

# Webster Groves Baptist Church

M E S S E N G E R

## Pastor's Message

JUNE 2013

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Webster Groves Baptist Church Family,

There are many exciting things on the horizon for Webster Groves Baptist Church!

A group of church Lay leaders and Deacons have met multiple times in order to summarize ideas developed during the strategic thinking sessions that were led by Harold Philips, Coordinator for CBF Heartland. Harold conducted three workshops for the church based on the book Twelve Keys to An Effective Church by Kennon Callahan. Based on interaction with the book, we have identified the areas that we believe WGBC should focus on developing. These areas of future development are:

- Developing **relational groups** that help people feel like they belong and contribute to the life of the church.
- Developing **specific and concrete objectives** that address where WGBC is going and becoming, as well as how we plan on accomplishing those tasks.
- Developing a more transparent and **participatory decision making** process so members feel included and informed about the life of the church.
- Developing **programs that make a difference** in the lives of members and are led by strong informed leaders.

The goal of this group was simply to identify what WGBC understands to be their strengths and areas that need strengthening. In the near future, this group will present ideas for the development and implementation of these suggestions to the congregation for consideration.

In future Messenger articles, I will contribute ideas that specifically relate to these areas that WGBC has identified as important. Next month, I will discuss the necessity of having a vision and its importance to any plan.

Blessings,  
Terrell

## Children's Corner

*"OBEY THE LORD YOUR GOD." DEUTERONOMY 27:10.*

The past several weeks the children of WGBC have been learning the importance of obeying God as well as the wonder of his power and promises through the **story of Noah**.

The goal of the children's Sunday School is to actively learn about God and His word in a way that connects to young minds and hearts and stays with them as they grow in their faith. To accomplish this, the children are provided opportunities to **hear, pray, remember, write, create, share and imagine** their way through Bible stories and teachings each week.

We welcome visitors who want to take a peek around our room to see how and what we learn! In the coming weeks we will begin an exploration into the life of David.

### Child Evangelism Fellowship VBS

NEW! The Child Evangelism Fellowship Summer VBS program will be held at WGBC on **July 22-26, from 3:30-5:30pm** each day. Look for more information, sign-up sheets, and ways to help to come soon!

## June Events

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### June 2 Communion

9:15 a.m. Birthday Party  
9:30 a.m. SS/Worship

#### June 5

6:30 p.m. Church Council  
7:30 p.m. Choir

#### June 8

100th Anniversary Celebration  
6 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Service

#### June 9

9:30 a.m. SS/Worship  
After service: Light Lunch

#### June 12

6:30 p.m. Business Mtg.  
7:30 p.m. Choir

#### June 14

Rehearsal for Swe/Taylor  
wedding

#### June 15

Taylor/Swe Wedding

#### June 16 Father's Day

9:30 a.m. SS/Worship

#### June 19

7 p.m. Choir

#### June 22

Youth Lock In

#### June 23

9:30 a.m. SS/Worship  
4:00 p.m. Picnic at Knue's

#### June 26

7 p.m. Choir

#### June 30

9:30 a.m. SS/Worship

#### July 3

7 p.m. Choir

#### July 4

Independence Day

### Picnic at the Knue's

Don't pass on this opportunity to spend an evening with your WGBC family. Please bring your favorite dish to share, Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 4:00 pm. The address is 1351 Grant Rd, Saint Louis, MO 63119.

## Youth Lock-In

### June 22nd @7:00pm - June 23rd @9:30am

The WGBC youth will gather for an overnight event at the church. The night will consist of fellowship, games, food, movies and other fun activities.

Volunteers to prepare breakfast for our youth Sunday morning should contact Dan or Anna Bembower.

The lock-in is a part of a series of monthly activities for our growing youth population. Previous events have included visiting the Science Center, the Dr. Martin Luther King Parade, and monthly fellowship meals after church service.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Water Bottles

WGBC will be handing out water bottles at the Webster Groves Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The water bottles will be custom labeled with information about the church and upcoming activities. This is an opportunity to reach local families about our mission and also provide a needed service on what is sure to be a hot day. Don't miss it!

## Missions Moment

*RUSSELL CAWTHON*

**July 7, 2013 at 5:30 pm** we will celebrate missions with a banquet and report. This is our way of saying 'thank you' to the church family for your generous giving to missions all year. This is a "free" meal but it is necessary to sign up so we can have a place for you.

You can sign-up on the sheet on the mission news board. Please come! **Dr. Keith Herron**, pastor of Holmeswood Baptist church in Kansas City, Missouri is our guest speaker. He is the current CBF moderator.

The Burtons, Mission Aviation Fellowship Missionaries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, will be home in the next few weeks. We are asking them to come by and see us while back in the states. We hope they can come and share with us about their work in the Congo. We will collect a love offering for them when they are here. We will also be including them in the Mission budget for the coming year.

As of Sunday May 26, 2013 we went over our May Mission Offering budget by \$70.00. Thank you for giving!

### Menu

Roast beef  
Green beans  
Potatoes  
Green salad  
Bread  
Butter  
Coffee  
Water  
Tea  
Lemonade  
Ice cream  
Cookies

### Seeking Contributors...

If you are interested in writing an article for the newsletter, please contact Terrell Carter at [wgbc1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wgbc1@sbcglobal.net). Articles and information are due to Terrell by the third Sunday of the month.

### Birthdays

Michael McRoy (June 1)	Matt Edwards (June 16)
Dylan Kemper (June 2)	Darrell Atkins (June 20)
Laura Unterweger (June 5)	Cassandra Kinkade (June 24)
Deshonda Burgess (June 6)	Lee Medlock (June 28)
Meisha James (June 7)	Donald Johnson (June 29)
Bob Bruce (June 11)	Sarah Copeland (June 30)
Brett King (June 13)	

## Parting Scripture

**1 JOHN 4:7-13**

*7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*

*13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.*