



The Woods
BAPTIST CHURCH
Sharing the Journey of Faith

NEWS FROM THE WOODS

APRIL 28, 2011

CHURCH APPRECIATION NIGHT!
SUNDAY, MAY 1st, 6:00

The youth want to say "Thank You!"

Join us for testimonies, desserts, and
entertainment from the
Grace High School Jazz Band.

See you there!

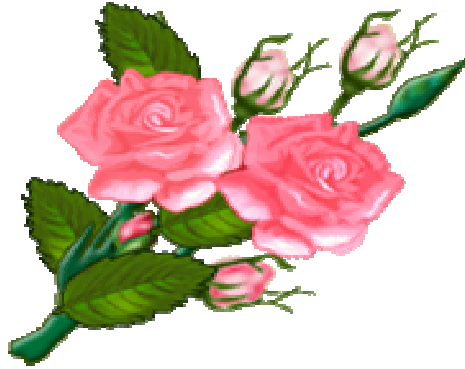
~NOTICE~

MOVING DAY!

We will be moving the church offices
to the new modular building on Monday, May 2nd.

With the computers, phones, etc being moved, there
will not be communication with the office
some of the day.

(of course cell phones will still be accessible.)



Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 8th

We will have a beautiful arrangement of roses for the altar table in celebration of Mother's Day. If you would like to purchase a rose(s), please place \$2.00 per rose in an offering envelope designating "Roses" and drop it in the deposit box.

You may take the ones you purchased after the morning service.

No Evening Worship Service

FROM THE PASTOR.....

Many of you have asked the question – “When will we move to two services?” Several things have to happen before we can make the transition. I want to give you an update as to where we are in the progress of this crucial move in the life of The Woods Baptist Church.

Before we can go to two services, the new office and youth space needs to be completed. Though the building is not 100% finished, it is finished enough for the City of Tyler to provide us a temporary certificate of occupancy. As a result, this Monday, May 2nd, we will move the offices from the present location into the new facility. This move means all computer and telephone equipment will be disconnected. Therefore, during some of the day on Monday, we will be unavailable.

Additionally, the Friendship Class currently meets in the Sanctuary for Sunday School. This class will need a place to meet since the Sunday School hour will be a time of transition between the two worship services. The current plan is to move the Friendship Class into the room where the youth meet, and the youth will move out into the new building when it is completed. We are anticipating this move to happen on one of the last two weekends of May. Please watch for more information. If you are available, your assistance would be appreciated.

Finally, for this transition to be a success, we need your help. We need you to tell your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and any other person who crosses your path of the exciting things happening at The Woods. We need you to help advertise! Our first Sunday for two different worship services will be June 5th. We have one month to get ready. We have one month to get the word out. We have one month to build momentum. You can help by sharing the news. The Gospel does not change. What saves is still Jesus! We want to share and show the love of Christ with all people. Help get the word out.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Please pray as we move toward this pivotal point in the life of The Woods Baptist Church. We are a family. We serve a Mighty God. What we do is for His glory and His kingdom. I trust you will do your part to help grow God's kingdom.

