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WOODLAND HILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH
preparing people for the coming Lord
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weekly schedule

SUNDAY
8:45am Coffee & Donuts
9:15am LifeGroups
10:30am Worship
6:00pm Worship & The Word

MONDAY
5:30pm Meal
6:15pm Celebration Place
6:30pm Celebrate Recovery

WEDNESDAY
6:00pm Children's Activities
6:00pm HillsPraise Choir Practice
6:00pm Youth
6:00pm Adult Bible Study

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CLEAR OBVIOUS WORSHIP

THIS HOPE

Sunday, June 12
10:30 & 6:00

Games
Fun for all ages
Featuring Dallas Christian Jazz Band
Volleyball
Softball
Youth Bake Sale
Children's Activities

WHBC Annual Memorial Day Picnic

Sunday, May 29
3:00pm-8:00pm
In the Grand Hall & Cage

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Crawfish, Hot Links, BBQ, plus all the trimmings

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Pictorial Directory
Final Dates: May 31, June 1, 2
Please call the toll free number
866-557-2253
if you have not made your appointment.

SNAC (Sunday Night After Church)
June 5 we are encouraging groups to go eat together and fellowship after the message. No small groups.

Baptism
Next Baptism is Sunday morning
June 12. Contact Bro. Kase
if interested in Baptism.

Friday & Saturday, June 24 -25
If you would like to donate items for the CR Garage Sale Fundraiser please drop items off on June 22 or 23. If you need your items picked up or have questions please contact Denise Bowens at 903-720-1028

CR garage sale

Baby/Child Dedication
Father's Day
June 19, 2016

If you would like your baby/child dedicated please call the church office or register online at whbchurch.com

Vacation Bible School
Family Fun Day Sunday at 6:00pm
Monday-Thursday
Meal 5:15pm VBS 6:00-8:30pm
VBS for babies through adults

JUNE 26-JUNE 30
FINDING JESUS



from my heart Bro. Charles Hunt

In 1912, marathon runner Shizo Kanakuri was chosen to represent Japan in the Summer Olympics at Stockholm, Sweden.

He began the race with the rest of the runners, but along the way was overcome with heat. He stopped at a garden party for some refreshment, but he stayed a little too

What are you going to do about it?

Recently I was around the table with a group of people and I just sat quietly and listened as the individuals shared what was on their heart. If I am honest with you, it was depressing and walking away there was an attitude of hopelessness in the air.

Trump/Clinton, Target and Transgender bathrooms, President Obama and leadership, and the economy and the pitiful oil market were all discussed heavily. But I just wonder my brothers and sisters; don't we still serve the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings? Is God not still in control?

Yes there are some tough issues ahead of us, but that is why the Lord has sent his 'lights' out into the darkness. Remember

"You are the light of the world! Let your light shine before others!" We can't complain about

long -- more than an hour. It was now, he thought, too late to get back in the race. He took a train to his hotel and caught a boat back home, too ashamed to tell anyone he was leaving.

For more than 50 years Shizo was listed as a missing person in Sweden, until a journalist finally found him; he had spent the last several decades living a quiet life in southern Japan.

In 1966 the Swedish Public Television network called him with an offer: Would you like to finish your run? The 85 year old Kanakuri accepted, and he traveled to Stockholm to finish the race he had started so many years before. This time he *did* cross the finish line; his final time was 54 years, 8 months, 6 days, 8 hours, 32 minutes and 20.3 seconds.

Paul said in his farewell, **"I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me..." (Acts 20:24)**

the world being dark, they are supposed to be dark. The problem is that as Christians many times we are not bringing in the light.

I remember several years ago I had a 'crank' powered flashlight. The flashlight didn't take batteries; but after you used it for a few minutes it would start to lose its power and it would get dull. To recharge the flashlight and get the power back you would have to crank the handle several times; then you would turn the light on and it would be blinding it was so bright.

As Christians we need our batteries charged on a regular basis, we need our 'cranks' turned, and that is one of the reasons that the church exists. We want you and your family and your friends to get connected so that your batteries can be charged so that you can go into the world and shine brightly for Christ. Ephesians 4:12 tells us that we exist to 'equip the saints for the work of ministry.' In other words get charged up and then go and get to work!

It's great to start the Christian life by being saved. But we must remember, that's just the beginning! There is a race of life that must continue on. Don't quit in the middle of it...keep going.

I know it's summer and I am 100% in favor of everyone taking a vacation and taking time off to rest, refresh and rejuvenate. But I also know from experience, many just start slacking off because it is summer. We still need to be faithful in worship...even in the summer.

If you have already quit and you're sitting, doing nothing, remember this...It's never too late to get back in the race. You can start running again today. The finish line is still where it used to be.

