

THE VISION

Exalting Christ . . . Equipping the Church . . . Engaging the Community

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Bruce Worley

I want to use my article today to talk about two important things. I want to talk about an important person, and I want to talk about an important date. First, I want to talk about a person, but not in a negative way. Some of you may have heard that George Livingston has resigned as our Administrator, effective February 28. It is a sad time for me as a pastor as George is one of my dearest friends, mentors, and colleagues in the ministry. As a pastor you do not get too many of these people in your life. George has faithfully served at Western Heights for 11½ years and has brought a great deal of wisdom and counsel to the church. He has been one of my go-to guys when I have a question or an idea that I want to share.

George and Karen have decided to fully retire and move to West Virginia to be near their two daughters. This move is a good move for them in the twilight years of their lives and I fully support their decision, though I am saddened by it at the same time. Often times people will come into your life for a brief moment but they impact your life for eternity. Such is the case with George. He has served his Lord in so many ways that it is difficult to mention them all in this article. He served as a foreign missionary in Columbia, and I believe that if he had not contracted Hepatitis he and Karen would have retired as missionaries. Unable to serve on the mission field, he found other opportunities of service in the healthcare industry which moved him from place to place around the country. Gabbie and I know what it is to move so much and understand the personal and financial considerations involved in such decisions. Finally, George was able to answer his missionary call once again as he served as Director of New Life Advance. He served in that capacity without receiving a salary, but simply on the generosity of his supporters. In his retirement he came to Western Heights where we have been blessed with his ministry and experience all these years. We have talked together, we have prayed together, we have laughed together and, yes, we have cried together. My ministry and the ministry of Western Heights has been blessed and enhanced under the ministry of George Livingston.

We will now begin the search for his replacement. But let me tell you something, we cannot replace George Livingston. We may fill his position, but we cannot replace him. I pray God's richest blessings on him and that God will provide him and Karen great opportunities to continue serving him in the twilight years of their lives. He will be missed. God's blessings to George and Karen in this new adventure God is giving them. **The church will have a special reception in honor of George on February 20 after the monthly business meeting.**

The second important thing I want to share is some service time changes. I have been researching some things and have discovered that 11:15 AM is not the best time to have a worship service. It seems that the best time for worship is either the top of the hour or the bottom of the hour. Obviously, we cannot move the service to 10:30 or 11:30, so we are moving our second service to 11:00 starting on March 3. We are also moving our Bible Study time to 9:45–10:45. The first service will be unaffected by these changes. We have been getting out at 9:30 these past several Sundays as we have made some scheduling decisions to accommodate this move. Here will be the new schedule starting March 3.

8:45 – 9:30 Worship

9:45 – 10:45 Bible Study

11:00 – 12:15 Worship

We think this will help us continue to reach our community with the gospel as we work together to create an environment where people are welcome and encouraged to be a part of our fellowship. I still believe the best days are ahead of us even if we hit some bumps in the road. I look forward to continuing to share with you from God's Word as we strive to Exalt Christ, Equip the Church, and Engage the Community.

In HIS Service . . . Bruce

CHILDREN & EDUCATION MINISTRY

We are planning a special event for families called The Bible Character Lunch Bunch! The date is Sunday, March 31. We will meet immediately following the contemporary service. Lunch will be provided, and we will have three Bible characters with us to share their stories with the children. Children will receive Bible story books, and the Bible characters will do a book signing! It will be a wonderful time as God's Word comes to life right here at Western Heights. One of our goals is for you bring a family with you! Please think of a family you would like to invite, and watch your mail. We will be sending your invitation soon!



Marcy Smith

Spring BREAKAWAY will be Wednesday, March 13 from 4:00-8:00. This is in lieu of our usual Wednesday night activities. We break away from our usual Wednesday night activities to do a service project and have some fun together with pizza and games! This event is for children in grades 1-6, but younger children are welcome to come with a parent. We will meet in the Garden Room at 4:00, then travel to CareNet Pregnancy Center to participate in a service project. After we work hard at CareNet we will play hard at Chuck E. Cheese! We will enjoy pizza and games, and arrive back at the church at 8:00. There is no cost to participate, and parents are welcome to join us! Please note: each child must have a 2019 Medical Release Form in order to participate. Blank forms are available on the bulletin board near the Sanctuary, and you will also find them online at <https://whbcwaco.org/resources/forms>.

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In case you missed it, Children's Choir is meeting again on Wednesday nights. We are working on a musical that will be presented Sunday, May 19. Choir meets Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 and is for children in grades 1-6.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendar:

Spring BREAKAWAY - Wednesday, March 13 from 4:00-8:00

Preteen Camp (for grades 3-6) will be June 24-28. Watch your mail for more information about camp.

