

# THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters  
in Christ,

The Lord gave the church a task to complete. He gave us our “marching orders” so that we would be busy about His work until He comes.

We are told in Luke chapter 10 verse 19 that Jesus came with a mission. It says; *“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

The question that a person might ask is ‘what was lost.’ The answer is that people were and are lost without the One True God! Jesus came so that others would see that God in Him! He was seeking and still seeks others who are lost so that they can have a relationship with Him!

Jesus told His disciples that this was to be their mission until He comes again! It tells us in Matthew 28:18- 20;

*And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

We need to get about this business that He has given us! We also need to do it in the most efficient manner that we can. I believe that the time is short. I believe that we are near that end of time when Jesus will come back. The Scripture tells us what the end days would look like and after reading this, I think that you will agree that we are there. In 2 Timothy chapter three we see;

*But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.*

We are to be different than this. We are to be people who influence our culture rather than being influenced by it. I will end with this Scripture, hoping that you will be determined to reach your neighbors with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

*“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16)*

Pastor Tom

## OUTDOOR PICNIC AND CONCERT

Featuring

# ROAD 23



Stevie Warren, along with her family, created the band “Road 23” in 2006 in a small, Southwestern Kansas town called Meade. Stevie, along with her brother, Levi McGee, grew up playing all types of music with their dad, Tony McGee in their garage located on road 23, which is where their band name derives from. After Stevie left for college in 2006, she returned with boyfriend, now husband, Andrew Warren, who added a whole new, incredible dynamic to Road 23. Since the band started, they have recorded three CDs.

This talented family writes songs that will inspire you and leave you wanting more, which is why they created a new and versatile acoustic band. Stevie claims this to be the avenue she has always wanted to pursue. “I’ve always loved taking incredible songs that people recognize and turning them into a raw, elegant version of who we are as a band.” She also says their acoustic band captures each individual as a musician as well as captivates listeners of all ages and generations. “My heart is absolutely thrilled when you see the faces of people light up when they recognize one of their favorite songs, but hear it in a whole new light. This acoustic band is unproduced and simple but shows off our individual tastes and talents as musicians.”

Sunday, July 31, 2016

In the

WBC Parking Lot

7:00 P.M.—Concert

Bring your own lawn chairs.  
If the weather is too hot, we will  
move into the Family Center

## Menu:

Burgers & Brats

Potato Salad

Chips

Beverages

6:00 P.M.

Cost: Free-will offering

# PLACED IN CONTROL

Then God said, "Let us make Man in our own image, in our likeness, and let them rule . . ."  
" (Genesis 1:26).

"if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who received God's abundant provisions of Grace and of the righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:17)



Our creator placed man in a position to be in control over the whole known universe. Even though man was fallen and became corrupt, he was given that position to oversee. The amazing fact of life is that man is on the verge of destroying everything around him. He has acted in a way that has set us on a course of destruction. We see this being played out every day in our newspapers and television.

Despite the fact man's action has affected everyone & everything around him, but deep within himself, he senses the inability to master what he has been put in charge of. What we see happening in the physical level of life is only a picture of what should be happening on the spiritual level.

God has given man the ability to reign in life or to say it another way, (to be in control) of his or her life. To control life—not in heaven—in life, right now, at this present time. That means to control events, to govern events around us, actually be used by God to see the fulfilling of programs of the Father and moving in the direction God determines. Man wasn't designed to be helpless victims of circumstances. He was not created to be a helpless creature in the world and to be overtaken by the world and his life to be an endless round of chaos and failure. The world wasn't supposed to be able to create havoc with the church, but the church was supposed to create havoc with the world.

When you read the events of our Lord's last few days, you will begin to understand what I mean. As you watch him, you see him moving toward the goal set by the Father, that he should die on a cross. Jesus is fully aware where he is heading and is in full control of the events that confront him. Nothing surprises him, because he trusts in the sovereignty of the Father directing everything behind the scenes. He dismisses Judas and most of the disciples to go out in the night. When the soldiers come to take him, He rebukes them, and they all fall down in fear. He could have easily have turned and fled, but he waits quietly for them to take Him. The only untroubled person in all that troubled account is the person of the Lord Jesus as he walks in total agreement with His Father's assignment for him. God was in control of every detail.



And that is what the Christian is called to do. The circumstances of our lives are sent by the Father—they are the program God has picked out for us, but our attitude in them is to master every event and not be taken by surprise.

There is a wonderful picture in the Old Testament book of Malachi. Malachi says that God sits as a refiner and purifier of silver (Malachi 3:2b-3). He puts the silver in the firing pot and builds a holy fire under it. As the silver melts, the dross begins to float to the surface. The silversmith sits and skims it, throwing away the dross as it arises. From time to time he bends over and looks into the pot. What is he trying to see? The reflection of his own image. When he can see his likeness in the silver, he knows that it is pure.