We should stop and thank God daily that He has seen fit to choose us to be in the race for His glory!

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,
Bro. Charles

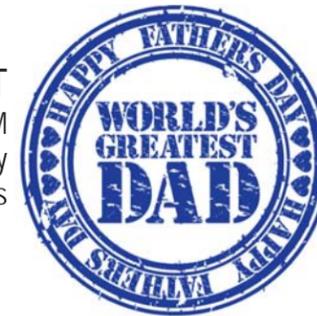
Is there ungodliness at your job? Is there ungodliness at your school? Go on in and turn the light on and let the folks see Jesus! But don't forget to recharge the batteries, be faithful and do not forsake the 'charging stations.' If you have not connected with a LIFE-Group then you are really missing out on a WONDERFUL charging station. What are you waiting on? Stop putting it off! Get your family involved in a LIFE-Group; it will change your life!

Bro. Kason Kuykendall



FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL BREAKFAST

Grand Hall, 9:15 AM
Special breakfast prepared by the Ladies for all Men and Boys



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, BURL CAIN

Burl Cain was Warden of Angola Prison from 1995 to January 1, 2016. Cain's spiritual journey at Angola began just a few months after he became the prison's warden in 1995 in watching a lethal injection execution of an inmate who had been convicted of murdering his mother-in-law. Cain had not asked the man about his eternal security, and that fact burdened him to the point he knew he had to do something.

From that day on, Cain vowed to ask men about their relationship with God, knowing the eternal importance of a changed life. And, in realizing the value of moral rehabilitation for lessening violence, the opportunity to set up a prison program with New Orleans Seminary "just fell in my lap." The four-year NOBTS program, started in 1995, has produced 278 inmate graduates. Some have even transferred to other prisons as missionaries.

Now, Cain said, instead of inmates committing crimes, they are witnessing to other inmates, studying for a seminary test or holding a Bible study. Thousands of inmates have professed Christ as Lord and Savior, and violence has decreased by 85 percent among the 6,300 inmates.

BIRTHDAYS

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| 2-Linda Pierce | 11-Maddox Kuykendall | 17-Toby Mullikin | 25-Julie Graham |
| 4-Morgan Eidson | 11-Ellie Murray | 17-Pia Newton | 25-Ron LeGrand |
| 4-Anthony Nickleberry | 11-Aspen Nickleberry | 18-Larry Frase | 25-Jayden Locke |
| 4-Mark Purifoy | 12-Justin Hall | 19-Nicole Davidson | 26-Jackie Allen |
| 5-George Brown | 13-Linnie Crump | 20-Emily Snider | 26-Carolyn Turner |
| 5-Nikki Campbell | 13-Anthony Nickleberry | 20-Peyton Sullivan | 27-Ashley Nguyen |
| 5-Sybil Gray | 13-Kaitlyn Stewart | 20-Kaytlin White | 27-Angie Roadcap |
| 5-Mindy Hamilton | 14-Cami Ellis | 21-Katrina Richardson | 27-Steve Snider |
| 6-Betty Crump | 14-Jackie Gilbreath | 21-Greg Stewart | 28-Evan Chen |
| 6-Leslie Hunt | 14-Bobby Marsh | 22-Jennifer Chen | 28-Thomas Graves |
| 7-Juanita Gibson | 16-Evelyn Johnson | 22-Lauren Gurley | 28-Charlie Hunt |
| 7-Brooklyn Hudson | 16-Ricky Lamar | 22-Debbie McGrew | 29-Linda Evans |
| 7-L.J. Spruiell | 17-Kristin Byrd | 23-Heath Dykes | 29-Noah Goza |
| 7-Jennifer Spruiell | 17-Landon Fenton | 23-Donald Spruiell | 30-Kristin Cage |
| 8-Mark Alford | 17-Mike Fincher | 24-Abigayle Daugherty | 30-Jared Persinger |
| 9-Betty Choate | | | |
| 9-Macey Griffith | | | |
| 9-Connie Parrish | | | |
| 11-Mason Kuykendall | | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1-Carl & Audrey Edwards | 9-Bill & Nancie Darby |
| 1-Michael & Alison Hill | 9-Heath & Pam Dykes |
| 2-Daryl & Debby Liles | 10-Mike & Barbara Taylor |
| 2-Sidney & Linda Pierce | 11-Mike & Linda Riddick |
| 2-Bob & Sherrie Ponder | 15-Phil & Lisa Townsend |
| 3-Mark & Dianne Purifoy | 18-Milton & Nalda Gibson |
| 6-Shannon & Tina Clark | 18-Christopher & Ashley Layton |
| 6-Jeff & Ashley Goza | 19-Jonah & Nicole Davidson |
| 6-Luis & Linda Trevino | 21-Jon & Tina Cooper |
| 7-Jim & Jennifer Hargett | 23-Jonathan & Stacy Pevey |
| | 27-Jason & Ashley Hunt |

