



To Know Him & Make Him Known

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Dear Friends,

I recently saw this quote, "No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending" (Unknown). I really began to think about that statement. The conclusion was we don't start over but we begin again right where we are, making things better in our lives.

As a Christian, it's not about saying I will do this and I won't do that. It's more about asking the Lord to help us each day to love Him more. This way our focus will be set on the things of heaven and not on all this earthly stuff.

If I were to make a New Year resolution, it would be to have a deeper commitment, a deeper love, and a deeper worship for the Lord. He wants our undivided attention in spite of the distractions and temptations that surround us. He has to be our main focus. How we will end 2010 will be determined by how we start it. Do we want to become even closer to the lover of our soul? Our walk with the Lord will become more meaningful, our faith deeper, and our witness more effective as we die daily to self and allow His Spirit to guide our lives. We have to do this one day at a time.

I challenge us all to take the time this year to get to know Him better, to love Him more, and to follow Him more closely through our daily obedience.

In His love,
Merle

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

On Sunday, March 7th before the Sunday morning Bible Study begins, we will have a Church Council meeting.

The Church Council consists of the committee chairs for all the various church committees, all staff and ministry leaders, treasurer, and chairman of Deacons. The purpose of the Church Council is to support the work of ministry leaders in planning ministry events, special worship services as well as setting guidelines and approving events for the next six (6) months on the church calendar. The Church Council will review all events to make sure that the events support the mission of our church as well as enhance the Christian growth of our members.

All staff members and ministry leaders will need to bring a listing of all events and special worship services that they are planning for the next six (6) months. We will have detailed planning for April, May and June as well as some initial planning for July, August and September.

If you have any questions about participating in this Church Council meeting, please contact Dale Austin (dale@wakeminster.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"And He said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

TeamKID

Each Wednesday evening (except for the Family Fellowship & Business Meeting evenings) we have TeamKID (Kids In Discipleship) for children ages 4 to 11.

We will soon be starting our new TeamKID study titled CHARACTER CHALLENGE. In this weekly Bible study series, each week the children are taught a new character trait God wants them to develop. Ranging from being honest to being joyful, the topics each week challenge children to make that character trait part of their lives.



Children Outing – Skating at JellyBeans

Our "after Christmas" party will be a trip over to JellyBeans (near the Kroger shopping center in Wakefield). We are planning on going the morning of Saturday, January 16th.

Easter 2010

Resurrection Day/Easter is Sunday, April 4th. As part of our annual celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Messiah, Wakeminster Baptist Church will be sponsoring a community Easter Egg Hunt at Boyce Farms on SATURDAY, April 3rd. Everyone is invited to join us for a telling of the resurrection account, crafts, snacks and an Easter egg hunt.

Anniversaries:

Chuck & Terry Marsh	Jan 27
Ace & Tita Robbins	Feb 20
Randall & Nancy Tidwell	Mar 7
Merle & Jennifer Martin	Mar 7
Morris & Dena Whited	Mar 15

Birthdays:

Betty Farrell	Jan 3
Terry Ray	Jan 8
Carter Barham	Jan 10
Larry Estes	Jan 11
Merle Martin	Jan 14
Krista Foland	Jan 20
Jim Farrell	Jan 30
Lee Ann Kelley	Jan 30
David Martin	Feb 3
Ainslee Belle Hayden	Feb 5
Minnie Ross	Feb 5
Mary Candace Grainger	Feb 7
Kelly Singleton	Feb 9
Chris Gray	Feb 11
Dorothy Conrad	Feb 14
Corey Marsh	Feb 16
Ellen Berry	Feb 17
Charlie Ray	Feb 21
Bella Grace Arnold	Feb 22
Sarah Woolard	Feb 23
Ed Barham	Feb 26
Mary Grainger	Feb 27
Megan Kelley	Mar 1
Sandy Barbee	Mar 2
Morris Whited	Mar 2
Jay Woolard	Mar 6
Amanda Ray	Mar 8
Carol Keith	Mar 9
Charlotte Peedin	Mar 17
Hunter Ray	Mar 21
Brooke Hayden	Mar 23
Matthew Knight	Mar 27
Donald Keith	Mar 28
Becky Shue	Mar 29
Jim Peedin	Mar 29

Websites to Check Out:

For movie reviews from a Christian perspective, go to:
www.pluggedinonline.com.

For good advice on a variety of topics that affect family life, go to:
www.family.org
(Focus on the Family)

www.familylife.com
(Family Life Today)

To look up scripture passages when a Bible may not be handy, visit www.bible.com.

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BIBLE STUDY – The Key to Theology

Theology means "the study of God." But if we consider the Greek roots, "theou logos" at its simplest means "the word about God" or "the message about God." Theology is trying to know God.

But how can we know God? The true God is the God of the Bible. The only way to know him is through revelation. God is hidden. No human can see him except when he himself "pulls back the veil" and shows himself to us.

How does God do that? Through the Bible. That makes Bible study the surest -- indeed the only -- guide to knowing the unknowable and holy God. In our time, many people point to other things -- your own heart, your works of love, your community of faith -- as ways to achieve knowledge about God. But none of them is a sure and certain guide. The Bible alone can reveal God to us.

The implications for Bible study are far reaching. Knowing the true God and his plan of salvation is the lifeblood of the church. That makes Bible study essential for the life of the church and in the life of all believers. No communion can long survive if it relegates Bible study to the pastor's study or the Sunday morning excesses of a few members of a "core group."

