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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021

Happenings



✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

BE A GOOD CITIZEN

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. 1 Peter 2:13-17 (ESV)

As we celebrate the independence of our nation, I thought it would be good to speak to the idea of being a good citizen. Of course, we know that our citizenship is ultimately not here in the United States, nor is it in North America, nor even in the world. By the grace of Christ, we are now citizens of heaven. And yet, God calls us to be faithful citizens wherever He has placed us. And so, what does this mean, practically speaking?

It means that we are to pray for our leaders and our country. Notice I did not say, "Prey on" our leaders. It is so easy to get so caught up in the criticism of leaders with whom we disagree that we forget that we have the honor and responsibility to bring them before the throne of the One who places our leaders in their earthly, temporary positions of power (confession: I do this all too

often--just ask my wife). Christian author and speaker Paul Tripp put out a video in the last presidential voting cycle entitled, "Is the Gospel Political?" In it he states, "Peter, in writing to people who are misunderstood and being persecuted, tells them to pray for their leaders. 'pray for good for your leaders. Pray for wisdom, Pray for moral hearts.' Can I ask you a question? Do you pray for your leaders? In the morning, would you ever think of praying for your senator, praying for your congressman, praying for your mayor, praying for your president? Do you ever pray for these people?"

I remember about fifteen years ago, I prayed for President Bush in the worship service. A man took me aside after the service and accused me of playing politics and that I shouldn't be verbally supporting President Bush in my prayers (he obviously wasn't a fan of 43). I tried to calm him down and assured him I

often prayed publicly for Bill Clinton when he was in office, and I will continue to lead the congregation in praying for whoever the Lord places in office, because that is what God tells us to do. What I am trying to say is that if we become too politically heated to the point that we cannot pray for our leaders, then it is time to check our alliances and our theology. Tripp goes on to say, "I believe that the church of Jesus Christ is always weakened and its reputation defamed when we identify too strongly with one political party; because what happens is we then, because of the strong identification, we get known by whatever that party is known for, instead of being known for what we actually stand for. Our identity gets absorbed into the identity of that party that we so stand for." I won't belabor the point because you know what I am getting at.

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July 2021 Sermons

- 4 – God’s Witness Protection Program Rev. 11:1-14
- 11 – From Woe to Worship Rev. 11:15-19
- 18 – There Is Power in the Blood Rev. 12
- 25 – Don’t Drink the Kool-Aid Rev. 13

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If there is anything we are learning as we study the Book of Revelation, it is that our Lord’s sovereign control over all things – including our nation and her leaders – is never in jeopardy. So, I conclude with one final thought from Paul Tripp: *“In every way as a citizen, in every election, in every community activity, you are aware of your higher citizenship. You’re called to seek and represent the kingdom of God, God’s will, God’s way, God’s plan, God’s glory, God’s truth, God’s morality, God’s values, His call to relationship, all of those kingdom things. So, it’s the kingdom of God that is my direction system for how to relate to the kingdom of man. I always have this dual citizenship. It is because of my allegiance to the kingdom of God, knowing that’s where my power is, that I won’t get snookered into thinking that my power is to be found in some kind of identification with a certain political power and the gaining of political power.”*

As we celebrate our nation this Fourth of July, may our thoughts be drawn to the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth and the Maker of nations and leaders. Let us seek to be good citizens who above all honor the Lord - in our thoughts, words and actions – as His ambassadors here on earth, making sure onlookers will always identify us, first and foremost, as citizens of heaven.

In God’s Grace, 
Pastor Kevin

Membership Care & WINGS

Blessing Bags Return! Last year WPC prepared over 100 Blessing Bags, which were ready to give to those experiencing homelessness or difficult times. This was such a success, we decided to again assemble the bags. Please start collecting the needed items including necessary items (tissues, wet wipes, bandaids, hand sanitizer, etc.), clothing items (gloves, hats, scarves, socks), personal care products (small trial or travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, tooth care, deodorant, etc.) and non-perishable food items. (A more complete list is on the Events Board in the Narthex.) A collection container will be available for your donations beginning in September. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Cake Walk Plus!!!

At the Festival of Gratitude, being held at WPC, along with the Go Iglesia Church in July, there will be lots of food, fun, games, and fellowship. The Membership Care Committee will be having a cake walk as part of the festivities. We would love your help! Please consider donating a cake, cupcakes, plate of cookies or brownies, or other desserts that do not require refrigeration. Your goodies will be used as prizes for the Cake Walk. Mark your calendar for July 17, and bake up a storm to help make this a very fun and tasty event! Thank you!!!



“Faith, Fellowship, and Flip Flops” Hawaiian Garden Party

Ladies!!! Ready for some fun? WINGS will be holding a summertime garden party on Saturday, September 18. This outdoor event will be held at the home of Kari Paulson and will feature some Hawaiian treats, speaker Elizabeth Bricknell, and events to remind you of a relaxing day in an island paradise. So, pull out your moo moo dress, slip on your flip flops, and maybe practice with your hula hoop!

More details coming soon, so mark your calendar, and get ready for some fun!

