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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 Sunday School
10:30am Worship
6:00pm Children's Choir Practice
6:00pm Hot Topics Sermon Series

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
6:15pm Youth
6:15pm Adult Bible Study

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| October 2016

the connection



Coming to Woodland Hills October 2 at 7:00pm
visit transparentproductions.com for tickets

Glen Rose, Texas

OCTOBER 14 - 15

Granbury, Texas

\$85 PER PERSON (2 TO A ROOM)

\$60 PER PERSON (4 TO A ROOM)

Please pay in full by October 11

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at the Connection Center

TRUNK or TREAT
Sunday, October 30
5:00pm - 7:00pm



FOOD, FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS

HARVEST WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 5 & 6

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CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON

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November 8-11, 2016

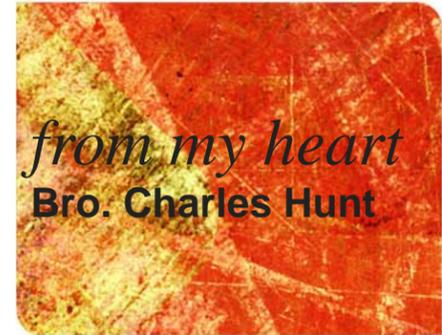
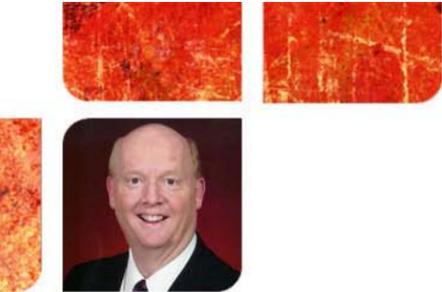
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Seekers LifeGroup Class Project

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have delighted over 135 million children and opened doors for the Gospel in some of the most remote places on earth. It is a terrific way for our church to get involved in the evangelism and discipleship of children around the world! Every gift is an opportunity for the Gospel.

We will be receiving boxes shortly. In these boxes (or you can use your own shoeboxes) for a boy or girl ages 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old, you will pack things like personal hygiene items, school supplies, a "wow" toy (example: a doll, soccer ball with pump, stuffed animal), other fun toys, a personal note and photo. Each box is \$7 to send overseas.

Boxes will be delivered to a drop-off location the week of November 14-21. For more information please contact Lennie Crump 903-738-4468.



In a sermon last week, I made the statement that we cannot run Woodland Hills like a business. I stand by that statement. I'm not taking aim at any group or any particular ministry in this church. I believe our leadership is going in the right direction, and I support it 100%. I'm just stating a fact and making sure that we understand one of the key reasons for the blessings of God is because we have not run Woodland Hills like a corporation or a business. I am in no means implying we do not need measures of

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1-Ron Cherry | 8-Charles Hunt | 14-Ricky Cage | 24-Brenda Eddy |
| 1-Rebekah Hedgpeth | 8-Casey Parker | 15-Barbara Taylor | 24-Sheri Hopkins |
| 1-Joseph Motley | 8-Joy Savage | 15-Tom Williams | 25-Vernon Dunn |
| 2-Katie Davis | 8-Katie Estrada | 17-Delores Hill | 26-Emma Bishop |
| 2-Blaze Mull | 9-Sissi Ingram | 17-Nichole Seale | 26-Karla Keys |
| 2-Meagan Neubauer | 9-Ellen Overholt | 18-Levi Byrd | 26-Halle Mayfield |
| 2-Daniel Wooley | 10-Allen Buchanek | 18-Logan Hall | 26-Larry Stewart |
| 2-Doris Wright | 10-Jan Jenkins | 18-Jan Medrano | 27-Kaleigh Batres |
| 4-Debbie Nichols | 10-Cody Lamar | 19-Patricia Brown | 27-Kyle Melton |
| 5-Sarah Albertson | 10-Chelsey Propps | 19-Karin Green | 30-Steve Best |
| 5-Jade Allen | 10-Nathan Smith | 19-Martha O'Quinn | 31-Cecilia Barrera |
| 5-Jeanette Ashley | 11-Amber Walker | 20-Billy Nelson | 31-Karla Britt |
| 5-Aiden Holson | 12-Andrea Dillard | 20-Patrick Vejur | 31-Carl Edwards |
| 6-Robert Hall | 12-Madison Perkins | 21-Jonah Davidson | 31-Dale Freeman |
| 6-Danny Jones | 13-Matthew Brooks | 21-Corey Williams | 31-Cathryn Jones |
| 6-Dan Templin | 13-Todd Malone | 22-Dody Wade | 31-Julie Markum |
| 7-Leon Lovett | 13-Blaine Parker | 23-Erika Estrella | 31-Dale Perkins |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1-Randall & Linda Motley | 14-Mark & Kim Wilson |
| 1-Billy & Carolyn Nelson | 19-Morgan & Taylor Tarr |
| 2-Charles & Becky Hunt | 20-Robert & Sue Childress |
| 10-Dennis & Beverly Fleet | 20-Ivan & Morgan Eidson |
| 11-Ramon & Jessie Hill | 20-Ralph & Delores Hill |
| 12-Greg & Michelle Stewart | 21-Rudy & Cindy Downey |
| 13-Ortha & Dorothy Davis | 27-Gary & Ginger Miller |
| 14-Daniel & Pamela Fisher | 28-George & Anita Griffith |
| | 28-Anthony & Kelsy Nickleberry |