Vacation Bible School - July 15-19

YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING TIME OUT DATES

March 24

April 28 - hosted by Robert and Marilyn Borchgardt

May 26

Our youth and adult volunteers would like to thank Robert and Marilyn Borchgardt for hosting the Super Bowl party. A great time was had by all! Thanks for all you do to support our youth ministry!

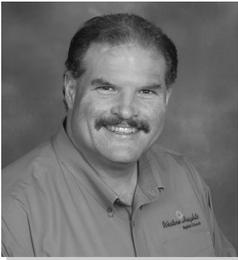
CHILI COOK-OFF

Church Family - Thanks to all who participated in our Annual Chile Cook-Off and Dessert Auction Youth Camp Fundraiser!! Congratulations to Abi Ramirez, Marcy Smith, and Sheri Day as our top 3 winners! We had a great time of worship and fellowship with great food! Our total raised that night was \$947. This money will be used to help send our students to youth camp.

YOUTH CAMP

Youth camp will be July 8-12 at Highland Lakes encampment in Spicewood, Texas. We are going to M3 Camp and the camp pastor is Chad Poe (who was our camp pastor this past year at Generate Camp).

The \$50 camp deposit is due. If you have not turned in your deposit, please see Cynthia.



Kip Osborne

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & MUSIC MINISTRY

MINISTRY CHOIR will meet Monday afternoons at 4:30 PM on the second floor of St Catherine's for Hymn Singing with residents. Please note this is a change from Tuesday to Monday each week.

SPRING JUBILEE CONFERENCE IN BRANSON, MISSOURI - If you would like to attend this "Singing, Laughing and Preaching" conference from April 10th through April 12th, please call the church office to sign up. We must have a large enough group to attend, so your commitment is vital. The cost is \$189 per person and includes all concerts, programs, and two nights lodging (double occupancy). You may stay in a single room; however, it will increase your trip cost. The Gather Vocal Band, Dino, Pastor Johnny Hunt, and many others will be ministering to us during this great event. Sign up ASAP. Our meals will be Dutch treat and donations for gasoline will be added to the cost.

SANCTUARY CHOIR PRACTICE is WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7:30 pm AS WE WORK ON OUR CANTATA CHOSEN FOR Palm Sunday presentation en titled "NO MORE NIGHT".

SATURDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - Come join other senior adults for a fellowship breakfast after the 8 AM prayer meeting in the partner's Room.

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

"And He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." Mark 4:39

At the start of the spring semester, the C-YA group began studying the book of Mark. I must confess that it has been a refreshing read. It has also been a challenging read. Francis Chan (our guide through the book) has tasked us to read these narratives with a fresh perspective. As we approach this week's (2/11) reading, I was struck by Jesus' words after He calmed the storm. It's a familiar passage that we have all read from the time we were in children's Sunday school.

The storm raged, the disciples feared, and Jesus slept. Upon rebuking the wind and waves, Jesus asks his disciples two questions, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" This very same Jesus had been casting out demons, healing the sick, and revealing God's plan through parables to those closest to Him. They had seen Jesus claim to be the "Lord of the Sabbath," claiming equality with God. This makes their response all the more shocking. They became more terrified of Jesus than they were of the storm and asked each other, "Who is this guy that even the fiercest storms obey Him?" After all they had seen and heard, they still did not grasp that the man in the boat with them was the same God who had created them.

The disciples' question has stuck with me for the past week. You and I have an even greater encourager with us as we walk through this life, but I still can't help but think that we ask the same thing of God. When the storms come, we still freak out. When the waves seem to be filling our boat, we scream for help even though the very God who created us is also indwelling us. Then comes the sting of Jesus' questions. After all we've seen God do, are we still lacking in faith?

The very same God who was in the beginning, the very same God who came as a man to buy our redemption, the very same God who now seals us for His Kingdom lives within us. He is God, and we are not. There is great relief in that. I know that if it was me, there would be all sorts of mistakes being made. God, reveal Yourself to me even more. Help my unbelief when I begin to doubt. Fill me with Your love when I have none left to give. Take this life I live, and live it for me. May You be glorified forever and ever.

