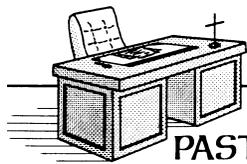


# THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

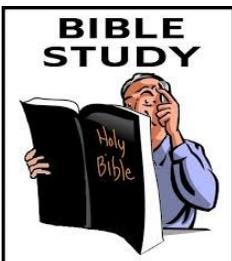
Many people in our congregation look forward to spring. This is a time of planting and growing and watching the fruit of your labor rise from the soil.

Our Christian life is kind of like this as well. God is working in us to cause new growth that comes from the new life that we have been given. The Bible calls this growth “fruit” as well. It is the fruit of the labor of the Holy Spirit who works in and through us.



In order to continue to grow and to prosper as “Christ followers,” we need to have our soil re-worked every once in a while. What I mean by that is that we need to make sure that we are “soft soil” so that God can do His work in our lives. Not only do we need to be “soft soil” or receptive to God’s work, we also need to be nourished and have the weeds removed or else the growth will be slow or non-existent in our lives.

How are we nourished so that God can cause growth?



The first is Bible study and memorization. This is necessary to the believer. You can certainly read and study the Bible alone, but studying with other believers gives you different insights into God’s Word and how He is producing fruit in others.

The second is weeding the garden. What I mean by this is consciously getting rid of sin that can choke out the good growth that our Father wants for you. What type of sin? The “big” sins? We must deal with all sin, big and small. The things that we consider “little,” God isn’t pleased with and can hinder our spiritual growth. Sins, such as gossip or failure to love each other or just being obstinate and unapproachable or critical of others, kill God’s fruit before it can ever begin to prosper.

If we are going to have new life and show new life and present new life to others; we need to have new life in ourselves.

Something to think about,

Pastor Tom



## SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at the Wellsville Baptist Church,

The first session of **Christian Campfire Bible Study** on Sunday “nights” is complete! With the time change to daylight time — campfire is now in limbo until [God willing] the time change in the fall (which is November 6<sup>th</sup>)! Then campfire will start up again — with the same crucial topic: spiritual warfare. We will study some of the most notorious henchmen Satan had in our world!

Heartfelt thanks to all!

Tami Mosher, Bob Cramer

P.S. Be in prayer! A summer Bible study may commence in June!



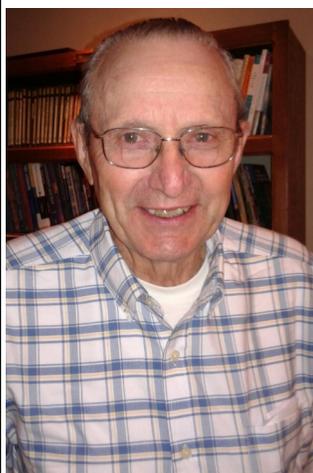
## NEWS

Spring is finally here and I can’t believe our AWANA year is almost over! Where did the time go? We have had a great year learning God’s Word and now it’s time to award our clubbers for their efforts.

Our AWANA Awards Ceremony will be Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and you are all invited. Each club will have a special presentation and awards will be given to those who have completed a handbook during this year. All of our clubbers have worked hard this year memorizing Bible verses. Clubbers receiving handbook awards have completed between 35 – 101 Bible verses, depending on their handbook level. That’s A LOT of Bible verses and I believe these clubbers deserve this special recognition. Please join us on April 27<sup>th</sup> as we recognize these clubbers for their hard work and dedication! We’ll have a time of fellowship after the ceremony!



## OUR DEACON BOARD



Larry Averill, Chairman

I was born on a farm North of Wellsville and have lived here all my life. I grew up going to Sunday School and church, but had never really heard about needing a relationship with Christ. I heard about salvation at a Bible study and was led to Christ by a Baptist minister in 1973. I was baptized and joined

the Baptist church in 1979 and have been an active member ever since then. Knowing we are loved by God and having a relationship with Christ is what makes life worthwhile.



## HELLO?

What would happen if God instituted voice mail to better route our prayers? Let's say I had gossiped and wanted to confess, so I got ready to pray, er, call:

Immediately, a voice answered, "You have reached the throne room of Heaven, the Prayer Department. All of our representatives are busy right now. Your call is important to us and we want to help you. Please stay on the line and your request will be answered in the order that it was received."