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WOODLAND HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

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SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATES

June 14, 2016

10:30am Choir

11:30am Lunch (church provides meat & drinks)

Please bring a side dish or dessert

12:00pm Games

June 28, 2016

10:30am Choir

11:30am Leave for New London

New London Museum & Fountain

Cost: \$5 for Museum + Lunch



EAST TEXAS *Oil Museum*



June 24 - We had a great time on our field trip to McKay's and East Texas Oil Museum. Our own Bro Clark Sexton gave us the first class tour!

SOLES FOR SOULS
April 1 - June 30

WE are now in the LAST MONTH of our shoe drive! We currently have 120 bags of shoes towards our 300 bag goal. We will be collecting shoes of any kind, boots, sneakers, heels, sandals, flip-flops, cleats, (anything you can wear on your feet). These can be turned in at the Connection Center. These shoes will be cleaned and shipped to developing nations to help start micro-enterprises. Our children's ministry will receive \$0.40 per pound that will go towards the cost of summer camp. If you need to arrange for pick up, you can call the church office. (903) 757-3110

**WILD
WEDNESDAYS**
6:00-7:00

MEANWHILE...

DISCOVER
THE FUN!
The Upper Room
Children's Ministry

JUNE, 2016

Wednesdays this summer will be real, will be fun, and will be messy! Wednesdays Activities for children will consist of lots of Messy games as we teach lessons from the Bible where God redeems messy situations and show children that God loves them no matter how messy their lives may have become. Invite friends and come ready to learn, ready to grow, and ready to get WILD about Jesus!!!

Wednesday Evenings 6:00 -7:00 pm

Sunday School Preview:

June 5—Israel demanded a King
June 12—God rejected Saul as King
June 19—David was anointed and Fought Goliath
June 26—David and Jonathan became Friends

COOL!



**FINDING
JESUS**

JUNE 26-JUNE 30

Vacation Bible School is one of the BIGGEST outreaches that our church has the opportunity to host. During this one, crazy week, we have the ability to transform the walls of our church into a child's adventure. Through the stories, games, & songs, VBS allows us to teach the message of salvation, and bring children to Christ. WOW! What an opportunity! This year our VBS theme is Finding Jesus and will start with Registration and Family Night on June 26th and will run until June 30th. Times are 6:00pm - 8:30pm. We need YOU! There are many different needed areas of service still open. There can be no greater JOY than seeing young people give their lives to Christ or grow spiritually. Would you be willing to help this year?



JUNE, 2016

The Latest News & Information
About WHBC Student Ministries



Senior Recognition

Building Trust with Kids Requires Your Honesty

Jim Burns

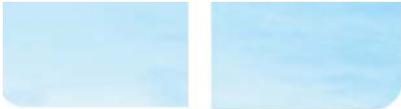
In addressing the relationship between parents and their teenagers, often the emphasis focuses on helping teens build more trust with their parents. But the truth is that many kids don't trust their parents! What is it that causes teens not to trust their parents? In my experience, most teenagers identify the source of their lack of trust in parents as the result of seeing firsthand that their parents are less than honest with them. Jesus commands His followers, "Simply let your 'yes' be 'yes,' and your 'no' be 'no'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one." (Matthew 5:37.)

Let's face facts: no parent is perfect. Still, as parents we are called to live our lives with integrity. Because we serve as our children's role models for life and faith, we need to be very careful in how we live our lives before our kids. Your kids don't need your perfection, they need your honesty, and especially when you fail to follow through on something you said you would do. How can you increase your "honesty" quotient and, as a result, your trust level with your kids?

1. Think before you promise. Ask yourself, "If I make this promise, can I keep my word?"
 2. If you can't keep your word, don't promise. It's much better to say, "I'm going to try my hardest to get to your game tomorrow, but I can't promise you I'll make it" and not make it, than to say, "I'll be there for sure!" and not show up.
 3. Think before you act. When it occurs to you that you can't keep your word, be sure to evaluate the message it will send your son or daughter. Then, consider how you can minimize the resulting damage if you truly can't keep your verbal commitment.
 4. Ask for your child's forgiveness when you fail to keep your word. Don't sweep your failures under the carpet. Face them head on. Apologize and ask for forgiveness.
- Honesty and integrity are two vital parts of trust in any relationship. Keeping your word with your kids is always the best policy. When your track record as a parent is one of consistent honesty, trust between you and your teen will grow.



