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Monthly Newsletter of
Woodland Hills Baptist Church
| April 2016

the connection



weekly schedule

SUNDAY
8:45am Coffee & Donuts
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
6:00pm Children's Choir
6:00pm Worship & The Word
6:45pm Small Groups Meet

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
6:30pm Adult Bible Study

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COVENANT MARRIAGE WEEKEND

DR. FRED LOWERY
April 23-24



SATURDAY IN THE GRAND HALL
6:00pm Meal
7:00pm Sessions 1 & 2
SUNDAY IN THE WORSHIP CENTER
9:15am Session 3
10:30am Session 4



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 12th & 26th beginning at 10:30am
Bring a side dish or dessert

Baptism
Next Baptism is Sunday morning April 10. Contact Bro. Kase if interested in Baptism.

It's Time to Update our Church Directory
Photo Dates: May 13, 14, 25, 26
Sign up online thru Thursday, April 7
Sign up at church beginning Sunday, April 10
Sign up early to get your choice of date & time
You only receive a directory if you are in it

CR Anniversary
April 11 at 5:30
6 years
Grilling, Testimonies, Music, Games & Door Prizes!
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SONIC
Sonic "Burgers & Bucks" Youth Camp Fundraiser
Friday, April 22 from 4:00pm to close
Join our students at Sonic in Hallsville as they car hop and wash cars while you eat! All tips go to help a student go to camp.

Night of Praise
May 1
6:00pm
Woodland Hills Baptist Church
Combined Choirs from
First Baptist Liberty City
First Baptist Longview
Woodland Hills



from my heart Bro. Charles Hunt

I heard about a man that wrote his own obituary, listing off what had mattered in his life-and he didn't like how it read. All the items were centered on his life, instead of God and others. That made him sit and rewrite the rest of his life and focus on God and others. In other words, he pointed his life in the direction of finishing well, and that changed his life.

Finishing Well is a Chosen Direction in Life... Finishing well is not a one-time-act; it is a direction we choose. Living life step by step, day by day, pointed towards pleasing the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul wrote in his last words the clearest path for all believers who want to please God and end well. 2 Timothy 4:6-7 "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Paul didn't say to "win the race!" He said to "finish the race." Life is not a competition against others to pass them up; life is running in the lane God gave me as best I could. It is all about knowing what God wants me to do, what He has given me the strength and gifts to accomplish-and doing it faithfully to the end.

I believe the area of marriage and family is one of those areas that we need to choose that we are going to finish well. When your life comes to a close, and you look back during those last few weeks or months that you have before cancer, or heart or respiratory problems overtake you--will you

be able to say with Paul's confidence that you have finished well as a husband/wife, or as a wife and mother? Or will you be saddened when you remember these days of marriage and parenting?

A couple who finishes well will carefully lay a Godly foundation to their life, marriage, and family. Psalm 127:1-2 "Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep."

We are committed to helping couples and families finish well in the area of marriage and family life. Please plan to be a part of the Covenant Marriage Weekend April 23-24. We have a tremendous man of God, Dr. Fred Lowery coming to be with us. This is a weekend you do not want to miss...it could very well change your family's life!

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,
Bro. Charles

LifeGroups in the spotlight

By this time you have probably heard me use the words: **CONNECT, GROW, SERVE** and **GO** repeatedly. This is our mission for each individual that might walk through the doors of WHBC. It should also be asked of every activity, program, or plan that we make: Is this helping us reach our mission to **CONNECT, GROW, SERVE,** and eventually **GO**.

CONNECT urges you to worship, pray, fellowship, and relate to others in positive relationships at work, in the home, and in other settings. Spiritual fitness results when you connect with God, with others, and with your church family. One of the greatest

CONNECT with an Open Heart Mark 12:29-31	GROW in Body, Mind & Spirit Romans 12:2	SERVE with Willing Hands 1 Peter 4:10-11	GO with Ready Feet Matthew 28:19-20

tools that we have here at WHBC to encourage **CONNECT** is through our LifeGroups on Sunday mornings. If you are wondering where the next step for your spiritual growth is please consider visiting a LifeGroup!

