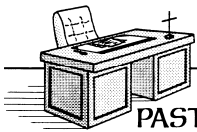


THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget himself, carry his cross, and

follow me. For the man who wants to save his own life will lose it, but the man who loses his life for my sake shall find it." Matthew 16:24-25

The one who obtains church membership at some price, either great or small, and then fails to assume the privileges and responsibilities of the community of God, except perhaps in times of great pain and crisis, is like the foolish man who saved for 36 months to buy a new car.

After the car was delivered and safely in his garage, he locked the door to the garage and rejoiced greatly at his new possession. Each week, he would go into the garage to start the car, run it a bit and polish it up nice 'n' pretty!

He kept the car locked up in the garage, reassured that if he needs to hurry to the bedside of his ill mother, or load up his family hurriedly to escape tornadic winds, he can!

Truly, truly I say to you—this foolish man is poorer and less prepared than he thinks. For when his mother becomes seriously ill, or when tornadic winds darken the sky and he races to the garage to be saved by his car now several years old, he shall discover rust, corrosion and general mechanical deterioration have taken their toll! What was once an efficient, modern and dependable means of transportation is no longer safe for travel. For his failure to use, update and occasionally drive the car, has caused all he has to be swept away by the first real storm. He can't even use his car to visit his mother!

This is the way it is going to be for the one who claims their membership in the community of faith but fails to give regular attention to its privileges and responsibilities. In his poem titled, "It's Up to You" John Henry Newman says it this way:

*God has created me to do Him some definite service!
He has committed some work to me which He has
not committed to another.*

*I have a mission ... I am a link in a chain, a bond of
connection between persons.*

*He has not created me for naught ... I shall do good!
I shall do His work, I shall be an angel of peace, if I
do but keep His commandments!*

*Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I
am, I can never be thrown away!*

*If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him!
In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him!
He does nothing in vain, He knows what He is
about!*

Be a part of the community of faith this coming Sunday! Come to Sunday School and worship! Bring a friend, too! May the living Christ guide you as you live for Him! rr

P.S. See you at the quarterly business meeting on Sunday, October 19th.!

WELLSVILLE NEIGHBOR QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER

If you have an article that you would like published in our Quarterly newspaper, please get it to Tom or Cheryl Christian by Sunday, October 5th.

AWANA TRAINING

Wellsville Baptist Church will host an Awana Basic Training session for new workers, current leaders wanting a refresher course, or anyone who would like to know more about AWANA. The training will be on Saturday, October 25th from 5:00—8:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Dinner and childcare will be provided. **Registration is very important.** Call Donna Thomasson at 785-883-2895 or the church office to register.

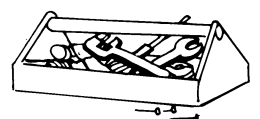
WORK DAY

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Saturday, October 11, 2008
8:00 A.M.**



We have several things that we would like to see accomplished:

- Frame/bracket for inside of basement door on the west side of the church
- Trim the bottom of the door to the nursery—it's catching on one end and scraping the floor
- Waterproof the floor to the entry of the baptistery
- Trim bushes
- Clean the leaves from around the air conditioner in the northeast corner of the church and leaves from around the parsonage
- Sand and paint siding on the south side of the parsonage
- Clean out the parsonage guttering
- Attach door closer to the front door of the parsonage
- Glue baseboard in the Family Center gym
- Caulk the crack in the front steps of the church
- Paint the office ceiling where water stained
- Investigate installing an extra lock on the front entry door to the sanctuary
- Investigate the cause of water/condensation around the Family Center furnace intake/outtake vents.





WORLD MISSION OFFERING



You and I follow Jesus because God used someone to share the Good News. We have continued and grown as followers of Jesus because God has used others to celebrate with us in victory, encourage us in defeat and call us forward in faith.

You can help to make the same things happen in the lives of people half a world away! That's why we are asking you to pray and to give to the World Mission Offering.

Our congregation uses the World Mission Offering to support more than 2,500 short-term and long-term missionaries annually, bringing U.S. and Puerto Rico churches together with partners in 76 countries in cutting-edge ministries that tell the good news of Jesus Christ while meeting human needs.

Our giving to the World Mission Offering helps people come to Christ, grow in Christ and change their world with Christ.

