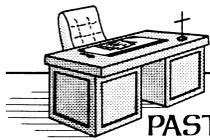


# THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is a cancer that invades churches that, at worst, causes them to close or, at best, doesn't allow love for others to operate unhindered. This sin is one that makes our mouths water as we prepare to enjoy it. It is called gossip!



I believe that WBC is moving forward and winning people to Jesus, but this is one sin that can stop us from fulfilling Jesus' command to make disciples. If left unchecked, it can be a cancer that eventually kills and destroys that Body of Christ. Therefore, those who are following the Holy Spirit need to be aware and join the fight to excise this evil from among us! I know this is strong language but as the under-shepherd, I need to warn the flock (church) of this impending danger.



Kent Hughes, in writing for The Gospel Coalition, gives some good advice on how to stop this sin so that Jesus can again be the King in our midst!

1. Ask, **"Why are you telling me this?"** Often, that in itself is such a focusing question that it can bring an end to the whole unpleasant chapter. It has the added benefit that it can help a person whose intentions are as good as his/her judgment is bad.
2. Ask, **"What's the difference between what you're telling me and gossip?"** See above; same effect, same potential benefits. 
3. Ask, **"How is your telling me that thought, that complaint, that information going to help you and me love God and our brothers better, and knit us closer together as a church in Christ's love?"** Isn't that the goal we should share, every one of us? Won't it take the working of each individual member (Eph. 4:16)? Isn't the watch-out for harmful influences an every-member ministry (Heb. 3:12-13; 10:24; 13:12-15)?
4. Ask, **"Now that you've told me about that, what are you going to do about it?"** While the previous two are subjective, this is not. If neither of the previous two questions succeeded in identifying gossip/whispering/sowing-dissension for what they are, the

answer to this question will do so. Tip: if the answer is "Pray," a good response might be "Then why didn't you do that and leave it there in the first place?"

5. Say, **"Now that you've told me about that, you've morally obligated me to make sure you talk to \_\_\_\_ about it. How long do you think you need, so I can know when this becomes a sin that I will need to confront in you?"** The least that this will accomplish is that you'll fall off the list of gossips'/whisperers' favorite venting-spots. The most is that you may head off a church split, division, harmed souls, sidelined Gospel ministry, and waylaid discipleship. Isn't that worth it? 

Please don't look at others and think about them and their part in this. Examine yourself and see what you need to do about it!

In Christ,

*Pastor Tom*

Tom



**COMING SOON**  
**BRIAN ARNOLD,**  
**PIANIST**  
**Saturday, March 7, 2015**

Brian Arnold has become known as "America's Favorite One-Handed Pianist." At the age of 6, Brian lost a leg in a lawn mower accident and was labeled as a "cripple." This was the beginning of a lifelong battle with his identity. This caused his mother to direct him toward music and becoming a pianist. By age 20, Brian was earning a living making music.

In 1994, Brian was in a life threatening auto accident which left him with his left arm paralyzed from the shoulder down. Once again, his identity was threatened, but Brian continued to fight, believing God was not finished with him. Today, Brian helps others to look to the Father for their true identity.

Brian has performed in many venues around the world and closer to home, including Branson, Missouri. For more information about Brian and his ministry, go to his website at [www.brianarnoldministries.com](http://www.brianarnoldministries.com).

Come and hear Brian and his message of hope on Saturday, March 7th at 6:00 P.M. in the Family Center. During the evening, we will take a free-will offering. Please bring cookies for a time of fellowship following the concert. All are invited to attend.

## The Power To Cleanse

Hebrews 1:3-4 Living Bible (TLB)

<sup>3</sup> God's Son shines out with God's glory, and all that God's Son is and does marks him as God. He regulates the universe by the mighty power of his command. He is the one who died to **cleanse us** and **clear our record of all sin**, and then sat down in highest honor beside the great God of heaven.



If you are like me, and you are, it doesn't take much reflecting to realizing how easily we get soiled walking through this world. If nothing more than the area of our thought life and attitude toward others, I find myself having to admit I have sinned and need to confess to my Heavenly Father that I have blown it again and have short-circuited my connection to the one I didn't intend to hurt. So, I find myself having to go back and ask forgiveness and set the relationship right once again. But, with God, the crazy thing is I can be restored so quickly because he has made the way for me. I just have to understand his amazing desire to restore me each time I fail and not put it off.

Jesus is the final and complete word of God to man, because he has solved the deepest problem in human life—the problem of human sinfulness. Everybody today is asking, in the face of some of the tragic things that are happening. What's wrong with humanity? What's wrong with life? Why is the world in such a mess? Why are the papers filled with murder and violence and hate and corruption and darkness? The answer of Scripture universally is, man's selfishness. That is what lies at the root of it all, the terrible taint that all of us possess that can never be washed away by our own efforts.



