

the connection

Winter Banquet

Sunday February 18 at 6:00pm
in the Grand Hall
Cedar Creek Band, Special Guests

Cost \$7.50 per person
\$20 Maximum per Family

Barbeque Meal is Catered

Buy your tickets online, from the Church Office
or at the Connection Center.

Woodland Hills Prayer Group

If you would like to receive prayer requests through the Prayer Group and are not already on the list please email kaye@whbchurch.com or call the church office at 903-757-3110.



Sun, Feb 4
10:30am
We are blessed to be able to have Matt Wilder with Adams Road.

Adam's Road Piano provides an in-depth journey through the Gospel in spoken word and music: a time of worshipful piano music played to the praise and glory of Jesus Christ. The story of God's love through the Gospel is passionately shared. Matt Wilder grew up in a faithful Mormon home and served a LDS mission in Denmark. When his younger brother became a Christian and encouraged him to read the Bible this set in motion Matt's transformation to a follower of Jesus. He plays the piano, accordion and does vocals for Adam's Road. He is married with one daughter.



Sunday, February 4
5:30pm

Check with your LifeGroup for time and location or meet at Jason's Deli Please register your children online for a "SUPER" time at the church.

Children will meet from 5:15 - 8:00





few things that will certainly be noticeable in your life IF Jesus is really Lord...

1)...When Jesus is Lord, you make a personal commitment to Him.

It's not enough for the Jesus to be Lord over Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He must be my Lord. You personally must place him in your life as Lord.

2)...When Jesus is Lord, you worship Him

I'm not just talking about coming to church...I'm talking about worshipping Him day and night. If Jesus is truly Lord, you'll worship Him at home, driving in the car, taking a walk, anywhere you are. The worship does not end.

3)...When Jesus is Lord, you will give back to Him

That begins with the tithe but it certainly doesn't end there. Remember when the kids were little, at Christmas we would take them to the store and give them some money to buy presents for Mama and Daddy. Then on Christmas we'd open those

presents and be so thankful our kids bought us something for Christmas. But the real truth was, we bought them with our own money.

That's Jesus. We're able to give and share and then feel good about what we've done...and that's great. But the real truth is, it is God who is paying for it all. Where just the vessels that He uses.

Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,

Bro Charles

*I have loved
YOU with an
EVERLASTING
Love.*

*I have DRAWN
YOU with
loving-kindness*
Jeremiah 31:5



January was a tremendous month at Woodland Hills...but now it's gone! We get ready for February... IF THE LORD WILLS. Some exciting things are coming, special services you don't want to miss! There's so much talk in the church today about making Jesus Lord. First of all, He already is Lord...there's nothing you can do about that. What you can do is make sure He is Lord of your life. How do you know when Jesus is really Lord? Here's a



HillToppers Banquet
Tuesday, February 13 at 11:00am
 Special Guest are
 Jim Bob & Louverl Griffin
 Please join us for this free event!



BFE Building Dedication
Sunday, February 11 at 5:00pm
 No Children/Preschool Choirs or
 Evening Services




Building for Eternity
 Dedication Sunday, February 11






How to Overcome Fear and Share Your Faith

by Warren Olson

In all my years of ministry, I've found there's one topic of conversation that provokes more fear and anxiety than any other: sharing our faith. Many Christians would rather go swimming with sharks than explain the Gospel to a lost friend or family member!

There are many reasons why men and women of Christ are afraid to share what they believe with others. They're worried they'll come across as insensitive. They think people don't want to hear the Gospel. Or, faith just isn't a proper topic of conversation among them and their friends. Most often, however, most people fear sharing the Gospel because they don't know how to take a regular conversation and make it a spiritual one. They can't get from A to B!

Most men and women of faith can explain what they believe when I talk to them. They talk about how Jesus died for them and that by faith, they're saved from their sins and given the gift of eternal life. "That's exactly right!" I tell them. But when you ask them to say those very same words to an unbeliever, they start shaking, stuttering, and can't get the words out of their mouths!