accountability and organization. I just believe we need to continue to make sure that those measures are in line with the Bible, and not the corporate world that we live in. In the following article written by Joseph Mattera, he outlines it far better than I can...

10 Differences Between 'Secular' and 'Biblical' Churches By Joseph Mattera

1. The corporate model views others of their business ilk as their competition; the church model should be one of identifying ways to network and partner with churches in the community.
2. The corporate model hires outsiders for the best possible laborers; the church should primarily grow their workers from within.
3. The corporate model attempts to maneuver and place businesses in the best possible location to squash the competition and monopolize the market; the church model is one of empowering other churches so that a community or city can experience the saving reality of Christ.
4. The corporate model often majors on marketing; the church model should be focusing on substance and content.
5. The corporate model focuses on numbers;

the church model on discipleship.

6. The corporate model focuses on outreach; the church model focuses on both in-reach and outreach.
7. The corporate model bases its methodologies and marketing on its capital and profit goals; the church model bases its methodologies and marketing on the church's God-given vision and mission.
8. The corporate model emphasizes long- and short-term planning before success; the church model emphasizes long-term praying before planning and blessing.
9. The corporate model emphasizes specific, attainable success measurable in financial gain; the church model emphasizes impossible faith goals not fully measurable until the Judgment Seat of Christ.
10. The corporate model's goal is the accumulation of wealth for self-gain; the church model's goal is to properly steward God's wealth to confirm His covenant and to bless the families of the earth.

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,

Bro Charles

COMING TO WOODLAND HILLS

THE HOPPERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
7:00PM

THIS IS A FREE EVENT
A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN

small groups in the spotlight



As many of you know, I am a big proponent of 'small groups' in the church. The more that I study, and the more that I understand how the church is going to be most effective I begin to understand the vital need of an effective 'Small Group' ministry. When you begin to study in the Bible you recognize very quickly that 'small groups' are one of the ways that we follow Jesus' example.

JESUS ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS

Jesus was all about building relationships with his followers. Like the coals in a fire, mutual support and service strengthened the disciples. Pull a coal from the fire, and it soon cools down. Peter's denials, Thomas' doubt, The Disciples who scattered at Jesus' arrest were all areas on **being alone and separated**. However, Jesus fanned the individual sparks of the twelve into a family of fire, and within that context, he taught them.

You need other believers to encourage you, and to hold you accountable. Your Spiritual life will not reach its potential if you 'travel' it alone. If you are coming to our service week after week, but you are not building relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ then you are missing out on the blessings of Biblical community.

