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PERMIT NO. 250  
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  
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



[whbchurch.com](http://whbchurch.com)

**Mother's Day Special Breakfast**  
Grand Hall at 9:15am  
Prepared by the men for all ladies & girls



Baby Dedication  
*Mother's Day*  
May 14 at 10:30am

Please go to the website, call the church office or pick up a form at the Connection Center if you would like your baby/child dedicated.



WOODLAND HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH  
*Hilltoppers*  
SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY  
New Ministry! Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month

**Senior Adult Ministry**  
Join us this month on the 9th & 23rd beginning at 11:00am  
Bring a side dish or dessert

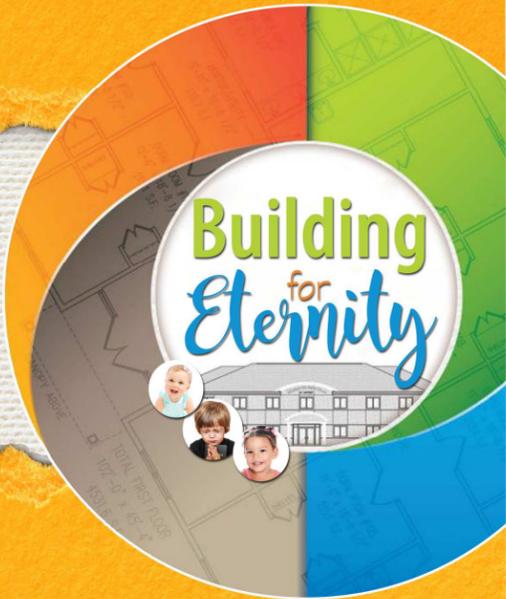
**Shamgar Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 2, 16,30  
8:30am in HillPerks Area



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## Spiritual Emphasis Weekend



May 6-7, 2017

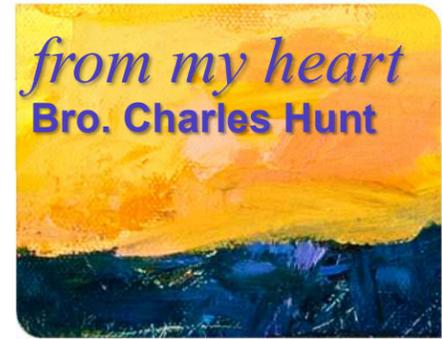
### Saturday

8:00am Men's Prayer  
Breakfast/Grand Hall  
7:00am-7:00pm  
12-Hour Prayer Vigil/Prayer Room  
Sign up in the foyer

### Sunday

9:15am BFE LifeGroup Lesson  
10:30am BFE Service with  
Bro. Herman Cramer  
6:00pm BFE Town Hall  
Meeting/Grand Hall

**Woodland Hills Annual  
Memorial Day  
Picnic**  
Sunday, May 28  
3:00pm-8:00pm  
Games, Food, Inspiration!  
Fun for the Whole Family



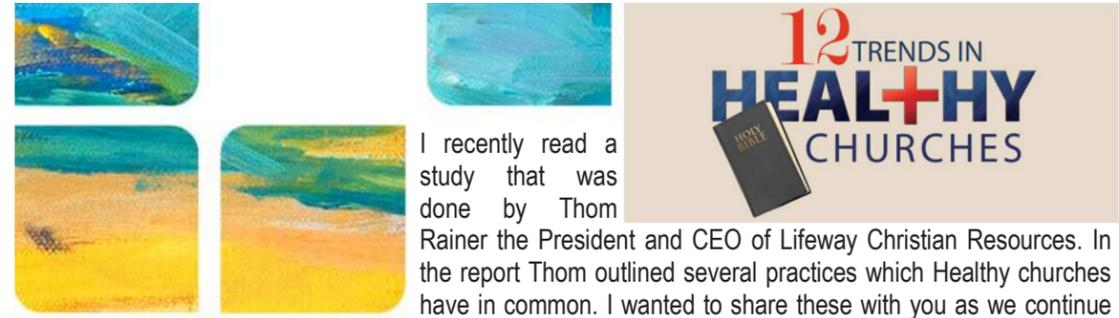
There is great excitement in the air at Woodland Hills. **BUILDING FOR ETERNITY** is in full swing and excitement and anticipation is building! Our team leaders have done a tremendous job in preparing us for a great time of spiritual growth as we pray, plan, and give to see that the new Preschool/Children's Building goes from the dream stage to the reality stage!