Does that not explain something about life to us? God is refining the silver until He can see His likeness again in us.



*Ted Buckley*

Pastor Ted Buckley

*we cannot control the wind, but we can direct the sail*

## OUR DEACON BOARD

# Pam Sharp



Hello Wellsville Baptist friends! As one of the church's deacons, I've been asked to write a little about myself so you can get to know me better. So as uncomfortable as it is to talk about myself, here goes:

I was raised in southeast Kansas, attending a Methodist Church regularly with my parents and sisters. When I

reached my 20's I made this faith my own and was re-baptized as a declaration of obedience and overwhelming love for Jesus. My passion has always been in women's ministry, encouraging

women and lifting them up as we all are in this incredible journey of how to be godly women together. I love to teach Bible study to other women because how could I not share who God is and what Jesus does? It's too much to keep inside.

Words that describe my life might be:

I live in Baldwin City with my husband Glen, who is an attorney in Paola. I work at Lawrence Memorial Hospital as a Medical Technologist- I'm one of those lab rats, but you never see me because I'm way back in the chemistry area testing your blood and helping doctors figure out what is wrong with you!



We have a daughter who lives in Liberty MO with her husband and my two GRANDSONS. We also have a son currently living in Germany who is in the US Air Force, and a severely handicapped son who now lives with a family in Lawrence.



In addition to being a military mom, I was an Army wife for 20 years as Glen served. Because of that I have attended many churches and many denominations over the years. We moved

12 times so that's a lot of churches!

Many of you will recognize me as being one of the pianists for our church. Playing the piano is how I worship-believe me you don't want to hear me sing those praise songs and hymns!! Thank you for putting up with all my musical mistakes these past 18 years I've been playing at Wellsville Baptist and not firing me....



I'm a listener and a woman who prays, so give me a call anytime when you'd appreciate a listening ear and some extra prayers.

Blessings,  
Pam Sharp



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

### Anniversaries

5-John & Staci Newhouse  
8-Bill & Julie Coffey  
10-Norman & Lesli Bissonnette  
14-Keith & Lori Rogers  
15-Fred & Wanda Schnoke, David & Dawn Schnoor



### Birthdays

2-Stephanie Guthrie  
3-David Robbs  
4-Zachery Strawn, Chase Kyle  
5-Elizabeth Strawn, Danielle Schnoor  
9-Penny Anderson, Ann Unruh  
10-Matt Skinner  
11-Glen Sharp, Jr., Judy O'Leary  
12-Bryson Owings  
19-Megan Lee  
29-Tim Thomasson, Ethan Strawn, Conner Thompson  
30-Jenny Robbs  
31-Emily Newhouse



### PRAYER CONCERNS

Dorothy Jones – skin cancer removal and recovering from shingles

Judy O'Leary – upcoming cataract surgery in August

Nancy Buckley – recovering from cataract surgery

Bruce Austin – Belinda Brown's friend – upcoming brain surgery

Felipe – Belinda Brown's daughter's co-worker – in his 40's and being tested for early onset Alzheimer's

Becky Dodd – Wellsville's City Librarian – recovering from knee surgery

Virginia Kramer – recovering from a broken hip

Keith Churchill – recovering from a leg infection

Dave Lowe – health concerns

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

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

Nash – Nicki Birdsall's young friend – diagnosed with leukemia

Linnaea Guy (parents Keith & Amanda) – Gail Crist's great-niece – 4-yr-old with leukemia and needs blood transfusions once a week

Amanda Guy's sister, Cindy – recovering from an auto accident & brain surgeries

Connie Gibson – Vesta Burbank's sister – diagnosed with cancer and needs radiation treatment

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

# August, 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 10:00 a Staff, 7:00 p 4-H in the Fellowship Hall	<b>2</b> 7:00 a– 7:00 p Elections in the Family Center	<b>3</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study	<b>4</b> 9:30 a Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study, 7:00 p Young Women's Bible Study, 7:00 p Board of Deacons	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 11:00 a Worship Services, 9:50 a Sunday School, 12:10 a Council meeting, 4:45 p Worship Team	<b>8</b> 10:00 a Staff	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study	<b>11</b> 9:30 a Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study, 10:00 a Bingo at Wellsville Retirement Center, 6:30 p Board of Christian Education	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 11:00 a Worship Services, 9:50 a Sunday School, 1:00 p Budget Committee, 4:45 p Worship Team	<b>15</b> 10:00 a Staff	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study	<b>18</b> 9:30 a Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21*</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	<b>22</b> 10:00 a Staff, 7:00 p Board of Trustees	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study	<b>25</b> 9:30 a Wellsville Retirement Center Bible study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> AWANA conference
<b>28*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, 11:00 a Worship Services, 9:50 a Sunday School, 4:45 p Worship Team	<b>29</b> 10:00 a Staff	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p Adult Bible study	*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		

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