JESUS FOCUSED ON SMALL GROUPS

Large crowds were constantly drawing near Jesus, thousands and thousands of people, yet we see that Jesus often chose to focus on small groups of people. Jesus chose his 12 disciples that would carry on his work; but even from the 12 he chose three for special attention: **Peter, James, and John**. These experienced things the others did not: They witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17) while the nine remained at the bottom of the mountain. They accompanied Jesus in the home of Jairus when Jesus raised his daughter from the dead while the other nine remained outside (Luke 8:51). When Jesus and the disciples went to Gethsemane, the nine stayed back while the three moved forward with Jesus in the Garden (Matthew 26).

According to Paul, these three men became "pillars" of the early church as a result of their advanced training and personal attention (Gal. 2:9)

You see you can come and check in and out for a worship service week after week, but many times the depth comes from a much smaller and more intimate setting.

Apart from a 'small group' you are missing out on relationships with other 'Christ followers' who will love you and care about you as you seek to grow in the Lord together. When you get involved in a small group all of a sudden it changes from being your 'church home' to becoming your 'family.' It is in a small groups setting that you are free to share your prayer needs, you are free to share your struggles and challenges that you are facing; you have the opportunity to grow hand in hand with other believers. It is not only important for you; but it is important to your entire family!

TRUNK or TREAT
Sunday, October 30
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Trunk or Treat
Vehicle Decorating Prizes
1st Place - (Best Overall) \$100
2nd Place - (Most Original) \$75
3rd Place - (Most Festive) \$50

This year WHBC will be offering a safe environment for children and families, and an alternative to Halloween at our Trunk or Treat event. If you can decorate a trunk, please sign up in your LifeGroup, or at the Connection Center so that we have an idea of how many vehicles we will have. Decorate the trunk of your vehicle using family friendly decorations set to a specific theme of your choice. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 winning vehicles.

Much December 26-January 2, Denise Bowens, Gennifer Coleman, Susan Roberts, and Jeannie Weaver will be traveling to Gonaives, Haiti working with **Much Ministries**. We will pair up with an unbeliever in Haiti and work beside them in their daily chores and they will in turn help us paint the school where their children attend. We are raising money for the trip and for 50 needed Bibles to give the children in 3rd and 4th grades. The Bible are \$10 each. If you would like to help please label your donation envelope "Haiti"

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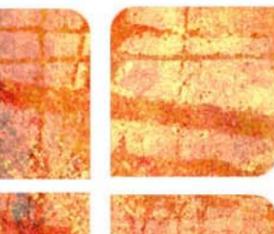
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Connecting Through Prayer

BY Tammy Kennington

My glazed expression and tousled appearance were telltale proof I was suffering from "family disconnect." With my husband deployed and the rest of my family living thousands of miles away, I lacked assistance and support as I cared for my newborn and busy toddler.

Nighttime feedings, a flooded family room and a broken bedroom window were all my responsibility. I wondered, How can I keep running this marathon alone? In answer to my question, God provided support and strength through the power of another's prayers.

My grandmother, who had raised four children of her own, began calling and writing me weekly. "Been there, done that," she'd say with a laugh when I shared my latest solo-parenting challenge. Every conversation and letter ended with her encouraging words, "I'm praying for you."

Knowing my grandmother was supporting me in prayer made all the difference. Despite the miles between us, her constant prayers drew us closer and gave me assurance that I wasn't alone.

Through her example, I discovered the power of

prayer to strengthen family connections. Some extended families are separated by geography; others drift apart in the busyness of everyday life. But family members can bridge the distance by simply praying for one another. Regular lunch dates and lengthy conversations might be uncommon, but care and concern are easily conveyed through prayer.

A number of years ago, a friend gave me a handmade prayer journal. It consisted of a small three ring binder filled with notebook paper and had cardstock inserts labeled with names of my family members. An invaluable resource, this simple journal continues to provide a way to bless those I love — both near and far. I easily make note of any needs within the family, pray for people specifically and take pleasure in checking off answered prayers.

After seeing the journal's significance in my life, many of my extended family members have started their own prayer journals.

Through time spent on our knees, relationships have been enriched, and like Grandma, we can now end our conversations with the words, "I'm praying for you".