The amazing declaration of Scripture is that the reason the Creator of the world became the Babe of Bethlehem who was made to make purification for human selfishness, where he might solve the insoluble problem, and wash away the UNWASHABLE stain. The good news is that everyone of us who has found Christ, who has become one with Him, and who follow Him finds again and again that he has the power to cleanse us. He has the power to put away the guilt of the past, whether it is the past 50 years of life or the past five minutes of time. He has the power to cleanse it, and wash it away, and to set us on a path with a clean slate and a fresh page to write on every day, to live again in the truth and power and the grace of the living God. That, my friend, is the greatest message of all, and it is one that has changed my life over and over for

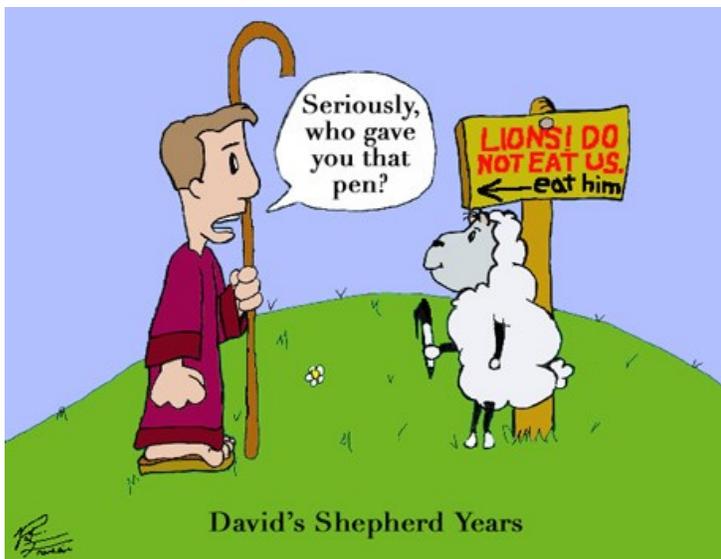


over 45 years of living in Him. When He had made purification for sins (what agony, what terrible hurt is involved in that phrase), He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Jesus is Lord; this was the early creed of the church and it is the creed of all who come to know Him now. He alone has solved that desperate problem of human life; He is in control and in charge of all human events. It is this truth today that gives my heart and mind peace and comfort as I say goodbye to a long-time loving, charming and dear friend, Carol Cramer who I will be reunited again with tomorrow in the choir of heavens.

May His Name Be Praised,

*Ted Buckley*

Ted Buckley, Homebound Pastor



Sunday  
March 8, 2014

2:00 A.M.

Don't forget to set your clock  
forward an hour!



## CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, (Rom. 8:14) to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, (Matt. 10:40; Gal. 4:14; I Thess. 2:12) and on the confession of our faith, (Acts 2:41; 8:37) having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, (Matt. 28:19) we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into Covenant with one another, as one body in Christ (I Cor. 12:13).

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit (John 16:13; 14:26) to walk together in Christian love, (Eph. 5:2; I Thess. 4:9) to strive for the advancement of this church (Eph. 2:21-22; Acts 20:28) in knowledge; (II Peter 3:18) in Holiness; (II Cor. 7:1) and comfort; (I Thess. 5:14) to promote its prosperity and its spirituality; to sustain worship; (Heb. 10:25) ordinances; (I Cor. 11:2) discipline; (II Thess. 3:6; Rom. 16:17) and doctrines; (Acts 2:42; II John 9:10-11) to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry (I Cor. 16:2; Matt. 10:10), the expenses of the church (Acts 4:34-35), the relief of the poor, (Matt. 25:40) and the spread of the Gospel through all nations, (Acts 1:8). We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; (Deut. 11:18-20) to spiritually educate our children, (Matt. 6:6; Eph. 6:4) to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, (Mark 5:19) to walk circumspectly in the world, (Matt. 5:16; Eph. 5:15) to be just in our dealings, (Rom. 12:17) faithful in our engagements, (Eph. 4:25) and exemplary in our deportment, (Eph. 5:8) to avoid all tattling, (I Tim. 5:13; Eph. 4:31) backbiting (II Cor. 12:20) and excessive anger, (Eph. 4:26) to abstain from the abuse of alcoholic drink and legal drugs. Also, to abstain from the use of illegal drugs, (Eph. 5:18; I Cor. 6:10) and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; (I Thess. 5:14; Rom. 12:10) to remember each other in prayer, (Eph. 6:18; I Thess. 5:25) to aid each other in sickness and distress, (Gal. 6:10) to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling; (I Cor. 12:25-26) to be courteous in speech, (Titus 3:2) to be slow to take offense, (Romans 12:19) but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay, (Matt. 5:23; 18:15-18).

