

Word Of Hope
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JUNE 2009



SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

For the 10 week block of vacation Sundays this summer (June 14-August 16) we're having Sunday evening worship at 5:30 pm; it will be exactly one half hour in length. Returning late from a long weekend or vacation? This will be a great time to connect with the community of faith and start the new week in worship. (This is in addition to our usual Sunday morning schedule, of course.)



VACATION BIBLE CAMP @ WOH—IT'S HERE!!

SUNDAY – THURSDAY, June 7-11,

Kickoff Event 12:30pm - Sunday, June 7.

We have a brand new schedule so note details carefully!



It's here!!! We're ready for a week of "Crocodile Dock – Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light" at our VBC! There will be music, arts & crafts, recreation and learning Bible stories and after lunch we'll enjoy field games, water Olympics and campfire programs. We'll have our specially trained and equipped college-aged staff that we have recruited to lead the camp. They, with the assistance of volunteers from our congregation, will assure a high energy, fun and exciting day camp experience! **Our Camp will be June 7-11th and will run from 9 am-4 pm Monday - Thursday (extended day service 7-9 am and 4-6 pm) and 12:30-4:30pm on Sunday.** We'll have a special **Sunday Kickoff Event** beginning with lunch and then head right into our first day of camp. Children entering grades 1st - 6th can participate in the full-day Day Camp with a half-day program available for preschool – kindergarten (minimum age of three) on Sunday afternoon ONLY. Children are asked to bring a sack lunch each day. A morning and afternoon snack will be provided. **REGISTER NOW** by contacting the church office (272-8515). The fee for the camp is \$25.00 per family for the week, with an additional \$20.00 (per child) fee for those needing extended day service. Registration forms are still available!

WE CAN STILL USE VOLUNTEERS ...Adults, Middle School, Sr. High, all ages are needed to make it the best week ever! Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we've got a place for you so please prayerfully consider your role in Crocodile Dock - VBS.

FIDDLIN' & FUN SUNDAY



We will be kicking off our fun-filled VBC program with some **FIDDLIN' & FUN ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7th**. The "Luther Road" Counselors will be on hand for both worship services as we begin our week at *Crocodile Dock*. Plan to join in as our worship area is transformed for a week "Down at the Bayou" *Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!* There will be loads of special music followed by some great food and fun and then we'll head right into our first day of camp at 12:30! **Mark your calendar now and invite your friends and neighbors! DON'T MISS THE FUN & EXCITEMENT!**



FROM THE PASTOR



At least once a year I share a bunch of quotes in this space—quotes which I've saved because of their impact on me. My hope is that they will also tweak that place in your soul which longs for greater perspective and faith.

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. -Howard Thurman

When it is darkest, men see the stars. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. Anonymous

Community cannot for long feed on itself; it can only flourish with the coming of others from beyond, their unknown and undiscovered brothers. -Howard Thurman

I must learn to love the fool in me the one who feels too much, talks too much, takes too many chances, wins sometimes and loses often, lacks self-control, loves and hates, hurts and gets hurt, promises and breaks promises, laughs and cries. -Theodore Isaac Rubin

Just cause you got the monkey off your back doesn't mean the circus has left town. -George Carlin

The Psalms defy our notions of profane and sacred, proving that everything we feel, witness, do unto others, and have done to us is acceptable subject matter for conversing with the Divine. They invite us to bring every part of ourselves into our houses of worship. If we omit expressions of faith lost, of rage, of disdain, and of the desire for revenge, we leave parts of ourselves at the door. - Kari Jo Verhulst, in "The Dangers of De-Fanging God," Sojourners, Nov-Dec 1999

Prayer has a life of its own. If we could define it today, that definition would have moved and changed by tomorrow. Prayer is a living relationship that can never be pinned down and analyzed; prayer is a breath of the soul that has passed before we can seize hold of it; prayer is a reaching out of all that is deepest within us towards all that lies infinitely beyond and around us. -Margaret Silf

We look at each other wondering what the other is thinking but we never say a thing." -Ants Marching

It is not we who do Christ the favor of worshiping him; it is Christ who empowers us by strengthening us, and enabling us to fight for the things that are worth fighting for, the things that endure; and that is a promise worth fighting for, worth dying for, and worth living for. - Peter Gomes excerpt from "Strength for the Journey."

