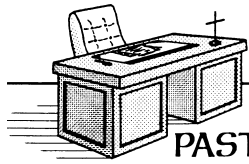


THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELLSVILLE, KANSAS
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We had a wonderful year at Wellsville Baptist Church in 2011! There were many professions of faith and a total of 18 baptisms with 2 currently waiting for the January baptismal service! The new sign is in place and has been a blessing to many in the church as well as the community. God is truly moving in the Body of Christ!

This year should be another year that exceeds expectations! This is because we serve an awesome God who can do much more than we can imagine!! He continues to lead us in His will for our lives and the ministry that we share together.

Some goals for 2012 that we need to pray for are:

1. A visitation process to visit our AWANA kids as well as other visitors to the church.
2. A new service that will target the young people in our community.
3. A process to help people mature in Christ.
4. At least two baptisms per quarter.

If it is the Lord's will, and we listen to Him and allow Him to work through us, we will accomplish these goals! It is up to you and me to be God's hands and feet to accomplish all of the wonderful things that He has in store for us this year!

Let us remember why we minister to our community. The Great Commandment is to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. The Great Commission would have us to make disciples of others because of this love for God and others. May we truly focus upon this trust that has been given to us this year.

Have a wonderful, God-focused year in 2012.

In Christ,

Pastor Tom

SAVE THE DATE

VALENTINE BANQUET
Saturday, February 11, 2012

Featuring:

Hands of Glory

Hands of Glory is a non-profit ministry that provides contemporary Christian Music in sign language with an awesome power and boldness of faith, and gives God all the glory. Bill Lytle is busy planning the menu for this special event. Watch upcoming newsletters and bulletins for reservation information.

CALLING ALL USHERS
SCRIPTURE READERS
AND
PROVIDERS OF SPECIAL MUSIC

Since we have new people using their gifts to during our worship services, we would like to have a short meeting on Sunday, January 8th in the Fellowship Hall. During this meeting, we would like to talk about the flow of the service and answer any questions you might have. This is for those who are new as well as veterans. Contact the church office if you have questions.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
&
BUSINESS MEETING

Our next Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22nd at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Center. During this meeting, we will see year-end reports and elect another usher for the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service. All members are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will follow a fellowship-covered dish lunch for all of our church family. Everyone is asked to bring their own table service. Drinks will be provided.

Chairmen and group leaders, your reports are due in the church office by Wednesday, January 4th.

Best Wishes for the New Year

Each New Year that I begin, I can't help asking myself what I might expect in this new adventure of my life. There is always a sense of adventure, as well as an awareness of peril of danger. I do not know how you feel, but I feel a little sense of fear, as well as a sense of excitement. Standing and looking ahead at the future makes me feel like an explorer entering the unknown and a little afraid not knowing what lies ahead—what perils may beset me, or even what joys may come to me. As I look back on 2011 and beyond, I can't help but see the world in which we live is on a downward spiral. We have seen so many tragedies and sins committed against one-another. We see lives that have been cut short for one reason or another. As I ponder this fragmented world I live in, it's easy to become cynical and afraid of what is in front of my loved ones and the body of Christ.

The twentieth Psalm is a wonderfully laid out help for us as we embark on a new year of life. It is a song that the people of Israel sang when the king went forth to battle. Before he went out to face the perils and uncertainty of war, they sang this Psalm as a prayer for his safety and victory. It wasn't just something nice to do but was a genuine prayer, an expression of their faith, a song of trust in the power of the living God who would keep the king and his armies in the midst of desperate battle.

I hope you remember the New Testament tells us that God has made every believer in Jesus Christ both a king and priest. So when we read Old Testament stories about kings and priests of old, we are perfectly right in applying them to ourselves. They are designed to teach us how a king ought to act and how a priest ought to behave, to lead us through experiences that kings and priests have, and show us the way out. When we read the book of Ephesians, we find out that we also are engaged in a battle.

