

WBC NEWSLETTER

January 2024



**WOODLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH EXISTS TO
GLORIFY GOD THROUGH THE ADVANCEMENT OF
HIS KINGDOM BY TRUSTING IN THE POWER OF
GOD IN THE GOSPEL TO SAVE SOULS AND
TRANSFORM LIVES.**

A WORD FROM OUR ELDERS

1 Samuel 14:4-6

God Within

The time has come to begin again. New year, new budget, new diet, new beginnings. Consideration of what the possibilities of a new year can bring some form of hope. We have calendars and schedules to plan, and make arrangements for those things to be accomplished. Maybe even now you have already decided where the family vacation will be this year, or for some of you it could be no family vacation at all. Sometimes we find that those things we thought would happen in our new year may not occur, and sometimes they do.

However the outcome may develop or not develop does not hinder God. The very thought of that statement can bring either comfort or confusion. We often get side-tracked with the details of life and what can become the focal point from our limited view. Uncertainty lingers around the corner, especially when you're in a hurry to get somewhere. Our journey can bring many challenges and have immeasurable objects or concerns.

How often have those things before us become the object of our focus? The danger is not found in the object or situation we're in. The danger is becoming absent minded of what God is doing in the very moment, very second, the next breath we take. Nothing can restrain the Lord. He's not held up, tied up, or overtaken with fear or worry. He knows what is ahead, and He knows the terrain.

The battle is before us; but God is with us. Good and bad situations may happen this year, but remember that God has no restraint placed upon Him, even when the new isn't new anymore. May we be glad in heart, for the praise of His salvation will be forever the song we sing.

Chris

WBC PRAYER FOCUS

WBC PRAYER MINISTRY

“Prayer Matters”

*“Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? **Hope** in God; for I shall again praise Him, my Salvation and my God.” Psalm 42:11*

Happy New Year! The new year starts in lots of different ways for people when we view it simply through our circumstances and expectations alone. As Christ-followers, our expectations are rooted in the hope of the promises of God and unmatched power He maintains forever. He is our source for hope as we move forward in 2024!

The scriptures bring God’s hope alive in our minds and hearts. We learn to taste and then see that HE is good even when we can’t yet see it before us! Hope in HIM brings with it a peace that the world can’t understand at times, for His is not a fragile peace like the world gives to us which is dependent upon our circumstances, feelings and emotions. We must remember who God is – our ever-present help, never-changing, never surprised Father, filled with fresh mercies each morning while even guiding us through confusing or hard times where HE reminds us *in HIM* is our true place of security. We chose His wisdom and ways with expectations of His transforming power displayed in our lives. He is our salvation and our God. We must ask His help to enable us to hold unswervingly to this hope.

Our hope is to be found through Christ – as our Savior and Lord. No one else can fill that role nor can anything else take His place, though we will find temporary fixes offered along life’s ways to true hope.

During 2024 continue the intentional disciplines of Bible reading and study both personally and with others. Continue the discipline of prayer for others as well as your needs. As we seek to learn more about God, may we be strengthened in faith through each of these spiritual disciplines to live both His truths and hope unashamedly while pointing others to Jesus Christ. May His Spirit reveal fresh insights to all of us as we seek to lift Him from humble hearts and lives in 2024.

*“Let us hold unswervingly to the **hope** we profess, for HE who promised is faithful.”*

Hebrews 10:23 NIV

PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY



PRAYERS FOR SALVATION:

Kayla, Emilee, Stephen, Joshua,
James, Josh, Jessie, Robert

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:

Abbey Veazey, Robert Willard,
Wade and Courtney Lawing,
Terry Collins' daughter Marsha,
Robert Messer

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

STRENGTHENING & BUILDING OUR
Community
THROUGH THE POWER OF PRAYER

Community Prayer
Gathering
First Saturday of Each Month
January 6
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



To initiate a prayer, call the
church office or visit
wbclowell.com/connect/prayer

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



*Happy New Year
to all the children of
Woodlawn Baptist Church and their
families. May God bless you all in the
coming year! We look forward to a
great year at Woodlawn and are
excited to continue to teach the gospel
to our children.*

*A
New Year
is GOD'S GIFT*

*In the joyful moments—
thank Him.*

*In the busy moments—
bless Him.*

*In the trying moments—
trust Him.*

*In the quiet moments—
praise Him.*

—ROY LESSIN



WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

7:00 PM

K-5TH IN CLASSROOMS



*Train up a child in the way he
should go: and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.*