A NOTE ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER: During the pandemic, the EPC General Assembly gave special allowance for the Lord’s Supper to be offered to the online community – something that ordinarily, our Book of Worship does not allow. Now that we are able to gather for public worship with few restrictions, July will be the final month that we will invite our online participants to take communion at home. For those who are still unable to attend the public worship service and who would like to participate in the Lord’s Supper, a ruling elder and I would be honored to pay a home visit to administer Communion. ~ Pastor Kevin



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 12 p.m. C.E. Mtg 	5 6:45 p.m. Vision Team Mtg	6 2:00 p.m. Service for Dick Williams WPC	7 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	8	9 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Mtg	10
11 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 3:00 p.m. Worship Mtg 4:30 p.m. Christianity Explored Course	12 9:30-10:15 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class begins 	13 11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg 7:00 p.m. Deacons & Sessions Mtgs	14 9:30-10:15 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	15	16 9:30-10:15 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class	17 12-4 p.m. Go Iglesia Woodland Festival of Gratitude
18 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:30 p.m. Christianity Explored Course	19 9:30-10:15 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class 6:45 p.m. OIT/Vision Team Mtg	20	21 9:30-10:15 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	22	23 9:30-10:15 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class	24
25 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:30 p.m. Christianity Explored Course	26 9:30-10:15 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class	27 11:30 a.m. Membership Care Mtg	28 9:30-10:15 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	29	30 9:30-10:15 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class	31

Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>MAY</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Beginning Balance	-5,332.16	-19,903.67
Receipts	14,345.00	16,639.00
Disbursements	18,549.16	19,138.40
Ending Balance	(9,536.32)	(22,403.07)
<u>Year to Date</u>		
Beginning Balance		
Receipts	88,144.10	87,659.00
Disbursements	97,680.42	110,062.07
Ending Balance	(9,536.32)	(22,403.07)

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>MAY-</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Receipts	6,259.48	5,877.70
Disbursements	190.09	220.62
<u>Year to Date</u>		
Beginning Balance	234,891.03	301,828.02
Receipts	43,479.06	69,089.53
Disbursements	73,645.57	72,524.16
Ending Balance	204,724.52	298,393.39
NET FUNDS	195,188.20	275,990.32

Collecting Shoebox Items

January-Hats, Gloves, Scarves

February-Accessories (sunglasses, watches, hair items, jewelry)

March-Quality Crafts (pillow cases, tote bags...)

April-Stuffed animals

May-Hygiene items (washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, comb, hairbrush, deodorant)

June-Toys

July-Clothing items (socks, shoes, t-shirts, dresses...)

August-School supplies

September-Games

October-Letter & photo

November-\$9 Donation for postage

December-Prayer



ShoeBox Help Needed

If you'd like to learn how to direct the organization of WPC's Christmas Child Shoebox donations, please contact Juanita MacMahon.



July Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Anniversary!

- July
- 1..... Betsy Lessard
 - 4 Mike Ferguson
 - 8 Claralee Williams
 - 10 Dave & Shirley Reed
 - 12 Margaret Sukkari
 - 19 Patty Graybill
 - 20 Mark & Liz Hover
 - 28 John Svensson
 - 30..... Jim & Karen Wilson
- August
- 1..... Janet Clock
 - 2 Jim Blair

The people listed in the Birthday and Anniversary list are members of WPC



WPC College Scholarships

Woodland Presbyterian Church College Scholarship information for the 2021-2022 school year is now available in the church office for graduating high school seniors and continuing college students. APPLICANTS MUST BE A MEMBER OF WPC TO APPLY. For an application, call the church office at 360-225-8941, or email at "office@woodlandprsbyterian.org." The office is open Monday-Friday afternoons. Please include the address of your college on the application. The deadline for the application to be received is July 31. The scholarship is also open to Running Start college students who are still enrolled in high school and actively attending our church.

From Missionaries Mike & Tammy

Hi Friends at Woodland,

We are Mike and Tammy your supported workers in SE Asia. As of May 22, we are stateside for a four-month home assignment. Because of the increase in Covid-19 cases in our country of service and the impending lockdowns issued by the government, we felt that it was time for us to come to the USA.

Our ministry operating procedure changed drastically after the Covid pandemic hit. We have before-Covid stories and after-Covid stories.

Since October, our country closed down all interstate travel, except for those who have police permission to cross those borders and has implemented various lockdowns within the states to keep the virus at bay. This has drastically reduced our travels and the broad seed sowing we had been doing the three previous years. Our team of four spent several weeks driving throughout our state, stopping at roadside cafes sharing the gospel and praying for and blessing those around us. When the opportunity was given, we spent time in people's homes, but rarely spent time eating in restaurants because of the rising covid cases and our personal standard of practice to not gather with groups of people in a highly concentrated covid area.

Since we were no longer able to do physical visits with people, we began spending more time in prayer as individuals and with our team.

We keep in touch with many of our contacts through phone apps and texting.

Please pray that we would be allowed to return to our assigned country October 1.

Please pray for our people group as they continue to battle this pandemic. Pray for the spiritual, physical, and economic well-being of this country. Many people are suffering in various ways due to the shutdown of all except essential businesses.

Pray that this hardship will drive them to Jesus.

Pray as we make plans to be where God wants us to go. We need his direction and wisdom.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support. We could not do this work without you.

Blessings and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ,

Mike and Tammy

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Join us for a

FESTIVAL OF GRATITUDE

FREE! games, prizes, food, music

July 17th – Noon - 4 PM

**Woodland Presbyterian Church Parking Lot
and Fellowship Hall**

(745 Hoffman Street, Woodland)

GO Iglesia Woodland and Woodland Presbyterian Church



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