

WBC NEWSLETTER

August 2021



**WOODLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH EXISTS TO
GLORIFY GOD BY LEADING PEOPLE INTO A
GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST**

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Leadership at Woodlawn is changing, is it for the better? We are moving to a two-tier model of leadership. This means our church will have two sets of leaders, or two leadership offices within the church, namely, Elders and Deacons (1 Tim. 3). The role of each of these offices is crucial to our ability to rightly follow Christ. My hope is to give a "job description" of sorts for each of these offices in modern parlance with an eye toward application within Woodlawn.

Elders are most easily understood and defined by understanding three synonymous titles given to their position: shepherd (pastor), elder, and overseer (used synonymously and interchangeably in Acts 20 and 1 Peter 5). Shepherd (the Latin form of this word is where we get the term "pastor") is the most common portrait presented in the Bible for faithful leadership of God's people. The image of God's people being shepherded by appointed members of the community is found in both the Old and New Testaments. Shepherds are called to guide God's people toward a more faithful relationship with him. They are called to do this by modeling, caring, protecting, and loving. Shepherds are to be models for God's people as faithful followers of Christ. Each shepherd should strive to echo the words of Paul, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). Caring for the congregation certainly includes physical concerns, but the Bible places a premium upon the souls of each believer being cared for by the shepherd (Heb. 13:17). Protecting the people of God is especially necessary in light of false Christians who would seek to lead people away from the faith (Acts 20:29-31). And finally loving God's people through every experience of life is the heart of a true shepherd (2 Cor. 2:4).

Shepherding should also contain an "elder-ing" component. The term elder connotes the idea of one who will give counsel. The specific form of counsel in view is the application of God's Word to the lives of his people (Titus 1:9; 2 Tim. 4:1-5).

Elders are also called to be overseers. Overseeing was a term often used to describe the person who would manage a farm or vineyard. The management of the church does not primarily speak to administration issues, although these would be affected. More to the point, Overseers are called to make sure every aspect of the church faithfully follows the true Shepherd, Jesus.

The role of Elder is contrasted then with Deacon in that deacons come under elder oversight and serve a different function for the church. They are tasked with giving support to the elders and guidance to specific church ministries. In Acts 6:1-6, deacons are appointed for the first time ever in order to give direction to the most prominent church ministry recorded in the pages of the New Testament. The ministry at hand was caring for the widows in the congregation. The care for widows in the church in Jerusalem was misguided, therefore the elders (who also were known as Apostles at that time) asked the congregation to appoint godly men who could give guidance to the widow ministry. The initial establishment of deacons within the church led to a flourishing of the gospel: "And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem" (Acts 6:7). God used the faithful ministry of these men as a catalyst for gospel effectiveness. We therefore have sought to model our deacon ministry after this description in Acts 6. Each deacon at Woodlawn is tasked with faithfully guiding specific ministries of the church.

In some respects, the church leadership model in the New Testament is simple - only two offices. But we believe by closely following this model our church is honoring God through faithful obedience.

WBC PRAYER FOCUS

WBC PRAYER MINISTRY

“Prayer Matters”

**"Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us." *Psalms 62:8***

The scripture above encourages us to pray by simply pouring out our heart to God. Scripture states God is a *refuge* for us, a place of safety or shelter. However, that scripture begins with *trust in Him*. Therefore, our prayers must start with trust in the One to whom we are pouring out our heart. He is the One who makes differences! As we head into the unknowns of a new school year, let God be the source of our hope and confidence as we trust in Him. We can begin to make differences through prayer as suggested below.

Please join others in prayer for students, administration, and teachers as the school year begins. Consider the following seven prayer prompts.

- Strength for students who stand for Christ at their schools
- Salvation opportunities for nonbelievers
- Modeling of godly character and principles by believers on campus
- Safety on campus and at school functions
- Nurturing and respectful family relationships for students
- Wisdom for staff in daily classroom challenges including those involving health concerns
- Diligence by students and educators for academic achievement

Author and prayer leader, Stormie Omartian, writes, “When we don’t pray, it’s like sitting on the sidelines watching our children in a war zone getting shot at from every angle. When we do pray, we’re in the battle alongside them, appropriating God’s power on their behalf.” Remember, time in prayer is well spent!