SAVE THE Dates

Tuesday, October 11

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Tuesday, October 25

11:00am - Hymn Sing and Devotion

**11:45am - Meal in Fellowship Hall
followed by games**

Upcoming Road Trips

October 14-15 Glen Rose/Granbury

Cost \$85 per person (2 to a room)

\$60 per person (4 to a room)

Please pay in full by October 11

November 8-11 Christmas in Branson

Cost \$370-\$656 per person

(cost based on 1, 2, 3, or 4 persons per room)

\$100 deposit due by October 2

Pick up a brochure for either trip and/or sign up at the Connection Center.

October 2016



The Upper Room Children's Ministry

AWANA

- October 5th — Doubles Night
- October 12th— Pastor Popcorn Night
- October 19th — What I Want To Be When I Grow Up Night
- October 26th— Pumpkin Palooza

SUNDAY SCHOOL PREVIEW

We continue with our 3 year study of the Bible using the Gospel Project. Here is a preview as to what we will be learning this month. As Israel and Judah continued in disobedience, God sent prophets like Elijah and Isaiah to reveal His power, love, and faithfulness to His people. God reminded them of His plan to send a Rescuer, Jesus, to take away their sin. God continued to pursue His people despite their sin. Using the lives of Hosea, Jonah, and Joel, God showed that no one is beyond the reach of His compassion and mercy.

- October 2 - Isaiah Preached about the Messiah
- October 9 - Hezekiah, Judah's Faithful King
- October 16 - Hosea, Prophet to Israel
- October 23 - Jonah. Prophet to Ninevah
- October 30 - Joel, Prophet to Judah

October 30
Family 5th
Sunday
All Children
will stay in
service and
worship with
their families.

October 6 - Bring Your Bible to School Day

On this Thursday, we are encouraging all students to bring their Bible to school. Simply by bringing their Bibles to school and expressing their faith, students are helping to protect religious freedoms for other students—and for generations to come who will one day walk through the doors of their school or college. By exercising their freedom to read the Bible and talk about it, students can express God's love and help others experience the redemptive power of knowing that their Creator cares about their lives! Go to www.bringyourbible.org to find out more.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 30th 5-7pm
A Free, Safe and Unique way
To Trick-or-Treat by going
"Trunk to Trunk" In a Fun and
Family Atmosphere
Costumes are encouraged

Sign ups for Decorated Trunks
will be in LifeGroup Boxes.
Prizes will be Awarded for
Best Decorated Trunks
We are in Need of donated
candy for this event.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
SUNDAY EVENINGS
6:00pm



ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 5-7 pm

Indoor and Outdoor Activities, Free Food and Carnival Games
Hayrides, Inflatables, Train, Animals, Live Music and More

Christy Mayfield
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Ministries Newsletter
"You are the light of the world."
Matt 5:14

SNAC

October 9
6pm

Sunday Night After Church. Bring money for food.



Volunteer of the Month Jennifer Koenig



Jennifer not only has 2 sons in our student ministry she helps teach our 6-12 girls lifeGroups. Jennifer has a willingness to serve and we are so grateful to have her as a huge part of our ministry. She even helped cook our summer meals for students so that kids would have at least a good meal when they came to church on Wednesdays! If you have yet to meet this family, I highly encourage you to get to know the Koenigs!

ABC'S of Homework Jim Burns-President of HomeWord

For many families, homework is the number one source of conflict between parents and their kids. When kids won't do their homework or the quality of work is poor, the sparks begin to fly.

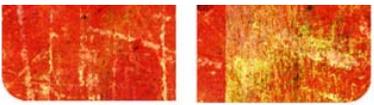
I interviewed the acclaimed parenting expert, author and columnist, John Rosemond, about what he believes parents should do regarding the issue of homework, and he outlined his ABC's:

A. All By Myself. Children ought to do their homework in a private, personal area -- not a high-traffic or family area like the kitchen. Insisting on a private area for homework tells your children that homework is their responsibility. As we help our kids move from dependence on us to becoming independent -- a private area allows them to function and complete tasks by themselves.

B. Back Off. Backing off means refusing to give children help with homework unless absolutely necessary. Although this is often difficult for parents, they need to realize that when children say, "I need help," it doesn't actually mean they do. According to Rosemond, when kids ask for help, about 80% of the time they are looking for mom or dad to solve a problem or bail them out of a situation that has frustrated them. When parents jump in to fix or bail out, they confirm for their children that they indeed were unable to solve the problem themselves. Backing off while supporting and encouraging your kids is the way to go. Even if kids fail, they will learn important life lessons.

