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Monthly Newsletter of
Woodland Hills Baptist Church
| August 2016

the connection

AWESOME AUGUST

Baptisms
Next Baptism is Sunday morning
August 21. Contact Bro. Kase
if interested in Baptism.

NO Sunday Night Services
Services are moved to Monday
Nights August 15, 22, 29



weekly schedule

SUNDAY

8:45am Coffee & Donuts
9:15am LifeGroups
10:30am Worship

MONDAY

6:00pm Meal August 15, 22, 29
7:00pm Awesome August Service
August 15, 22, 29
6:00pm Celebration Place
6:30pm Celebrate Recovery

WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Children Activities
6:00pm Youth Activities
6:00pm Adult Bible Study
(Choir Resumes August 17 at 6:00pm)

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August 11



7:00pm
Anita Renfro
"Girls Night Out"
Tickets available
online at
whbchurch.com

August 15



6:00pm Meal
7:00 pm Concert
The Erwin's
in Concert
This is a free event

August 22



6:00pm Meal
7:00pm Service
Bishop E.W. Jackson
Chesapeake, VA
This is a free event

August 29



6:00pm Meal
7:00pm Service
Dr. Robert Jeffress
FBC, Dallas, TX
This is a free event



AWANA Ministry
Conference
Saturday, August 13
Woodland Hills Baptist



GIRLS NIGHT OUT
with comedian & YouTube "phe-MOM-enon"
An!ta Thursday, August 11
RENFROE at 7:00pm
As seen on FOX friends TODAY Dr. Phil
Tickets available online at whbchurch.com
Sunday morning or at the church office
Cost: \$40 VIP or \$20 General Admission



I'm not sure it's exactly what most people have in mind when they talk about wanting real revival.

- It was a church on mission, taking the Gospel to a lost world.
- It was a church excited about its Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- It was a church committed to holiness, obedience to the Word of God, and to worship.
- It was a church that was hated by the world, but it was steadfast in the face of horrible persecution.
- It was a church that was growing, as God added to it daily.
- It was a church that enjoyed the manifest presence and power of God.
- The church described in the book of Acts was unlike anything the world had ever, or will ever see.

When you study Acts 2-4 about the early church, you will find some details that must exist for a church to be revived. The church in Acts was...

- United
- Committed

- Militant
- Powerful
- Feared

It's really a pretty wide gap between the early church and today's church. Most people in our generation treat the church like it is expendable. Commitments to the church are conditioned on their schedules, their routines, their convenience, the whims of the moment, whatever happens to come up. There is no real commitment to the mission of the church, the worship of the church, the outreach of the church, or the needs of the church.

Would you pray with me for Woodland Hills Baptist Church. Pray that we will be a church that is more patterned after the Book of Acts than one that is patterned on the fads and whims of society. May we be found faithful in pleasing our Lord, rather than trying to be faithful to please our society.

Remember, we're Lifeguards...not umpires!

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,

The TV, radio, internet, social media...all are full of the theme of how we need revival in America. That will never happen, because something has to be "vived" before it can be "revived." Revival could happen in the New Testament Church, however. The church in the book of Acts was revived. When you look at what was happening in that church,

LifeGroups in the spotlight

In this newsletter you are going to find a LifeGroup guide. Inside the guide you will notice there is a great deal of helpful information. Each of our LifeGroups are listed, the leader of each group is listed, the room number that the group meets in is pointed out, and the target age group is listed. On the back of the guide you will find a map of our campus that will be able to direct you to every LifeGroup that meets on a Sunday morning.

looking for in a LifeGroup? What do we have to lose by visiting a LifeGroup? Now I want you to pray about it. Pray and ask God to guide you and your family and direct your paths. Lastly I want to ask you to visit a LifeGroup this month.

Brittany and I love our LifeGroup; it is honestly one of the highlights of our week. We have made great friends, and we look forward to coming together to study the Word of God on Sundays. Our groups don't stop at 'study' we want to 'do-life' together! We build relationships, we eat and fellowship together, and we build each other up and challenge each other to become more like Christ. You will be blessed, and your family will be stronger if you get active in a LifeGroup.