But what if instead of starting a conversation with, "Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior?", we shared the

Gospel conversationally? I know this has helped Virginia and me as we've shared Christ, even with strangers. We allow them to talk about themselves, make chitchat and ask, "Do you attend a church?" or "How can we pray for you?" In conversations like these, we've found that people are open and willing to share once they know there's a listening ear.

Another on-ramp to spiritual conversation is to meet people at their need. If someone is in the hospital, they're usually willing to allow you to pray for them and speak God's truth into their lives. And if their health is failing quickly, they'll typically be open to hearing about how they can be sure of their eternal destiny.

One of the most difficult groups of people to engage is very often the one you know the best... your own family. This group is difficult because your family knows you. They know your weaknesses and shortcomings, and you may be afraid of sounding hypocritical by sharing the message of Christ.

But the advantage you have with your family is that you're able to give them little pieces of spiritual truth each time you see them. You can give thanks for your meal before you eat or bring biblical truth into a conversation when appropriate. These nuggets of truth can serve as on-ramps to deeper spiritual conversation.

Sharing the Gospel isn't always easy, but you can do it with anyone simply by having a conversation. It's my prayer that these simple on-ramps will help you overcome fear and share your faith with everyone around you!

What a tremendous Focus 2018 Bible Conference. Here's a few highlights from our Tuesday luncheon.



Tuesday, February 13 at 11:00am

I Love My Church Banquet
with Guests Jim Bob & Louverl Griffin

Tuesday, February 27 at 11:00am

Join us in the Chapel beginning at 11:00am for a time of worship. Following in the Fellowship Hall for lunch.

The Upper Room Children's Ministry

Heart To Heart

This month, our AWANA clubbers will be making homemade Valentine 's and taking them to residents of our local assisted living facilities and nursing home facilities. On February 14, we will load the bus at 6:10 to head over and spread some love through cards and visits. If you would like to create a Valentine to be passed out, you can turn it in at the Connection Center or give it to Christy.

Family New Year Challenge

Turn in Challenges on February 4th into the box at our Sunday School Sign in table. Two families will get a prize pack loaded with fun goodies for the whole family.

- a family with the most missions completed
- a family whose challenge guide is completed through random selection

The winners will be announced on the WHBC Children's Ministry Facebook page and notified through email.

AWANA

February 7 - Caring Cards Night

February 14 - RED Night

February 21 - Music Night

February 28 - Bible Drill Night

Sunday School Preview

February 4 - Paul's First Journey

February 11 - The Message: Christ Alone

February 18 - Paul's Second Journey

February 25 - Paul Preached in Europe

Kid's Praise Children's Choir

February Schedule:

No Choir February 4, 11, 18

February 28 from 6:00-7:00pm

Kids Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 4 from 5:30-8:00

Children K-5th grade join us in The Grand Hall for a great time of snacks, games, Bible Bowl, and more!!!

Sunday School January Preview

February 4

Paul's Conversion and Baptism

February 11

Paul's First Journey

February 18

The Message "Christ Alone"

February 25

Paul's Second Journey

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

YIPPEEE!!!

February 25 only

No Preschool Praise

February 4, 11, 18



FEBRUARY, 2018

sprouts

Preschool Ministry

Ages 2 (by Sept 1, 2017) - PreK



AWANA Theme Nights

(Shelter Kidz Project Items)

Wednesdays in February

7-Caring Cards

(Bubbles)

14-Wear Red Night

(Travel size Hand Lotion)

17-Music Night -

Bring a Musical Instrument

(Sun Glasses)

24-Missionary Night

(Bubble Gum)

COOL!

Dates to
Remember

February 4
Super Bowl
Parties 5:15-8:00

February 11
5:00pm
Children & Preschool
Building Dedication

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP



Month of February:
Series Overview

In this series, as kids learn how to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, they will see how to take their relationship with Him to a new level--
OFF THE RAILS!