Psalms twenty opens with a very realistic recognition of the situation:

“The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you.” (Ps. 20:1)

Right from the start, there is a recognition that the king is heading into a day of trouble. He nor do we know how severe our trouble might be in 2012, but we recognize, also, that we are headed for trouble of every kind, but we have a God who knows how to deal with all kinds of trouble. There is where our refuge lies – in the name of Jacob. Only God is adequate for the situation. Only he can tell what dangers lay ahead for each of us. Only he has the wisdom and foresight to steer a course through all the various perils. I'm glad God chose that title, **“God of Jacob”**.

As you remember Jacob was the maneuverer, the manipulator, the wheeler-dealer, the Big Time Operator. He was always trying to bring a situation around to the way he wanted. He depended on his wits, his wisdom, his cunning, in order to accomplish what he wanted. The results of people like that, they end up short-changing themselves. The very thing they want to protect, they end up destroying. We find even in ourselves that we are not adequate in ourselves, but our adequacy is in God alone. But Jacob had a God who taught him how to let go of that kind of thinking.

What do you and I do when we face a day of trouble? We tend to panic, don't we? We want to cast about for some kind of maneuver to accomplish what we want. We tend to immediately start manipulating, bringing pressure, trying to finagle the situation like Jacob. But the God of Jacob is our refuge. We read in Hebrews 11 that Jacob was one of the heroes of faith because he finally learned to lean on the top of his staff and to worship, while God acted. That is why God is called here, “the God of Jacob.”
May the God of Jacob protect you in two-thousand and twelve and beyond.

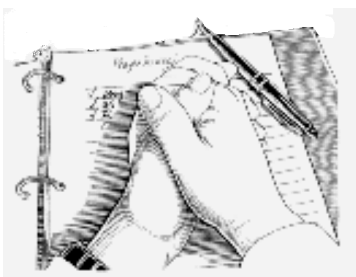
Grace & Peace,



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Bryson Owings – growth health concerns
Jeff Courter – recovering from shoulder surgery
Rick Brown – health concerns
Marie Moore – recovering from a fall & a broken jaw
Dorothy Laughlin – blood pressure fluctuation – health concerns
J.C. Jones – health concerns
Marie Moore – health concerns
Merle Shultz – back health concerns
Earline McGinnis – eye health and return of sight
Ada Mae Churchill – health concerns
Dwight Thuro – health concerns
Charlene McAuley – undergoing chemotherapy
Jerry Loeffler – Nicki Birdsall's friend – diagnosed with cancer
Travis – friend of Todd Birdsall – undergoing cancer treatment
Susan Haigh – Rick Haigh's mother – undergoing chemotherapy
Terri Dooly – Judy Broers' friend – chemo for pancreatic & lung cancer
Patricia Branham – Karen Brown's sister – health concerns
Ginger McDaniel – undergoing chemotherapy
Nadia Dillard – Kim Robbs' cousin's daughter – rheumatoid arthritis
John Link – Judy Broers' nephew – rectal cancer
Linda Rothers – Lesley Breithaupt's mother – undergoing chemotherapy
Linda Brooks – health concerns
Linda Ott – Barbara Ott's daughter-in-law – undergoing chemotherapy
Anita Anstaett – Pat Campbell's sister – undergoing chemotherapy
Richard Kramer – Virginia Kramer's husband – undergoing radiation therapy
Lynnedra Martin – Lesley Breithaupt's sister – ovarian cancer
Jim Halpin – Tony Halpin's brother – health concerns
Dena Bremer – awaiting a kidney transplant (can't receive a kidney from her sister)
Gwen Spurling McFarland – Pastor Tom's relative – stomach cancer
Megan Lee – Bev McAuley's daughter – health concerns
Karen Kennedy – LaDema Higbie's daughter – starting chemotherapy
Robyn – Fred Buckley's daughter – recovering from cancer surgery
Tommy Baker & his wife — health concerns



THANK YOU

December 24, 2011

Dear Wellsville Baptist Church Family,

We wanted to let all of you know how much it touched us that Pastor Tom called us this afternoon/evening. We think of all of you often and are in our prayers daily.

We will always think of Wellsville Baptist Church as our home. We receive much comfort in knowing that we have such wonderful people praying for us as we travel this path that God has given us at this time. It would be easy to ask "Why us?", but we chose to say "Why not us?" All of our struggles, whether little or small, only make us more thankful for what we have. A loving and giving Father.