There is music and then I hear another recorded message. "Listen carefully to the following options and press the appropriate numbers: Press 1 for prayer for a loved one. Press 2 for prayer for your church. Press 3 for giving thanks. Press 4 for confessing sins. Press 5 for salvation. Press 6 for a physical need. If you would like this menu repeated, press 9."

Since I had a sin to confess, I pressed 4. Immediately, I heard a voice saying, "We're so glad to help you in your confession of sins. Please select the appropriate option: If you cursed, press 1. If you yelled at your wife or another member of your family, press 2." The voice droned on, giving the various options.

About then I decided to hang up and keep on gossiping. But then I remember what the Bible says about God and how he attends to our needs.

Instead of a voice mail system, He says, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." — Anonymous



# Rejoice

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. (Philippians 3:1)

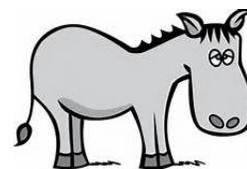


The mark of one who has learned to believe is rejoicing. Remember that definition of a Christian we have given from time to time: one who is completely fearless, continually cheerful, and constantly in trouble. It is the continual rejoicing in the midst of trouble that marks the Christian life.

In our Tuesday night Bible study, we have been learning that everything that comes into our lives must pass through the hands and fingers of our Heavenly Father. He has our best in mind, so when we grumble, complain, and go around with long faces and look grim and unthankful we are telling the unbelieving people around us God is mistreating us. That we, in fact, don't trust



what he is doing in our lives. It is like the little girl who was traveling through the countryside and saw a mule for the first time. She stared at it for a long time and said, "I don't know what you are, but you must be a Christian. You look just like my grandfather." Unfortunately that's what society thinks the mark of a Christian is; sober, sour-looking people who no longer enjoy life and make everyone else around them feel badly as well.



But, the mark of an Authentic Christian is a person who understands everything that comes into his or her life can be met by the power of the indwelling Spirit that



now lives inside them. The mark of a true Christian is a smile of confidence, despite the circumstances. Not a screwed on smile, one that is forced, to appear something we are not, but a genuine smile, sometimes through tears, but a smile nevertheless. It comes as a result of acceptance of all events as ordered by the Lord. That's the secret. It arises from a quiet trust in his indwelling adequacy to handle whatever comes. It is living out of adequacy. Living out of inadequacy is what puts the frown on people's faces. It is trying to face the inrushing tumult of life with inadequate resources. This strain shows in the face. But if we genuinely believe what God tells us, that we have within us one who is completely competent to meet every situation through us, there is never any strain, for whatever comes, we know he is adequate to meet it in and through us. We rest on that fact, and that is the quiet confidence that marks the Christian.



Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

*Ted Buckley*

Pastor Ted Buckley

**PRAYER CONCERNS**



Family of Bill Coughenour – following his passing  
Norma Kerr – recovering from pneumonia  
Betty Lawrenz – recovering from cataract surgery  
Jim Campbell – health concerns  
Rose Coffman – health concerns  
Pam Phares – health concerns  
Marie Linder and family – following the loss of her brother  
Saundra – Pat Campbell’s friend – fighting cancer  
Roy Moss – Bev McAuley & Bob Moss’ brother – undergoing chemotherapy  
Family of Jo Ann Scribner – Jim Wright’s sister – following her passing  
Sue Hackler – Leonard & Vesta Burbank’s friend – undergoing pancreatic cancer treatment  
Nash – Nicki Birdsall’s young friend – diagnosed with leukemia

**CONTINUING PRAYER NEEDS**

Mildred Whitney – health concerns  
Terry Messenger’s mom – health concerns  
Lynnda – Lesley Breithaupt’s sister – health concerns  
Neita Robbs – health concerns  
Bettie Phares – health concerns  
Dave Lowe – health concerns  
Roger Rockers – Penny Anderson’s friend – pancreatic cancer  
Jill Murray – Jim & Pat Campbell’s daughter – health concerns  
Kathy Perricone – Lawrence & Sue Burbank’s daughter – breast cancer treatment  
Jimmy Gibson – Leonard & Vesta’s brother-in-law – cancer  
Jack Nitzsche – Don Nitzsche’s brother – severe nerve pain  
Susan Smith – Belinda Brown’s friend – health concerns