I read a story about a little girl who had one penny. "This little girl loved the Lord and longed to share the message of Christ to those on the mission field. She contributed a penny to a missionary to help in the work of evangelizing the people of Burma. The missionary was so touched by the little girl's response that he decided to do the most he could with that little penny. After careful thought, he bought a gospel tract and personally gave it to a young chieftain. The chieftain would not admit that he could not read, yet he burned with a desire to know the contents of the leaflet. He traveled 250 miles to find someone who would read it to him. After hearing the gospel message, it was not long after that this young chief made a profession of faith in Christ. Returning to his people, he told them what the Lord had done for him. Later he invited missionaries to come and share Jesus with the village. Many tribesmen accepted the good news and were converted. All this and probably more resulted from one dedicated penny given in Christ's name by a little girl who gave from her heart."

The underlying theme of **BUILDING FOR ETERNITY** is "not equal gifts but equal sacrifice." There are those in Woodland Hills that can give a large gift easier than others can give a small gift. But the great thing is that God recognizes gifts not based on their amounts, but based on what that person has available to give. That's why it is so important that we ALL pray and seek what God wants us to do in this important time in the life of our church.

Our Preschool and Children's ministry is using every available resource possible to minister to our kids. Make shift rooms, diving into smaller groups etc...all of that is being done to just get by. Our children deserve the best for the glory of God. The lives that are being touched now will last for eternity. Make sure you are doing your part for the glory of God!

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,  
*Bro. Charles*



I recently read a study that was done by Thom Rainer the President and CEO of Lifeway Christian Resources. In the report Thom outlined several practices which Healthy churches have in common. I wanted to share these with you as we continue to seek the Kingdom of God here at WHBC:

- 1. The churches have a high view of Scripture.** Healthy churches have leaders and members who believe the totality of the Bible, often expressed as a view called inerrancy.
- 2. A large number of church members read the Bible daily.** That is a practice that must be encouraged and monitored. In our research on the spiritual health of Christians, we found that the highest correlative factor in practicing other healthy spiritual discipline was reading the Bible every day.
- 3. The churches have a priority and focus on the nations.** This priority is manifest in short-term mission trips, in care and adoption of the orphaned, in giving to mission causes, and in the number of congregants who commit their lives to reaching the nations with the gospel.
- 4. The churches have a missional community presence.** The leadership and members do not look at their community as a pool for prospects. Rather, they love their community. They serve their community. They live in their community. They have deep relationships in their community.
- 5. The congregations have membership that matters.** These healthy churches are high expectation churches. Membership is much more than completing a card or walking an aisle. These churches have entry point classes that set the expectations of membership. Church members are expected to serve, to give, to be in small groups, and to be accountable to others.
- 6. The members are evangelistically intentional.** The gospel is central in these healthy churches. As a consequence, the sharing of the good news is natural and consequential.
- 7. These healthy churches have pastors who love the members.** That love is obvious in their words, their actions, and their pastoral concern. It does not mean that a pastor is present for every need of a church member; that is physically impossible. It does mean that the church has a ministry in place that cares for all the members.
- 8. The churches allow their pastors to spend time in sermon preparation.** Our research has confirmed over the years that pastors in healthier churches spend more time in sermon preparation than those in other churches. For that to take place, the congregation must understand the primacy of preaching, and they must be willing for their pastor to forego some areas of activity and ministry so he can spend many hours in the Word.
- 9. There is clarity of the process of disciple making.** For the healthy churches, they have a clear purpose toward moving the members to greater levels of commitment toward Christ.
- 10. These churches do fewer ministries but do them better.** They realize that they can't be all things to all people and that they shouldn't have such a flurry of activities that they hurt rather than help families.
- 11. The process of discipleship moves members into ongoing small groups.** A member is almost guaranteed to leave the church or become inactive in the church if he or she does not get involved in an ongoing small group.
- 12. Corporate prayer is intentional and prioritized.** Prayer is not incidental in these churches. The leadership regularly emphasizes the importance and priority of prayer. The congregation is led regularly in times of corporate prayer.

*Bro. Kase*

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**Haiti Mission Trip**  
We have a group of 11 that will be going to Haiti June 5-11, 2017. If you can't go, please support them with your prayers. Also, you can help financially by marking your envelope "HAITI". We will be collecting mission money during the month of May.



**New Men's LifeGroup Class**

Anthony Coleman leads this new class and it focus's on men ages 20's to 40's. The class meets in room A-212 (above the office area). Contact Bro. Kase for more information.