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we shall as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. (Hebrews 10:15-16; 10:25).

## AMERICA FOR CHRIST

Jesus' public ministry was all about connecting and caring for people in need. On each day of his journey, the compassion of Jesus was felt by someone somewhere.

The outworking of God's grace will be seen most often during difficult times. God's grace is being manifested in our lives as we gladly seek to help others carry their burdens.

How do we see the grace of Jesus Christ at work in our community? We encourage you to come alongside people as they journey through life. We are asking you to give generously to this year's AFC offering 2015 and help us to reach our goal of \$500.00 in support of home mission that is making a difference.

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Carol Cramer – following her passing

Nancy Lytle – leg health concerns

Hollie Staker – recovering from gall bladder surgery; needs a job

Steve Wilson – Dee Kyle's brother – undergoing chemotherapy for an aggressive cancer – in Stormont Vail hospital

Adam Kichler – Dennis Kichler's son – health concerns

Kylinn – Chrissy Swafford's friend – health concerns

Jimmy Gibson – Leonard & Vesta's brother-in-law – cancer (in nose and sinus)

Jill Murray – Jim & Pat Campbell's daughter – recovering from cancer surgery (has 2 children under the age of 3)

LaDema Higbie – health concerns

Robert Courter – health concerns

Bobbie Johnson – undergoing chemotherapy

Earline McGinnis – health concerns

Linda Brooks – health concerns

Barbara Ott – health concerns

Neita Robbs – health concerns

Amanda Dunaway – COPD & emphysema

Sue Hackler – Vesta Burbank's friend – cancer reoccurring

J. R. Oshel – Brad Oshel's father – stem cell transplant recipient

Jack Nietzsche – Don Nietzsche's brother – severe nerve pain

Gena O'Connor – Nancy Lytle's niece – undergoing chemotherapy



# March, 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 10:50 a Worship Services, 9:50 a & 11:00 a Sunday Bible Studies, 4:45 p Worship Team, 5:30 p Youth Group	<b>2</b> 9:00 a Staff, 7:00 p 4-H in the Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b>	<b>4**</b> 9:30 a, 7:00 p Adult Bible Studies, 6:30 p AWANA, 8:00 p Board of Deacons	<b>5</b> 9:30 a Bible Study at Wellsville Retirement Center,	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, AWANA Games, 6:00 p Brian Arnold, pianist, in the Family Center
<b>8*</b> 2:00 a Daylight Saving time starts, 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 10:50 a Worship Services, 9:30 a, 11:00 a Sunday Bible Studies, 4:45 p Worship Team, 5:30 p Youth Group	<b>9</b> 9:00 a Staff	<b>10</b>	<b>11**</b> 9:30 a, 7:00 p Adult Bible studies, 6:30 p AWANA	<b>12</b> 9:30 a Bible Study at Wellsville Retirement Center, 10:00 a Bingo at Wellsville Retirement Center	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>15*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 10:50 a Worship, 9:50, 11:00 a Sunday Study, 3:00 p WRC Service, 4:45 p Worship Team, 5:30 p youth Group	<b>16</b> 9:00 a Staff	<b>17</b>	<b>18**</b> 9:30 a, 7:00 p Adult Bible studies, No AWANA due to spring break	<b>19</b> 9:30 a Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study, 7:00 p Rodeo Bible Camp	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>22*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 10:50 a Worship, 9:50, 11:00 a Bible Studies, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p Youth Group	<b>23</b> 9:00 a Staff, 7:00 p Board of Trustees	<b>24</b>	<b>25**</b> 9:30 a, 7:00 p Adult Bible Studies, 6:30 p AWANA	<b>26</b> 9:30 a Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>29*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 10:50 a, worship, 9:50 a, 11:00 a Bible studies, 4:45 p worship team, 5:30 p Youth Group, 6:30 p Singpiration	<b>30</b> 9:00 a Staff	<b>31</b>	*Sunday—Regular Weekly Services — 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10:50 a.m. Sunday School in the Family Center; 4:45 P.M. for ages 7th—12th grades  **Wednesday—Regular Weekly Services—9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Youth Groups, 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**

- 12-M/M Scott Moore
- 16-M/M Will Guthrie
- 20-M/M Bill Lytle
- 31-M/M Gary Bubeck

**Birthdays**

- 2-Kelli Thompson
- 4-Bill Kyle, Sr., Bill Kyle, Jr.
- 6-Nakayla Hoshaw
- 13-Marie Moore

**Birthdays (cont.)**

- 15-Nora Taylor
- 17-Randy Fouts, Patsy Shields
- 18-Judy Broers
- 20-Harold Neel
- 23-Gavin Fouts
- 24-Bettye Coughenour
- 29-Darien Kerr
- 30-Dawn Neel, Wyatt Oshel

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