

THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELLSVILLE, KANSAS
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, he addressed a community that was embedded in the pagan world of the first century. We see in Acts 16:19 that when the Gospel was preached and being accepted in the city, there were people who were opposed to it. It was in this culture that the Apostle Paul was writing to the believers.

In Philippians 1:27 and 28 Paul said to them; *“Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; in no way alarmed by your opponents — which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God.”*

Our shared mission to bring people to Christ and to be witnesses for Him to the world strengthens our life together in the church. Harmony and depth in the church become powerful forces in our witness to a world that is deeply divided. Without this harmony and depth of love for one another, we aren't any different than any other group of people who are vying for the attention of others.

Sometimes, it seems that we tend to think of our conduct in the world in largely individualistic terms. Yet here, in charging believers to *“let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ,”* Paul doesn't accent individual behaviors, but focuses on the collective harmony of the community. Gospel conduct means the church *“standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents.”*

The unified church not only stands firm in the face of opposition, but advances her Christ-given mission — *“striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.”* How does this advance happen?

Paul says that such unity and fearlessness in the face of opposition becomes “a clear sign” to the opponents that they are the ones in the wrong. Not a subtle sign, but a clear sign. Through standing unified against insult, slander, and threat — and continuing undaunted in moving forward in the mission — the church shows herself to be true. The strong bonds between saints demonstrate that they are in the sphere of salvation, which means their opponents are in the sphere of destruction.

In today's world, the church is suffering much like it was in the first century, but on a larger scale. This suffering is and will be brought to churches in America more and more in the near future. Such harmony and joy in the midst of suffering make the church shine in the world so that we can truly be salt and light to others. Let us be the city on the hill and let our lights so shine that others will see our devotion to one another and to Christ that they may glorify the Father because of us.

Pastor Tom



**THE WELLSVILLE HIGH
SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016
AND
THE WELLSVILLE
MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
INVITE YOU
TO A
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016
AT
WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
217 MAIN STREET
WELLSVILLE KS**

**Please join us in the Fellowship
Hall for a reception following the
ceremony.**



GRADUATE SUNDAY—MAY 15

Every year we honor our graduates from Middle School, High School and College with a small gift. This year our graduates are:



Middle School: Demi Aamold, Drake Aamold, Josh Brewster, Gracie Freeman, Eric O'Leary, Eli Owings, Bryce Rodriguez, Cody Roecker, Dana Schnoor, Josh Smith, Mandy Swfford, Dwight West, Hunter Peacock

High School: Seth Breithaupt, Brandyn Brewster, Kyle Taylor, Lilia Bubeck, Shelbie Corwine, Michaela Farmer, Sadie LaMay, Aaron See, Rayne Wright



College: Derek Moore, April Robbs, Luke Thomasson



Weekly Prayer Meeting

**OUR WEEKLY
PRAYER GROUP
DAY AND TIME HAS
CHANGED**

Due to a lack of participation, the weekly prayer group time has changed from Tuesday mornings to Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. We meet in the chapel for a time of prayer for our church, our city, our schools, our state government and country leaders. If you would like to be a part of this group, we would love to have you join us.



The Discipline of Listening



I call out at the top of my lungs, "God! Answer! I'll do whatever you say." I called to You, "Save me so I can carry out all Your instructions." I was up before sunrise, crying for help, hoping for a word from You. I stayed awake all night, prayerfully pondering Your promise. In Your love, listen to me; in Your justice, God, keep me alive. As those out to get me come closer and closer, they go farther and farther from the truth You reveal; But You're the closest of all to me, God, and all Your judgments true. I've known all along from the evidence of Your words that You meant them to last forever. (Ps. 119:149 MSG)



Most of us don't think of listening to others as a spiritual discipline. Sure, we work on being sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

And we try to listen to God. But what about our interactions with others? How well do we listen to those we're trying to help spiritually?

Last week, I pulled into a fast food drive thru to get a breakfast sandwich and a cup of coffee. When the mysterious voice came through the speaker and said, "May I take your order?" I said, "Give me the No. 15 w/ sausage and a **black coffee**." She repeated my order to be sure she heard it right and then asked, "What would you like to drink?" Then to top it off she asked, "Do you want any cream or sugar for your coffee?" Jesus said to the disciple, "*Though you have eyes, don't you see? And though you have ears, can't you hear? Don't you remember?*" *Mark 8:18*

When I first began growing as a Christian, my Spiritual father was always very sensitive to me, his desire was to pass on spiritual truths to me as a young believer so I, in turn, could pass those life-long habits on to others and help them develop in their walk of faith —We'd do Bible study together, memorize Scripture together, and share the Gospel together.