Serving Christ,

Anthony

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

May 01
Misti Smith
Wendy Lindsey

May 04
Geneva Yates

May 06
Shelby Galloway

May 07
Ashley Judd

May 09
Lola Johnson

May 10
Cecil Wyatt

May 11
Kim Christiansen

May 12
Fran Stone

May 17
Royce Ballew
Call Florence

May 19
Stephen Westmoreland

May 20
Sue Dodson

May 22
Linda Sayre
Tanner Ludolph

May 23
Patsy Marta
Clayton Wyman

May 24
Wendy Frizzell

May 25
Charles Dodson
Gary Taylor

May 27
Frances Graham
Bill Fewell

May 30
Morgan Hines

May 31
Julia Muehlaue
Sam Caudle

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 01 Lord's Supper in Morning Service**
- May 01 College Team Ministry Mtg.**
(immediately following evening service)
- May 02 Moving Day for Church Offices**
- May 03 LOVE Class Mtg., 11 a.m. (Viertel's)**
- May 04 Evangelism/Missions Mtg., 7:30 p.m.**
- May 04 Youth Committee Mtg., 7:30 p.m.**
- May 05 Building, Grounds, & Prayer
Garden Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- May 08 Mother's Day! No Evening Service**
- May 08 Last "Converge" Service for
Semester Meal, 7:45 p.m. &
Service at 8:30**
- May 08 UT Tyler "Study Zone", 7p.m.-2a.m.**
- May 09 UT Tyler "Study Zone", 7p.m.-2a.m.**
- May 10 UT Tyler "Study Zone", 7p.m.-2a.m.**
- May 11 Budget & Finance Mtg., 7:30 p.m.**
- May 12 Deacons' Prayer Time, 6:30 p.m.**
- May 12 Deacons' Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**
- May 14 Youth-Ranger Game & Concert**
- May 14 Baby Shower for Gwen Flake
2:00-4:00 p.m.**
- May 15 13th Annual Fish Fry, 6:00 p.m.**
- May 17 Senior Adult Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.**
- May 25 Long Range Planning Mtg, 7:30 p.m.**
- May 30 Memorial Day! Church Office Closed**



OUT OF THE WOODS...

What is it about Easter Sunday morning? Have you ever noticed the air of anticipation on that special day?

Surely, as believers, we understand that every new day that God gifts to us is to be a celebration of our risen Savior!

So ... could I ask a favor of you? Would you join me in praying each Sunday ... beginning this Sunday ... for the Lord to help our focus to be so clearly upon Him, that when we show up to the gathering place of the body known as The Woods Baptist Church, that the same air of anticipation would permeate this place as was present this past Easter Sunday morning?

God stands ready every time we gather to meet us in power and desires for us to desire nothing more than Him! Think about what that could mean in our lives as individuals and as a body!

David

BEAU'S NOTES....

“Brothers, if anyone of you is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.” Galatians 6:1-5 (ESV)

I have a question for you. Who is in the most danger in this passage of Scripture? Who would you think is in danger, because someone has been caught in a transgression? Someone has been caught committing a sin. Someone was caught cheating. Someone was caught spreading a rumor. Someone was caught talking bad about a friend. There is a sin that has been committed and everyone knows about it. Who does Paul spend these 5 verses of Scripture warning? The one who is able to help them stand? You see, I think each verse here has a bright yellow light flashing CAUTION, CAUTION, CAUTION. And that message of warning is not to the one that has committed the sin, or the one that has fallen, but the warning is directed to those that can help.

Why do you think that is? Why does Paul spend so much time warning “those that are spiritual?” See, Paul tells us that we have a responsibility as “spiritual” people, and that is to restore. That word, restore, is the word they used when they would repair a broken net. A net that is torn is worthless; it doesn’t do its job effectively. I believe as spiritual people, we have to be able to restore our fellow brothers and sisters that are stuck in a habit of sin, so they can continue to be effective in their faith.

By no means, is this an easy thing to do. Often times we make excuses like, “Oh well, that’s not my problem.” Or, “My burden is heavy enough, I can’t take on anybody else’s.” You see, the problem is that we are too concerned about US to even stop and help those around us that are struggling. Yet, we are commanded in Scripture to, “bear one another’s burdens.” Often times it’s easy for us to bear each others burdens in time of sickness, unemployment, loss of a loved one, loneliness, or rejection, but it’s hard for us to bear the burden of confronting a person because of sin. I believe that a sinful attitude or a sinful habit is much more harmful to a person than any of those other burdens. Therefore, if we really care about people we will confront them with their sin as well as comfort them in their trouble.

I know that sometimes there are attitudes and behaviors in the church that are clearly contrary to the Word of Christ. The question is if they should have been confronted and repaired a long time ago by some of you. Wouldn’t it be amazing to belong to a family of believers who loved each other so much that they simply could not look the other way while a brother or sister is entangled into a habit of sin? Wouldn’t it be great to have so much love for each other that we take sin seriously and serve each other as merciful mechanics, helping, and pointing each other to Christ? Think about it!

