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Longview, TX



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

SUNDAY
8:45am Coffee & Donuts
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
5:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Preschool & Children Choirs
6:00pm Worship & The Word

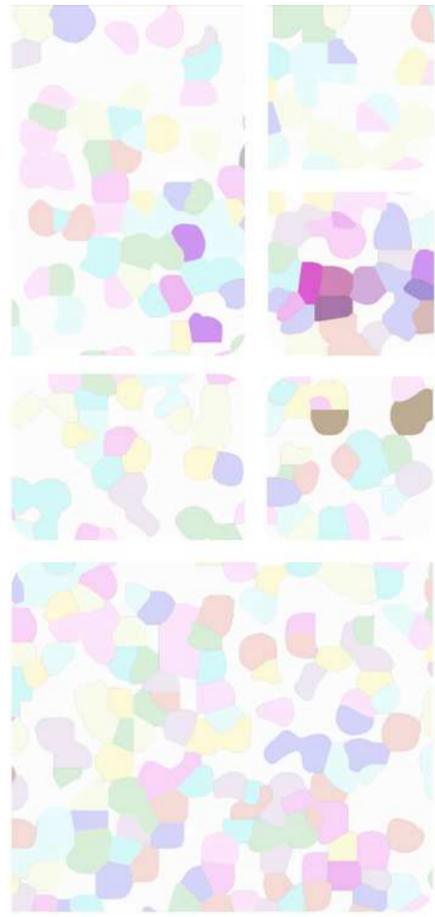
MONDAY
5:30pm Meal
6:15pm Celebration Place
6:30pm Celebrate Recovery

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

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Save the Dates!

- **Doctrine** continues on Sunday Evenings at 6:00pm.
- **April 9** - All adult LifeGroups will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:15 for a joint study regarding "Personal Evangelism."
- **April 9** - Baptism during morning service. Contact Bro. Kase for more information.
- **April 16 - Easter Sunday** - Service at 10:00am (No LifeGroups). Lord's Supper Service at 6:00pm in the Grand Hall.
- **April 22-29** - Cruise with us!
- **April 23** - New Men's LifeGroup Class Begins. Anthony Coleman will lead this class and it will focus on Men ages 20's to 40's. The class will meet in room A-212. Contact Bro. Kase for more information.



Connection Class April 5

Are you new to Woodland Hills? Maybe you are curious about what we believe, or are vision, values, and the way that we carry out ministry? Maybe you have been attending Woodland Hills for a while, but you want to know how to take the next step to get more involved.

We want to invite you to attend 'Connection' where we will cover these vital topics. You will also get a chance to tour the facilities so that you will never get lost again. You will gain all the information to take the next step and get involved in serving and using your gifts here at WHBC. Come join Bro. Kase in the Conference Room, and bring any questions that you have and we will do our best to answer.

Sign up online at whbchurch.com or contact Bro. Kase at 903-235-8913 or church office at 903-757-3110.

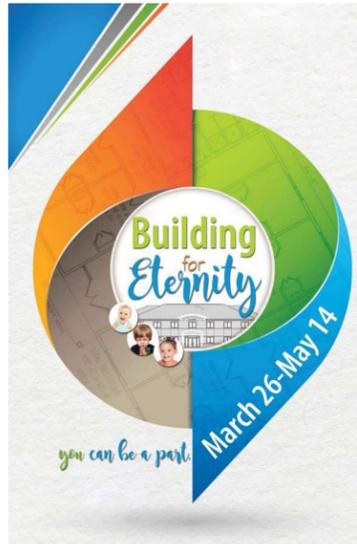


Monthly Newsletter of
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the connection



Food, Inflatables, Rides, Games, Petting Zoo, 10,000 Eggs
Easter Event Like No Other Fun for the Whole Family



Building for Eternity

March 26 - May 14, 2017
Woodland Hills voted in our last Business Meeting to begin raising funds to build a new Preschool and Children's Building. Begin praying now about what God would have you do to make this a reality!

