



First Baptist Church of Woodbury May 14th, 2026 Edition

Sharing the Word, Loving the People, Living for the King



Girolamo Savonarola, one of the great preachers of the fifteenth century, served in the cathedral of Florence, Italy. The cathedral held a magnificent statue of the Virgin Mary and early in his service there, Savonarola noticed an elderly lady who came every day and prayed before that statue. One day he said to an elderly priest who had served there for years, “Look how devoted and earnest that woman is, coming every day to pray... What an act of faith.” The elderly priest said, “Years ago, the sculptor needed a model to pose for that statue of the blessed virgin, and he hired an exquisitely beautiful young woman to sit for him. That woman you see coming every day now was that young woman. She’s not coming to worship the Lord or to reverence Mary. She’s just coming to worship herself.” It is possible to allow your Christian life to become more about you than it is about Jesus, more about serving and worshipping yourself than following and worshipping Him, more about confirming what you already think and doing it your way than learning what He says and doing it His way. When Christians allow that attitude into our lives and our relationship with the Lord, it becomes spiritually deadly. Make sure you’re not just appearing to bow before the Lord, when in truth you’re actually just bowing before yourself.

This Sunday we’ll return to our Sunday morning study of Hebrews. In 5: 7 – 10, the author gives us another picture of Jesus that we can cherish and learn from: He is “the author of our eternal salvation.” The evening service is Awana Awards Night; we’ll recognize what the students have learned and accomplished this year. This weekend do something eternal: be in worship!

Bro Dean Anderson

Claiming God's Word

Walking in Victory

On Wed. nights we are learning a simple way of "Telling and Sharing the Gospel or the Good News of Jesus Christ". In doing so, let us focus on who is in charge and let Him, the Holy Spirit, lead and take charge as we go in His power engaging our families, neighbors, co-workers, and go out into the traffic lanes of life!

Acts 1-8 (NLT) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

1 Corinthians 2:4 (NLT) And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reminders for Sunday, May 17th

Deacon of the Week — B. Wies **Offering:** J.

Higgins Ushers: J. Young, L. Womack

3T Nursery — A. McCrary, C. Schwartz, K. McGee

Children's Message — B. Wies

Security — B. Sharp, P. Cecil, J. Stevenson

Scripture Readers — J. and L. Woodin

Thank
you

HYMN *Sing*



Sun. May 31st 2:00

WOODBURY HEALTH
AND REHAB CENTER

PLAN TO JOIN US

Being "blessed to be a
blessing" means helping

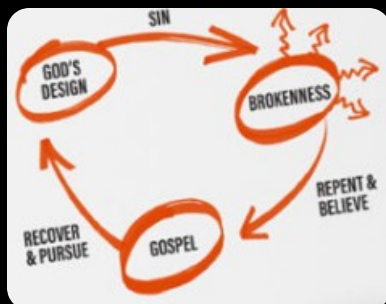
to all who gave to the Mother's Day Offering to help support the TN Baptist Children's Home. Your gifts help the children to thrive in a safe, loving environment that is Christ centered.

**The total giving was
\$3,980.00.**

someone and thinking beyond our own comfort or gain, not because it's convenient but simply because God calls us to love others. Being a blessing involves not only the actions that we take with one another it's the thought we put in to the action (1 Corinthians 13:3). James 2:8 says, 'You do well when you follow the rule of Scripture by loving others as you love yourself.'

AWANA AWARDS

**This Sunday, May 17th
6:30 pm in the Sanctuary
Come Encourage our Children**



3 Circles

**LIFE CONVERSATION
GUIDE Lead by Phil
Purvis**

Brokenness leads to a place of realizing a need for something greater. Simply hearing the Good News is not enough!

NEXT 2 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

The 3 Circles Life Conversation is a simple way to have Gospel Conversations with those we come in contact with. Over the next 2 Wednesday nights we will take a look at how God has organized the world to work, what's gone wrong, and how we can respond to Him. The 3 Circles Conversation Guide will help us take advantage of every opportunity to share the Gospel with all those God brings our way.

If you would like a digital copy of all the 3 Circles Gospel Conversation videos, power point slides and printed materials please contact Wade Campbell.