This Sunday, will you and your family join us in one of our many Bible Study groups?

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY – Raleighwood Cinemas

Superbowl Sunday will soon be here. Each year, a group of our men get together at Raleighwood Cinemas to watch the Superbowl together. If you are interested in joining us, we will be purchasing our tickets for entry into Raleighwood on Monday, January 11th. Please contact Dale Austin (dale@wakeminster.org) if you are interested in joining us. All seating is by assigned seats and we will need to order all of our tickets at the same time in order to be grouped together for the game.

Superbowl Party Tickets are \$25.00. Enjoy the big game on the largest TV screen in NC and feast on the unlimited, all you can eat hot and cold buffet throughout the pregame show and the entire game. The 35 foot long buffet features award winning wings, pizza, hot dogs, meatball subs, gourmet sandwich platters, ultimate nachos, chili and cheese stations, numerous salads and much, much more.

Superbowl Sunday is February 7th. At Raleighwood, the doors open at 5:00 PM. Kick-off is 6:30 PM – bring your entry ticket with you.

TREASURER'S REPORT

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." (God speaking to Moses) Leviticus 27:29 (NIV)

This financial report was submitted during the Church Business Meeting on November 11, 2009. (All information from is from 9/1/2009 to 10/31/2009)

*We received \$20,744.30 in undesignated offerings (down 6.3% from last year) and spent \$19,947.04 (doesn't include building mortgage) resulting in a \$797.26 surplus.

*There is a \$3,169.54 shortfall of building fund offering receipts. All mortgage payments were paid from the Building Fund. YTD we have received \$3,375.00 (down 18.7% from last year) in Building Fund offerings and paid \$6,544.54 in mortgage payments.

*There remains a \$2,538.05 shortfall of directed offering receipts for parsonage repairs. We have received \$19,140.00 in offerings, paid \$21,678.05 towards repairs.

Bank Account Balances

Building Loan: \$300,606.75 (outstanding loan)

Building Fund: \$ 17,059.89

General Fund: \$ 14,567.11

YOUTH EVENTS

For information on any of our youth events or Bible Studies, please visit the Youth Section of our web site at www.wakeminster.org.

- Lois Braun and Mary Grainger are working with the youth on a musical – "It's Cool in the Furnace." The tentative date for the performance is Sunday, Jan. 10.
- The Youth Group meets:
 - Sunday morning from 9:45 – 10:45 AM
 - Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 PM
 - Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until 7:45 PM

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Bible Trivia:

Goliath was over 9 feet tall.
-I Samuel 17:4

The Philistines offered gold rats as a guilt offering.
-I Samuel 6:18

David's bodyguard Benaiah killed a lion in the snow.
-I Chronicles 11:23

Boaz gave Ruth and Naomi a load of barley as a present.
-Ruth 3:15

Before a girl could be presented to King Xerxes, she had to put up with 12 months of beauty treatments.
-Esther 2:12

Abraham almost sacrificed his son Isaac on a mountain in Moriah.
-Genesis 22:2

Solomon built the temple on Mount Moriah.
-II Chronicles 3:1

For more interesting Bible facts that can change your life, join one of our Sunday Morning Bible Study classes. These classes meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 – 10:45.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY:

Sunday 10th
Monday 11th/12th
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Wednesday 13th [6:30 PM]
Saturday 16th [10:00 AM – 12 Noon]

-Youth Musical "It's Cool In The Furnace"
- Precept: Starting Bible study of II Thessalonians
-Last day to reserve a seat for Superbowl at Raleighwood
-Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting
- Jellybeans Skating

FEBRUARY:

TBA [Luncheon]
Sunday 7st [5:00 PM]
Wednesday 17th [6:30 PM]

- Ladies' & Gentlemen's Luncheon
-Men's Outing for Superbowl Sunday
-Fellowship Supper

MARCH:

Wednesday 17th [6:30 PM]
Sunday 14th
Sunday 28th

-Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting
-Daylight Savings Time Begins (Turn clocks forward)
- Palm Sunday and Lord's Supper (AM Service)

Weekly Services:

Sunday:
9:45 AM Morning Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

Wednesday:
6:00-6:30 PM Snack Supper*
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study
6:30 – 7:15 PM TeamKID for Children
6:30 – 7:15 PM Adult Prayer & Worship
7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

* Monthly Wednesday Family Fellowship Meals/Business Conferences will begin at 6:30.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

"Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world." James 1:27 (HCSB)

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING:

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is collected during the Easter season to raise funds for North American Missions through the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Wakeminster Baptist Church will begin collecting special offerings for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in March.



Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual offering for North American missions named after her. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in mission endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed in Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed that belief in tangible ways. She spent a great amount of time typing and handwriting letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our mission efforts. In 1893 alone, she wrote almost 18,000 letters! Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food and clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands held her own Bible as she studied to know how best to share God's love with others. And, most important, Annie was a woman of prayer, folding her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and for those they were helping discover Christ.

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more for reaching people for Christ. As we continue to unite to make her vision a reality in North America today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.

PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY

The Precept Bible Study will be starting a study of II Thessalonians. There will be two classes beginning Monday evening, January 11th at 7:00 PM and Tuesday mornings January 12th at 9:30 AM.

Contact Becky Shue for more information or to sign up.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN LUNCHEON

The next Ladies and Gentlemen meeting will be a luncheon in February. More details about this upcoming luncheon will be announced later in January.

Visit our web site at www.wakeminster.org for additional information and date/time of this luncheon or contact Becky Shue for more information.