- In Burma (Myanmar) — church leaders have been equipped with inductive Bible study skills by Stan Slade. A church leader reports that these students no longer just repeat what they have heard in church. Now they share messages that show a fresh, personal understanding of scripture that connects with life in energizing new ways.
- In Zambia — Charles & Sara West conducted workshops with Samaritan Baptist Church at Kalikiliki near Lusaka. The members took notes and eagerly participated but were handicapped because most of them had no Bibles. The Wests have now delivered English Bibles and are waiting for Bibles in the Nyanga and Bemba languages.
- In Bulgaria — a couple have opened a small grocery store in their village after Tom Myers helped them to develop their business plan and to gain access to a small development loan. The store is a big help to the village while enabling the couple to support their local church. They now want to start a small café in the store which can also be used as a village Sunday School room.
- In Ethiopia — a young man received conflict transformation training from Dan & Sharon Buttry. Learning that Christ's "turn the other cheek" lesson gives a way to claim one's humanity and not become a victim, the good news suddenly made sense to him. "Today I have become a Christian," he said.

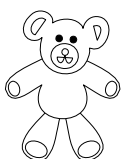
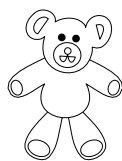
Like the four friends of the paralytic in the Gospel of Mark 2:2-12, people whose faith in Jesus Christ has made them creative, risk-taking agents of God's mission in the world, we help our neighbors around the world. Not only are we amazed by God's people, we are amazed at our own ability to take risks so that others might have a healing, saving encounter with Jesus.

We will receive the World Mission Offering during the month of October. Our goal for 2008 is \$2,190.00. If you would like to give to this offering, you can use the envelope included in this mailing or mark the memo line on your check "WMO."

We have received from the Lord. Let us also give, be surprised by what God can do, and be transformed by God's grace

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Mark your calendars for the Annual Potato Bake which will be held on Sunday, November 16th in the Fellowship Hall. Cost for the meal will be a free will offering that will go toward gifts for children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree.



Starting soon we will start collecting gifts for the Bethel Neighborhood Christmas Shop. Contact Rose Baker for more information.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In order to end the year with all bills paid, and in a strong financial position as our next Pastor arrives, we need you to boost your giving to the WBC budget. Now that we've paid off the new WBC van, and are on the way toward paying off downstairs' remodeling costs, we need to be sure our budget giving stays strong. Share your questions about this with Budget Chair Scott Moore, and pray about making an additional gift to the church soon. **THANK YOU, LORD** for the WBC family's record of stewardship and financial faithfulness.

GROWING UP IN THE SOUTH

By Hallie Dunaway

I was born in 1928, in Gulfport, Mississippi, the fourth girl in the family. God has blessed me abundantly by allowing me to be born into the Walker family.

In April, 1929, Mary, one of my older twin sisters died, but in August, 1929, we were blessed with a brother. Misfortune struck again in June 1930, when our mother died leaving my father with four young children. In 1930, men were not as adept at rearing children. There were no "day care facilities."

My father's older sister lived in Vicksburg, MS, and they had a very large home. She encouraged my Dad to sell everything and move to Vicksburg, so we did. My aunt and uncle had two girls, so we had a large family – three adults and six children.

My aunt had been a school teacher so we got the best instruction in everything. Even though this was during the Depression, we never knew the difficulty some people did. We raised a garden, had chickens and pigs. We always had plenty to eat as we canned vegetables, made jellies and preserves. I still do this.

My aunt made all our clothes. Some of them were made from beautiful, flowered, flour sacks. We didn't care, because they were new.

From the time I can remember, we had a black maid named Hattie. She came every morning at 7:00 and stayed until 5:00 p.m. She did all the cleaning and cooking. She also taught all of us kids how to do the same. We paid her \$12.00 per week. That was good money as many people worked for 25¢ cents a day. We loved her dearly even though she would "switch us" when we misbehaved. It broke our hearts when she moved to Chicago in 1943.

It is difficult for us to remember that a loaf of bread sold for 11¢, cokes were 5¢, and it cost 11¢ to go to the movie if you were under 12. Over 12 years old, it cost 21¢. Every Saturday, you could see a double feature for the 11¢.

As young children, we worked in the garden pulling plants to ship for our spending money. There were not allowances – my aunt and uncle had a big plant business, shipping plants to stores all over the state to sell – like Wal-Mart does now. We made 11¢ per hundred plants pulled, dipped in mud and wrapped in wet paper for shipping.

We sold tomatoes to all the neighbors and we would catch "crawdads" (proper name – crayfish) in the bayou to sell for 1¢ each. Never mind the water moccasins that we had to watch out for when we were in the bayous, because this was our spending money – to go to movies.