Camp Reminder:
Be at the church at
11:00am on Monday, June 6th



IS THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL FOR AMERICA?

By Dr. Franklin Graham



There is no doubt that the tens of thousands know that America is in deep trouble and on the verge of total moral and spiritual collapse—unless God intervenes.



Like me, they have no hope in either the Democratic or Republican party. They know our only hope is in Almighty God. Unless we repent and turn quickly to Him for forgiveness and restoration, our nation will no longer be the city on the hill that has helped bring the illuminating light of Biblical truth to the world.

Never before have I seen such a sharp rift in the moral and spiritual fabric of our country. The Cross of Christ has become the deep divide between a growing segment of our population that no longer fears God and those who follow Christ as Lord and Savior.

In this secular age, the influence of Biblical principles and values has diminishing impact upon education, government and politics. More young people than ever before claim no religious affiliation at all. We Christians are not just simply tolerated—we are under constant, unrelenting assault for our beliefs and practices.

The Cross of Christ is the dividing line between the righteous and the unrighteous, between the deceitfully dark powers of evil and the liberating light of the Gospel, between the virtues of godly living and the unfettered lusts of corrupt, debased passions. The wisdom and power of the Cross appears as more and more foolishness to those who suppress the truth and rebel against its claims.

Not long before Daniel was cast into the lion's den by the Persian king Darius, he was called into the presence of the last Babylonian king, Belshazzar, after the king witnessed the fingers of a human hand writing on the wall in his palace. This sudden, divine event occurred as the king and his court were reveling in debauchery and idolatry, drinking wine from the golden vessels that had been carried away by the Babylonians from the Jerusalem temple.

As the king saw a hand writing on the wall of plaster, he instantly was alarmed and frightened. Daniel interpreted the meaning of the strange inscription Belshazzar had seen, telling him that his kingdom was about to come to an end, that he had been weighed in God's divine balance and found wanting, and that his vast kingdom would be handed over to a new world power, the Medes and Persians.

That very night, Belshazzar was killed and the Medes and Persians entered Babylon.

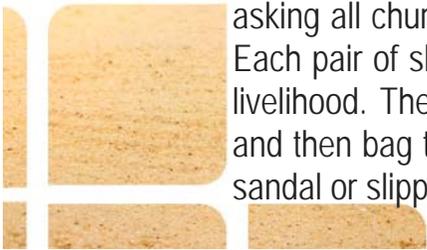
I wonder if the handwriting is now on the wall for America. Has God decided that our idolatry, immorality and godlessness has become such a stench in His nostrils that we as a people will experience a harsh form of divine judgment? Have our iniquities grown so foul and vast that we will reap the bitter harvest of our wickedness and rebellion against Almighty God?

I don't know the answer to that, but I do believe that God is able to restore and heal us if we repent of our sins—personal and corporate—and turn to Him in humility and reverence. The Bible tells us that the Lord is patient toward us, "not willing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

We are a people and nation in imminent danger. We mock God, ridicule His Word and His ways, and flaunt gross immorality. Only Almighty God can deliver us, and it is our fervent prayer as we go across America in the months to come, that He will hear our prayers and heal our land.



SPECIAL EVENT SOLES FOR SOULS SUNDAY



On Sunday, June 26th, we will have a special emphasis day for our Children's Ministry. On this Sunday, we are asking all church member to leave the shoes they wear to church in the place they are sitting. Each pair of shoes will represent a family to be assisted with a new source of income for their livelihood. The children will gather the shoes at the close of the service and pray over them, and then bag them up to be sent to Funds2orgs. For those not able to leave barefoot, a small sandal or slipper might be handy to bring along.



June 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Memorial Weekend Picnic 3:00-8:00pm	30 Happy Memorial Day! Church Office Closed	31 Shamgar 8:30am Directory Photos Tall Tuesdays/ College 6:30pm	1 Directory Photos	2 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Directory Photos Eden Place Meal/ Service Hosted by Youth 6:00pm	3 Adult Game Night 6:00pm	4
5 SNAC (Sunday Night After Church)	6	7 Shamgar 8:30am Kindermusik 10:00am	8	9 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8:00am
←————— Youth Camp —————→						
12 Baptism AM Service This Hope 10:30am & 6:00pm	13	14 Kindermusik 10:00am HillToppers 10:30am	15	16 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	17	18
19 Father's Day Breakfast 9:15am Baby Dedication 10:30am No PM Service	20	21 Shamgar 8:30am Kindermusik 10:00am	22	23 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Page Place II 6:30pm	24	25
26 Soles 4 Souls Sunday	27	28 HillToppers 10:30am Kindermusik 10:00am Vacation Bible School	29	30 Hawkins Creek 10:15am		
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