What God requires of those who call on God's name is responsive servanthood. God wishes to act in and through us, so Christian hope does not relieve men and women of responsibility. We are not primarily responsible for shrewd analysis of problems, for strategic selection of means, for maximizing the chances of success. We are primarily responsible for turning to God, for attempting to know and do God's will. That well may lead us into actions which are not shrewd, strategic, or successful, as the life of Jesus suggests. But as Jesus' life demonstrates, human action which is faithful to God's will can have transforming effect. -Parker Palmer from "The Company of Strangers"

PRAYER

Help me, O Lord, to make a true use of all disappointments and calamities in this life, in such a way that they may unite my heart more closely with you. Cause them to separate my affections from worldly things and inspire my soul with more vigor in the pursuit of true happiness. -Susanna Wesley from "Alive Now!" March/April 1992

"House-of-God-Keeping"

For our June emphasis, we're going to borrow a page from the VBS theme: "**Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light.**" The truth is that for all of our sophistication and grown up ways, from God's point of view we are all children in need of His fatherly discipline, guidance and reassurance. And that same fatherly care is what gives us courage to live fearlessly and with the desire to share his light with all the world.

1 John 3:18 (RSV) Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

UNWIND NITE

It's time to 'unwind' and take a break once again. Time to get to know some WOH folks in a relaxed setting and find out how much we really have in common—the delights as well as the aggravations? Our next "Unwind Nite" will be Tuesday, June 30, 7 pm at the Duvals'. Come and enjoy an agenda-free evening of conversation.



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FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH POTLUCKS

These are great events! Let's gather together and enjoy some delicious food while also enjoying the company of WOH folks!



We'll capitalize on our love for good food and good friends during the summer months and gather everyone together for some brunch potlucks between worship services. This will be a great way to meet folks you might not know and spend more time with those you already do. Simply bring your favorite breakfast item to share with the group (breakfast casseroles, muffins, pastries, fruit, breakfast meat, breads, etc.) We will share in the bounty of good food and great fellowship with our Word of Hope family! Join us from 9:30 – 10:30 on the Sunday mornings of:

- June 14
- August 16

WORSHIP IN BRIN'S GARDEN

In coordination with our Summer Brunches, we'll also have monthly worship in Brin's Garden for the 8:15 service. The dates are: June 14 & August 16. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy this special place. Come by anytime and visit this quiet, meditative garden down in the corner of our property whenever you need a rest from the fast break. Stop by and set a spell on the park bench and, amazingly, experience God's calming presence near a bustling thoroughfare. The pause will do you good.

SURPRISE JULY

PLEASE MAKE THIS NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!

During the month of July, we will have a single worship service at 9:30 on each Sunday morning. We often think of worship along the lines of liturgies we've already experienced and appreciate. In fact there is tremendous variety to the ways of worship and during "Surprise July" we will experience some of the breadth and depth which goes beyond what we normally do in our 8:15 or 10:45 liturgies. So plan to come at 9:30 each Sunday morning in July and experience worship in new and inviting ways. (And don't forget the new ½ hour service on those Sunday evenings at 5:30!)

WOH SHIRTS

Sign ups are complete and we now await delivery. Prepare to be delighted with the results. And if you missed the deadline, let us know of your interest—we'll place another order.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SEND-OFF

As part of both our Worship Services on June 14th we'll have a Youth Mission Trip Send-Off where we'll join with our SH Youth Mission team in prayer and blessing. Stick around for our first Brunch Potluck at 9:30 and chat with the Youth, Leaders and other WOH folks.

The Senior High Youth and Leaders will depart on Sunday, June 14th at noon for a week in Cleveland, OH working with the Boys & Girl's Club, helping out at a local Food Pantry and doing a number of work projects throughout the city. They will stay at Triune Lutheran Church (the home congregation of our own Charlotte Wong). The group plans to take in a few sights while in Cleveland – The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland Indians ballgame, a night at the Lakefront, and the highlight of the trip – Cedar Point Amusement Park. Our Mission Team this year is: **JOE McMULLEN, MARY WEBB, CASEY WARD, RYAN VANNOY, JACE WARD** and leaders **DAVE EARNEST** and **DARLENE TAYLOR**. Please keep these young people and their leaders in your prayers throughout the coming weeks.



BLOODMOBILE AT WORD OF HOPE

Bloodmobile Sunday, June 21 8:15-Noon

Word of Hope has another opportunity coming up to ensure that adequate blood products are available for Kentucky patients needing transfusions throughout the summer. In fact, KBC was one of the few blood centers in the country that did not have a blood shortage crisis during the month of June last year. YOU, WOH folks, were a part of that!