God was a very important part of our life and training. We had the blessing at every meal and Daddy read the Bible to us before we said our prayers at night. We attended church every Sunday morning and Sunday night, plus prayer meeting on Wednesday. I attended Sunday School for 12 years without missing a Sunday and I have a pin designating that. I was saved when I was 8 years old at summer camp. But being a Methodist at that time, I could not join the church until I was 12 years old.

We had very loving parents and I thank God every day for my training. Even though times were tough and no one had much money, if we were poor, we didn't know it, because so was everyone else.

PRAYER



Andrew & Tori Johnson - as they start their new life together as a married couple

Pam Kichler - recovering from a broken leg

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Bev McAuley - recovering from broken ribs

Evelyn Burkhart - as she adjusts to life in Wellsville Retirement Community (Wellsville Manor)

Jim Campbell - recovering from surgery

Barb Wright - health concerns

J.C. Jones - health concerns

Bob Dunaway - health concerns

Jim McDaniel - health concerns

The family of Charlie Clayton - following his death

Donald Sawyer, Tammy Davis' father - health concerns

Beverly Kyle, Bill Kyle's mother, - recovering from knee replacement surgery

Roy Elrod, Sandie Elrod's husband, - health concerns

Karen Myers, owner of Wellsville Flowers, - health concerns

ARE YOU PRAYING?

Are you praying for our Pastoral Search Committee as they seek to discover the one God has already chosen to serve as our next fulltime Pastor, and for our Nominating and Budget committees as they complete their service for Christ? Do it daily! Thanks!

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, October 19, 2008

Don't forget our next Quarterly Business Meeting. During this meeting, we will adopt a budget for 2009 and elect officers for next year. We will also receive the latest update from our Pastoral Search Committee. Bring a dish to pass at the potluck dinner following the 10:50 service. We'll eat at 12:15, begin the meeting at 1, and have you home before 2. And don't miss Pastor Roger's next Trivia Quiz! See you there!

Chairmen and Group Leaders, please remember that your reports are due to the church office by Sunday, October 12th.

CONGRATULATIONS ...



To Andrew Johnson & Tori Gimpel on their marriage. Andrew and Tori were married on Saturday, September 6th in Wichita. May God bless them with many happy years together.



YOU ARE INVITED



You are invited to a wedding shower for Wendy Moore on Sunday, October 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall hosted by Pat Johnson. Wendy and her fiancée are registered at Lowe's, Pampered Chef and J.C. Penney.

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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—6:30 p.m. AWANA Youth Groups, 6:45 p.m. Adult Coffee & Dessert Time, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study			1 ** 8:00 p Deacon's Meeting	2	3 9:15 p Fifth Quarter	4 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
5 * 12:15 p Mosher Small Group meeting in the Fellowship Hall	6	7 8:30 a Church Staff Meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision	8 **	9 10:00 a Bingo at Wellsville Manor	10	11 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 a Work Day
12 * 12:15 p O'Dea Small Group meeting in the Fellowship Hall	13	14 8:30 a Church Staff Meeting, 9:15 a Women's Bible Study	15 **	16 7:00 p Board of Christian Education meeting, 7:00 p Trustees' meeting, 7:00 p Rodeo Bible Camp meeting	17 9:15 p Fifth Quarter	18 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
19 * 12:15 p Fellowship Lunch, 1:00 p Church Business Meeting with elections for boards & officers	20	21 8:30 a Church Staff Meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision	22 **	23	24 9:15 p Fifth Quarter	25 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, 5:00 p Awana Training in the Family Center
26 * 10:50 a Contemporary Worship, 2:00 p Wedding Shower for Wendy Moore	27	28 8:30 a Church Staff Meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study	29 **	30	31 Halloween	

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

Anniversaries

8-M/M David Robbs
13-M/M Eddie Winslow
22-M/M David Lowe, M/M Matt Hoffman

Birthdays

1-Donna Thomasson
2-Gail O'Connor
3-Morgan Paulson
5-Joe Rogers, Lil Sanders
6-Bev McAuley, Jordyn Young
7-Alva Skiles, Baylee Thornton
8-Mike McAuley, Tom O'Dea
12-Violet Haigh

Birthdays (cont.)

13-Jackson Wingert, Chad Young
14-Viola Schlup
15-Jay Thompson
16-Sue Taylor, Keith Churchill
17-Dorothy Jones, Jackie Ware
18-Nick Thomasson
19-J.C. Jones, Ben Kyle
21-Cadence Ishmael
23-Rev. Roger Robertson
24-Cassie Ware, Tyler Thomasson
25-Dan Lund, Dwight West, Jayson Owings

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