Deacon Installation

Sunday, April 2
10:30am Worship Service

John Fondren
Kyle Roadcap

Fondren Family



Roadcap Family





from my heart
Bro. Charles Hunt

We're just days away from celebrating Easter...the most important day in a Christians life. I just want to remind you...Jesus is still just as alive today as He was on Easter morning. In John 11: 25 Jesus said ... I am the resurrection and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." There is a saying, "It isn't over until the fat lady sings."

The darkest time of the world was the three days Jesus lay in the grave. The disciples thought it was over. Today many people think that when you die it is over. It was not over for the disciples. It is not over for any of us. Before every human being there is a door marked "Death." The other side of the door is marked "Results of your living." What the other side of the door reveals is the balancing of the books of life. Only one event will balance the score of life...the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

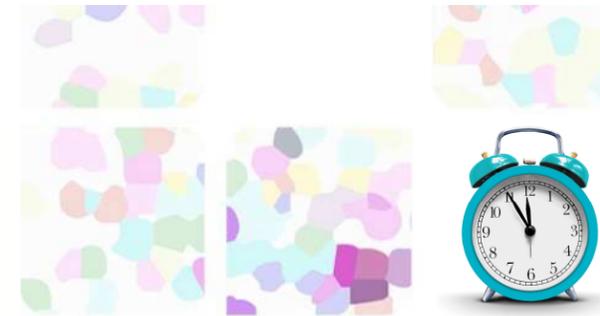
The Resurrection is one event that will determine if you pay or Jesus pays for you. For you individually that one event takes place when you stand at the foot of cross and give your life, dying to self as Jesus died on the cross for you. This puts one moment of your life into a life of self-crucifixion living the life of Christ. Paul describes this kind of living: "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians : 20). It is a one-time resurrection experience.

The Resurrection is a promise. It is a promise of full and abundant life. It is not giving up the good life, but living the good life. The Resurrection gives happy living, joyous living. It is trading the Devil's counterfeit living for real living. The worldly life of this world promises far more than it can fulfill. It always cries for more and more. It never fully satisfies. Only Jesus can say, "I give them life." "I give satisfaction," Jesus says, "I give eternal life, life that never perishes."

The Resurrection is also a message. It is good news. You can tell it to everyone. You can shout it from the roof top. You don't need to guard it. In fact you don't have to fear telling it. It will not only bring joy to the hearer; you will find your greatest joy in telling others. The world is waiting to hear it. Those who sit alone in the darkness will rejoice to hear it. Telling it will change you as well as those who hear it.

There's a lot of exciting things happening at Woodland Hills...but none are as exciting as seeing God change lives and deal with people!

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,
Bro. Charles



The Clock
is ticking down
By Kason Kuykendall

Ephesians 5:15-16 ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Make a quick mental list of the things you really value. Undoubtedly your list would include your loved ones, your home, your church, and perhaps a few other possessions. Would it also include your *time*? Paul's admonition to live carefully, "making the most of every opportunity," is a reminder of the preciousness of time.

Think about it. If someone takes away your money, you may not like it, but you can earn more money. If someone or something takes away your job or even your house, it might be very difficult, but you can get another job or house. But if something takes your time and wastes it, you can never get it back. Those hours or days are gone, never to be retrieved. That makes time a very valuable thing indeed.

1440... 1440 is the number of minutes that you have today. Every minute that passes is another minute that you will never see again. Every minute that passes is another minute that you will never get the chance to relive. I just wonder how many of your minutes we are wasting.

Paul points out that as believers we should walk not like the unwise but as the wise making the best use of our time... So I wonder what is the 'best' use of your time in life? Paul uses the word 'walk' which is a word of Action; I believe that in order to live a life that is 'wise' it means that we make an intentional decision every day to walk in wisdom. It doesn't come easily or naturally, the natural progression of life is to live unwisely and waste our life.

The average person spends almost 3 hours a day watching television, and almost an hour a day on 'face-book.' What are you doing with the time God has given you? Are you "making the most of every opportunity," allowing him to use you and your time as he sees fit? How much of your life are you using for His Kingdom? How much of your time are you focusing on things that really matter?

One of the largest regrets many find at the end of their lives is that they were very unwise in the way they managed their time. Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock... time is passing and the choice is yours.



