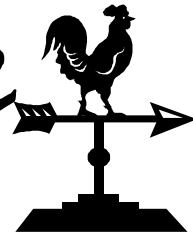


The Weatherwane

Weatherly Heights Baptist Church

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The Weatherly Spirit... Reflections on GUIDE

We just finished Spring GUIDE classes. What an enjoyable, inquisitive, and impressive class! I loved being with them. We always end the five class series with a luncheon at Kelly's and my home. I've found through the years that most church members have never been to their pastor's home. Kelly and I want to change that, so we invite all new members and their families to lunch at our home. We always enjoy it.

GUIDE classes are preparatory church membership classes. Participants learn about the history of Weatherly and the history and distinctives of Baptists. They learn that we don't really go back to John the Baptist. Today's historians believe that we go back to a group called the English Separatists, who separated from the Church of England. They learn about John Smyth and Thomas Helwys and the church they started in Amsterdam. What a great story! Participants also meet key leaders of our church, including the staff, chair of the Deacon's Council, Mission's Committee chair, Stewardship Committee chair, and others. We review our church's vision statement. I was excited to tell them that the fastest growing area of our church is young couples. I want prospective members and new members to have all the knowledge they need to make an informed decision about church membership and to appreciate those things that make Weatherly unique.

One young man in the class grew up in a rather typical Southern Baptist church. I asked him how he was responding to Weatherly, saying that Weatherly is different than many Southern Baptist churches. His response was, "Yes, Weatherly is different—in all the right ways." I think so too.

Warmly,
David

Pastor's Open House

May 18
2-4 p.m.

Worship News For This Week

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Least of These

Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 25:31-46

Ellin Jimmerson has expressed a call to ministry. An ordination council has examined her. Our church has voted to ordain her to the Gospel ministry. This Sunday we will set Ellin apart for the ministry to which God has called her. Don't miss this special, moving service of worship. Invite a friend or neighbor to be your guest in worship.

Religious Autobiographies

Religious Autobiographies continue each Wednesday during Adult Bible Study. The schedule is as follows:

May 7 – Jim Norris

May 21 – Carol McGinnis

Graduate Recognition

Sunday

May 18



Please contact the church office with names of any students who will graduate from high school, college, or graduate school this spring.

Staff Anniversary

In May, Wayne Russell will celebrate 19 years on staff at WHBC!



Kentucky Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, May 4 at 4:30
in the Worley Sunday School classroom

We will have motel information and more details about the building site.

WHBC Dinner Theater

Wednesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$10.00 or a donation.
See a Chapel Choir member for tickets or call Handy.

Thank You, WHBC



Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and other expressions of sympathy following the recent death of my Mother. You have again shown that you are a caring fellowship.

Sincerely,
Oneita Craighead and Family



Hermentia Series Commentaries
Given by Gerald Smith
In memory of
Jo Ann Looney Smith and Ray Elliott

Happy Birthday!



May 1: Brooke Allison Connell; **May 2:** Joan Seider, Barbara White; **May 4:** Russell Winn; **May 5:** Chris Richardson, Andrew Sivak; **May 6:** Linda Thomas; **May 7:** Alex Shepard

The Record Speaks

Morning Worship	225
Sunday School Attendance.....	178
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$13,265.00
This Week's Budget Receipts	\$7,621.00

2008 Church Stewardship

YTD undesignated receipts through March 2008.....	\$143,406.00
YTD undesignated expenses through March 2008.....	\$166,929.00
Shortfall.....	\$23,523.00

Prayer Requests

The family of Lucy Defreez, in her death
Sally Hershberger
Katie Davenport
Robert Moorman, friend of the Pastor
Basye Holland-Shuey, friend of Ellin Jimmerson
R.C. Darden
Nick Zuschlag, deployed to the Middle East
Linda Walker, sister of Dorothea Dunham
Jack Nunnally
Ray Gargus
Carolyn Hodges, sister-in-law of Bonnie Garrett
Patricia Kennedy's stepmother and father
Exie Woods, mother of Rachel Jordan
Tom Ibarra
Linda Schmidt's niece & husband, Emily & Jeff Callaway
Elaine McKenzie
Bob Nore's mother
Russell Cliburn, cousin of Keith Putnam
Beverly Garrett
Our members and friends serving in the military

The Church in Service

DEACON ON CALL: Keith Putnam
Next Week: Gene Sapp
TELLERS: Ernie Gilmer & Debra Williams
SOUND TECHNICIAN: Scott Booth
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ashley Avery & Elizabeth Smith
ACOLYTES: Joseph Morris & Clara Freeman
NURSERY: Pam Booth, Dawn Cole & Leigh Ann Jimmerson, Vernon Cole & Abigail Williams
USHERS FOR MAY: Ned Dendy, Leader Preston Augustus, Brenda Graves, Jim Graves, Vann Hough, Daniel Jones, David Sharp, Bob Williamson

WHBC May Calendar



A Different Kind of Mother's Day Service

May 11, 2008
5:30 p.m.

Mother's Day is a sweet, sentimental day when motherhood is celebrated. It is a day where we honor our own mothers and our children create a special day for Mom. For many without children, though, the day is a reminder of their deepest unmet yearning, of prayers unanswered, and of hope deferred. In the midst of their pain, the church has typically not been a place of comfort or solace.

Weatherly Heights recognizes the presence of these spiritual and emotional wounds and wants to provide a space for nurture and healing. A worship service of healing will be offered at 5:30 P.M. on Mother's Day for all who have been wounded by infertility and/or the loss of a child and for those who love them. Please invite friends or family members who are suffering or who have suffered to join us.

Beach Party Vacation Bible School

June 2-6, 2008
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Register online at www.weatherly.org.



Volunteers contact Lisa Tucker at 883-7988 or email her at ljptucker@netzero.net

Summit Retreat 2008

Thank you for your prayers of support for our youth and adults attending Summit Retreat 2008. We joined about 160 other youth from across the state of Alabama for a weekend of worship, small group sessions, group wide recreation, eating, canoeing, and snacking.

In addition to Weatherly, there were youth from Trinity Baptist Church of Madison, Shades Crest Baptist of Birmingham, Vestavia Hills Baptist, Southside Baptist of Birmingham, Riverchase Baptist of Birmingham, and First Baptist of Auburn.

Thank you to our youth for attending Summit – Bryan Arrowood, Sarah Hunt, Leigh Anna Jimmerson, Chris Olsen, Claire Sharp & Kim Wegrich. Thank you to Robin Sells for being our female adult chaperone AND for organizing and selling snacks, water and sports drinks to the ENTIRE Summit retreat folks!

Upcoming Events

- **High Schoolers to The Coffee Tree, after school Wednesday, April 30.**
- **Youth Covenant Group (D.E.E.P), Sunday, May 4 at 6:20.**
- **7th-8th Graders to Target Starbucks after school May 7.**
- **Youth Banquet – Saturday, May 17 at 6 p.m.**
- **Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 18.**
- **Ocoee Rafting Trip – Saturday, June 7. Cost is \$35. \$10 deposit DUE BY May 18!!**
- **Camping Trip – June 30-July 3.**

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Senior Adult Picnic

Thursday, May 15 at 11:30

Our menu is barbecue chicken, baked beans, potato salad and dessert, all provided for you free of cost. Don't bring anything except a healthy appetite and a hunger for fellowship!



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