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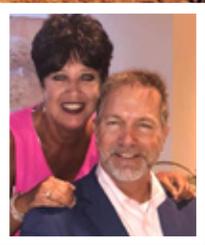
COUNTRY WOODS
BAPTIST CHURCH

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from your pastor

**“CHANGE IS INEVITABLE.
GROWTH IS OPTIONAL.”**

**THIS QUOTE BY LEADERSHIP GURU, JOHN MAXWELL, REMINDS US
THAT THE ONE THING THAT WE CAN ALL COUNT ON IS THAT CHANGE
IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIFE.**



Our world is changing, our society is changing, & our lives are changing, & we can't change that. But we CAN make an intentional decision to grow in the midst of those changes.

One of the things that will **NEVER** change is the Gospel, & our commitment at Country Woods to our mission **DEVELOPING DEVOTED DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS!** The methods that we use to accomplish that mission will be ever-changing. If we truly want to see Country Woods grow in the midst of the inevitable changes going on around us, we will need to constantly evaluate how we are going to reach our community & world with the Gospel.

DO YOU WANT OUR CHURCH TO GROW?

Your staff sure does! And we are seriously praying about a **“2020 VISION”** for our church for the next several years. Would you make a commitment to join with your church staff in praying for God's clear leadership & direction as we determine the best ways to impact our community, reach people for Christ, & help them grow in Him? If you'll make that prayer commitment, shoot me an email at jon@countrywoods.net & let me know!

I love y'all, & am so thankful for the privilege to be your Pastor!

In His Grip,
Jon



Hopefully by now everyone has settled back into the school routine!! That means high school football and other school activities are just around the corner. I'm praying for you as you juggle all those responsibilities.

Our Preschool Mission Friends and Treehouse are back in full swing on Wednesday nights after a summer of fun!

YOUR 1ST-6TH GRADE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT THE ARMOR OF GOD! What exciting times. I can't encourage you enough to bring your children!!

If I can be of help to you, your child or your family, please feel free to email me at julie@countrywoods.net or call the church office.

For the kids,
Julie Jones



A photograph of a person walking away from the camera through a field of tall, golden grasses at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The person is wearing a white t-shirt and shorts. The background shows a line of trees under a clear sky.

MAKING A DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS IS EXCITING AND LIFE CHANGING.

When one starts their journey or is longing to grow it, one might think, “Now What?” That is the question we are asking in the Student Ministry back in The Room. Tackling topics like Reading the Bible, Praying, Worship, Hanging with other Christian Friends, Obeying God, and Sharing your Faith. It is a group wide discipleship and it is our job Country Woods as parents and church FAMILY to keep these kids accountable. Challenging to walk in what they learn, take them by our side, and have them work along side you. Pray big!!!

BIG DAY: On September 22, we will have a Parent/Life Group leader meeting. This will help parents learn who their student’s Life Group Leader is. We will have a luncheon & meeting time in The Room after church that Sunday. Come meet your student’s Life Group leader, & find out who in the world is investing in them!!

COLLEGE. With school starting back and our college returning I want to shine some light on our college culture here at Country Woods. Sunday Morning Tomm Wilson has a life group at V Donuts. If you would like to join let me know and I will gladly get you in contact with him. He has such a cool environment at V Donuts and teaches things you always wanted to know about the bible. He is not afraid of any topic or any question you can bring to him.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES. These are awesome! The goal here is to provide a home environment, amazing home-cooked meals, & great times - every Monday, 6pm-9pm at our home - 155 Kerrville Drive. Amanda & I look forward to these every week. We are walking through Titus right now, & will jump into Romans eventually. This group is growing with 20-30 in attendance. If you are looking for like-minded students your age & just need a safe place, this is for you.



worship ministry team



WHOLE HEART

The Kidz Worship Team launched on Wednesday, August 21, and they will sing “**KING OF MY HEART**” on Sunday morning September 29th. They will rehearse each Wednesday night in the Tree-House. Parents, we need all the kids from 1st grade thru 6th grade each Wednesday for rehearsal. It’s going to be great! Also, the K.W.T. will sing during our Christmas presentation.