# Hilltoppers

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

## SAVE THE *Dates*

HillToppers meet the 2nd & 4th  
Tuesday of each month.  
May gatherings will be on  
May 9 & 23 at 11:00am



An Afternoon with  
Comedian Al Fike  
Thursday, June 1

Join us as we will be going to  
Marshall to enjoy Al Fike. Before the  
concert we will be eating fish at  
Porky's! Cost is \$20 plus meal..  
You can sign up in the  
Connection Center.

## Plagued by Senior Moments?

By Lynne Thompson

Do you ever catch yourself stopped in mid-sentence — the point you were trying to make suddenly snatched away by a mysterious brain glitch? Ever looked down at the empty glass in your hand, wondering, did I or did I not just take my pills? How about exiting the mall and not having a clue where you parked the car?

If so, don't panic. Absent-mindedness and a general slowdown in mental processing often occur naturally with the aging process. Your mature nervous system (like an older-model computer) may take a little longer to retrieve information than it did when you were younger.

But here's the good news: if you think you're having a few too many "senior moments," there are some things you can do to bring your mental modem back up to speed.

### Memory Facts

Memory is divided into three types:

- Sensory memory holds information for only a second or two, giving your eyes, ears, and other senses time to process the information. This information quickly disappears unless you make an effort to retain it.
- Short-term memory contains what you actively think about at any particular time. It can hold a fact for as long as you think about it, like repeating a phone number until you dial it.

- Long-term memory stores facts, ideas and experiences after you stop thinking about them, and includes a huge amount of information, some of which lasts a lifetime. Experts believe that by the end of our lives, our long-term memories have stored hundreds of times the information contained in a comprehensive encyclopedia.

### Calisthenics for Your Brain

You can train your mind to help you remember what you don't want to forget. See if these strategies help you:

- Wear a bracelet or rubber band on days you have to do a certain task. Use your senses.
- When you meet someone new, "see" his or her name by writing it down on a piece of paper. "Hear" that you just finished a task by saying it out loud, "I have turned off the oven."
- Name your parking area something that identifies its location; for example: "Treeville" if you parked by a tree, or "Leftzone Three," if you parked on the left side of the lot, third row.
- In the mall, take a mental note of what you saw when you walked in (luggage? Men's cologne?)
- If numbers stump you, associate them with something you'll remember. For example, if your locker combination is 45-29-03, say, "I'm 45 years old, but I tell people I'm 29, and I have three children."
- Link people's names with things you already know. Heather is as gentle as a feather, and Dustin is also the name of movie star Dustin Hoffman.
- Develop routines and put things back where they belong. It is much easier to find things that are in their proper place.
- Memorize Scripture; it keeps your mind sharp.

# The Upper Room

May, 2017

Vacation Bible School  
June 26 - 29, 2017

**basic**  
ELEMENTS  
A Science Inspired, Christ Focused VBS Program

THE LATEST NEWS AND INFORMATION  
ABOUT WOODLAND HILLS  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

One of my favorite promises is found near the very end of the Bible in Revelation 21. Jesus says, "Behold, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done."

At the end of life we will **receive in accordance to what we have done**. This particular season of life, you are considering helping in VBS. Is it worth it? It is worth the long days and the crazy schedules you know that are coming?

I confidently say **yes, it is worth it!** On this side of heaven, I say to you, "Work hard as unto the Lord" and you will be rewarded.

## Sunday School Preview

- May 7 - Jesus & John the Baptist
- May 14 - Mother's Day
- May 21 - Jesus Met a Samaritan Woman
- May 28 - Jesus Rejected in Nazareth

## AWANA

- May 3 - Store Night
  - May 10 - Time Capsule Night
  - May 17 - End of Year Parties\*\*
  - May 24 - AWANA Awards Ceremony\*\*
- \*\*Please note activity change on May 17 and May 24 from original activity in handbook.

**Kid's Praise Junior Choir** Ages 2-5

**Kid's Praise Children's Choir**

Sunday Evenings  
6:00-7:00



Thank you Children's Ministry Volunteers.  
Everything you do matters!

Studies show that 75% of church kids will walk away from the church between the ages of 18-29. One factor that was present in the lives of the 25% who stayed was "A Significant Adult". It is so important to have someone in the lives of kids who believes the same thing as mom and dad but are NOT their mom and dad.

Summer is a prime opportunity for those who serve in children's ministry. We can be such an important variable in the lives of kids. There will be many areas that you can serve in. We will need leaders for Summer Wednesday nights, Summer Camp, Vacation Bible School, Field Trips and more. To invest in the life of a child is one of the greatest blessings there are.