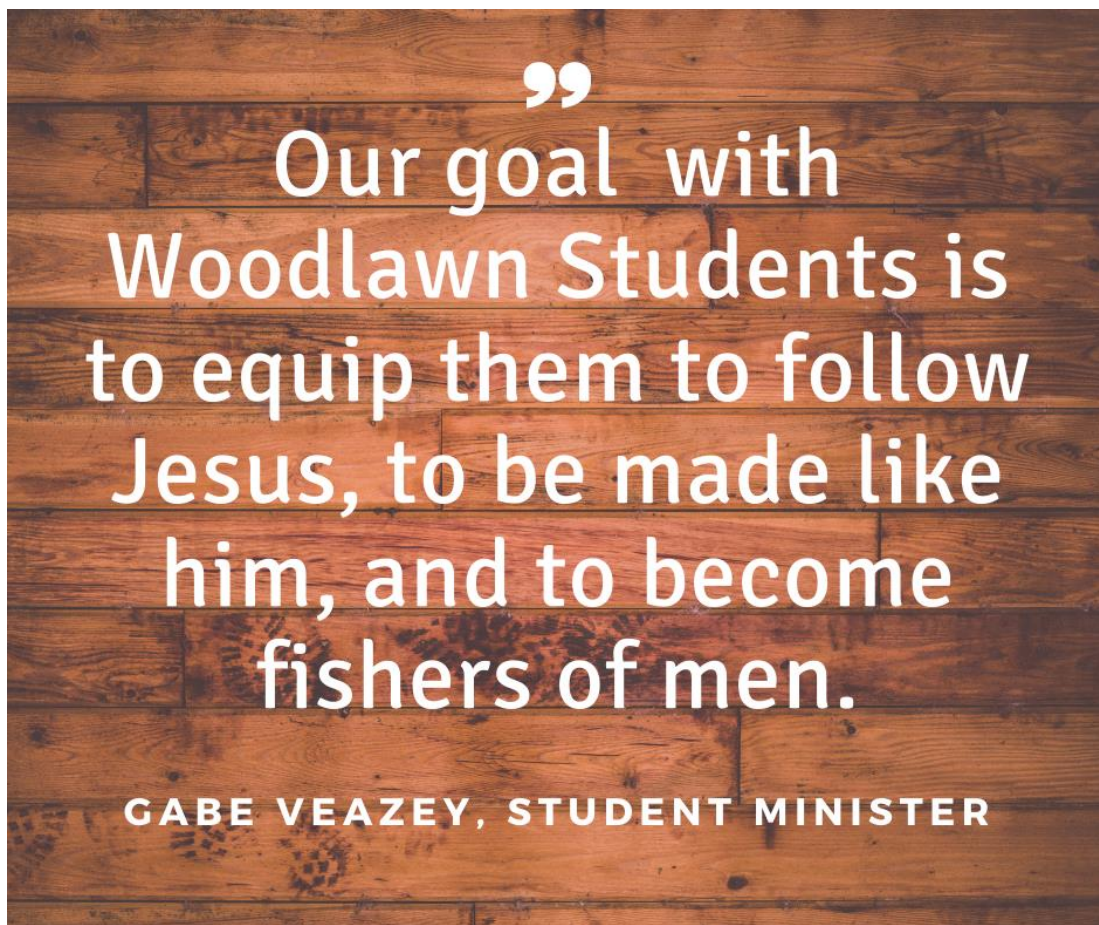
Proverbs 22:6



Woodlawn Kids

Sundays 9:45 am Sunday School (All)
11:00 am Kids Worship (K-3)
Nursery/Preschool Worship
Wednesdays 7:00 pm KidsROC
(Kids Rely on Christ)

STUDENTS




ADULTS



Wednesday
Jan. 31
7pm - Gym

chili COOK OFF

The church will provide cheese, sour cream, crackers, Fritos and all the extras. You only need to bring the best Chili. There will be prizes!!!



100%
OF GIFTS GIVEN TO THE
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
SUPPORTS MISSIONARY PRESENCE.

INTERNATIONAL
MISSION SOCIETY

IMPACTING
LOSTNESS
THROUGH
YOUR
GENEROSITY

OUR CHURCH
GOAL:
\$8000.00



Age 50 and older

Young at Heart

SENIOR MINISTRY

Multi-Purpose Room
Tuesday January 2, 6pm
Bring a covered dish and a dollar for
the kitty



MEN'S BREAKFAST

1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
FEBRUARY 1, 6:30AM

SHORT STUDY/DEVOTION
CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION
OR VISIT THE WEBSITE



Women's Ministry Birthday Party

January 28,
immediately
following service

LOWELL CRISIS MINISTRY



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

CANOLA OIL AND BOXED MILK

**THE FOOD PANTRY IS NOW OPEN ON
WEDNESDAYS FROM 9AM-NOON**

Woodlawn Food Pantry is Reaching Our Community.

