



# Echoes

SEPTEMBER 2010

Woodland United Presbyterian Church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 a.m. SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.  
Sermons available online at [www.woodlandpres.org](http://www.woodlandpres.org)

*Celebrating the ministries of Woodland Church & School*



Sun., Sept. 19, 2010

10:30 a.m. Worship



## Woodland Get-Away at Pinecrest Oct. 15-17, 2010

*Our speaker this year is Rev. John Beaumont*

A beautiful and quiet place to grow in your faith.

**Bible Study - Great Food - Outdoor Activities**

Enjoy some relaxing time with your church family and spend time growing in your faith...

Pinecrest is in LaGrange, Tennessee - 1 hour from Woodland.

Registration Forms are available at the Welcome Center.

# A Word from Pastor Matt

## THE DEFINITION OF A WEED



I used to think there were certain kinds of plants that were weeds and certain kinds that were not. Weeds were bad because they were, well, weeds. They grew where you did not want them to, sometimes choking out the good plants. Good plants are pleasing to the eye or produce fruit.

Where I live we have a number of crepe myrtles. They are beautiful plants which produce lovely flowers. While they can be a bit messy, they are by my definition, a good plant. But then I was doing some weeding around my house, and it seemed like just out of nowhere all these little weeds started growing in some monkey grass. As I took on the laborious task of getting these weeds out, I realized that some of them had really thick roots and were hard to pull out. The only way I could get them out was to use pliers. It was an onerous task.

As I was sitting in the monkey grass trying to pull out these pesky little weeds, I looked up and saw a beautiful crepe myrtle across the driveway. As I sat there admiring it, I looked down to pull another weed. It was then that I realized the weed I was trying to pull out of the monkey grass was a little crepe myrtle! It was only a weed because it had grown in a place I did not want it. I then realized the value of a plant is not inherent to the plant itself but based on whether or not it grows where I want it. When a good plant grows in a bad place, it becomes a weed and not an appreciated plant.

This is true in life as well. There are many things that we value in this world. Things that are worthwhile, like our family, our freedom, our career, being with a friend, sharing a nice meal, being entertained, our health, safety, a vacation, and much more are all good things that can be appreciated and should be valued. They have beauty and add value to our lives. The problem comes when we begin to value them as ultimate things. Instead of valuing God, the 'thing' that is ultimately valuable, we put something else before Him.

If we value our job more than anything, we might be willing to neglect our faith or our loved ones, or even be tempted to lie to achieve more success to get ahead. When we value our health more than anything, we might spend an inordinate amount of time exercising or thinking about our appearance. When we value leisure more than anything, we spend our days watching television and doing crossword puzzles and Sudoku instead of being a part of what God is doing to bring reconciliation to the world. It's not that any of these things are bad in and of themselves. It's just that if what we value is something other than God, these 'weeds' can grow into our lives and choke out what we should truly be valuing. Instead of a beautiful, fruit-producing life, we are consumed with things that aren't ultimate, essentially choking out a life of faith.

In the gospel of John, Jesus says, "I am the True Vine". Our Lord is ultimate, and only when we value Him ultimately, will we understand everything else in its proper perspective. Look to Jesus for insight into which things in your life have gone from being good plants to pesky weeds. He'll give you the wisdom to know if something needs pulled.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Matt*

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

15th prior to month of newsletter  
**Email Echoes information to:**  
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER HOST ELDER:

Steven Nichols

SEPTEMBER HOST DEACON:

Pat Sanford

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19 Celebrate Woodland SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 1 p.m. Handbells 3-6p.m. Sea Isle PARKFEST 4:30 p.m. - Youth Group	20 1 p.m. Al Anon	21 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10 a.m. Day Gals Bible Study 6 p.m. NEW Women's Bible Study at Susan Bingham's home 5254 Shady Grove	22 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5 p.m. ACTION 5:45 p.m. DINNER 6:30 p.m. PROGRAM, all ages 7:40 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	23 10 a.m. Bible Study 11:15 a.m. Combined Outreach Choirs	24 WPS Grandparents Day	25
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Food Pantry Sunday