We are needing volunteers to help in all areas. Contact Libby Sledge or Mary Ellen Smith if you are available to love on all who God brings our way. **You can make a difference!**



WMU MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH at 4:00 pm

WMU provides age-appropriate resources so that every church member — from preschoolers to adults — can actively engage in missions. Each resource is designed to help people in your church learn, pray, support and do missions work to share the gospel. **For more information contact Morgan Bostedt!**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
OCC NEEDS FOR APRIL:

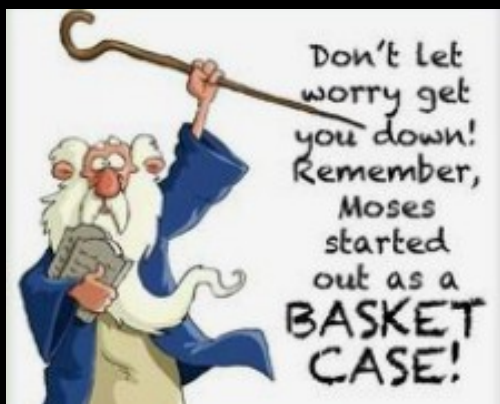
Boys and Girls Socks
Pencils and Erasers
Boys Underwear in All Sizes
Bibles (See Phil Purvis to Order)



**FBC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR
APRIL: Cereal and Canned Meats**

Keep smiling! Because of your joy
you make life more beautiful!

******* Church Funnies *******



—JESUS

Respectful American Flag Disposal

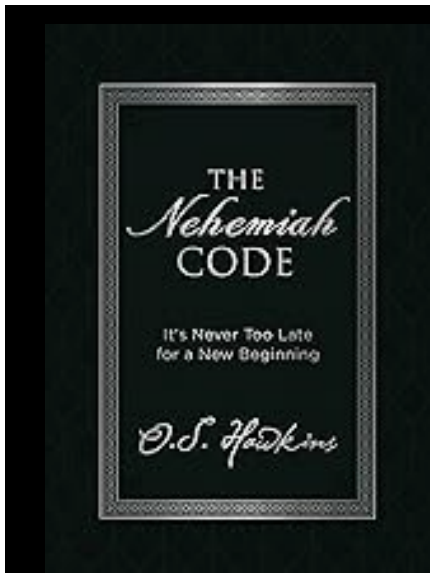


**WARRIOR 180
FOUNDATION**
<https://warrior180.org/>

If you have an American Flag that needs a respectful disposal, please place it in the box in the back lobby by the rear door and it will be taken care of for you by the **Warrior 180 Foundation**. Warrior 180 seeks to turn lives around through the saving grace and love of Jesus Christ by providing help and hope to those who have served in the military and first responders. We come along side those who have served us and educate those who have not. Need help? 1.866.255.5180

God is working in your waiting.

Church Library Resource of the Week

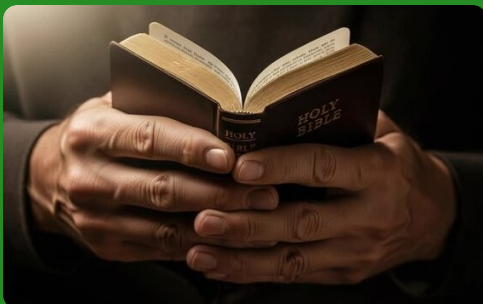


The Nehemiah Code by O. S. Hawkins

The Nehemiah Code dives into a theme that will resonate deeply with a wide variety of readers - insight during hard times, help to start again, and encouragement to rebuild a life. Topics include:

- Taking personal responsibility Moving out of your comfort zone
- Revuiling team spirit
- Holding those around you accountable
- Doing what is right
- Finishing strong

Reading Through The Bible in 2026



- 15. OT - II Kings 22, 23; NT - John 4:31-54
- 16. OT - II Kings 24, 25; NT - John 5:1-24
- 17. OT - I Chron 1, 2, 3; NT - John 5:25-47
- 18. OT - I Chron 4, 5, 6; NT - John 6:1-21
- 19. OT - I Chron 7, 8, 9; NT - John 6:22-44
- 20. OT - I Chron 10, 11, 12; NT - John 6:45-71
- 21. OT - I Chron 13, 14, 15; NT - John 7:1-27

Good Ole Days 5.9.26

Thank you to all who planned, set up, served, engaged with the people and tore down for the weekend of Good Ole Days. It was a wonderful weekend and let the record show that IT DID NOT RAIN! Hallelujah! What a joy it was to serve!



NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 & FM 107.1; morning and evening worship and Prayer Meeting all streamed live on Facebook and YouTube (FBC Woodbury), and on the church website (fbcwoodbury.org).

Prayer Guide

Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!

Church Family

Melissa Burnett
Patrick, Karie Cecil
Bobby Davenport
Darrell, Lou Goins
Cecil Gregory
Ashlyn Hare
Drunell Higgins
Randal Holt
Richie Hunter
Andy McCrary
David, Charlene Odom
Benton Parker
Brandon Schwartz
MaryWells Smith
Betty Smithson

Friends and Family—submitted by the person listed

Ethan Allen (Danny Jones)
Cara Anderson (Dean Anderson)
Sharon Armstrong (Glenda Hunter)
Wade, Cindy Blackwell (Cindy Anderson)
Gary Blanton (Lydia Womack)
Roy Brigman (Marilyn Ault)
AnnaHaillie Brown (MaryWells Smith)
Randy Burnett (Tony Burnett)
Marcella Byers (Randall Byers)
Buck Campbell (Tony Burnett)
Nick Caudle (Melissa Froome)
Adam Cothron (Jason McGee)
Bruce Daniel (Brandie Maynard)
Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)
Miciah DiGiacomo (Penny DiGiacomo)
Tammy Douglas (Lela Woodin)
Judy Reed Durkin (Douglas Jennings)
Nick Dutton (Judy Holt)
Chris Ellis (Darren Jessup)
Bree Evans (Andy McCrary)
Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)
Emily Basinger Foster (Judy Campbell)
Linda Freeman (Hannah Herron)
Analynn Garrett (Jeannette Todd)
Logan Hastings (Tammy Wies)
Mary Headley (Mike Parks)

Lana Jones (Glenda Hunter)
Anna Kaiser (Tammy Wies)
Emily Kidd (Cindy Anderson)
Betty King (Cindy Anderson)
Polly Klecan (Katie McGee)
Brenda Liford (Marilyn Ault)
Amanda Parks (Cynthia Brewer)
Terry Patterson (Jason McGee)
Carson Powell (Cecil Gregory)
Samantha Schwartzentruber (Morgan Bostedt)
Josh Simmons (Michael Odom)
Andy Smith (Douglas Jennings)
Barbara Tenpenny (Douglas Jennings)
Teresa Tenpenny (Melissa Burnett)
Becky Tilford (Melissa Froome)
David, Pat Tomlinson (Carlene Thomlinson)
Family of Victoria Tomlinson (Carlene Tomlinson)
Angela Welch (Morgan Bostedt)
Quinton Whitlock (Darren Jessup)
Joyce Wilburn (Anna Farris)
Bill Wilson (Tony Burnett)

Brenda Hinderliter (Penny DiGiacomo)
Joe Mike Hodge (Kaylee Rogers)
Brian Jones (Douglas Jennings)

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

Mamie Powers, Barbara Melton, Mamie Vance, Don Stevenson

Homebound:

Martha Burke, Dean Francis, Jinx Wilkinson, Betty Wilder, Carlene Tomlinson

Missionaries:

Phil/Laura Metcalf, Angela Dawson, Chris/Rebecca Abner, Casey/Amy Jones, Olivia Schultz

Church Staff:

Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Randal & Ellie Byers, Eric Bostedt, Tammy Wies

Military:

Chris Gillis, Stephon Harris, Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Taylor Woodworth, Kevin Walkup Robert Bucher, Jessica Manning, troops in Iran

College Students:

Cathan Cecil, Jacob Sledge, Sarah Bostedt, Etta Gaines, Thomas McGee, Alana Stansbury, Parker Matthews

Active Deacons:

Darren Jessup, Tony Burnett, Michael Odom, Jeff Woodin, Eric Bostedt, Bob Wies, Douglas Jennings, Jason McGee

Church Matters:

VBS; Mission trip and Nunez Church in Buenos Aires, MissionLab group; WMU; Student Ministry; Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; nation & leaders; Gideons; the lost

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be
gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**

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