Since we first opened our doors and introduced food for our fellow citizens in Lowell our vision was to feed the immediate problem of hunger. Since this time of humble beginnings, and over the following years, we expanded and began the intentionality of introducing the Gospel as a vital means of response to the immediate problem. Without the Gospel there is no real change and no real reason for meeting any need. Without God's truth, reason is not reached in the life of an individual because the immediate reason is based on a temporal outcome without God's love.

As a Gospel centered "Food Pantry" we are reaching our community in ways that are far beyond bodily needs, we are reaching people with God's Word. In other words, we are feeding our community with real food that transforms a person by introducing them to the true God of the Bible, the Creator Himself.

Woodlawn Baptist Church will address and minister to the social issue of hunger by providing nourishing food items to families within our congregation and surrounding community trusting in the Lord to expand our program as the need increases.

Our "Food Pantry" is here to serve those who come to our pantry, with compassion and respect and with a Christ-like servant attitude. We remain open to listening and working diligently to meet the needs of the individuals and families in our community.

As the body of Christ, we encourage all members to help us reach this specific need in our community through giving, prayer, and reaching those in need by letting us know who may benefit from this assistance ministry so that we as a church may proclaim the gospel, feed the hungry, by planting and watering that God may give growth.

"So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. (1 Corinthians 3:7-9)

How Can You Help? ... Volunteer! ... Donate! ... Give!

The "Food Pantry" depends on the help of the congregation and the community to continue this valuable service for those that need assistance. **Please Help!**

To Volunteer - please contact the church office at (704) 824-4261 or text Tom Robb (deacon) (330) 412-9699.

To Donate Food - to the "Food Pantry" stop by on Wednesdays from 9am-noon or during church office hours of operation. Particular needs will be listed in the Church bulletin each week. Please check expiration dates of items donated; we only accept items that are not expired.

To Give a Monetary Donation - please stop by during church office hours of operations, give online or send a check to Woodlawn Baptist Church (Food Pantry in the memo line), We use your monetary donations to purchase food and for pantry operational costs

MEN'S MINISTRY

Woodlawn Men's Ministry



Friendships

One of the things I find interesting and yet also dispiriting is the fact that most men have many acquaintances but very few if any real friends. Their conversations are superficial, brief, and without real meaning. For the most part men are spiritually fed, but relationally bankrupt. This is regretful and can be counter-intuitive by not serving a useful function within the body as few men have close friendships in the church.

One thing that is expressed over and over again through survey's, mens questionnaires, and groups dealing with men's fellowship is that the greatest need of men today is close friendships among men. This need for close, trusted relationships with other men proves to be a compelling need amongst most men, regardless of race or culture. Men are looking for brothers in the spiritual sense that will become real, true and long time best friend relationships.

In spite of what is believed about men, there is a great need among brothers who will come alongside to encourage, exhort, and love them. By this each one through this Godly, Biblical relationship will see hope in their own lives and the innate need to turn to that relationship for help in times of difficulty. This is what Jesus meant when he spoke these words: "34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." **(John 13:34-35)**

Encouragement, exhortation, and love kindle hope. Mature men labor together in God's kingdom by taking this hope to his family, his friends, and this world.

Men struggle with this role in leadership despite the clear mandate to "love one another," most men have a difficult time having genuine relationships in the church. And yet when quizzed many would say that they would love to have friends with whom they can count - brothers that truly matter! A response by Pat Morley, in his book "Man in the Mirror, is helpful and offers a list of questions that are practical and timely in our quest for the definition of a quality man-to-man relationship.

1. When things go badly, to whom do you talk?
2. With whom can you be totally honest?
3. Who will listen to you?
4. From whom would you take advice?

5. When you fail, who will stand by you?
6. With whom do you face life's struggles?
7. Who is your confidant?
8. Who holds you accountable?

If men are to become successful in ministry they must develop a system that will guide them in making lasting and significant friendships. Without this men are fated to continue feeling lonely, isolated and without hope. If we are to build a biblical ministry to men we must focus our time in relationships that matter and not just the program and their ministry involvement.

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

A Biblical “Men’s Ministry” is developed by God’s Word, lived through the Word of God, and cultivated within the people of God.

Stephen Abbott

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!**

justin@woodlawnbaptist-lowell.com

WHAT'S GOING ON AT WOODLAWN?