## OCT. 8 & 9 Living Waters YARD SALE

Keep us in mind when you are cleaning out! Donated items will be collected on **Wednesdays & Sundays** beginning **Sept. 12**. Contact the church office for more info. *Thanks, Living Waters Mission Group*

## Next Month... October 2010

- WORLD COMMUNION - Sun., October 3
- Outreach "Heavenly Hillbillies Show" - Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. (Oct. 7,14,21)
- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (to Elect Officers) - Sun., Oct. 10
- WPS Fall Break - Oct. 7-11
- LWW Yard Sale - Oct. 8 & 9
- Woodland "Get-Away" at Pinecrest - Oct. 15-17
- Trunk 'R' Treat - Wed., Oct. 27
- Stewardship Potluck Lunch - Sun., Oct. 31

# Our Church Family

## TO MY WOODLAND FAMILY

Thanks for all the calls, prayers, and visits. Your support has meant so much and really helped boost my morale during this setback in my life. The delicious variety of food delivered by the St. Andrew's Sunday School Class is just another way of showing your love. Thanks again- Woodland is wonderful. Sincerely, **Stephanie Alvarado**

## Welcome New Members - Aug. 24, 2010

**Jillian Edwards** 827-3443  
8331 Championship Dr. #103 Memphis, TN 38125  
**Mike and Anna Francis, Halle Jane** 351-5670  
1273 E. Crestwood Memphis, TN 38119  
**Brett and Kelly Hogan, Austin, Kelsie** 351-2852  
1609 Cordova Rd. Germantown, TN 38138  
**Ashlie Lee (Stephen) Jordan, Logan** 683-6760  
1207 Yorkshire Memphis, TN 38119  
**Janet Lee** 550-1730  
4705 Park Ave. Memphis, TN 38117  
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4951 Devonshire Ave. Memphis, TN 38117  
**Ernie Mellor (Lynn)** 409-3038  
695 S. White Station Road Memphis, TN 38117  
**Allen and Janet Mitchell** 309-9595  
7328 Grey Heather Way Cordova, TN 38018  
**Kerry and Lynn Sewell, Karsyn, Kendall** 870-2637, 870-2077  
741 Sugarbush Cove N. Collierville, TN 38017  
**Will and Wendy Stewart, Mackenzie, Collin** 382-3625  
8883 Village Creek Drive Arlington, TN 38002

## BAPTISMS

**On Sunday, August 15, 2010: Andrew Koury Christensen,** son of Eric and Jean Christensen was baptized at Woodland.

**On Sunday, August 29, 2010:**

**Halle Jane Francis,** daughter of Mike and Anna Francis,  
**Austin Michael Hogan,** son of Brett and Kelly Hogan,  
**Kelsie Rush Hogan,** daughter of Brett and Kelly Hogan,  
and **Ashlie Goodall Lee** were baptized at Woodland United Presbyterian Church. Many friends and family attended these baptisms. Welcome brothers and sisters in Christ! We celebrate this time and will be in prayer for these children of God.

## BABY BOY LINO

Congratulations to Andy and Christy Lino on the birth of a son, **Max Andrew Lino**, on Aug. 17, 2010 at 11:25 a.m. He weighed 7lbs, 10 oz. Congratulations to big sister Claire and their entire family on this wonderful new addition.

## SYMPATHIES

The deepest sympathies of the Woodland Presbyterian Church family are extended to: The family and friends of **Cathy Moriarty**, she died on August 13, 2010. A memorial service was held at Woodland on August 29, 2010 for friends and family and fellow Outreach Choir members.

**May the peace of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with her family in their loss.**



**SEA ISLE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** invites you to attend the **2nd Annual PARK FEST** on Sunday, Sept. 19 from 3-6 p.m. at the McWherter Center on the corner of Sea Isle & Estate. Bring your lawnchairs... come enjoy live music, free food, games, Memphis Police horses, and more! **Woodland Church and School will both have booths at this event.**



80 Women attended the 1st Annual Wonderful Women of Woodland Tea Party

## NEW Women's Bible Study

Meets 3rd Tues. each month at 6 p.m.

