



To Know Him & Make Him Known

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If you would like to receive The Wakeminstry by email, please visit our website and choose to join our mailing list. We have a general mailing list as well as a Youth-oriented mailing list.

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Dear Friends,

As believers, we should celebrate Easter every day. The Easter story is a message of hope. Yet many people celebrate this holiday with only chocolate bunnies and colored eggs because they do not know its real purpose. The gospel is precious information that Jesus asked His followers to spread widely.

Christianity is unique. Other religions and belief systems have a "doer" philosophy. In other words, to achieve eternal life, a follower must follow leaders' instructions, and adhere to rules. The Christian life also includes good works, obeying commandments, and tithing. However, these activities are the result of serving Christ rather than a supposed method for reaching heaven. Instead of placing our hope in human achievement, we recognize Jesus as the only path to God.

Jesus Christ's primary purpose in coming to earth was to die for our sins. If He had stayed in His tomb, everyone would be responsible for his or her own sin-debt. But Jesus conquered the grave, which means that His followers can too. Those who believe in Him are released from their death penalty and invited to spend eternity with God.

We should share about Jesus while at home, at work, among friends, or pursuing hobbies. In other words, we are to celebrate Easter every day. Think about that!

In His love,
Merle

RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICES:

"You seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen; He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him." - Mark 16:6



Resurrection Day/Easter this year is on Sunday, April 4th.

We will be changing our Sunday worship service schedule during the celebration of Resurrection Sunday with a Sunrise Service starting at 7:00 AM and ending all of our services by 11:00 AM.

Sunday, April 4th Morning Schedule

- 7:00–7:45 Sunrise Easter Service
- 8:00–8:45 Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:00–10:00 Morning Bible Study Groups
- 10:00–11:00 Sunday Morning Worship Service

Our normal 11:00 AM service will be held one (1) hour earlier from 10:00 – 11:00. There will be no afternoon/evening services or programs.

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.

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 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM.

Vacation Bible School

Planning for VBS is in the works right now. The VBS kickoff celebration will be held Saturday, August 7th with VBS running Sunday evening through Thursday evening (Aug. 8th – 12th). If you are interested in assisting with the nightly snack supper or teaching one of the VBS classes, please contact Amanda Ray, Mary Candice Granger or Beth Schmitt.



Anniversaries:

Dean & Elizabeth Foland	April 2
Jimmy & Louise Goldston	April 10
John & Chris Gray	April 12
Eric & Sarah Fannin	April 20
Rusty & LeeAnn Kelley	April 23
Mike & Sheila Boyce	May 25
Diane & Gary Wallace	May 28
Stephen & Amanda Ray	June 24
Ted & Carol Keith	June 25

Birthdays:

Gary Wallace	April 4
Claybon Ray	April 4
Steven Schmitt	April 7
Dena Whited	April 10
Perry Ray, Sr.	April 12
Chris Gantt	April 12
Lauren Gray	April 25
James Ray	April 27
Dale Austin	April 28
Edna Mitchell	April 28
Matthew Ray	April 29
Brenda Barbee	May 4
George Ray, Jr	May 6
Josh Tidwell	May 13
Robbie Keith	May 15
John Nichols	May 15
Hannah Austin	May 16
Lisa Rees Johnson	May 18
Grace Gantt	May 23
Tonya Barham	May 25
De'Edrah Gantt	May 30
Dean Foland	June 1
Morgan Whited	June 2
Kendal Wallace	June 4
Michael Boyce	June 4
Pat King	June 10
Sheila Boyce	June 11
Ashley Ray	June 13
Jeffery Pollard	June 13
Beth Anne Arnold	June 14
Rachel Goldston	June 17
Ted Keith	June 20
Jeff Grainger	June 21
Kevin Estes	June 24
Eric Fannin	June 26

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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YOUTH EVENTS

Dear Youth and Parents of the Wakeminsters Baptist Youth Group,

When asked about the most important commandment of God, Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18. He assures us that we have no greater service to God than to love Him and to love others (Mark 12:28-31). This is exactly what the Wakeminsters Baptist Youth Group is about! We will be seeking to love Him and love others with a greater love because Jesus has loved us with the greatest love: He died in our place, paying the penalty for our sins so that we could live with God forever! What an exciting truth!

We have been exploring this wonderful love during our Wednesday Night Bible Study & Fellowship series: *Understanding the Gospel*. Meanwhile, our Sunday Morning Bible Study is digging deep into Paul's letter to the Galatians to learn about that same love. At our Sunday Evening Fellowship & Bible Study we are learning how Jesus' love for us affects our lives. Anyone is welcome from grades 6-12! Invite your friends to join us as we learn about Jesus' great love!

We have many activities coming up for the spring and summer seasons which are listed below. Keep informed at our website, for the dates, times, and costs of each event.

Sarah and I are so glad to be a part of your church community! We have been blessed by seeing how much you all love each other and love Christ. May we love Him more and more as we seek Him together!