GROW refers to learning and understanding more about God and His expectations of His people, which comes through Bible study. You grow by applying that knowledge to your everyday living.

SERVE describes the work you do both inside and outside your church for the Kingdom of God. Our church is full of ministry and service opportunities. You serve by using your spiritual gifts, skills, and

passions to glorify God. All of us must work together for the church to function as God intended.

GO moves you outside the church and into the community and the world. Evangelism and missions are ways to go into your community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ. It might be uncomfortable at first, but you will experience first-hand the difference Christ can make through you.

If we are proactive and intentional about getting our own lives and families; and then newcomers to **CONNECT, GROW, SERVE, and GO** then I believe we will see the Lord work in our lives and use this body of believers in incredible ways.

Get on board with us, and let us push for **GREATER THINGS!**

Bro. Kase



COVENANT MARRIAGE WEEKEND DR. FRED LOWERY April 23-24

April 23-24, 2016 with Dr. Fred Lowery. Join us on Saturday, April 23 beginning at 6:00pm for a meal and at 7:00pm for Session 1 and 2 in the Grand Hall and on Sunday, April 24 in the Worship Center for Session 3 at 9:15am and Session 4 begins at 10:30am.

Having "a wonderful sense of humor, Dr. Fred goes straight to God's word and offers fresh insight as he communicates the truth of Christianity in practical ways. Most of his sermons are on the theme of "Faith, Family, and Friends."

Dr. Fred's televised service, First Word, began airing on KTBS Channel 3 in June 1983 at 7 AM every Sunday. His broadcast was the top-rated Sunday program in the tri-state area of northwestern Louisiana, east Texas, and southwestern Arkansas.

Dr. Fred's book *Covenant Marriage: Staying Together for Life* was published in 2002. Other works include: *Faith, Family, and Friends; Four*

Steps to Restoring Relationships; Home Improvement 101; Jogging Through The Bible; Seven Habits of Highly Successful Marriages; and How to Be Happy and Stay Married. These books and his sermons can be accessed through his website (www.fredlowery.com).

Called to the ministry in 1960 at the age of seventeen, Dr. Fred came to First Baptist Bossier in 1983 at the age of forty. Under his leadership, FBB added a 2,500-seat worship center, remodeled each building on campus, purchased additional land, and added a children's addition, and a state-of-the-art preschool building called Tiny Town.

Dr. Fred is a former president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and a former vice president and president of the Pastor's Conference in the Southern Baptist Convention. He retired from FBB on January 1, 2014 and was honored as Pastor Emeritus.

Youth Camp 2016 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".

BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1-Dwayne Owen | 9-Nora Day | 19-Tanya Malone | 27-Brandie Graves |
| 1-Richard Owens | 11-Judy Arroyo | 19-Doug Wilbur | 27-Sean Graves |
| 1-Sophie Quigley | 11-Anthony Coleman | 20-Betty Nickel | 27-Cindy Helms |
| 2-Cindy Owen | 11-Dusty Dorsey | 21-Nalda Gibson | 27-Jedidiah Smith |
| 3-Ashlyn Lovelady | 12-Barbie Baker | 23-Donnie Freeman | 28-Brenda Bevis |
| 4-Jonah Davidson | 12-Lexi Cross | 24-Shannon Clark | 28-Chad Smith |
| 4-John Fondren | 14-Laura Day | 24-Marlin Conner | 29-Michael Purifoy |
| 4-Donice Rogers | 15-Kim Holson | 25-Kiley Baker | 29-Larry Ward |
| 5-Jim Huckaby | 15-Robert Nichols | 25-Vicki Eubank | 30-Audrey Edwards |
| 7-Doris Moore | 15-Kelsey Weaver | 26-Corky Craig | 30-Jessica Perry |
| 7-Fern Palmer | 16-Mark Kuykendall | 26-James Davis | 30-Brad Timmons |
| 8-Jodi Cross | 17-Sara Amos | 26-Ernesto Vazquez | |
| 8-Brenda Reid | 17-Keith Childress | | |
| 8-Katie Simpkins | 17-Donnie Ford | | |
| 8-Jennifer Stephens | 18-Cassandra Mandry | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1-Brant & Leea Lackey | 15-Gerald & Lena Cooper |
| 1-Larry & Becky Stewart | 18-Marlin & Sheila Conner |
| 4-Michael & Charlene Stevens | 25-Ron & Vicki LeGrand |
| 6-Jim & Jan Albritton | 26-Doug & Suzi Arthofer |
| 6-Jared & Misty Persinger | 27-Harry & Linda Evans |
| 8-Randy & Carol Modisette | 30-Joe & Reba Adams |