Call the church office for more info.

**Sept. 21:** Susan Bingham's Home, 5254 Shady Grove

**Oct. 19:** Amy Barker's Home

**Nov. 16:** Tonya Eddins' Home

**Jan. 18:** Becca Hensley's Home

## CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATION FORMS

are available at the Welcome Center. Please return Nomination Forms by Wed. Sept. 8. Thank you.

## ALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

will meet **Tues., Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Parlor. Potluck lunch to follow the meeting.

**FLU SHOTS & PNEUMONIA SHOTS** will be offered on Wed., Oct. 6 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. *Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare will be giving the shots and accepts Medicare. For those not on Medicare, the shots are \$20 (Adults & teens only). Sign-up at the Welcome Center.*

**Nursery Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for volunteers to help in our infant and toddler nurseries. Volunteers assist our nursery staff just once a month during the Sunday morning worship service (10-11:30 a.m.). What a great opportunity for you to love on our precious babies! If you are interested in helping, please speak to Rebecca Hensley (683-6484). We would be so thankful for your help!

## PALS Senior Adult Ministry

The PALS will be going to the Mississippi River Museum at Mud Island River Park on **Tues., Sept. 28**. We will leave from the parking lot around 10 a.m. The park is free, but the museum is \$6 for Seniors. The 18 Gallery museum features the natural and cultural history of the Lower Mississippi River Valley. The group will eat **lunch** after we see the museum.



## THURS. BIBLE STUDY

10 a.m. in the Meeting Room

### EARLY CHRISTIANITY

Join us as Ray Vander Laan guides us, through the land of the Bible. *In each lesson Vander Laan illustrates the historical, geographical and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East, the DVD series and class discussion will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.*

For Christians today, faith in God can sometimes seem to be a cerebral choice. For the early church it was the difference between life and death. We will discover the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and adversaries.

## Children's Ministry

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Children ages 4-5th grade will start in the Treehouse where they will begin their 6-week study of The Ten Commandments. Then they will divide up into age groups: 4 and 5 year olds, 1st and 2nd graders, 3rd - 5th graders. They will go to art, games or cooking (still about The 10 Commandments). Parents can pick them up in the Treehouse. Grace and Peace,

*Douglas Barr* Director of Children's Ministry

Woodland United Presbyterian Church

For more info call 682-3349 or email [doug@woodlandpres.org](mailto:doug@woodlandpres.org)



Some of our...SOS MEMPHIS VOLUNTEERS



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

### Children's Church:

**Sept. 5** - Ty & Teresa Hardin

**Sept. 12** - Michael & Amber Skouteris

**Sept. 19** - Christy & Andy Lino

**Sept. 26** - David & Cathy Aslin



UW Sports Camp - "Go the Distance"



Back-To School Water Polo Day!

# FESTIVAL OF MINISTRIES 2010





**YOUTH GROUP Fall Kick-Off Swim/Pizza Party**  
at David and Gwen Wolford's home... so much fun!

## Youth Ministry

This month marks my one year anniversary at Woodland... and it's been amazing! The youth are zealous for Christ and for His Word, they are bringing their friends and being bold in sharing their faith with their peers, new leaders are stepping up to help lead these students, and the prayers that you and the rest of the church have prayed are being answered in mighty ways for these students and their belief that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, the light and the only way to God the Father! I'm so excited for what God is going to do. Please keep us in your prayers as you are in ours.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** at 9 a.m.