Everydayevangelism

Sunday, April 9
Dr. Matt Queen
Professor at Southwestern Theological Seminary
Fort Worth, TX

Dr. Queen serves as the L.R. Scarborough Chair of Evangelism ("Chair of Fire"), Associate Professor of Evangelism, and Associate Dean for Doctoral Programs in the Roy Fish School of Evangelism and Missions.



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Youth Camp 2017 is coming up! The cost per student for camp is \$200. If you would like to help send a student to camp please place your donations in the offering plate marked "Youth Camp".



Main Worship Center
Old Fashioned Camp Meeting
Service for everyone!

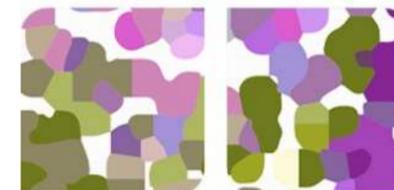


Mission
Arlington † Metroplex

Taking church to the people



What a great mission trip. Thank you for helping us and your prayers while we were at Mission Arlington. During our trip at least 1 accepted Christ and we were able to minister to many more families and plant that seed, showing them God's love for us!



WOODLAND HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Hilltoppers

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Sergeant Darin Lair
Longview Police Department

We had a great time this past week at HillToppers with Sergeant Lair from the Longview Police Department. Sergeant Lair brought us valuable information about our city as well as some things we can do to protect ourselves. Especially since seniors are a major target for fraud.

1. If you use paper bank statements and billing ALWAYS use a SHREDDER. Your information is valuable and needs to be protected.
2. Act like it's raining. Meaning always have your keys and stuff ready to go when you are out in public and walk with purpose to your car.
3. If someone comes to your door make them show proper identification if they are saying they are from a certain company.
4. Your bank or credit card will never ask for your account number or anything. Always be extra cautious on a phone call.
5. It is also important to check your credit score to make sure no one has opened accounts in your name or any other suspicious account activities.

SAVE THE *Dates*

HillToppers meet the 2nd & 4th
Tuesday of each month.
Our April gatherings will be on
April 11 and 25 at 11:00am

Join us the first Friday of each month
for *Food, Fun, and Fellowship*

Adult Game Night

Next Game Night is April 7
at 6:00pm





Books of the Bible Contest

Congratulations to Landon Fenton for the fastest time in our Books of the Bible Contest. Landon was able to say all 66 books in 25 seconds, and Mrs. Christy got slimed!!! Peyton Sullivan came in second place with 28 seconds and Addison Sullivan came in third place with 30 seconds. Everyone had a lot of fun!



Sunday School Preview

- April 2- Jesus was Baptized
- April 9 - Jesus' Triumphant Entry
- April 16 - No Sunday School EASTER
- April 23 - Jesus was tempted
- April 30 - Jesus Met Nicodemus



Donations Needed

Our Easter EGGStravaganza will be held on April 15 beginning at 10:30. We have plenty of eggs, but need more candy! If you can donate, please drop off at the Connection Center.

AWANA

- April 5 - Completion of AWANA's GOT TALENT
 - April 12 - Mystery Box Night
 - April 19 - Bible Drill
 - April 26 - Team Night
- Please note activity change on April 19 from original.



April 30 - No Children's Church

Kid's Praise Junior Choir Ages 2-5

Kid's Praise Children's Choir

Sunday Evenings 6:00-7:00

Faith Explosion Kids Camp

Date: July 24 - 27, 2017
 Children who have COMPLETED 3rd through 5th grade.
 Cost \$150 (\$50 Deposit Due April 15th)

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

April 30 at Noon

Potluck Lunch

- Church will provide Chicken, tea, rolls, please bring a side dish to share
- Lunch at Noon
- Meeting at 12:45
- Childcare provided after lunch





Apr, 2017
WHBC Student
Ministries
Newsletter

"You are the light of the
world." Matt 5:14

Wild Week Deposit Due

April 5

Camp is coming up fast. June 5-9, 2017. Total cost is \$200 with a \$50 deposit due by April 5. You can register online at whbchurch.com/youth-camp-2017/ or see Bro. Jason.