Did you know:

~~It takes nearly 300 pints of blood everyday to ensure an adequate supply for hospital patients in central and eastern Kentucky?

~~Every three seconds someone, somewhere in Kentucky needs blood?

~~Sixteen year olds are able to donate blood with parental consent? KBC officials see this as a safe opportunity to expand the blood donor base.

LEGENDS FAITH & FAMILY NITE



Mark your calendars for **SUNDAY, JULY 26th** – Faith and Family Night!! Game time is 7:05pm and plan to stick around after the game for the fireworks display! Let's plan a WOH Nite at the Ballpark and invite family and friends to join in too! Watch for more details!

YARD CARE.....

As things continue to grow throughout this season we welcome all who'd like to put in a little time pulling weeds in the flower beds or doing a little trimming at WOH. Whether you have a few minutes or a couple hours – we appreciate your willingness to spruce things up and give Word of Hope some great CURB APPEAL for all who pass by! And watch the weekly sheet/announcements for more Work Days and mark your calendar to join us!

SOMEONE'S PRAYING LORD

We set aside a time each month for corporate prayer and conversation. Our next gathering is Monday, June 22, 7-8 pm. Prayer doesn't come as naturally as what we might like, but it doesn't have to be brain surgery either. Come and join some other followers who continue to learn to pray.



"You, O God, shield me on all sides; You ground my feet, you lift my head high...I stretch myself out and I sleep. Then I am up again, rested, tall and steady, fearless before the enemy mobs coming at me from all sides." Psalm 3

WOMEN'S SERVICE GROUP

Women of WOH will help out at God's Pantry on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:30pm. We'll work in the warehouse to sort & pack food items and do a bit of housekeeping. We'll stop afterwards for a cup of coffee and a chance to chat about the experience. Our monthly Bible Study/Discussion Group "The Path of Discipleship" will meet on Tuesday, June 9th. These are excellent times to gather as friends and share in the faith that binds us as one. Invite your friends and neighbors and join us. Contact **JANICE HAMPTON** or **DARLENE TAYLOR** for details.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



WOH Men's Group will take a brief respite for the summer to enjoy some leisure times with family and friends. We'll resume our Breakfast Chats in September! In the meantime, collect all those fish stories and summer adventures and watch for details about our next breakfast gathering. And if you have any new ideas about activities for our Men's Group contact **FRANK ADAMS** (263-7133) or daddo99@hotmail.com.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

Church Council met twice in April, and again on May 12, since I last provided an update for the WOH Newsletter. We have been closely watching our finances, as have many churches during these stressful economic times. It is good to report that we ended April without a deficit to expenses and expect the same in May. We will remain diligent in monitoring expenses and continue to trust that the One who calls us will provide for our needs. We also pray that the congregation continues to meet the challenges of the economy with faithful stewardship and support of this community of faith.

As we kick-off the summer, Council encourages you to remain engaged and participate in the activities and ministries that will be available in the coming months. We have some exciting things happening starting with our VBC and youth mission trip in June, "Surprise July" that includes new and different worship services, a spoken evening service getting started, etc. It should be a vibrant and joyful summer. Continue to keep your Church Council in your prayers, as we keep you in ours. While things are a little unsettled and uncertain in the world, it is the rest and peace of Jesus that we can find, and share, in this "amazing grace place."

Thanks be to God.—John McMullen, president

WORSHIP HELPERS

On Sunday morning, we invite you to try your hand at ushering, being a communion assistant or helping with communion care. We are also looking for folks who would like to assist as offering counters following the worship service. These commitments are only about once a month and we do offer basic training. If you're interested in any of these areas of ministry at WOH see **Pr. DUVAL** or sign up on the clipboards on Sunday.



THANKS KROGER CARDHOLDERS!

Are you a Kroger shopper? Do you purchase gas at Kroger? Then you are a candidate for the "re-loadable" Kroger gift cards! For each purchase made with these cards the church receives a 4% rebate. **If all 75 households of WOH were to spend \$75/month using their gift card, WOH would receive a monthly rebate check of \$225—a nice extra, don't you agree?!** If you're not yet a participant in this program see **DARLENE TAYLOR** for details and please continue to use the rechargeable Kroger Gift Cards to help supplement our church income.