Curtis & Dena Bremer

Precept Upon Precept

(PUP) Bible Study: *Genesis, Part 1*
Tuesday Nights, Jan. 3 – Feb. 14, 7-9 p.m.
Family Life Center, SE Classroom

The Creation (Chapters 1-2) - (6 lessons)

Can you defend creation against evolution? Learn how the world was created and how man came into being as you study both biblical and scientific accounts from Genesis chapters 1-2.

Come discover truth for yourself using the inductive method of study. The student will complete ½ -1 hour of homework five days a week before class. The first night, Jan. 3, is orientation for people who have never done a PUP study before. Those who have will just buy their workbooks (\$13.50 + S&H) by that night.

For more info contact Judy Haas Broers, Leader, 883-4657, CrossTrailsRanch@gmail.com

SELF-EXAMINATION FOR YOU

What kind of church would my church be—if every person were just like?

How many worship services would we have had this year if everyone had stayed at home when I did?

How many times would an evening service or program have been omitted if no one had gone except when I was there?

How many times would the Sunday School have met if they had met only when I attended?

How much Christian instruction would the children of our community receive if everyone showed as much interest in it as I do?

How many of my neighbors would have been invited to worship or welcomed into the church if everyone invited as many as I have?

How many prayers would have been offered for my pastor, the church staff, my neighbors, my church?

How many words of faith would have been shared with others?

What kind of church would my church be—if every person were just like me?

January, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1* New Year's Day No Youth Group or choir	2 church office closed 7:00 p 4-H in the Fellowship Hall	3 8:45 a Church staff meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible study	4** 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA resumes	5 7:00 p Board of Deacons	6	7 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
8* 9:30 a Music Team meeting, 12:10 p usher/scrip readers/spec music providers meeting	9	10 8:45 a Church staff meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible study, 6:00 p Girl Scout meeting in the Fellowship Hall	11** 9:30 a Adult Bible Study	12 10:00 a Bingo at Wellsville Retirement Center, 6:30 p Board of Christian Education	13	14 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
15* 9:30 a Council, 9:30 a Teens serve coffee/muffins, 12:10 p Mosher Sml Gr, 3:00 p Service at Wellsville Retirement Cntr	16	17 8:45 a Church staff meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible study	18** 9:30 a Adult Bible Study	19	20	21 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 p Teen Movie night in the Family Center
22* 12:10 p Fellowship covered-dish lunch, 1:00 p Business meeting	23	24 8:45 a Church staff meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible study, 6:00 p Girl Scouts, 7:00 p Board of Trustees	25** 9:30 a Adult Bible Study	26	27	28 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
29* 10:50 a Contemporary Worship	30	31 8:45 a Church staff meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible study	*Sunday—Regular Weekly Services — 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship Service, 5:30 p.m. Youth Group grades; 5:30 P.M. Choir; 7:00 P.M. Worship Team Practice. **Wednesday—Regular Weekly Services—6:30 p.m. AWANA Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m. Adult Coffee & Dessert Time 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study	*Sunday—Regular Weekly Services — 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning for ages 7th—12th Morning Worship Service, 5:30 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 P.M. Worship Team Practice.		

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed below, please call the church office and let us know.

Anniversaries

- 6-M/M Rick Haigh
- 10-M/M Daniel Beuthien
- 27-M/M Trent Burkdoll

Birthdays

- 1-Diane Moss
- 3-Alice Ann Ishmael, Garrett Oshel
- 7-Matthew Swafford, Mercedes Thompson
- 8-Justin Altic, Jesse Courter
- 9-andrew Johnson, Libby Swafford
- 13-Truyn Mosher, Ardyth Mosher Wolken
- 14-Norma Kerr
- 15-Rose Baker, Craig Moore

Birthdays (cont.)

- 16-Larry Averill, J.R. Posey
- 17-Oscar West
- 18-Rev. Kevin Inglehart, John Robbs
- 21-Ken Robbs
- 22-Rebecca Londo
- 25-Pat McAuley
- 26-Tiffany Nitzsche McIlvain
- 27-Ann Averill
- 28-Edna Wyatt, Dunreath West
- 29-Becca Swafford
- 30-Lori Rogers
- 31-Jacob Lee

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