God bless, Jeremy



Jeremy Wilson

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2019

	Feb. 3	Feb. 10
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$8,610.00	8,610.00
Weekly Budget Receipts.....	\$8,306.80	\$5,398.80
Budget Receipts..... Month to Date.....	\$8,306.80	\$13,705.60
Budget Expenses..... Month to Date.....	\$8,133.37	\$18,146.47
Designated Receipts..... Month to Date.....	\$3,344.93	\$3,735.93
Budget Goal..... Year to Date.....	\$43,050.00	\$51,660.00
Budget Receipts..... Year to Date.....	\$38,099.06	\$43,497.86
Budget Expenses..... Year to Date.....	\$36,836.86	\$46,849.96
Designated Receipts..... Year to Date.....	\$9,311.67	\$9,702.67

Designated Mission Contributions

**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
MEALS**

The meals are on hold until
further notice.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

8:00 am-12:00 noon

1:00 pm-4:30 pm

The offices are closed
and telephones are not answered
between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm, and
after 4:30 pm.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

02/17/2019 thru 03/02/2019

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WESTERN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
VISION CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES
February 17, 2019 through March 02, 2019

Sunday, February 17

8:45 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Church Library Open
11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service
4:00 pm Mission & Development Committee
5:30 pm Bible Study with the Pastor
5:30 pm Mission Preschool
5:30 pm Bible Buddies/Bible Drill
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night Live

Monday, Feb. 18

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help
4:30 pm Ministry Choir
5:30 pm BSF Class Meetings
6:30 pm Nominating Committee

Tuesday, Feb. 19

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Men's Weekly Fellowship Lunch
4:00 pm Colonial Kids' Club
6:30 pm College Grow Group
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday Feb. 20

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:00 am Financial Review
6:00 pm Children's Choir/TeamKid
6:00 pm Mission Preschool
6:00 pm Youth Fuel
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting/Business Meeting
7:30 pm Reception for George & Karen Livingston
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, Feb. 21

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Merry Widows and Friends
6:00 pm Lydia Class Meeting
7:00 pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Friday, Feb. 22

5:30 am BSF Leaders Meeting
9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help
5:30 pm Bible Drill Fun Night

Saturday, Feb. 23

8:00 am Prayer Group Meeting
9:00 am Senior Adult Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, February 24, 2019

8:45 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Church Library Open
11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service
4:00 pm Church Growth Council Mtg
5:30 pm Bible Study with the Pastor
5:30 pm Mission Preschool
5:30 pm Bible Buddies/Bible Drill
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night Live

Monday, Feb. 25

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help
4:30 pm Ministry Choir
5:30 pm BSF Class Meetings

Tuesday, Feb 26

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Men's Weekly Fellowship Lunch
4:00 pm Colonial Kids' Club
6:30 pm College Grow Group
6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Feb. 27

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:00 am Financial Review
6:00 pm Mission Preschool
6:00 pm Children's Choir/TeamKid
6:00 pm Youth Fuel
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, Feb. 28

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Merry Widows and Friends
7:00 pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Friday, March 01

5:30 am BSF Leaders Meeting
9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help

Saturday, March 02

8:00 am Prayer Group Meeting
9:00 am Senior Adult Fellowship Breakfast

WELCOME VISITORS

February 03, 2019

Annabella Deese, Dakota Seidmann, Daniel Walton

February 10, 2019

Haley Moore, Damian Maldonado, Katherine Shaver

RECEPTION FOR GEORGE & KAREN LIVINGSTON

Please join the Church Staff & Personnel Committee on Wednesday, February 20th immediately following the business meeting for a Going Away Reception for George and Karen Livingston. Please come and help send them off with our love and gratitude. If you can help with this event by making cookies please contact LaNell Woodward at 254-855-5565.

TEXT MESSAGE REMINDERS

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WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS

We have a very important ministry that takes place every Sunday, but you may not know about it. This ministry is Worship Care. Worship Care Volunteers help our preschool teachers with our littlest ones every Sunday during worship! These volunteers get to hold babies, play with preschoolers and assist our teachers as they share the Bible story of the day. It is a great way to serve the Lord and to bless the families of our church. Worship Care volunteers serve about one time every three months. If you enjoy

spending time with precious preschoolers this is the opportunity for you! For more information or to join our team, contact Marcy at 776-2524.

COLONIAL KIDS' CLUB

Our Colonial Kids' Club meets at The Edmond (formerly Colonial Arms Apartments) from 4:00-5:15 every Tuesday. This ministry is reaching children and families who do not go to church on a regular basis. Some of them have even participated in activities here at Western Heights. We have a great team of volunteers, but would love to have a few more. If you would like to help us out please give Marcy a call in the office.

CARENET BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Annual Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign is in full swing! Make sure you pick up a Baby Bottle from a baby bag around the building, fill it with money or a check made out to Care Net, then return it to the office or place in in the baby bed in the Sanctuary by Sunday, February 24. Thanks for your support for this great ministry in our community!

WHBC BUSINESS MEETING -FEB. 20TH

The Personnel Committee will bring a motion to the business meeting February 20th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.