The Worship Ministry Team will be introducing new songs each month for the rest of this year. One of our new songs is...

WHOLE HEART (HOLD ME NOW)

*“Hold me now in the hands that created the heavens,
Find me now where the grace runs as deep as Your scars.
You pulled me from the clay, set me on the Rock,
called me by Your Name and made my heart whole again.
So here I stand, high in surrender, I need You now, hold my heart,
now and forever, my soul cries out. Once I was broken, but
You loved my whole heart through, sin has no hold on me,
Cause Your grace holds me now”.*

The WMT has made a change. We have already started being a multi-generational ministry team. We have students that come and rehearse on Tuesday at 5:45 PM and help lead on Sunday morning as part of the entire WMT. We are looking for more students to join in the MG-WMT. If you have questions, email jim@countrywoods.net... or text me - 601-927-8778.

I’m so excited about all of the opportunities the Lord is about to bring to CWBC!

Laurie and I love all of you and are honored to serve Side by Side with you!

discipleship and missions



THE SENDING CHURCH- THE CHURCH MUST LEAVE THE BUILDING

WHILE ATTENDING THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN BIRMINGHAM I PICKED UP A BOOK BY PAT HOOD. THE TITLE (LISTED ABOVE) CAUGHT MY EYE AND WHEN I BEGAN READING THE BOOK I JUST COULD NOT PUT IT DOWN.

THE AUTHOR began by stating that the church today must get out and go to the community and stop expecting the world to come to us. He added that "Spiritual maturity is not determined by how much Bible you know, how many scripture passages you have memorized or by how well you talk about the things of God." He said, "Spiritual maturity is determined by how much of the Bible you do!" The church must be a group of people who do not want to just play church or go to church, but be a group of people who desire to go and be the church.

Pat made a big statement that has stuck with me...he said

"GOD MEASURES OBEDIENCE RATHER THAN BIGNESS."

He added "Rather than measuring the size of our building or the size of our attendance, God measures the size of our passion to run hard after His heart and His purpose for the church."

He concluded his book with a term that is kinda catchy GO-OLOGY. He used this term to remind us that EVERY CHRISTIAN who has been called into a relationship with Christ is called to be a missionary. The call to discipleship is a call to missions. CWBC is blessed with a great group of people who have been discipled to death. We know the scripture, we know how to love people, we know how to share the Gospel but we are not GOING and DOING the very thing God has called us to do.

It is my prayer that we will think about changing our concept of church. We need to be a SENDING church. The world needs to know about our Lord Jesus but we tend to keep Him to ourselves. I pray this will be something that we can change.

Many Blessings,
Mark



I AM STEALING FROM MY NIECE KATIE A WORD TODAY. (YES, I TOLD HER I WAS GOING TO DO SO.) KATIE MARRIED MY NEPHEW GAVIN A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO AND I LOVE HEARING HER THOUGHTS AS GOD REVEALS HIS WORD TO HER. SO THANK YOU, KATIE, AND MAY GOD'S WORD ALWAYS GIVE YOU THIS KIND OF EXCITEMENT.

PSALM 107.

Y'all ever read it? If not, please do! It's so encouraging! It starts off with, **"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."**

YES. Then it starts talking about redemption. Ahhhh. **THANK GOD I Am REDEEMED.** David begins to mention different scenarios of groups of people that are lost. Not physically, but spiritually. he talks about their punishment, suffering, and living in darkness. **BUT 4 DIFFERENT TIMES,** he states **"He delivered them." HALLELUJAH**

"SOME SAT IN DARKNESS, IN UTTER DARKNESS, PRISONERS SUFFERING IN IRON CHAINS, BECAUSE THEY REBELLED AGAINST GOD'S COMMANDS AND DESPISED THE PLANS OF THE MOST HIGH.