Beau

"LIVING LIFE IN REAL TIME"

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
hosted by The Woods Baptist Church

April 29 - 30, 2011

Friday Night 6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
8:45 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. fellowship, games, etc.

Saturday Morning 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

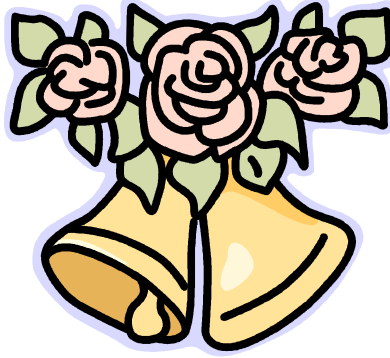
Guest Speaker: Kathy Nelson - Ruston, LA

Worship Leader: Jenna Lorrick - Malakoff, TX

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Contact: Jennifer Thrasher

Phone: 701-306-0069



YOU ARE INVITED

TO A

WEDDING SHOWER

honoring

AMBER FINCH

and

KYLE ANDREWS

SATURDAY, APRIL 30th

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Woods Baptist Church

**Registries: Bed, Bath and Beyond
Target**

NOTES OF THANKS!

Thank you from the family of Eunice Stewart during the recent loss of our Mom. The cards, calls, food, visits and prayers have been invaluable to us during a very difficult time. We are blessed to have a faith family that takes care of hurting members in such tender and practical ways. Your examples of His selfless love has made a tremendous impact on our extended family. God bless you!

*Sincerely,
Dana & Paul Welch
Lisa & Daryl Hindman*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, telephone calls, e-mails, and most of all for your prayers for our family during the loss of my grandmother as she entered the gates of Heaven.

We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family.

*Love,
Kirk, Melissa & Jeffrey Hill*

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, cards and telephone calls during Mom's hip surgery. She is improving and is resting comfortably at my brother's in Karnack. We will be glad to get back to Tyler as soon as possible. Also, thanks to Lynnette for feeding her as usual.

*We love you all,
Vicki Senn*

UT TYLER'S SPRING SEMISTER IS WINDING DOWN

And

FINAL EXAMS CAN'T BE FAR BEHIND!

Since adequate study space is limited and is often filled to capacity on campus during finals, The Woods is hosting a **Study Zone** on May 8th,9th,& 10th. We will provide study rooms, snacks and beverages from 7:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. on those dates, but we need a few "*night owls*" to serve as hosts & hostesses.

We have divided the study nights into 2 shifts for each evening and need at least 2 volunteers per shift. If you can serve as a host/hostess, please find an open shift and add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

If you have any questions, please contact Beau Stringer at 903-574-1212 or Dana Welch at 903-859-2959.

**Sugar 'n Spice and
everything nice...**

**That's what little *Girls* are
made of....**

SAVE THE DATE

For A

Baby Shower

honoring

Gwen Flake

Saturday, May 14th

2:00-4:00 p.m.

(you may come and go as you like)

The Woods Baptist Church

13th ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE



AT THE

GARY FARM

SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 6:00 P.M.

**This will be our “Sunday Night Life”
outreach event for May.**

**Please bring your guests and prospects
for our church.**

**Volunteers are needed to assist in
cooking, setting up, and other duties.**

**Cost: \$5.00 per person
\$12.00 per family
(There is no charge for your guests)**

**Please bring a salad or dessert.
If you cannot bring a dish, please do not
hesitate to join us.**

**Contact: Jimmy Palmer
903-894-8146 or 903-539-0750**

**Reservation sheets are available at the church or
you may call the office at 903-566-5211.**

**AS OF
APRIL 30, 2011**

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

257

MONTH TO DATE GIVING

\$44,842

YEAR TO DATE GIVING

\$219,654

The Woods Baptist Church Ministry & Support Team

Anthony D. Sisemore, *Pastor*

David Woods, *Minister of Music and Senior Adults*

Beau Stringer *Minister to Students*

Judy Dudley, *Administrative Assistant*

Cindy Beasley, *Financial Secretary*