small Groups' Dinner Ministry.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## YOU ARE INVITED

Dear Members and friends of WBC,

Please consider this note an invitation to the Installation Reception of our new Senior Pastor, Thomas W. Swafford!

This event takes place on August 16, 2009 from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. in the Family Center, 3rd and Main Streets, Wellsville KS.

There will be a short ceremony wherein "Pastor Tom" is "installed" and a relatively long reception; featuring delicious snacks from our Chef, Bill Lytle!

Sister churches, ABCCR staff and community members are also being invited to come by and welcome Pastor Tom, his wife, Lynda, and their children to Wellsville and the wider community.

May this be a glorious time 'in the Lord'.

This is as our church constitution provides.

In His Grip,  
For the Search Committee  
Bob Cramer, Chairman

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ICE CREAM SOCIAL & ABW VARIETY SHOW

Our Ice Cream Social and Variety Show night was a big success. We were treated to nine wonderful different flavors of ice cream and a tasty variety of other desserts.

We congratulate Steve Gibbs on winning First Prize for his Peanut Butter Cup Ice Cream and Bill Lytle for earning Second Prize for his Chocolate Malt Ice Cream. It was a lot of fun sampling all of them and choosing our favorite! And every one was a winner!

We thank all those who participated in the variety show and shared their talents. The youth, under the direction of Donna Thomasson, brought tears to our eyes with their *Human Video* which was followed by a skit by Earline McGinnis. Many members, Gary Bubeck, Bev & Cal Knapp, Keith & Sharon Churchill, Earline McGinnis, Wanda Schnoke, Chrissie Swafford, April & John Robbs, Bob Cramer and Darrell Kerr shared their musical talents. Many thanks to Darrell for being our emcee and keeping the evening running smoothly.

The evening was a fundraiser for the ABW project and they brought in \$285.55. We thank everyone who helped make the evening such a success.

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST OUTING



The next Ladies' Bible study Breakfast Outing will be on **Tuesday, August 18th at 8:30 a.m.** at Pam Sharp's home (1108 Dearborn, Baldwin City). All ladies are invited to join them, even if you don't attend their weekly Bible Study during the year. All attendees should bring a breakfast item to share.

They will start their Tuesday Morning Bible Study again on September 8th at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They will explore the book, *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. All women are invited to join them.

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE



Our next contemporary worship service will be on Sunday, August 30th during our 10:50 Service. Our 8:30 service will feature a more traditional format. All are invited to attend.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY



We are now scheduling picture times for our new church directory. Photo sessions are scheduled for **Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. You can go to our website, <http://wellsvillebaptist.org>, go to view all news and scroll down to WBC Church Directory Sign-up and click on the link. You will need the password WBC2009. Starting on August 9th, we will have sign-ups at the church for those who don't have access to a computer.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS

Have you ever needed a friendly ear? Are you going through a difficult time in your life? Have you ever wanted someone to listen to you in confidence and without judging? Our Stephen Ministers do just that. We have a group of dedicated people who are willing to help you get through your rough time. Contact Carol Fleming (883-4121) for help.



Do you have a heart for helping others? Want to become a Stephen Minister? We are starting a training class in late September or October. Let the church office (883-2640) or Carol Fleming know if you would like to be a part of this special ministry.

## HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

August 22, 2009 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Helping Hands will host their monthly food distribution on Saturday, August 22nd from 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at their location at 6th and Locust in Wellsville. If you are in need of food assistance, please feel free to join them. If you have not visited them before, please be sure to take a current utility bill with your name and address on it.

If you would like to donate food or money to Helping Hands, or if you would like to help, please contact Tami Hernandez at 913-980-9456 or visit their website at [www.wellsvillefamily.com](http://www.wellsvillefamily.com).

## CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will begin again on Sunday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We invite all singers (with and without talent!) to join us. Our choir will share a special number during the 10:50 service two weeks each month starting on September 6th. Contact Dave Johnson or Carol Cramer for more information.

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends of Bethel Neighborhood Center:

Thank you so much for your recent gift [our church shares a monthly gift with them] to the Bethel Center ministry in July, 2009. Your gifts enable us to open the doors of Bethel for ministry to the Bethel youth and those who seek assistance from us. Thank you for your partnership in offering hope and touching lives!

The Summer Youth Enrichment Program is going on successfully. The youth are thankful for the different opportunities they have at Bethel. The summer program will end on August 12. Enjoying the HotWheel® car racing, Ro Hmung, one of our Burmese children said, "Car racing is so fun. I did not win, but I am still very happy because I get to keep my HotWheel® car." Gary Long of Judson Baptist Church, Kansas City, KS brought his racing track and enough cars for each child to pick one. He gave them the opportunity to race the cars against each other. It was a fun and exciting day for the children. Senior adults enjoy their time of interaction with the children and youth this summer.