Will you consider joining other church members in an organized effort for prayer for God’s work in and through the lives of WBC? If you are currently involved in WBC’s Prayer Ministry or you desire to know more and become involved, please mark your calendar for August 29 at 5PM -- and attend the quarterly Prayer Ministry meeting. We will look at upcoming prayer opportunities as well as praise God for being our hope and help when we seek HIS Presence and promises through our prayers.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”
Psalm 46:1

PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



Countywide Prayer Spotlight

Please join other believers in prayer for the following GGBA member churches. May WBC be blessed as we join others seeking God to build up HIS kingdom through this prayer emphasis

Unity Baptist – Belmont Pastor: Joe Lawing

Unity Baptist – Gastonia Pastor: Roger Mathis

Venture Church – Dallas Pastor: Austin Rammell

Victory Baptist – Gastonia Pastor: Keith Martin

West Cramerton Baptist – Cramerton Pastor: Mike Ivey

"Restore us again, O God our Savior ...

Will You not revive us again. . .

"Psalm 85:4-6

PRAYERS FOR SALVATION:

Stephen, Joshua, James, Josh, Ceasar, Rosa,
Jessie, Crystal

PRAYERS FOR HOMEBOUND OR THOSE IN ASSISTED LIVING:

Hazel Currie, Patsy Waugh,
Marcella Campbell, Elizabeth Sprinkles, Earl
Cannon, Lucille Jones

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:

Mark Hill, Kathy Hawkins, Stephen and
Kathy Hill, Michael and Dianah Minges,
Gary Langley Jr., Shirley Sutton, Janet
Sabucco, Terry Collins' daughter Marsha



**To initiate a prayer, call one of the
following:**

**Jane Saunders
Church Office**

STRENGTHENING & BUILDING OUR
Community
THROUGH THE POWER OF PRAYER

Community Prayer Gathering

First Saturday of Each Month

Saturday, August 7, 2021

9:30-10:30am

WBC Sanctuary

Please join your brothers and sisters in Christ
from area churches to pray and believe that
God's Word in 2 Chronicles 7:14 is true for today

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



WBC Kids will be collecting donations for school supplies for any local children in need. We will also be donating school supplies to local schools. If you would like to help show support to our community through this outreach, please contact the church office to make a monetary donation designated for our School Supplies Giveaway or donate online on our website by designating School Supplies Giveaway fund.

Please pray for all the children, teachers, and parents as they begin the new school year in August.



WOODLAWN KIDS WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Sundays

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Kids Worship

Wednesdays

**7:00pm Preschool Kids Club
and KidsROC (K-5)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 1-19

School Supplies &
Donation Drive

Sun. Aug. 8, 9:45 am

Promotion Day, Classrooms:
Rising Kindergarteners and rising
6th Graders will be promoted to
their new classrooms.

12:00 pm

Celebration Lunch, Gym

Wed. Aug. 18, 7:00 pm

Back to School Party, MP Room

Wed. Sept. 8, 7:00 pm

End of Summer Luau Party



STUDENTS



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Our goal with
Woodlawn Students is
to equip them to follow
Jesus, to be made like
him, and to become
fishers of men.

CABE VEAZEY, STUDENT MINISTER

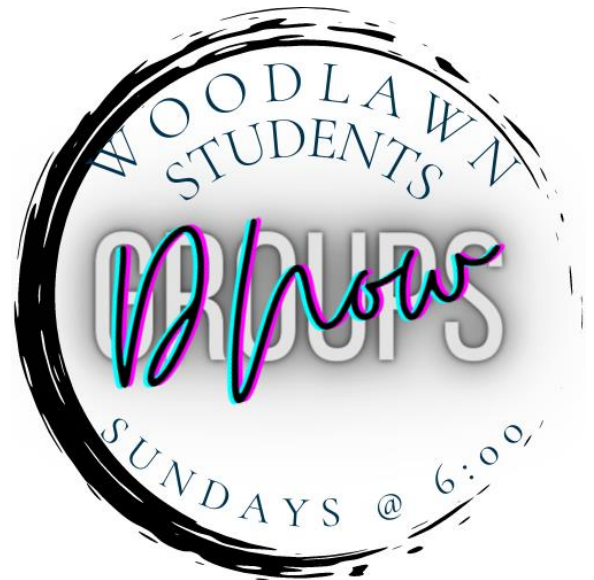
WOODLAWN STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday School: 9:45-11:00AM

Sunday DNow Groups:
6:00-7:30pm

Wednesday Night
Service: 7:00-8:00pm

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, BIBLE STUDY, AND WORSHIP



ADULTS

New Bible Study Kick-off
Bonfire and S'mores
Friday, Sept 17, 6-7:30pm
All ladies are invited to join
us.