2. If you and your family are already involved in a LifeGroup I want to ask you to look over this guide and I want you to pray for the groups represented. Maybe pray for a different group and leader every day until you have covered each of our classes. Next, I want to ask you to become familiar with the

Bro. Kason Kuykendall

different LifeGroups that we offer and where they meet; that way when a visitor comes into the church you can direct them to a class that fits their needs. Lastly, I want you to personally invite someone to come and visit a LifeGroup. Maybe you can invite them to come and visit the LifeGroup that you are a part of; or maybe they wouldn't fit well in your LifeGroup but you can use the guide and direct them to a LifeGroup that would fit them.

The Lord is using our small group ministry in wonderful ways, and as we move into the Fall we are expecting to see even more families **connect, grow, and serve** with us. One of the ways we do this is to get people involved in our LifeGroups.

We will see you on Sunday Morning at 9:15!



BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1-Carson Castanon | 7-Michael Stevens | 14-Audreyana Dodge | 21-David Koenig |
| 1-Karen Crawford | 8-Ricky Gibson | 14-Stacy Fenton | 21-Charlene Stevens |
| 1-Kim Melton | 8-Charles Johnson | 14-Barry Keys | 22-Billy Crump |
| 1-Darla Worsham | 8-Hannah Ritchey | 15-Kenneth Bowens | 22-Monica Kuykendall |
| 2-Rylee Adams | 9-Pamela Fisher | 15-Donnie Fenton | 22-Jimmy Nolan |
| 2-Dolores Richardson | 9-Kayleigh Minor | 15-Mark Francisco | 23-Mitchell Flowers |
| 2-Mary Smyser | 10-Parker Fenton | 15-Christina Southard | 25-Jonathan Fincher |
| 3-Shelbie Townsend | 10-Teresa Gibson | 15-Jane Tarver | 26-Deedee Allen |
| 3-Ora Williams | 10-Carolyn Jordan | 16-Gail Hatfield | 26-Elizabeth Brown |
| 4-Paul Garmon | 10-Amy Myers | 16-Thomas Smyser | 27-David Richardson |
| 4-Bob Ponder | 10-Alexis Smith | 16-Jennifer Wheeler | 26-Patty Story |
| 5-Wesley Propps | 11-Brittany Kuykendall | 16-Norene Woodard | 26-Pat Westbrook |
| 5-Denise Stewart | 11-Jeri Kay McEntire | 17-Lois Graham | 27-Karen Pettit |
| 6-Virginia Belcher | 11-Michael McGee | 17-Buddy Lautaret | 27-Ryan Weaver |
| 6-Alyssa Foster | 11-Randall Motley | 17-Gloria Williams | 28-Kevin Arnold |
| 6-Kaytelynn Haynes | 11-Deanne Purifoy | 18-Elizabeth Smith | 28-Barry Cates |
| 6-Jon Mark Purifoy | 11-Amber Spinler | 18-Amy Timmons | 28-Darlene Hardin |
| 7-Cindy Haley | 11-Sylvia Trussell | 19-Scott Brown | 29-Judah Dillard |
| 7-Charlie Johnson | 12-Rachel Barker | 20-Dillon Arnold | 29-Flo Loftin |
| 7-Collin Perkins | 12-David Fanguy | 20-Gerald Cooper | 29-Lawson Perkins |
| 7-Melissa Stanley | 12-Payton Luther | 20-Marty Mayfield | 30-Laquita Cummins |
| 7-Shirley Stauss | 14-Brianna Davenport | 21-Beverly Fleet | 30-Leroy Worsham |

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| 1-Donnie & Stacie Fenton | 5-Bradley & Jennifer Stephens | 15-Steve & Gina Best |
| 2-Bill & Gail Hatfield | 6-Ray & Cecelia Hairston | 16-Thomas & Mary Smyser |
| 2-David & Jennifer Koenig | 6-Nathan & Lynnette Smith | 18-Darin & Tabitha Lair |
| 2-Steve & Mandy Williamson | 8-Ricky & Teresa Gibson | 18-Wes & Denise Stewart |
| 4-Aaron & Jennifer Perkins | 8-Gregg & Patty Story | 19-Keith & Patty Childress |
| | 9-Kent & Sandy Mullikin | 19-Bill & Ashleah Daugherty |
| | 11-Sidney & Linda Pierce | 21-Vernon & Betty Mosley |
| | 11-Keith & Mary Ann Sanders | 22-Rickey & Donice Rogers |
| | 11-Boyd & Cheri Golden | 24-Bobby & Cindy Wells |
| | 12-Bill & Sharon Copeland | 27-Clark & Marilyn Sexton |
| | 12-Randy & Connie Huston | 29-Vernon & Donnie Freeman |
| | 12-Lauren & Debbie McGrew | 31-Alton & LaDonna Blair |

When we follow God's design, we don't just survive, we thrive!