**WEDNESDAYS:** kaiw from 6:15-7:30 p.m., at Point B

**SUNDAY NIGHT D GROUPS:** Dinner: 4:30-6:15pm

Jason Mendoza, Director of Student Ministries

[Jason@woodlandpres.org](mailto:Jason@woodlandpres.org)

**SEPTEMBER**  
**FOOD PANTRY ITEM**

Please Bring:  
Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix



### AUGUST Worship at Woodland

SUNDAY, Aug. 1	<b>179</b>	5 Nursery
SUNDAY, Aug. 8	<b>209</b>	8 Nursery
SUNDAY, Aug. 15	<b>296</b>	10 Nursery
SUNDAY, Aug. 22	<b>264</b>	8 Nursery
SUNDAY, Aug. 29	<b>303</b>	10 Nursery

## Night Gals Bible Study

Please Join Us! We will begin a new study of the book, **Jeroboam's Wife - The Enduring Contributions of the Old Testament's Least -Known Women**, by Robin Gallaher Branch who is Professor of Biblical Studies at Victory University (formerly Crichton College) in Memphis. The book covers 5 women and 2 girls who are all relatively obscure and investigates their importance in the biblical text. A major theme that unites these women and girls is their undeniable influence on biblical history. They are:

1. **Miriam**, the sister of Moses;
2. **Rizpah**, daughter of Aiah and concubine of Saul;
3. the wise **woman of Abel Beth Maacah**;
4. the **wife of Jeroboam**;
5. a Gentile **widow in Zarephath**;
6. an **Israelite slave girl**, handmaiden to the wife of Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram; and
7. **Athaliah**, queen of Judah.

Come join us as we learn how God can use ordinary people in extraordinary ways!

When: Beginning Monday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m..... arrive anytime after 6

Where: 4785 Dee Rd.

See Dale Ivy for the book (cost \$17)

## Woodland MANLY MEN Bible Study Living in a Pluralistic Society

Tuesdays at 6:45 a.m.

Meet in the Church Parlor

Coffee & breakfast provided. All men are welcome.

**Living In A Pluralistic Society: Judges, Daniel & Joseph**  
When Israel was ruled by Moses, David and Solomon, there was a strong human leader who represented God and ruled society on the basis of divine law. But later, they lived in a "spiritually pluralistic" society. Due to Israel's various failures, the society of Canaan was a mixture of pagan and believing peoples. There are many parallels between that situation and ours today. Largely due to the failures of the church, believers in the West find themselves living in a religiously pluralistic society. Individual Christians work and live among a great variety of gods--*not only those of other formal religions, but also the gods of wealth, celebrity, pleasure, ideology, achievement.* **Join the Manly Men as they ask,** "How can we be sure to follow God rather than the idols of our society and neighbors?" and "How can we renew ourselves when we fail or fall?"

For more info email [matt@woodlandpres.org](mailto:matt@woodlandpres.org)

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ Woodland Church



### **5:00-6:00 p.m. "ACTION" ages 4 years-old thru 5th grade**

Art Choir Theater In One Night: for ages 4 years-old thru 5th grade will be in the Sanctuary. Children will rehearse for the annual Christmas Pageant. New faces are ALWAYS welcome!

### **5:45-6:30 p.m. DINNER**

### **6:30-7:30 p.m. Program (all ages)**

**FAMILY STYLE** is our 6:30 p.m. FAMILY FRIENDLY program for **all ages** on the LAST Wed. Night each month.

### **7:40 p.m. Chancel Choir**

DINNER is every Wednesday Night in the Fellowship Hall... Please call the church office at 682-3349 by noon each Monday to make DINNER RESERVATIONS or sign the Fellowship Pad on Sunday. Nursery available for ages 3 and under.

**ADULT EDUCATION** (6:30-7:30 p.m.) There will be several studies offered this fall.

### **The Crown Money Map™ 6-Week Financial Study Led by Michael Pugh**

THE CROWN MONEY MAP™ has become the practical, biblically based resource that has put over 300,000 people on their journey to achieving true financial freedom. This video/discussion study provides biblical insight, practical help, and testimonies of hope.

### **Man Overboard: Jonah's Story Bible Study with Pastor Matt**

Are you running on empty? Does it feel like your life is one storm after the other? Join Pastor Matt for a discussion oriented Bible study of the Old Testament book Jonah, where we will look at the life of one man who struggled with obedience to God. Jonah's difficulty in responding to God reveals how passionately God pursues His people, even in the midst of the storm. Come be enriched and challenged by God's Word as we explore together the life of God's reluctant prophet. *It's more than just a whale tale!*