Senior Recognition

May 7

Just a reminder parents that we will be honoring your graduates during the morning service on May 7. If you have not received your letter about it please contact Bro. Jason.

Volunteer of the Month Kevin Lassen

Bro Kevin helps with security and makes sure before and after on Wednesday evenings runs smooth. Thank you Bro Kevin for your willingness to help minister to our students.



Discipline Demonstrates Love

Doug Fields—Author of Intentional Parenting

At some level, most parents fear the possibility that using discipline with their kids might drive them away. Yet the reality is that discipline is needed, and (for most kids) it works.

Many kids aren't mature enough to realize that if their parents don't ground them; if they don't attach consequences to actions that are outside the established boundaries, their parents are not acting in love toward them.

Healthy discipline is a sign that parents love their children. Let's think about God for a moment. The Scriptures tell us that He disciplines us because He loves us: "My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be upset when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights." ---Proverbs 3:11-12 (NLT) This passage in Proverbs ties God's discipline to the human discipline a parent provides to his or her child, and this is how we know that discipline (provided in a healthy way) is a demonstration of love.

I believe the healthiest and most effective way to discipline teenagers is to set up consequences for violating boundaries ahead of time. When consequences are set ahead of time, you set up the dynamic where it's not you versus your child, but rather you and your child versus the consequences. For example, if my daughter comes home late, missing her curfew, and I meet her at the door, I can tell her, "I'm so bummed that you missed your curfew and now you have to spend the next three weeks with Mom and me."

I don't have to get angry. I don't have to yell. I don't even have to raise my voice. I can actually be empathetic toward my daughter, because the reality is that we agreed to the consequence ahead of time. It's my daughter and me against the consequence.

No teenager is ever going to go up to a parent and say, "Thank you. Thank you. I love it when you ground me!" But, loving guidelines and strong parental boundaries are a sign of love. Beyond applying consequences, your kids need you to help them process bad decisions and help guide them toward learning from the mistakes they've made. They need your coaching and encouragement to build confidence that they are capable of making good decisions.

Your kids are not going to ask you to ground them or bring more discipline into their lives, but they need it! Discipline is a sign of love! Just make sure you discipline in a reasonable and loving ways!



Two Steps to Taking Charge of Your Week

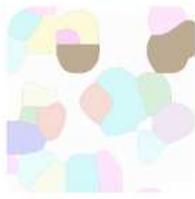
Steve May

It's amazing that even today, surrounded as we are by satellite technology, there are places on planet Earth that remain unexplored and uncharted.

And, even more amazing, places that remain unclaimed.



Such as Marie Byrd Land, named in honor of the Admiral's wife. It's located in West Antarctica, and covers an area of 620,000 square miles — more than twice the size of Texas. Though it has been partially explored, no sovereign nation has laid claim to it.



That means it's up for grabs. If you're looking for a new place to call home, keep it in mind. Especially if you like a mild summer. Average temperature in July is right around 14° Fahrenheit. Winter is a bit cooler, they say.

Far more significant than Marie Byrd Land, I can think of yet another territory that remains unexplored, uncharted, and even unclaimed.

It's the week that lies ahead. Your week. Whenever you like, you can claim it as your own and make of it what you want.

As each new Monday comes your way, a new world of opportunity opens up. Just as we begin the new year with a new resolve to accomplish greater things, we can begin each new week with new resolutions and new plans.

Adding and subtracting.

As you stake your claim for the seven days, consider how these two questions might help you chart your course.

a.) What is one thing I need to subtract from my life? Which sin ... which self-defeating behavior ... which destructive attitude shall I get serious about leaving behind once and for all — starting this week?

b.) What is one thing I need to add to my life? Which new approach of faith ... which new step of obedience ... which brand new attitude do I need to begin to demonstrate — starting this week?

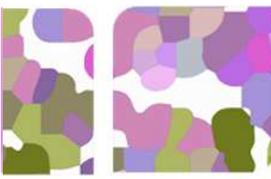
We lay claim on our lives by doing with intention the best things, and making every effort to abandon the worst things. Adding one and subtracting the other each and every week is a good place to start.

Make this week your week: yours to claim, yours to own, yours to live.