THRIVING NOT SURVIVING

PARENTING & FAMILY CONFERENCE

Saturday
September 17
9:00am-1:00pm

This is a free Conference
Lunch will be provided

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

FRIEND -DAY-

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with your family: what benefits would a LifeGroup have for our family? What are we



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 onramp 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 onramps 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 onramps will help you overcome fear and share your faith with everyone around you!

SAVE THE Dates

Tuesday, August 9

Hamburgers/Hotdogs & all the fixins
Bring your favorite homemade ice cream!

Tuesday, August 23

Taco Tuesday
We will be going to
Papacita's Mexican Restaurant here in
Longview for a great time of fellowship!



Discover the Fun!

August

2016

Aug 13

AWANA Conference

Aug 21

*AWANA & Blast
Workers Meeting*

Aug 10

Back to School Bash

Aug 31

AWANA Registration

Sept 7

AWANA Begins

Kid's Camp 2016



The Upper Room

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15

If you would like to work in the AWANA ministry on Wednesday nights, or the BLAST bus ministry, please make plans to stay after morning service on Sunday, August 21st. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship and to plan for the upcoming year.

Church will provide the meat and drinks, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Families are welcome.



How to have a "SWEET" School Year

Back to School Bash

Wednesday, August 10th at 6:00 pm in the Grand Hall
FREE School Supplies Largest Banana Split Ever

SAVE THE DATES

- August 10 – Back to School Bash
- August 13 – AWANA Conference at WHBC
- August 21 – Workers Meeting 12:00 noon
Lunch Provided
- August 31- AWANA Registration
- September 7- AWANA Begins

Sunday School Preview:

**August 7 - Solomon's Sin
Divided the Kingdom**

**August 14 - Solomon
thought about Life**

August 21 - Job

**August 28 - Praises of God's
People**



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

Staying Connected While Your Teen is Pulling Away

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

A funny thing happens to children once they reach the teenage years: They don't seem to want their parents around all that much. Sure, they need to have your presence in their lives. They just don't want to be reminded of that fact. This comes as anywhere from a mild surprise to a major shock to parents who are watching their fun-loving 12-year-old become a sullen, more serious 13-year-old seemingly overnight. So, here are a few helpful ways you can still be a part of your teenager's life without pushing him or her away in the process.

1. Remember that because a teenager doesn't say, "I love you" as much as they used to doesn't mean he or she don't love his or her parents anymore. They just don't want to say it at school, in front of their peers, or when you drop them off in front of a friend's home.
2. Keep in mind that, one-day, it's likely you will have a loving friendship with them. Until then, Mom and Dad, resist the temptation to be one of their peers. Yes, peers are a primary influence right now---and you may want to be a part of your teen's "inner-circle." You definitely need to know who these friends are. But you can't be one of them no matter how much you try.
3. Don't forget that your job as a parent is a calling -- so treat your kids as gifts from God. This will help you through the lonely days when it seems like your teenager really doesn't care about you anymore. He or she will eventually get over it. Remember what it was like to be teenager. Keep this in mind and give your child a healthy amount of space when appropriate.
4. Do the little things to stay connected---even when these seem like they don't matter to your teenager. Don't underestimate the positive message you are sending your kids by watching all those sports games, or the hundreds of other ways you are present in their lives. Kids who grow up believing and knowing that their parents will always be there for them can face anything.

Movie Monday

August 8
1pm-4pm

LOCATION: Illuminate Youth Building

In the Loop Parent Meeting

August 24
7:30pm

LOCATION: Illuminate Youth Building

Prayer Changes Things

By David Lane, American Renewal Project

We hosted The Response last Saturday in Cleveland, a fasting and prayer event to Jesus. No book sales, no DVD sales, and no concession stand sales: simply fasting and prayer, asking God for mercy for what we, Christians, have allowed in America, a once Christian nation.

"We're here [Cleveland], this is not political, there's no politics at all going on, it's strictly fasting and prayer, asking God for mercy. He says, 'If My people, called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will heal their land.'"