So He subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled, and there was no one to help." Y'all ready for this part? "Then, they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He **SAVED** them from their darkness. He brought them out of the darkness, the utter darkness and broke away their chains." Psalm 107:10-14

IF THAT DON'T MAKE YA WANNA SHOUT! All I could think about while reading this chapter is "it's never too late." **DON'T** ever think that you are too far gone. Cry out to Him & He **WILL** save you!

1 WHO'S
YOUR
?



SEPTEMBER MEMORY VERSE

AND THOSE WHO
KNOW YOUR NAME
WILL PUT THEIR
TRUST IN YOU;
FOR YOU, LORD,
HAVE NOT FORSAKEN
THOSE WHO

**SEEK
YOU.**

PSALM 9:10

BLESSING OF THE HUNT & CAMO SUNDAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Wear your camo on this Sunday as we have a special “Blessing of the Hunt” during our Morning Worship Gathering at 10:30 AM. Following the service, we will have a lunch for everyone with deer sausage dogs, burgers, & all the fixings. Door prizes will be given away during lunch.

This is a GREAT opportunity to reach out & invite your unchurched friends & family members to join you in church. Maybe invite your hunting club members to join you!

Think about “Who’s Your 1?”
& invite them that day.

Don’t miss this wonderful
outreach opportunity!



September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Life Group 10:30 Worship Gathering	2 LABOR DAY	3 No 50+	4 6:00 Refresh WMT Practice Students Treehouse	5	6	7 10:00 Mission Byram/ Garage Sale
8 9:00 Breakfast No Life Group Everyone goes to breakfast 10:30 Worship Gathering	9	10 9:00 No 50+	11 6:00 Refresh WMT Practice Students Treehouse	12	13	14
15 9:00 Life Group 10:30 Worship Gathering	16	17 9:00 50+	18 6:00 Refresh WMT Practice Students Treehouse Mission Byram	19	20 Youth: The Gathering at Broadmoor 20-21	21 10:00 Mission Byram Community Church Day
22 9:00 Life Group 10:30 Worship Gathering Parent/Life Group Meeting for Youth Parents	23	24 9:00 50+	25 6:00 Refresh WMT Practice Students Treehouse	26	27	28
29 9:00 Life Group 10:30 Worship Gathering Blessing of the Hunt Lunch following service 	30					

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

DENNIS (LISA) ELLIS, DEBORAH ELLIS *and family in the loss of his mother, Myrtie Sue Ellis*

BRIANNA (BRADLEY) MOORE *and family in the loss of her grandmother, Betty Jean Alford*

DIANNE (BILLY) BUTTS *and family in the loss of her father, Bobby Buckley*

CHERYL (GENE) WHITE *and family in the loss of her father.*

CHRISTIE (JOHN) DAVIS *and family in the loss of her mamaw, Nellie Louise Wilson*

STAFF CHANGES

JULIE JONES – CHILDREN'S MINISTER

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Church Offices will be closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day

COUNTRY WOODS STAFF

JON DANIELS – Senior Pastor

JIM FARRISH – Music Pastor

MARK SANDIFER – Discipleship & Missions Pastor

TAMMIE MILLER – SR Adult Minister/Business Administrator

GUNNER WILSON – Student Pastor

JULIE JONES – Children's Minister

MELISSA DAVIS – Spiritual Development Assistant

LAURIE FARRISH – Music Assistant

TOMM WILSON – Custodial Assistant

CONNIE PRICE – Administrative Assistant

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND GROWTH

WEDNESDAYS:

Life Apps. 6:00-7:30 p.m.

REFRESH – Adults

Psalm 31:8 – Students

Hands on Bible – Preschool

Treehouse – Grades 1-6

Worship Ministry Team Rehearsal

SUNDAYS:

9:00 a.m. "Life Groups"

9:15 a.m. The Mix – Students

10:30 a.m. Worship Gathering

CHURCH OFFICE

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