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

Reach Visitation on Friday, April 17 at 6:00pm

This will be a great opportunity to 'reach' new prospects to Woodland Hills, as well as connect with those who may have become less faithful recently. We will see many newcomers on Easter Sunday, so let's be intentional about reaching out to them as quickly as possible to get them plugged into WHBC.



Teams will receive two assignments and should be complete in less than an hour. Grab a partner from your LifeGroup and let's go out in the name of Jesus!



April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				30 Spring Trip Hawkins Creek 10:15am Kindermusik 6:00pm JumpSTART 6:00pm	31 Spring Trip CMA Garage Sale 8:00am-6:00pm Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am	1 CMA Garage Sale 8:00am-2:00pm
2 Deacon's Ordination 10:30am	3	4 Shamgar 8:30am JumpSTART 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	5 Arabella Service 10:00am Connection Class 6:00pm	6 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Kindermusik 6:00pm JumpSTART 6:00pm Eden Place Meal/Service Hosted by Café Logos 6:00pm	7 Adult Game Night 6:00pm Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am	8 Men's Breakfast Golden Corral 8:00am Kindermusik Playdate 10:00am
9 Everyday Evangelism 9:15am Baptisms 10:30am	10	11 HillToppers 11:00am JumpSTART 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	12 Arabella Service 10:00am	13 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Kindermusik 6:00pm JumpSTART 6:00pm	14 Good Friday Church Office Closed Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am	15 EGGstravaganza! 10:30am
16 Easter Sunday 10:00am (No LifeGroups) Lord's Supper Service 6:00pm	17	18 Shamgar 8:30am JumpSTART 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	19 Arabella Service 10:00am	20 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Kindermusik 6:00pm JumpSTART 6:00pm	21 Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am	22 → Cruise →
23 New Men's LifeGroup Class 9:15am	24	25 HillToppers 11:00am JumpSTART 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	26 Arabella Service 10:00am	27 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Kindermusik 6:00pm JumpSTART 6:00pm Page Place II 6:30pm	28 Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am	29
30 VBS Meeting 12:00pm			Cruise			



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-Neheim Amos
1-Richard Owens
1-Sophie Quigley
2-Cindy Owen
3-Ashlyn Lovelady
4-Jonah Davidson
4-John Fondren
4-Donice Rogers
5-Jim Huckaby
7-Doris Moore
8-Jodi Cross
8-Nora Day
8-Brenda Reid
8-Katie Simpkins
8-Jennifer Stephens
9-K'Dawn O'Rear

11-Judy Arroyo
11-Anthony Coleman
11-Zayden Tucker
12-Barbie Baker
12-Lexi Cross
12-Zackary Spruiell
13-Brianna Young
14-Christopher Canales
14-Laura Heath
15-Kim Holson
15-Robert Nichols
15-Cori Starr
15-Kelsey Weaver
16-Mark Kuykendall
17-Sara Amos
17-Keith Childress

17-Donnie Ford
18-Cassandra Mandry
19-Tanya Malone
19-Doug Wilbur
20-Michael Foster
20-Betty Nickel
21-DeAnn Miller
21-Kerry Robinson
21-Nalda Gibson
23-Donnie Freeman
23-Bayli Pitts
24-Shannon Clark
24-Marlin Conner
25-Vicki Eubank
26-James Davis
27-Brandie Graves

27-Sean Graves
27-Nancy Hancock
27-Cindy Helms
27-Jedidiah Smith
28-Brenda Bevis
28-Michael Johnson
28-Chad Smith
29-Carolyn Fitch
29-Howard Hobden
29-Michael Purifoy
29-Larry Ward
30-Audrey Edwards
30-Jessica Perry
30-Brad Timmons

1-Brant & Leea Lackey
1-Larry & Becky Stewart
4-Michael & Charlene Stevens
6-Jim & Jan Albritton
6-Donald & Jennifer Spruiell

8-Randy & Carol Modisette
15-Gerald & Lena Cooper
16-Jim & Derenda Fleck
18-Marlin & Sheila Conner
25-Ron & Vicki Legrand

26-Doug & Suzi Arthofer
27-Harry & Linda Evans
30-Joe & Reba Adams