If you are interested in serving in
any of the following areas, please
call the church office for more
information.

Building and Grounds,
Security
Children's Ministry

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 2, 6:30AM
1ST THURSDAY EACH MONTH
SHORT STUDY/DEVOTION
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR VISIT THE WEBSITE



Ages 50 and older
Young at Heart
SENIOR MINISTRY

All are invited
We will resume monthly meetings
beginning Sept 7, 6pm in MP Room
Bring a covered dish and a dollar for the kitty

Welcome
New Members

Randy and Tracie
Philbeck

Pauline Philbeck

MUSIC MINISTRY

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

God has created music as a means of worshiping him! We have all experienced music's ability to enhance and stir our passions. I believe that music is intentionally designed in this way. When we attach the truths of Scripture to the songs we sing we can see very clearly why God has designed music this way! I pray that our love for the Lord would continue to deepen as a result of singing together each week.

Rehearsal for Singers!

- * If you are interested in helping us lead our congregation in worship through music, please join us for our weekly rehearsal on Wednesday evenings 6-7pm!**

Instrumentalists!

- * If you play an instrument and would like to talk about serving the church through music please reach out via email!**

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT WOODLAWN?



**FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST
WE WILL BE COLLECTING:**

**CANNED CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS,
CANNED BEEF STEW OATMEAL,
CANNED FRUIT**

Sunday morning services:

**Sunday school
9:45am**

11:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary

**Sunday morning worship
live at 11:00am**

www.woodlawnbaptist-lowell.com

**If you do not have access to a
computer, please let the church
office know. We have dvds
available.**

Wednesday Evening At Woodlawn 7-8pm

**Adults-Bible Study and
discussion in the Gym**

**Preschoolers – Preschool
Department-Ed Bldg.**

**Children – Children's
Department-Ed Bldg.**

**Students
Student Room-Ed Bldg.**



**Please see the
resources on our
website**

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SPECIAL OCCASIONS - AUGUST 2021



2 Mae Demaree
13 Robert Crotts
20 Silas Clements
27 Holly Bell

3 Shirley Sutton
14 Justin Farr
22 Josiah Rodgers
27 Ryan Botts

5 Crystal Watkins
16 Eli Morehead
24 Debbie Trapp
27 Jessica Sears

5 Easton Whitaker
19 Jeanne Maricle
25 Sarah Jane Grant
28 Dylan Bradbury

Happy Anniversary



6 Gary and Becky Ford
14 Mark and Deborah Hall
15 Jack and Yulia Helm
20 George and Louann Gates
25 Jonathan and Erin Calvert
28 Jonathan and Ashleigh Grant



- ❖ Read through the Bible in a year
- ❖ Read through the New Testament
- ❖ Read through the Bible Chronologically
- ❖ Read through Mark

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Sunday School is at 9:45am

Worship service is at 11:00am

**Sunday evening service and activities
are at 6:00pm**

**Wednesday small groups, youth and
children's activities are at 7:00pm**

FINANCIAL DIGEST **AS OF JUNE 2021**

INCOME YEAR TO DATE

\$215,959.94

OFFERING JUNE 2021

\$34,000.89

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

JUNE 2020 – 37 (COVID-19)

JUNE 2021 - 113

WORSHIP

JUNE 2020 – 141 (COVID-19)

JUNE 2021 - 163

*Please note that the 2020/2021 averages represent
attendance during the Coronavirus quarantine
situation.*

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY
THRU
THURSDAY
8AM – 4PM**

**Woodlawn Baptist Church is
happy to allow members to
use our facilities.**

**We just ask that you complete a
“Facilities Use Form” and give it to the
Ministry Assistant so she can be sure
there are no scheduling conflicts and
can add your event to the church
calendar. The “Facilities Use Forms”
are available in the church office or
workroom.**