Contact Christy Mayfield to find an area where you can make a difference for the Glory of God in the life of a child this summer!

## Faith Explosion Kids Camp

Date: July 24 - 27, 2017

Children who have COMPLETED third through fifth grade.  
Cost \$150 (\$50 Deposit Due April 15th)  
Payments can be made at [whbchurch.com](http://whbchurch.com) or in the Church Office M-F

Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's Easter EggStravaganza! This was a GREAT day for all! Special thank you to our friends at Eden Place, Mrs. Shirley Stauss, and our HillToppers for stuffing all of our eggs! The trunks were cleverly decorated and the games were so much fun! You are AWESOME WHBC!



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

## 13 Reasons Why

Recently Netflix has a new series called "13 Reasons Why." The show is about the life of a high school girl, Hannah Baker, who gives 13 reasons why she decided to commit suicide. Now, I am definitely not promoting the show, I want parents to be made aware of this series for several reasons.

First. This show is very graphic. It has a mature rating. There are a lot of disturbing scenes such as parties, rape, bullying, homosexuality, and the last episode shows graphic images of Hannah committing suicide.

Second. Suicide is romanticized. This series makes it as if Hannah wins because of all the turmoil she causes her peers. We, as Christians, know that all human life is sacred.

Thirdly. If your child has watched or is watching the show you need to be there to help guide them because if they are doing it in secret that means they are processing all this alone. We need to be there having open discussions in regards to topics like bullying and suicide. This show offered no hope for Hannah. The world was viewed as bleak and dark and while we know none of us are good or righteous we have a God that loves us so much!

Remember, we need to be intentional in our discussions with our students. We have to have conversations that may sometimes be uncomfortable but God has made it clear for parents to raise their children up with a Biblical perspective. If your student has not watched this show that's great, but you do not need a show to jump start a conversation. Remember we need to give them what Scripture says about all this not just what the world tells them!

In Christ,  
Bro. Jason

## Volunteer of the Month Brittany Kuykendall

Brittany not only helps lead in worship but also leads the HS girls small groups on Wednesday Nights.  
Thanks Brittany for all you do!



## Senior Recognition

*May 7 at 10:30*

We will be honoring our graduates during our morning worship service and with a meal for the graduates and immediate family immediately following service.

## 1Church

*May 10, 6pm at Woodland Hills*

We will be joining other student groups for a time of worship as we are reminded there is only one body.

## Parent Camp Meeting

*May 17 at 7:30pm in Illuminate Bldg*

If your student is attending Wildweek with us, please make every effort for at least one parent to be at this meeting.

# "Why Should a Christian Tithe?"



Key Verse: **"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows." (Mal. 3:10 NASB)**

## **Tithing is obedience to God's plan.**

- It is a personal plan... "bring (you)..."
- It is a percentage plan... "the whole tithe..."
- It is a practical plan. It offers a guide for systematic giving.
- It is a priority. It comes off the top, not from what is left over.

It suggests a place: "Into the storehouse." The storehouse is the forerunner of the local church. Paul told the Corinthian Christians to give to the Lord through the church.



## **Tithing was endorsed by Jesus.**

Matthew 23:23 NASB: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others."

## **Tithing helps keep money in its proper perspective.**

It makes a statement that God comes first, not money. It acknowledges God's ownership of all you have. Psalm 24:1 NASB: "The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it."

## **Tithing is an antidote to selfishness.**

By nature, we are takers more than givers. Tithing allows us to deny ourselves and give to God. 2 Corinthians 8:1-3 NASB: "Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord."

## **Tithing is the only way God has told us that we can prove him.**

Is God real? Is he faithful? Try tithing and discover him. Discover that he is at work. Malachi 3:10b: "'And test Me now in this,' says the Lord of hosts."

## **Tithing brings God's involvement into your life and finances.**

Malachi 3:10 NASB: "'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,' says the Lord of hosts, 'if I will not open to you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.'"

## **Tithing brings immediate blessings from God.**

"... if I will not open up for you the windows of heaven, And pour out for you a blessing until there is no more need."

## **Tithing brings the supernatural protection of God.**

Malachi 3:11 NASB: "'Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it may not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes,' says the Lord of hosts."

## **Tithing expands your faith.**

You are trusting God to multiply what is left after tithing and faithfully to meet every need. Hebrews 11:6: "Now without faith it is impossible to please God." You will never know the joy of tithing until you tithe. The great news is you don't have to stop there.