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

**Anniversaries**

5-M/M David Strawn  
 7-M/M Wayne Linder  
 9-M/M Dale Bartholomew  
 16-M/M Tom Reynolds  
 17-M/M Kenneth LaRue  
 25-M/M Bob Moss  
 26-M/M Eric Ford  
 27-M/M Dustin Donovan



**Birthdays**

1-Don Nitzsche  
 2-Jodie Beuthien  
 3-Eli Owings  
 4-LaDema Higbie, Mildred Whitney, Wanda Schnoke  
 5-April Robbs  
 8-Kanin Robbs, Logan Robbs, David Schnoor, Jr.  
 9-Daniel Beuthien  
 10-Justin Moss, Kegan Young  
 11-Evelyn Burkhart  
 16-Carter Messenger  
 17-Tammy Davis, Landon Wilhite  
 18-Genevieve Gregg, Dana Schnoor  
 20-Keith Rogers  
 22-Avery Unruh  
 23-Apryl Strawn, Eric Dunaway  
 24-Amanda Dunaway  
 26-Jordan Thompson  
 28-Neita Robbs



**Quarterly Business Meeting  
 Sunday, April 24  
 1:00 p.m.**

During this meeting, we will elect a church clerk and discuss other minor business.



The meeting will follow a fellowship, covered-dish lunch. Please bring a meal to share and your own table service. Beverages will be provided.



**HEY, WELLSVILLE TEENS!**



We have stylists who are volunteering to help you get ready for the prom!

On Saturday, April 16th, starting at 1:30 p.m., the Family Center will be open. If you would like help getting your hair and make-up ready for the big event, stop in, and one of our volunteers will be happy to help.



**Quarterly Reports are Due!**

Board Chairmen & Group leaders,



Your reports are due in the church office by Sunday, April 10th.

# April, 2016

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri       | Sat  |
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| <p>*Sunday—Regular Weekly Services — 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service, 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study, 1:00 p.m. Youth Group for ages 7th—12th grades</p> <p>**Wednesday—Regular Weekly Services—9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. AWANA Youth Groups, 7:00 p.m.</p> |   |  |  |  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>   |
| <p><b>3*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 11:00 a worship services, 9:50 a Sunday school, 12:10 p Council, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p youth group</p>  | <p><b>4</b> 10:00 a Staff meeting, 6:00 p Daniel Plan in the Family Center, 7:00 p 4-H in the Fellowship Hall</p> | <p><b>5</b> 6:30 a Prayer group in the chapel</p>  | <p><b>6**</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study</p>                   | <p><b>7</b> 9:30 a Bible Study at Wellsville Retirement Center, 7:00 p Board of Deacons</p>                        | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b> FC rented   |
| <p><b>10*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 11:00 a worship services, 9:50 a Sunday school, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p youth group</p>  | <p><b>11</b> 10:00 a Staff meeting, 6:00 p Daniel Plan in the Family Center</p>                                   | <p><b>12</b> 6:30 a Prayer group in the chapel</p> | <p><b>13**</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study</p>                  | <p><b>14</b> 9:30 a Bible Study at Wellsville Retirement Center, 10:00 a Bingo at Wellsville Retirement Center</p> | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> 1:30 p Volunteers in the Family Center to help with hair and make up for prom. |
| <p><b>17*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 11:00 a worship services, 9:50 a Sunday school, 3:00 p Service at Wellsville Retirement Center, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p youth group</p>  | <p><b>18</b> 10:00 a Staff meeting, 6:00 p Daniel Plan in the Family Center, 7:00 p Board of Trustees</p>         | <p><b>19</b> 6:30 a Prayer group in the chapel</p> | <p><b>20**</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study</p>                  | <p><b>21</b> 9:30 a Bible Study at Wellsville Retirement Center</p>  | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b>  |
| <p><b>24*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 11:00 a worship services, 9:50 a Sunday school, 12:10 p Fellowship lunch, 1:00 p business meeting, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p youth group</p>   | <p><b>25</b> 10:00 a Staff meeting</p>  | <p><b>26</b> 6:30 a Prayer group in the chapel</p> | <p><b>27</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA awards night (last AWANA meeting until fall)</p> | <p><b>29</b> 9:30 a Bible Study at Wellsville Retirement Center</p>  | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>  |

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