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FEB, 2018
 WHBC Student
 Ministries
 Newsletter
 "You are the light
 of the world."
 Matt 5:14

Winter Jam

March 10

Cost is \$15 plus money for fast food. \$15 must be paid by February 28

Big Game Party

February 4 5:30-8:00pm

Join us as we hang out together for fun, food, and prizes! Please bring a 2-liter soda or dessert.

Abide 2018

What a great DNOW weekend we had. We had at least 3 of our own group come to know Christ as their personal Savior! Thank you church for praying for us as we dug down deep in to what it means to "ABIDE in Christ!"



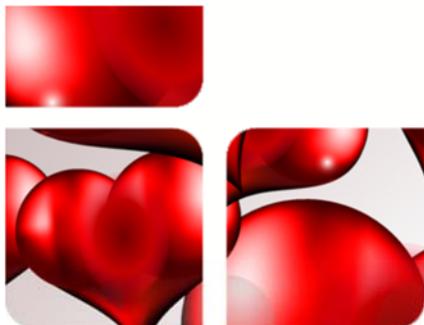
Five Tips for Having a Great "Date Night" With Your Kids

Jim Burns -President of HomeWord and Executive Director of the HomeWord Center for Youth and Family at Azusa Pacific University

Many parents look for the latest parenting fad to help their kids grow into mature adults. Yet one key component for building kids' lives is right in front of them: investing time, energy, and a commitment to "be there" for their kids. A regular, one-on-one 'date night' with each of your teenagers is a great place to begin intentionally investing in the overall health and growth of your child.

Here are five tips for having a great 'date night' with your kids:

- 1) Choose to do something your kids want to do. Sometimes, when parents want to do something together with their kids, they'll select an activity that they have interest in, but their kids do not. If you really want to create a positive "date night" culture where your kids want to hang out with you, try doing things that the kids are interested in. And remember, "date nights" don't have to be complicated! They can be as simple as taking your child out to get an ice cream cone or throwing a Frisbee around in the yard.
- 2) Communicate. Be sure to engage your son or daughter in conversation during your "date night." Don't start by talking about your "list" of concerns you have about your child. Instead, talk about anything and everything. Ask your kids about their interests, opinions, and feelings.
- 3) Listen. Don't dominate "date night" conversation. Communication is a two way street, so be sure to work at listening. Listening is the language of love. Through listening, you demonstrate that you value your kids. When you take the time to really pay attention, show empathy, and listen---you are taking a key step in connecting with your kids. When kids know that their parents will really listen (instead of immediately "correcting") they will be more willing to talk.
- 4) Display affection. Even though teenagers are in the process of becoming adults and separating from their parents, they still need your affection. In fact, sexual promiscuity in teenage girls can often be traced back to a desire for (and lack of) affection from their fathers. Dads, be sure to offer your kids genuine affection through loving words, affirmation, encouragement, small gifts, and appropriate touch.
- 5) Never embarrass your kids in front of their peers. A "date night" activity might take you onto your son or daughter's "territory" -- to a place where they may run into some of their peers. Gentle teasing is one thing, but embarrassing your kids in front of their peers can destroy all of the connection you are working to build with your teen. Show respect to your kids and they'll be more willing to hang out with you---and your "date nights" will be much more enjoyable as well.