Volunteers continue to make a difference in the Bethel Center ministry. The work team from First Baptist Church of Des Moines, IA cleaned off part of a sidewalk covered by dirt and grass on the west side of Bethel in June. Bethel community is very grateful to them and all the other work teams who came and who will be coming this summer. Please pray for Robyn Widener of Judson Baptist Church, and her helpers. They will lead Vacation Bible School at Bethel from August 3—6.

Thank you once again for your financial support and prayers for the Bethel ministry.

Your friend in the ministry,  
Mang Sonna  
Executive Director

## Please pray for ...

Pastor Tom – health concerns

Janet Coffman – health concerns

Charlene McAuley – upcoming hip replacement surgery  
on August 25<sup>th</sup>

Hannah O'Dea – niece of Dave & Pat Johnson –  
recovering from MRSA infection

Nancy Courter – diagnosed with diabetes

Lesley Breithaupt – undergoing cancer treatment

Sean Breithaupt – recovering from a broken collar bone

Melinda Huff – in Olathe Hospital recovering from  
surgery

Robert Courter – back pain

Bob Dunaway – health concerns

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

Diane Spisak – the Wellsville Vet's wife – recovering  
from a scooter accident

Paula Horn – Heather's mother – health concerns

Roy Elrod – Sandie Elrod's husband – health concerns

Lloyd McCalla – friend of Tom Swafford – health  
concerns

## MARRIED AND LOVING IT®

The Franklin County Healthy Relationships and Marriage Coalition will sponsor their second class of *Married and Loving It*®, this fall. The class is a series of five sessions, designed to teach participants how to enjoy sharing their lives with each other by enhancing their marriage relationship.

*Married and Loving It*® is designed for couples:

- Who are planning on getting married and are in the process of planning the wedding.
- Who have been married for a few years or for a number of years and may be wondering what has happened to the love they once shared.
- Who have been married before and want a different end result this time.
- Who are willing to try anything to save their marriage.

All classes will meet on **Tuesdays from 6:30—8:30 p.m. at the Franklin County Visitors Center, 2011 East Logan, Ottawa.** There is a \$15.00 fee per couple for one workbook (\$25.00 per couple for two workbooks). The class is limited to the first 10 couples who register. Free childcare for children birth to 12 years of age. (A brochure can be found on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.)

Dusti Powell (member of coalition) and Rick Presley, Friends University graduate student in the Masters of Family Therapy program, will teach classes on communication, skills, family finances, anger management, conflict resolution, decision-making, and in-laws. Characteristics of successful marriages will also be considered.

For more information, contact Rebecca McFarland at 785-229-3520.

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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, 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— 6:45 p.m. Adult Coffee & Dessert Time, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study						1 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, 10:00 a Family Center Rental
2*	3	4 8:30 a Church Staff Meeting, 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision	5**	6 7:00 p Deacon's Meeting	7	8 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
9*	10	11 8:30 a Staff Meeting	12**	13 10:00 a Bingo @ Wellsville Retirement Center	14	15 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
16* 1:15 p Swafford Family Reception in the Family Center	17	18 8:30 a Staff Meeting, 8:30 a Ladies' Bible Study outing, 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision	19**	20 6:30 p Christian Ed mtg, 7:00 p Rodeo Bible Camp in the FH, Trustees in the FC, 7:30 p Deacon's mtg	21	22 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, 10:30 a Helping Hands Food Distribution
23* 6:00 p Choir practices resume	24 6:30 p Preschool Open House	25 8:30 a Staff Meeting	26**	27	28	29 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
30* 8:30 a Traditional Worship, 10:50 a Contemporary Worship, 6:00 p Choir practice	31					

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

### Anniversaries

- 7-M/M Dan Lund
- 8-M/M Bill Coffey
- 10-M/M Norman Bissonnette
- 15-M/M Leon Johnson, M/M Fred Schnoke
- 29-M/M Charles Ware

### Birthdays

- 1-Christian Hurlburt
- 2-Stephanie Guthrie
- 3-David Robbs
- 7-Todd Hurlburt
- 9-Penny Anderson, Ann Unruh
- 10-Doug Mosher
- 11-Glen Sharp, Jr., Judy O'Leary

### Birthdays (cont.)

- 12-Bryson Owings
- 13-Damon Chesbro
- 16-Ken O'Connor, Brittany Bissonnette, Diane Wingert
- 17-Rick Haigh
- 19-Megan (McAuley) Lee
- 21-George Wingert
- 24-Derik Wright
- 26-Tara O'Connor
- 27-Scott Shore
- 28-Ruth Todd
- 29-Tim Thomasson, Leon Johnson, Conner Thompson
- 30-Jenny Robbs

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