In the Love of Jesus,
Eric Fannin (eric@wakeminsters.org)

Spring/Summer Youth Activities

- Popcorn & Movie Extravaganza: We hope to watch *The Chronicles of Narnia: the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* to see a beautiful illustration of the kind of sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf.
- Looking Forward to Our Home-Land Lock-in: We will have a lock-in to learn about the home that Jesus is building for those who trust Him and to build excitement for Jesus' return. This event will be packed full of food, games, fellowship, and Bible study!
- Summer Camping Retreat: this retreat will be held at Falls Lake State Park and will be full of Bible study, worship, hiking, swimming, corporate games, and a Saturday evening family cook-out that the church and families are invited to attend!
- Vacation Bible School: The youth will be participating in VBS this year. More info to come.

The Wakeminsters Baptist Youth Group exists to invite youth to come into a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and to disciple them to invite others to do the same by spreading His fame in the world.

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 March 17, 2010. (All information from is from 9/1/2009 to 02/28/2010)

\$69,943.85 was received in undesignated offerings (down 3.5% from last year) and spent \$59,460.69 (doesn't include building mortgage) resulting in a \$10,483.16 surplus.

There is a \$6,213.62 shortfall of building fund offering receipts. All mortgage payments were paid from the Building Fund. YTD we have received \$13,420.00 (down 8.0% from last year) in Building Fund offerings and paid \$19,633.62 in mortgage payments.

There remains a \$2,338.05 shortfall of directed offering receipts for parsonage repairs. We have received \$19,340.00 in offerings (\$800.00 in this church year), paid \$21,678.05 towards repairs.

Bank Account Balances

Building Loan: \$293,891.62
Building Fund: \$ 13,917.06
General Fund: \$ 28,820.15**

**\$ 8,630.48 (various amounts "in escrow") = \$20,189.67 (real balance)

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Bible Trivia:

Where does the Bible say that "one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord"?

Answer: It can be found in Deuteronomy 8:3. Jesus quotes this verse in His response to temptation (see: Matt. 4:4 and Luke 4:4).

What does Paul say God has done to the wisdom of this world?

Answer: Made it into foolishness (1 Cor. 1:18-25).

What does James say makes one an "enemy of God"?

Answer: Friendship with the world (James 4:1-10).

According to Proverbs, "a cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit" does what?

Answer: Dries up the bones (Proverbs 17:22).

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL:

Friday 2nd
Sunday 3rd [10:00-11:30 AM] - Good Friday
Sunday 12th [7:00 AM] - Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt (Boyce Farms)
Sunday 12th [8:00 AM] - Sunrise Service
Sunday 12th [9:00 AM] - Breakfast Provided by Adult Men's Bible Study Class
Sunday 12th [10:00-11:00 AM] - Bible Study for all ages
Wednesday 14th [6:30 PM] - Worship Service (NO Afternoon/Evening Services)
- Fellowship Supper

MAY:

Sunday 9th [9:00 AM] - Mother's Day Breakfast Provided by the Youth
Monday 10th [9:30 AM] - Precept Morning Class Begins – Study of Ephesians
Tuesday 11th [7:00 PM] - Precept Evening Class Begins – Study of Ephesians
Wednesday 12th [6:30 PM] - Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting

JUNE

Sunday 13st [9:00–9:45 AM] - Church Council Meeting (for 3rd Quarter)
Wednesday 16th - Fellowship Supper
Sunday 20th - Father's Day
Sunday 28th - Backyard Bible Club

JULY

Backyard Bible Club Coming In July (13th, 20th, & 27th). If you are interested in being a sponsor home for the Backyard Bible Club, please contact Dale Austin (dale@wakeminster.org).

AUGUST

VBS starts with a kickoff celebration on Saturday, Aug. 7th. VBS classes will start on Sunday, Aug. 8th through Thursday, Aug. 12th.

Weekly Services:

<i>Sunday:</i>		<i>Wednesday:</i>	
9:45 AM	Morning Bible Study	6:00 – 6:30 PM	Snack Supper*
11:00 AM	Worship Service	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Youth Bible Study
4:00 PM	Chimes Choir Rehearsal	6:30 – 7:15 PM	TeamKID for Children
5:30 PM	Youth Fellowship	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 be collecting special offerings for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering during March and April.

HOSPITAL CARE PACKAGES:

April 17th is the beginning of the collections for hospital care packages. Small toiletry items, magazines and tracts will be collected for use with benevolence outreach to families in ICU in our local hospitals.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY THIS SUNDAY

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all of your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your strength These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (Deut. 6:4-7)

Start a change in your life that not only affects you but also your entire family. Join one of our small group Bible Studies this Sunday.

This verse from Deuteronomy 6:4 starts out with what is called the *Shema*; it means to hear what God has to say. This saying was, and still is the believer's rallying cry to know their Lord. This verse also points to the imperative of the next few verses that, in a nutshell, are about memorizing and knowing and doing God's Word. God is commanding us to teach ourselves and our children His Word, so that it penetrates our hearts, minds and will—that is, every aspect of who we are. And, then, we are to write it down and bind it to all our daily aspects of life. That call is still for us today.

This passage is not an instruction to give the Bible the occasional "once over." It is the clear, uncompromising call to continue in our studies constantly and passionately.