C. Call It Quits. Rosemond suggests that parents set a time deadline when homework must be completed for the day, whether or not all assignments have been finished. When deadlines are set and kept, kids will begin to learn to manage their time more effectively.

These ABC's are nothing more than the approach to homework that most parents used 50 years ago. They might go against some popular thinking today, but they emphasize the development of self-discipline, responsibility, and the resourcefulness kids will need to become self-reliant and functioning adults.



10 Ways to Practice Normal Evangelism

By Juan Sanchez



Many of us find evangelism daunting, even frightening. However, evangelism should take place as we naturally converse with people. Here are 10 practices of normal evangelism.



1. Know the gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Four words provide an outline for the gospel: God, man, Christ, response. When we understand the gospel, we know that GOD is holy and created a world without sin. God provided mankind with all he needed to dwell in his presence. But, MAN rebelled against God, and rebellion requires judgment, the penalty of which is death. Yet, God in his grace, provided CHRIST as a representative substitute to live a life of perfect obedience and to receive upon himself the penalty of sin on our behalf. Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day, proving his victory over sin and death. Now, all who RESPOND with repentance from sin and faith in Jesus have eternal life. This is the good news that we must know in order to share it with others.

2. Live your life in light of this gospel. As this gospel takes root in our own lives and we begin to apply it to our marriages, parenting, relationships, and lives together as a church, then our lives will be markedly different than the world and thereby attractive. How can we announce that this gospel is the power of God to save and change lives if we who profess Christ continue living just like the world?

3. Pray and fast for unbelievers (John 14:12-14; 15:7-8). One reason unbelieving people are not on our minds is because we don't pray for them. Make a list of unbelieving people and begin praying for their salvation. But also ask God to open doors for evangelism, then by faith be obedient when the opportunities arise.

4. Be willing to share your life with unbelievers (1 Thessalonians. 2:1-8). If we are going to reach unbelievers, we need to get to know them: where they live, shop, eat, recreate. Look for opportunities to relate with them where they are, instead of thinking they will come to us. Let us wisely share our lives with unbelievers: talking to them, inviting them to church or into your home for a meal.

5. Share the gospel with urgency (2 Peter 3:8-10). To be sure, we need to share the gospel naturally & clearly, but we must also share it urgently. Right now is the time for salvation. When a person dies or Christ returns, there will be no more opportunities for repentance and faith.

6. Study the doctrine of hell. If you lack urgency in evangelism, then study the doctrine of hell. As you consider the fate of those who reject Christ, ask God to break your heart and move you with urgency to share the good news with the lost.

7. Invite unbelievers to repent and believe. The gospel requires a response. We must call on all people everywhere to repent (turn away from their sinful ways) and believe (in Jesus Christ).

8. Invite unbelievers to church. Invite the unbelieving, unchurched to come with you on the Lord's day so that they may hear the gospel proclaimed. Surprisingly, in a 2010 study of unbelieving, unchurched people in Austin, a large number indicated that they would be open to invitations to go to church. Imagine that! They don't come because we don't ask.

9. Trust Christ for the results. Faithfulness, not results is what God requires of us. Salvation is of the Lord, so we must trust the sovereign Lord to do his work in the hearts of unbelieving people. Our responsibility is to faithfully share the gospel indiscriminately.



10. Share with others and ask them to join you in prayer. I have found it encouraging to hear other Christians' stories of evangelism. Share your evangelism encounters, celebrate simply sharing the gospel, and pray together for those souls. Let's make evangelism normal again!



October 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Big Daddy Weave Concert 7:00pm	3	4 Shamgar 8:30am Jones' Bible Study 6:30pm	5 Arabella Service 10:00am	6 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Eden Place Meal/Service Hosted by Koinonia Class 6:00pm Kindermusik 6:00pm	7 Kindermusik 9:30am Kindermusik 10:30am Adult Game Night 6:00pm	8 Men's Breakfast 8:00am Kindermusik Playdate 10:00am
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