Sunday morning services:

**Sunday school for all ages
9:45am**

**Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00am**

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

www.wbclowell.com

**Services are archived on our
website for your viewing
convenience.**

Wednesday Evening

At Woodlawn 7-8pm

**Adults-Prayer and Bible
Study - Gym**

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

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

**Students
Student Room-Ed Bldg.**



**Sunday,
January 21
11am**

The
Lord's
Supper

Join us for

Baptism

January 14, 11am

SPECIAL OCCASIONS - JANUARY 2024

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 Scott Odell

10 Abbey Veazey

16 Terry Collins

21 Debbie Calvert

25 Makenzie Howard

29 David Demaree

4 Haiden Swindell

12 Eric Howard

16 Dianah Minges

23 Clay Norris

27 Tammy Love

9 Charlene Guffey

12 Michael Minges

20 Mike McAferty

25 Joyce Beatty

27 James McKnight

Happy Anniversary

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Don and Debbie Trapp

**Bible
reading
plan**

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

Call the church office if you would like to have a copy of one of these reading plans.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY
THRU
THURSDAY
8AM – 4PM**

FINANCIAL DIGEST **AS OF NOVEMBER 2023**

INCOME YEAR TO DATE

\$396,017.35

OFFERING OCTOBER 2023

\$25,599.00

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2022-78
NOVEMBER 2023 - 100

WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 2022- 144
NOVEMBER 2023 - 152

**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



The Greatest Century of Missions

Let's play one of those tic-tok games you might be familiar with. Hold up both of your hands with your fingers outstretched. Now put down a finger if you've ever heard of William Carey. Put down a finger if you've ever heard of Robert Moffat. Put down a finger if you've ever heard of John Patton. Put down a finger if you've ever heard of Mary Slessor. Put down a finger if you've ever heard of Adoniram Judon. Put down a finger if you've ever heard of CT Studd. Put down a finger if you've ever heard of Hudson Taylor. Put down a finger if you've ever heard of David Livingstone. Put down a finger if you've ever heard of Henry Martyn. Put down a finger if you've ever heard of John Williams. Finally, put down a finger if you've ever heard of Samuel Marsden. The last one was just in case you had an extra finger. If you've heard of three of these missionaries or more, good job as you might have been paying attention in Sunday school. If you've never heard of any of these then either you know nothing of the history of missions or missions is not a priority. So what do all of these missionaries have in common? First of all, these missionaries are from the 19th century. The missionaries from this era are legendary and pioneers in various corners of the world. They faced obstacles and difficulties that we have difficulty even comprehending in our comfy armchairs in the 21st century. As a child, my mother would read us biographies of these missionaries. The stories would give me nightmares at times. I didn't fully understand why these missionaries would even attempt some of these crazy endeavors. It wasn't until years later when I visited David Livingstone's house in Blantyre, Scotland did I understand. In the final room of his museum, there is an inscription on the wall as pictured above. The inscription read 'The love of Christ compelled me'.

A new feature that we will be adding to the newsletter will be biographies of famous missionaries. I will be taking most of the material from the ebook "The Greatest Century of Missions" by Peter Hammond. The book does come off a little preachy but it does have some decent history and some really cool illustrations. I look forward to sharing some of these stores with you.

Pates in Brazil

You can read a ministry update written by Brian using this URL:

<https://shorturl.at/djkD4>.

Continue to pray for our missionaries, the Pates.



German Interns

Please continue to pray for our interns as they study and bring the gospel back to their churches.

Missions Geography 101 / Belarus

People Groups/Unreached: 26/6

Capital: Minsk

Distance from Lowell: 4760 miles

Primary Religion: Christianity 69.4%

Population/Unreached: 9,420,000/35,000

Evangelical: 1.69%

Scripture: Complete Bible



2023-2024 Deacon Family and Ministry Assignments

***VICE CHAIRMAN* - Ross Bradley – A – Bea
Bereavement, Fellowship**

**Jeremy Eastburn – Beb – Cal
Counseling, Benevolence**

***CHAIRMAN* - George Gates – Cam - Eva
Finance, Missions**

**Stephen Abbott – Evb - F
Decorations, Men's Ministry**

**Tom Robb – G-Ham
Women's Ministry, Food Pantry**

***SECRETARY* - Tom Botts – Han - J
Audio Visual, Website**

**Buddy Herndon – K-McG
Building and Grounds, Young at Heart**

**Tony Watkins – McH - Pat
Security, Children, Baptism**

**Sean Moore - Pau - Re
Recreation**

**Gabe Veazey – Rf – Sc
Recreation, Students**

**Buddy Barnhill – Sd – Sut
Prayer, Greeters, Children**

**Chris Rodgers – Suu – Z
Bus, Building and Grounds**

**YOUR DEACONS ON DUTY FOR
JANUARY
TOM BOTTS AND STEPHEN ABBOTT**