"And a nation founded -- the Mayflower Compact -- 'for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith,' by Christians, not agnostics, not atheists, not secularists, but by Christians. We have now lost that, we've lost our Judeo-Christian heritage, and the by-product, a Biblically-based culture. So we're asking that the Living God do only what He can do, like He said to Lazarus, 'Lazarus, come forth', He can say to revival in America, 'Come forth'."

During The Response, Dr. Jim Garlow, pastor of Skyline Church in San Diego, spoke about movements of God in America. Garlow told about the First Great Awakening and the preaching George Whitefield in the 18th Century:

"So many people were coming to Christ where there weren't any churches established. So they built a little log building they called Log College and began to train the pastors to try and go out and plant churches to keep up with the revival. You know that school today as Princeton University.

"There were 300,000 people on the Eastern seaboard at that time. One hundred and fifty churches existed, they were filled to capacity. They built another one hundred and fifty churches, they were filled to capacity. Fifty-one Christian colleges were founded during that time."

Don't tell me that God cannot change America-He can! It's just that we have become too timid and prayer-less. There have been intervals in American history when prayer became the first concern of Christians and the church. My guess is that we are entering another stretch when prayer is going to be placed front and center. Why? Because *"The nipping frosts of trial and affliction are often needed, if God's larches (50-foot evergreen trees) are to grow"*--J. W. Bardsley.

On June 6, 1944, word reached America at 3:32 AM (EST) that the Allied troops had stormed the beaches of Normandy while most Americans slept. Churches began to fill through the morning asking the Living God for safety for our boys and deliverance from the Axis powers. There was a time in America when Christians knew by experience, both pastors and those in the pew, that *"Prayer and tears are the weapons of Heaven."*

The type of Christianity now in vogue for the last half to three-quarters century in America seems to be a non-biblical piety that separates the secular from the holy. Thus, it fails to stress the Biblical truth that God leaves His covenant people here, each succeeding generation, to teach them to war against untruth (Judges 3:2).

The last two to three generations of Christians have seemingly been instilled with an outlook, *"We are not to polish brass on a sinking ship."* This sounds pious but it surrenders the public square to radical secularists. *This heretical worldview has produced an ignoble contentment that stifles the place for spiritual warriors, Men and Women of Issachar, who possess a burning zeal, a "calling," to represent the Living God in the public arena and war for Truth.*

This reprehensible teaching is a blight on the church. It is satisfied to allow Western Civilization to collapse by refusing to confront the false gods of political correctness, multiculturalism, and Secularism (godless totalitarianism). *"What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?"*(1 Samuel 17:26).

The reality is that it's easier to hide, isolated and sheltered, behind the four walls of the church than it is to engage the battle in the public square. The present confusion and damage to America can be traced directly to the lack of men and women of Issachar that are missing from the town square, battling against untruth.

In Jamestown 1607 the Pilgrims erected a cross with the covenant, *"We do hereby Dedicate this Land, and ourselves, to reach the People within these shores with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to raise up Godly generations after us, and with these generations take the Kingdom of God to all the earth. May this Covenant of Dedication remain to all generations, as long as this earth remains, and may this Land, along with England, be Evangelist to the World."* If America is to survive, we have to resurrect the mission of the Founders. We need a Gideon or Rahab to stand.

***Note: Classic Praise East Texas performs at American Renewal Project all across America**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Shamgar 8:30am	3 Arabella Service 10:00am	4 Eden Place Meal/Service Café Logos Hosting 6:00pm Hawkins Creek 10:15am	5 Adult Game Night 6:00pm	6
7 No Evening Services	8	9 HillToppers 10:30am	10 Back to School Bash 6:00pm	11 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Girls Night Out with Anita Renfroe	12	13 AWANA Conference 8:00am-4:00pm
14 No Evening Services	15 Awesome August Meal 6:00pm Service 7:00pm	16 Shamgar 8:30am	17 Choir Resumes	18 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	19	20
21 Baptisms AM Service AWANA & Blast Workers Meeting 12:00pm Fellowship Hall Lunch Provided College Luncheon 12:00pm Grand Hall No Evening Services	22 Awesome August Meal 6:00pm Service 7:00pm	23 HillToppers 10:30am	24 In The Loop Parent Meeting (Youth) 7:30pm	25 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Page Place II 6:30pm	26	27
28 No Evening Services	29 Awesome August Meal 6:00pm Service 7:00pm	30	31 AWANA Registration			