MISSIONS



Hero or Zero: Simone Biles

I am a sports nut. I love to watch all kinds of sports on tv. This month the Olympics were on so I watched a lot of different sports. I loved watching the young girl from China demolish the high dive world record. It was absolutely spectacular to watch. The control she had during the dive and without a splash was amazing. I also watched a sport I played in high school - badminton. This version is not your backyard summer fun hitting a plastic shuttlecock with a really badly strung racket,

but a real sport. The women's rugby 7's final was really excellent and fun to watch. One sport I never understood is race walking. With so many sports and so many athletes during this Olympics, one woman's name stood out above the rest: Simone Biles. She was expected to easily dominate women's gymnastics and win 5 gold medals, possibly 6. She had not lost the women's all-around competition in 8 years. She has 4 gymnastic moves named after her. At the first event of the team competition, Simone botched her vault attempt. Shortly after that she withdrew from the competition. Listening to sports radio and reading various sports blogs the reaction was mixed. Some supported her decision, considering it a courageous move. Others lambasted her for choking under pressure and were unmerciful in saying that she quit on her team. It is an interesting contrast to the missionary I mentioned in last month's article - Eric Liddell. He withdrew from his best event due to his convictions about running on a Sunday. He faced similar scrutiny. Imagine the uproar that it would cause today. We learned that she had a condition known in the gymnastics world as the "twisties" where a gymnast loses their orientation in the air. For Simone and the difficult moves she does, it was dangerous to continue competing. She eventually was able to compete several days later and won a bronze medal on the balance beam.

So, what does this have to do with missions? I consider missions a team sport. Missionaries are like the Simone Biles of our missions team. They are the ones who are going on a difficult mission. Many times, they face an unknown future and incredibly difficult situations in a foreign land as they do missions work that we can't or won't do. What happens when they face hardships and have to come home? What happens if month after month they labour and have no thrilling results to tell us, like no baptisms? What happens if they get thrown in jail for preaching? Would we at Woodlawn consider our missionaries chokers or quitters under pressure, or would we continue to support them? As part of the great commission, we are told to 'go'. We can either 'go', 'send' or disobey. Missionaries 'go' for us. However, missionaries require a team. They need a team to support them in many ways. Our prayers, encouragement, and financial support make it possible. Churches are to be reliable in their support of missions. We can see this in Paul's ministry in Phil 4:16,18a. In these verses Paul was supported in Corinth, Thessalonica, and he was supported even when he was in prison. Let us at Woodlawn continue to support our missionaries in the good and not so good times, thus fulfilling the call of the great commission.



The Pates in Brazil

Continue to pray for our missionary family in Campinas, Sao Paulo State, Brazil. Brian got to train pastors in Rio Branco this month. This is the first visit he has had there in two years due to covid. He also gave an encouraging update on his family. Let's continue to pray for and support this important work the Pates are doing. Use this url to read their latest newsletter: <https://bit.ly/3yyGTCb>



Monkey River Belize

International travel restrictions continue to tighten in Belize. All travelers to Belize must pass a CV19 test before they are allowed to enter or leave the country. It does not matter if you have been vaccinated. The curfew hours are also more restricted. Continue to pray for our friends in Monkey River.



Unreached People Group Highlight Sayyid in India

Language: Urdu

Primary Religion: Islam

Country: India

Population: : 7,866,000

Evangelicals: 0.00% Christian Adherents: 0.00%

Scripture: Complete Bible

2020-2021 Deacon Family and Ministry Assignment

Tom Botts – A-Be

Missions, Website

Eric Gunter – Bf-CI

Sunday School, Student Ministry

Jonathan Grant – Cm-Fe

Decorations, Recreations

Jon Calvert – Ff-Go

Music, Audio Visual

Ray Gilbert – Gp-H

Finance, Prayer, Young at Heart

Tony Watkins – I-Mi

Greeters, Baptism, Security, Bus

Scott McCombs – Mj-Re

Bereavement, Benevolence, Fellowship

Max Collins – Rf-Sm

Food Pantry, Women's Ministry

Eddie Calvert – Sn-V

Building and Grounds

Chris Norris – W-Z

Children, Men's Ministry

**YOUR DEACON ON DUTY FOR
AUGUST**

MAX COLLINS AND JONATHAN CALVERT