

Webster Groves Baptist Church

M E S S E N G E R

Pastor's Message

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In the coming weeks, a group of volunteers will be helping to form vision and mission statements for Webster Groves Baptist Church (WGBC) and present their ideas to the congregation for approval. You may be wondering what a vision and mission statement is. Below is a general description of what the volunteer group will hope to accomplish.

Our **vision statement** will describe how WGBC sees itself. It will focus on the potential that is found at Webster Groves and identify what WGBC hopes to become by identifying the personality of WGBC and how God intends to work through us. There are a few general ideas that we will follow when creating our **vision statement**.

- We Will Dream Big- The vision statement will be a way for WGBC to articulate our view of God's purpose for us. Because we serve a big God, we can have an equally big vision.
- We Will Be Clear and Concise- The vision statement will contain a clear idea that has an identifiable beginning and end goal.
- We Are Unique- The vision statement will be unique to our congregation. It will not be based on what someone else is doing. It will be based on what we understand God to be doing in our particular context.

Our **mission statement** will focus on what we hope to accomplish in the near future and how we will do it. It will focus on identifying and setting measurable goals. There are a few general ideas that we will follow when creating our **mission statement**.

- Goals Will Be Practical- The mission statement will focus on goals that are an outgrowth of our character and the areas that WGBC already has strength in.
- Goals Will Be Measurable- The mission statement will focus on developing goals that have a clear starting point.
- Goals Will Grow With Us- The mission statement will focus on developing goals that are small enough to come from our particular context, but large enough to grow with us and incorporate the movement of God's Holy Spirit.

I am honored to be working with this group of volunteers and I look forward to seeing where God leads these efforts.

Terrell

Parent & Child Play Group

GROOVY GROVERS

God has provided us with an opportunity to meet the needs of young families in our community. On most Friday mornings from now until the middle of August, our facilities will be made available for parents and children to join together for an opportunity to socialize in a safe and cool environment. We had our first play date on Friday, June 21, 2013. We will gather again on Friday, July 5 at 9:00 am. Please spread the word to parents of children ages 1-4 about this opportunity. You are welcome to join us and meet the parents and children. For more information contact Wyndy McRoy at joemcroy@att.net.

Call to Shared Vision and Values

SUZII PAYNTER

GREENSBORO, N.C. – In the final session of the 2013 General Assembly, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Executive Coordinator Suzii Paynter delivered an address focusing on CBF's shared values and mission. "Hold these things in common, and you can run the race," Paynter said.

Missionary Prayer Requests

Please Pray For...

- **Brenda Lisenby** as she leaves China for a sojourn time in the states.
- **David & Nancy Burton**, transitioning back to the USA for furlough.
- **Drew Phillips**, newly commissioned CBF Missionary working in East St. Louis, IL at the Christian Activity Center.

As she recognized the work of Fellowship partners, ministers and volunteers in the crowd, Paynter told the audience of Cooperative Baptists that "we can be alone or we can be a Fellowship" of churches and ministries, united in common identity, compassionate ministry and mission work.

"This is not parachute missions. This is self-sacrificing, biblical, honest, holistic service that provides a platform for meaningful church engagement and sustained national ministries. This is co-missioning. It is not cheap, nor is it the kind of venture that can be run for the change leftover in your car cupholder. This type of Christian engagement is worth the lives of our partners and field personnel, and it is worth our serious investment," Paynter said.

Paynter pointed to CBF's rural poverty initiative, Together for Hope, as an example of the impact of the Fellowship united in mission. "During 2012, in only five Together for Hope regions –Appalachia, Mississippi River Delta, Rio Grande Valley, Alabama, South Dakota – 44 churches engaged with Together for Hope poverty and transformation ministries. This resulted in 24,029 hours of volunteer service, which equals \$532,723.00 in volunteer time," Paynter said.

Paynter announced she will soon finalize a partnership with the Baptist World Alliance to be a Baptist voice at the United Nations.

Children's Corner

"THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S." 1 SAMUEL 17:47.

The children of WGBC have been studying the story of David this summer. They have learned about David as a shepherd boy who was chosen to be king and also about David's bravery in fighting Goliath.

Currently, they are working on creating a theatrical production of the story of David and Goliath. They are planning, writing a script, creating scenery and props, designing costumes and rehearsing their performance.

Adult Sunday School classes should look forward to an invitation to attend this unique production of David and Goliath at the end of August. After the play the children will continue into the school year with their study of David as he grows from boy to king.

Back to School Bluegrass Music & Grilling

The last Sunday of July saw our barbecue and Bluegrass musical where we accepted donations of school supplies for children and students who are in need. We had a great turnout with everyone enjoying all-you-could-eat hot dogs and bluegrass music will be performed by the gospel bluegrass band Glory Pickers. The supplies gathered will be given to Webster/Rock Hill Ministries in order to be distributed

August Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 4

9:15 a.m. Birthday Party
9:30 a.m. SS/Worship
Communion and Dwight
Jackson Guest Preaching

August 7

7:30 p.m. Choir

August 11

9:30 a.m. SS/Worship
Adam Banks Guest Preaching

August 14

7:30 p.m. Choir

August 18

9:30 a.m. SS/Worship
Russell Cawthon Guest
Preaching

August 21

7 p.m. Choir

August 25

9:30 a.m. SS/Worship

August 28

6 p.m. Deacons Meeting
7 p.m. Choir

September 1

9:30 a.m. SS/Worship

September 2

Labor Day

Birthdays

August birthdays include:

Barbara Harford (August 5)

Andy Chinnici (August 6)

Virginia Kelly (August 9)

Wyndy McRoy (August 17)

Linda Brown (August 19)

Phil Gill (August 30)

Seeking Contributors...

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

Parting Scripture

MARK 8:14-21

The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. "Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod."

They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread."

Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"

"Twelve," they replied.

"And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls did you pick up?"

They answered, "Seven."

He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"