We'd also have daily devotions or "quiet times" together. He taught me how important it was for a young, growing Christian to listen to God and to spend quality, regular time in His Word. So, teaching a young believer how to have a daily devotion was high on his list of things to pass on to me.



Are you listening to what God has to say to you personally? Or, do you like the gal in the drive-up window, turn your spiritual "uh-huh" on and not really hear what God is saying to you. Do you read, speak, and head out the door without being quiet and giving God a chance to whisper instructions in your ear?

The apostle James advised his readers, "*My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be **quick to listen, slow to speak** and slow to become angry*" (*James 1:19*). For a long time, I had it backwards. I'd been quick to speak and slow to listen.



Let's begin today to try and become better listeners. Take time to really pay attention to what people are saying to us and not try and think about what we are going to say in response. Listen intently to others.

Let's be quick to hear,

TBUckley

Pastor Ted Buckley

OUR DEACON BOARD

Don Nitzsche



Hi there. For those that may have seen me around, but may not

know who I am, here is a little bio.

I was born and raised in N.E. Ohio in a Christian home and was very active in our church youth group. Like many before me and since, when I turned 16 or so, I was influenced by the group of guys I was hanging out with and followed the path of "The Parable of the Lost Son" described in Luke 15. After wading in the muck with the other pigs for several years, I knew I needed to change my ways and better my fortune. So I bounced around the Eastern part of the US, then moved to the Midwest around 1979 where I met a wonderful young lady named Carol Ann. We fell in love and were married a few years later and in 1987 she gave birth to our incredible daughter, Tiffany Ann.

Several years later, she, along with Pastor Kevin, had a major part in getting us into church and showing us how much Christ loves us and wants a relationship with us. In 2005, Carol & I were baptized together and became members. I spent the first few years committed to our church youth group with, then "Youth Pastor Heather," taking our kids on two unforgettable mission trips into the Appalachian Mountains to minister through God's Word & works.

Our daughter, Tiffany, has since married Josh McIlvain, a wonderful young man from Madison KS and together went on the mission field with Edge Core through The Navigators for a few years while blessing Carol & me with three adorable grandchildren, Fisher Jeremiah, Shepherd Ezekiel and Violet Evangeline.

As Christians, we are introducing ourselves to other Christians and non-Christians every day. Our actions are being read by all with whom we come in contact. Let our actions and character draw people to us and make them want what we have and see the love of Christ in us and through us.

2 Corinthians 3:2-3

You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Please pray with me,

Our gracious heavenly Father, help me to be ever mindful of the multitude of witnesses who surround me. Cleanse me of my sins. Through the power of your Holy Spirit guide me and help me yield myself completely to you so others may read on the tablet of my heart a love letter from Christ, one which will draw them to you.. Amen

Peace & grace
Don Nitzsche

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Sandra Peterson – Pat Campbell’s friend – following her passing

Family of Terry Messenger – following his mother’s passing

Family of Bill Coughenour – following his passing
Anita McDaniel – Sinus infection and shoulder pain

Dwight West – has a lump on his neck that is being treated with antibiotics

Bev Knapp – health concerns

Brielle Robbs – recovering from an injured wrist

Nicole Chrisp – recurring post-surgery infection

Butel Early – friend of Keith Churchill – cyst on liver and doesn’t want to see the doctor

Gerald Owings – friend of Keith Churchill – has COPD and not doing well

Ricky Neville – Dennis Kichler’s friend – recovering from a car accident

Jim – Lesley Breithaupt’s uncle – diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer

Mildred Whitney – health concerns

Neita Robbs – health concerns

Bettie Phares – health concerns

Dave Lowe – health concerns

Jim Campbell – health concerns

Rose Coffman – health concerns

Pam Phares – health concerns

Lynneda – Lesley Breithaupt’s sister – health concerns

Casey – Belinda Brown’s friend – is on dialysis & needs a new kidney

Sue Hackler – Leonard & Vesta Burbank’s friend – undergoing pancreatic cancer treatment

Nash – Nicki Birdsall’s young friend – Praise that his leukemia is in remission!

Roy Moss – Bev McAuley & Bob Moss’ brother – undergoing chemotherapy

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

Praise God as he answers our prayers. Yesterday [Sunday, April 24], we prayed for relief to the drought in Somotillo, Nicaragua. While there had been rain predicted for this week, I thought it was Monday and beyond. By 9:00 last night, they had received 2.2 inches of rain. While this will not solve the drinking water crisis, it will give some short term relief. Please continue to pray for a long term solution to the water crisis and for guidance on how we could be instrumental in this process.