## **Tithing is the fairest way to build the church and expand the kingdom.**

Both rich and poor share equitably in the work and rewards of God.

# May 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 VBS Meeting 12:00pm	1	2 Shamgar 8:30am  Bible Study 6:30pm	3 Arabella Service 10:00am	4 Hawkins Creek 10:15am  Eden Place Meal/ Service Hosted by Ladies Classes 6:00pm	5 Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am  Adult Game Night 6:00pm	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00am  12 Hour Prayer Vigil 7am-7pm
7 BFE Service with Bro. Cramer & Honoring Graduates 10:30am  BFE Town Hall Meeting 6:00pm	8	9 HillToppers 11:00am  Bible Study 6:30pm	10 Arabella Service 10:00am  One Church/ Youth 6:00pm	11 Hawkins Creek 10:15am  Kindermusik 6:00pm	12 Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am	13
14 Mother's Day Breakfast 9:15am  Baby Dedication 10:30am  No PM Service	15	16 Shamgar 8:30am  Bible Study 6:30pm	17 Arabella Service 10:00am  Youth Parent Camp Meeting/ Illuminate Bldg 7:30pm	18 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	19 WHDS Preschool Graduation 2:30pm	20 Building for Eternity Celebration Banquet 6:00pm
21 BFE Chest of Joash Sacrificial Offering	22 Reach 6:00pm	23 HillToppers 11:00am  Bible Study 6:30pm	24 Arabella Service 10:00am  AWANA Awards Ceremony 6:00pm	25 Hawkins Creek 10:15am  Page Place II 6:30pm	26	27
28 BFE Giving Begins  Memorial Day Picnic 3-8pm	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30 Shamgar 8:30am  Bible Study 6:30pm	31 Arabella Service 10:00am			



## Baby Dedication, May 14

Families wishing to dedicate their children to the Lord need to call the church office, register online or pick up a form at the Connection Center by Wednesday, May 10.





## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-Shayla Love  
2-Micah Huckaby  
2-Gerald LaMont  
2-Paula McKinley  
2-Seane Richardson  
4-Derenda Fleck  
4-Jennifer McAtee  
4-Lou Morton  
4-Morgan Tarr  
5-Jacob Boothe  
5-Chrissy Johnson  
5-Clay Perkins  
6-Jim Albritton  
6-Shayla Heaton  
7-Gennifer Coleman  
7-Jerry Gann

7-Shirley Liddell  
7-Whitley Sheffield  
7-Brayden Walker  
8-Briwana Beck  
8-Gabby Mull  
10-Tracy Jones  
10-Chelsea Sheffield  
11-Mark Boobar  
11-Billy Hall  
11-Ralph Hill  
11-Lindsey McClung  
11-Keith Sanders  
14-Dennis Fleet  
14-Vicki LeGrand  
15-Triniti Heaton  
15-Layne Perkins

15-Clark Sexton  
16-Krysti Fleck  
17-Diana Graves  
18-Haley Boren  
19-Bill Copeland  
19-Kade Correy  
19-Leea Lackey  
19-Mark O'Rear  
20-Susan Avery  
20-Kevin Lassen  
20-Lois Templin  
21-Vernon Freeman  
22-Linda Cannon  
23-Chris Burks  
23-Mitchell Coleman  
23-Ashlyn Koenig

23-Tanya Surrey  
24-Linda Meek  
25-Beverley Mason  
26-Mary Kay Gunter  
26-Emme McKinley  
27-Drew Cooper  
27-Randy Huston  
27-Hayden Koenig  
27-Dia Stephens  
28-William Burks  
28-Sandy Mullikin  
30-Jon Cooper  
31-Daniel Fisher

5-Ricky & Kristin Cage  
7-Mike & Vicki Eubank  
10-Mark & Julie Mowery  
10-Dane & Cassie Sullivan  
10-Tyler & Shelbie Townsend  
12-Lane & Lindsey McClung  
14-Jimmy & Anita Nolan  
15-Buddy & Gracie Lautaret

17-Ernest & Phyllis Dozier  
18-Charles & Rachel Barker  
18-Al & Jan McNeal  
20-John & Holly Fondren  
20-Gerald & Angie LaMont  
21-Kennie & Liz Graham  
21-Marshall & Tracy Jones  
22-Thomas & Kim Holson

22-Kent & Katie Simpkins  
28-Mitchell & Patti Flowers  
29-Billy & Linnie Crump  
29-Brad & Amy Timmons  
31-Micah & Katie Huckaby  
31-Rob & Kayci Walker