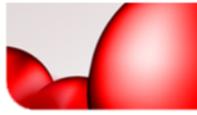


February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Eden Place Meal/Service Hosted by Berean LifeGroup 6:00pm	2 Adult Game Night 6:00pm	3
4 Matt Wilder of Adam's Road 10:30am Super Bowl Parties 5:30-8:00pm	5 LifeGroup Coed & Sr Couples Meeting 6:00pm	6 Shamgar 8:30am Bible Study 6:30pm	7 Arabella Service 10:00am	8 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Women's Ministry Meeting 6:00pm	9	10
11 Deacon's Meeting 12:15pm Building Dedication 5:00pm (No Evening Service)	12	13 HillToppers I Love My Church Banquet 11:00am Bible Study 6:30pm	14 Arabella Service 10:00am	15 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	16	17 Kindermusik Playdate 10:00am
18 Winter Banquet 6:00pm	19	20 Shamgar 8:30am Bible Study 6:30pm	21 Arabella Service 10:00am	22 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Page Place II 6:30pm	23	24
25	26	27	28			
		HillToppers 11:00am Bible Study 6:30pm	Arabella Service 10:00am			

Easter is early this year....April 1! We are collecting plastic eggs and non-chocolate, individually wrapped candy for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza! If you can help please bring your donations to the office or drop them off at the Connection Center.





8 Habits That Lead to Divorce **Bro. Kason Kuykendall**



Recently I read an article by Dave Willis where he outlined various habits that lead to divorce. I have summarized his article and placed the main points below: Every married couple has exchanged vows which promise “til death do us part,” but for far too many marriages, their dreams of “forever” are crushed by divorce. According to government stats from the CDC, America averages one divorce every 36 seconds. That’s roughly 2,400 divorces each day, 16,800 divorces every week and 876,000 divorces per year.

So, how do we stop this epidemic of broken marriages? To bring it even closer to home, how should YOU protect YOUR marriage? I’m convinced that if you’ll avoid these 12 common bad “habits,” you’ll be well on your way to beating the divorce statistics and creating a healthy and happy marriage that will endure through every season of life.

- **Constant Criticism-**

When you get a warning light on your car’s dashboard, it means there’s something wrong under the hood that needs immediate attention. One of the biggest “warning lights” in a marriage is a ton e of constant criticism . When a husband and wife start being each other’s biggest critics instead of the biggest encouragers and when they start focusing only on the negative instead of the positive, it creates a downward spiral that often leads to divorce.

- **Dividing Everything Into “His” and “Hers-**

When a husband and wife have separate bank accounts, separate hobbies, separate friends and separate dreams, they’re running the risk of creating completely separate lives. Marriage is about combining; divorce is about dividing. The more you can share together, the stronger your marriage will be.

- **Putting the Marriage “On Hold” While Raising Kids**

I’ve seen too many marriages fall apart because two well-meaning people put so much focus on their kids that they forgot to keep investing in the marriage. Some couples reduce their relationship to a partnership in co-parenting, and when the kids finally grow up, they discover that they have created an empty nest and an empty marriage. Give your children the gift that comes from seeing their parents in a loving, thriving marriage.

- **Giving Each Other Your “Leftovers”-**

Some couples have what I call a “cable company marriage.” Have you ever noticed how Cable TV companies seem to give you their very best deals and service at the beginning of the relationship but then after the “introductory period” ends, they give you as little as possible to still keep you around? Some married couples were great at giving their best at the beginning of the relationship, but as time goes on, they start giving the leftovers. Strive to keep giving your best to each other. Grow deeper in your love, your respect and your friendship through all the seasons of marriage.

- **Making Decisions Without Consulting Your Spouse-**

Our pride can often convince us that we don’t have to answer to anyone, and we should be able to make decisions without consulting anyone. Pride has been the downfall of so many marriages. The healthiest couples have learned that EVERY decision they make as individuals will have some level of impact on each other, so they respectfully and thoughtfully consult each other in every decision.

- **Trying to Change Each Other-**

When you try to “change” your spouse, you will BOTH end up frustrated. As you’ve probably learned already, you can’t change each other; you can only love each other. The only part of the marriage you have the power to change is the part you see when you look in the mirror. Be willing to change your responses to your spouse’s behavior. Look for ways to love and serve each other even when you have differences of perspective or preference. You’ll both probably end up “changing” for the better in the process.