God Bless,
Scott Moore

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

Happy Anniversary

4-M/M Pat McAuley, M/M Kendall Anderson, M/M Markuss Rossi

5-M/M Terry Messenger

7-M/M Ted Buckley

19-MM Don Nitzsche

26-M/M Glen Sharp, Sr.

29-MM Darrell Kerr



2-Jo Kramer

4-Derek Moore

6-Ted Buckley

8-John Newhouse

17-Shannon Young, Nancy Lytle, Brad Oshel

21-Jesse Smith

22-Gary Bubeck

27-Kyle Taylor

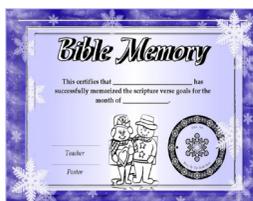
28-Marie Linder

30-Luke Thomasson



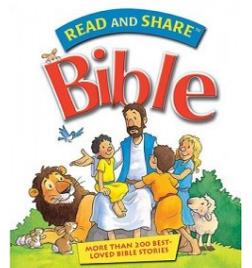
SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

Come and celebrate Mother’s Day with us on Sunday, May 8th. During all of our services, we will honor our mothers with a flower. For more information, contact the church office.



HEY KIDS, WANT BIBLE?

This June, Tami Mosher will hold a time of Bible memorization in the room behind the kitchen on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 worship service. Depending on how many verses are learned, individuals can earn a Bible or other gifts. This is geared toward grade school youth, but older youth (through high school) are welcome. For more information, contact Tami Mosher.



May, 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1* 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a Worship services, <u>12:10 p</u> Council, <u>4:45 p</u> Worship team, <u>5:30 p</u> youth Group	2 <u>10:00 a</u> Staff, <u>7:00 p</u> 4-H in the Fellowship Hall	3	4** <u>9:30 a</u> Adult Bible Study, <u>7:00 p</u> Adult Bible Study	5 <u>9:30 a</u> Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study, <u>7:00 p</u> Board of Deacons	6	7 <u>7:00—7:30 a</u> Prayer group in the Chapel (Everyone is invited to join)
8* Mother's Day <u>8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a</u> Worship services, <u>4:45 p</u> Worship team, <u>5:30 p</u> youth group	9 <u>10:00 a</u> staff	10	11** <u>9:30 a</u> Adult Bible Study, <u>7:00 p</u> Baccalaureate at Wellsville Baptist Church (evening Bible Study cancelled so all may attend)	12 <u>9:30 a</u> Wellsville Retirement Center Bible study, <u>10:00 a</u> Bingo at Wellsville Retirement Center, <u>6:30 p</u> Board of Chris- tian Education	13	14 <u>7:00—7:30 a</u> Prayer group in the Chapel (Everyone is invited to join)
15* <u>8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a</u> Worship services, Graduate Recognition Sunday, <u>3:00 p</u> Service at Wellsville Retire- ment Center, <u>4:45 p</u> Worship team	16 <u>10:00 a</u> Staff, <u>7:00 p</u> Board of Trustees	17	18** <u>9:30 a</u> Adult Bible Study, <u>7:00 p</u> Adult Bible Study	19 <u>9:30 a</u> Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study	20	21 <u>7:00—7:30 a</u> Prayer group in the Chapel (Everyone is invited to join)
22* <u>8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a</u> Worship services, <u>4:45 p</u> Worship team, <u>5:30 p</u> Youth Group	23 <u>10:00 a</u> Staff	24	25** <u>9:30 a</u> Adult Bible Study, <u>7:00 p</u> Adult Bible Study	26 <u>9:30 a</u> Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study	27	28 <u>7:00—7:30 a</u> Prayer group in the Chapel (Everyone is invited to join), <u>11:00 a</u> FC rented
29* <u>8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a</u> Worship services, <u>4:45 p</u> Worship team, <u>5:30 p</u> Youth Group	30 Memorial Day Church office closed	31	*Sunday—Regular Weekly Services — 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 9:45 a.m. Connect Contemporary Worship Service; 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study, 11:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service, 4:45 P.M.. Worship Team, 5:30 p.m. Youth Group for ages 7th—12th grades; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Campfire **Wednesday—Regular Weekly Services—9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. AWANA Youth Groups, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study			

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