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April 2016

The Upper Room

Children's Ministry



SOLES FOR SOULS

April 1 - June 30

We are off to a great start on our shoe drive fundraiser. Our goal is 100 bags a month for 3 months totaling 300 bags. We currently have 21 bags of shoes turned in for the month of April. We will be collecting shoes of any kind, boots, sneakers, heels, sandals, flip-flops, cleats, (anything you can wear on your feet). These can be turned in at the Connection Center.

Children's Choir

Sundays at 6:00-7:00pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL PREVIEW

April 3 - The Promised Land and Jericho
April 10 - Achan's Sin & the Defeat of Ai
April 17 - Joshua's Final Encouragement
April 24 - The First Judges

FAMILY EVENT

Lifeway will have story time for children each Monday and the 1st Saturday of the month at 10:30am. Lifeway Christian Store, 3092 N. Eastman Rd, Longview

AWANA

April 6 - Completion of
AWANA's GOT TALENT

April 13 - Pudding Feast Night

April 20 - Mr. Potato Head Night

April 27 - Ice Cream Incentives Night

*Note: Changes according to AWANA Handbook were made to April 6 & 13

**T&T Girls Sleepover to be held on
April 15!!**



SAVE THE DATE

AWANA GRAND PRIX

April 30, 2016

Race Start Time: 9:00 am

See Lane or Lindsey McClung

for more information.

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April 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>New Young Ladies LifeGroup (20's to Mid 30's) will begin on April 3 in the Parlor Room. Holly Fondren will be leading this great group of ladies and we want you to get plugged in as the foundation of this group. Please contact Kase or Holly and let them know that you will be in attendance on the first Sunday of April. We are excited to see the way the Lord uses this group of young women! For Young Aged Ladies Room A-206</p>					1 Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am DISNEY Kindermusik 1:45pm Adult Game Night 6:00pm CMA Garage Sale	2 DISNEY Kindermusik 10am CMA Garage Sale
3	4 NCAA Championship Party/College 6pm	5 Men's Breakfast 6:00am Shamgar 8:30am Bible Study 6:30pm	6	7 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Eden Place Meal/ Service Hosted by Catalyst Class 6:00pm Top Talk/College 6:30pm	8 Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am Youth Movie/ God's Not Dead 2 6:30pm	9 Kindermusik 9am College/Youth Volleyball 3pm
10	11	12 HillToppers 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Tall Tuesday/ College 6:30pm	13	14 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	15 Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am	16
17	18	19 Shamgar 8:30am Bible Study 6:30pm	20	21 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	22 Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am Youth Sonic Fundraiser 4pm Campout/ College 6pm	23 Covenant Marriage Weekend
24 Covenant Marriage Weekend	25	26 HillToppers 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Tall Tuesday/ College 6:30pm	27	28 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Page Place II 6:30pm	29 Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am	30 AWANA Grand Prix 10:30am