- **Planning an Exit Strategy-**

The healthiest couples have removed the “D-Word” (Divorce) from their vocabularies. When we threaten divorce or when we silently start fantasizing about life with someone new, we’re ripping apart the foundation of the marriage. The couples who make it work aren’t the ones who never had a reason to get divorced; they’re simply the ones whose commitment to each other was always bigger than their differences and flaws.

- **Selfishness-**

We are ALL selfish by nature, but a marriage can only work when we put our selfishness aside and put the needs of our spouse ahead of our own needs. When BOTH spouses are willingly to selflessly love and serve each other in this way, the

marriage will thrive. The hard part is that YOU must be willing to go first and be selfless even in those moments when he/she is not reciprocating. Your actions might turn the tide. Choose to be a thermostat; not a thermometer. A thermometer always adjusts to the climate in a room, but thermostat CHANGES the climate in the room. Be the change. You probably have more influence than you think!



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February Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-Tom Moore
1-Steve Stevenson
2-Clara Cornell
2-Holly Fondren
4-Paige Bishop
4-Will Cantrell
4-Sandra Smith
5-Steve Barnett
5-Britni Nichols
5-Paul Spencer
5-Sidney Waalwyk
6-Sean Downey
7-Becky Hunt
8-Addison Barker
9-Chad Ashby
9-Gordon Bevis
9-Samuel Childress
9-Lance Lassen
9-Makenna Perkins

9-Rylan Perkins
9-Kyle Roadcap
9-George Strain
10-Kase Kuykendall
11-Kaelyn Elliott
11-Laurie Luther
11-Vernon Mosley
12-Julie Carlson
12-Brady Wheeler
13-Bryan Beck
13-Brooklyn Folmar
13-Jake Honeycutt
13-Beverly Warren
14-James Albritton
15-Melissa Clayton
15-Pam Dykes
15-James Owen
16-Ethan Roadcap
16-Kaylee Sampson

17-Tina Cooper
17-Stacey Perkins
17-Phebe Reel
18-Shelby Phariss
20-Wes Markum
20-Ramon McCauley
20-Tyla Ruiz
20-Lana Snider
21-Ashley Goza
21-Jamey Green
21-Madilyn McNeal
22-DeAnne Anderson
22-Lena Cooper
22-Derrill Davis
22-Laura Jones
22-Marianne McBride
22-Carol Modisette
23-Kaitlyn Allen
23-Eli Daniels

23-Isaac Davidson
24-LaDonna Blair
24-Kelly Decker
24-Shelby Folmar
25-Jay Donnell
25-Kari Krchnak
25-Rickey Rogers
25-Evie White
26-Sherrie Ponder
26-Hensley Walker
26-Kelci Wilson
27-Nancie Darby
27-Jase Mehrens
27-Lessie Perkins
27-Leann Spencer
27-Bradynn Williams
28-Jude Hargett

4-Daniel & Lindy Golden
5-Mark & K'Dawn O'Rear
6-Josh & Rebekah Hedgpeth
10-Ron & Pearl Cherry
11-Tom & Gloria Williams
14-Lonnie & Laura Jones
14-Ken & Margie Morgan

14-Keith & Paula Parker
16-Leon & Bonnie Lovett
17-Scott & Jeanie Simpson
20-Robert & Sonya Hoch
21-Curtis & Jackie Allen
23-Daniel & Brandy Wooley
25-Dean & Peggy Rogers

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weekly schedule

SUNDAY
8:45am Coffee & Donuts
9:15am LifeGroups
10:30am Worship
5:00pm Bible Drill/4-6th graders
6:00pm Children/Preschool Choirs
6:00pm Worship & The Word

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

WEDNESDAY
5:15pm Fellowship Meal
6:00pm AWANA
6:00pm BLAST!
6:00pm HillsPraise Choir Practice
6:00pm Youth
6:15pm Adult Bible Study

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