I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4: 12-13

GOING GREEN: RECYCLING

When you are trying to be more "green" recycling is one of the simplest things to do. Lexington has made it very easy to recycle; you can put everything in one bin. Things that can be recycled are: metals, glass, paper, and some plastics. If we do it consistently, recycling can reduce our use of minerals and natural resources. For example, recycling paper compared to making new paper saves 70% of energy, uses 55% less water, pollutes the water less by 35%, and reduces air pollution by 74%



Things that you can't currently put in trash collection recycling bins can be dropped off at other places. Fluorescent bulbs can be recycled at any Home Depot store. Printer ink cartridges can be put in the box at Word of Hope and Office Depot will give us money for them. Batteries can be recycled at Batteries Plus on Richmond Rd.

Besides recycling here are some ways to reduce waste:

- Use washable dishes and napkins
- Recycle newspapers or read them online
- When buying things made of cardboard, buy the ones made of recycled cardboard. If a product is made of recycled cardboard it will be gray or dark brown on the underside
- Donate things you can't use anymore, but someone else might use, to Goodwill, the Salvation Army, or another place like that

As Christians, it is our responsibility to do our part in keeping the earth healthy. Every little bit helps, even if it feels like only a small thing. Written by *Mary Webb*

MORE INTERESTING FACTS:

- According to the EPA the average American produces about 1,600 pounds of trash a year.
- The garbage produced in America alone, could form a line of filled-up garbage trucks and reach the moon.
- Americans alone throw away enough aluminum to duplicate the full commercial air fleet of the US.
- A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can, in as little as 60 days. That's closed loop recycling at its finest!
- An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now!
- To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down.
- Every month, we throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper. All of these jars are recyclable!

WOH FOLKS ...

THANKS TO ALL who helped with "Down at the Bayou" night of entertainment. Special thanks to our many actors and musicians, especially **FRANK ADAMS, MARJORIE FLORO, JASON LAMBIRTH, THE PRAISE BAND & SINGERS, GAIL CLAYTON, PR DUVAL, KAYLA METZLER, HANNAH WARD, MARY WEBB, JACE WARD**, to our technical assistant **JOE McMULLEN** and to the many folks who prepared our delicious and unique Louisiana-style meal: **STEVE ADAMS, LAMARE ADAMS, JANICE HAMPTON, ANNETTE FRAZIER, KELLY METZLER and DAVE EARNEST**. And last but not least we want to thank the **MANY FOLKS** who came to support our SH Youth as they prepare for Mission 2009. You are all greatly appreciated!

OUR THANKS to the **DREAM TEAM** for the work on the kitchen floor and to **LAURIE JOHNSON** for her many hours on the great wax job! What an incredible improvement!

THANKS TO OUR VBC DECORATING TEAM who have a done a fantastic job in setting the stage for the week at "Crocodile Dock". We had a talented team of painters including: **KRISTIN & KATELYN SLAVIK, GLENDA EARNEST, KELLY & KAYLA METZLER, LIZ ADAMS. JOHN POLNISCH** cut out the characters, **PR DUVAL** assembled the cabin and **KELLY METZLER** built the dock that decorates the entry. Great job gang!

ELIAS ISREAL, son-in-law of **WAYNE & ANNETTE FRAZIER** was recently promoted to 1st Lieutenant in the US Army. Wayne had the honor, as a retired military officer, of being part of the award ceremony. Congratulations Elias!

CONGRATS & BEST WISHES TO MORE GRADS

TOMMY WONG, son of **VICTOR & CHARLOTTE WONG**, graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Political Science.

TYLER KNAPP, granddaughter of **MARJORIE FLORO**, will graduate from Gunn High School in Palo Alto, CA on June 10. She will be attending Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, CA.

KERRY KNAPP, granddaughter of **MARJORIE FLORO**, graduated Summa Cum Laude from UK with a BA degree in Art Education. She has been teaching at Lexington Christian Academy where she has accepted a permanent position.

REGULAR GATHERINGS:

- **Church Council; Tuesday, June 16th** at 7pm at WOH
- **The Care Team will meet on Tuesday, June 16th** at 7pm at **JULIE MCEWEN'S**.
- **The Parentween Group (PTG)**, will take a break for the summer. We'll start up again in August.
- **"The Shack"** book discussion—Will continue in June Sundays, 6:30 pm
- **'Bread for the World'** watch the Weekly Sheet for details on our next meeting time

BIKER BLESSING AT WOH

"May His mercy, grace & love shine upon your every path."



CONFIRMATION



Easter Breakfast Helpers