

November 20, 2025

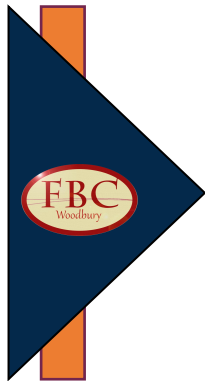
PASTOR'S *Pen*

By Erik Bostedt

Some of our early church brothers and sisters are so inspiring- their way of life, their love for each other, the desire they had to share what the Lord Jesus had done for them. They had an unbending fortitude in the face of heavy persecution, even at the cost of their own lives, because of their one desire: the Lord Jesus. One example is Polycarp (AD 70-155), an early church bishop under the tutelage of John the Apostle. Upon Polycarp's refusal to worship the Roman and Greek gods, Polycarp was arrested. In the face of execution, the proconsul gave him an offer: Reproach Christ and live. Polycarp boldly declared, "Eighty-six years I have served Him, and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?" The proconsul threatened him again, with wild animals that would tear him apart. Polycarp remained faithful to the Lord. The proconsul threatened to burn him, and Polycarp replied, "You threaten me with fire that burns for an hour, for you are ignorant of the fire of the coming judgement and eternal punishment store up for the ungodly.

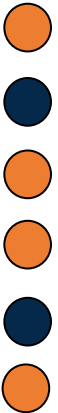
Finally, he was sentenced to be burned at the stake. In the face of death, Polycarp prayed and blessed the Lord. As the flames sprang up around him, he sang out praises in worship of God. The fire arced around Polycarp, not touching his skin. Baffled and outraged, the Romans ordered an executioner to stab him. The outpouring of Polycarp's blood extinguished the flames as he bled to death.

This brief story about one of our many brothers who died in the face of persecution is a testament of how we should live: serving the One we were made to worship, the One we were created for, and the only one worthy of living for - Jesus Christ our Savior. Polycarp ran the race and finished well. God willing, should it ever come to that sort of thing for me or any of us, I pray we have the same kind of fortitude. Let us never forget the examples of our brothers and sisters throughout church history!



REMINDERS FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 23rd

- Deacon of the Week — Jeff Woodin
- Offering: J. Nichols Ushers: B. Haley, D. Jessup
- 3T Nursery — A. Weaver, C. Odom, A. Baird
- Children's Message — A. Matthews
- Security — B. Sharp, D. Jessup, J. Todd
- Awana — Solid Rock Night



CHURCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
5:30 Awana
5:30 Adult Discipleship
6:30 Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:00 Children's Missions
6:00 Youth Group
6:00 Prayer Meeting
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

AWANA

Solid Rock Night
Bring a Decorated Rock



HIGH PRIORITY

SPECIAL GUEST



Sunday, November 23rd at First Baptist Church

**Jonathan Victorian Jr., the Director of
Mission Lab at the New Orleans Seminary,
will be bringing the message.**

You don't want to miss what God has in store for us!

. . . .Come help us love our neighbors!

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

CHRISTMAS PARADE LUNCH!

NOVEMBER 22 @ 5 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STUNS SMALL TOWN WITH BIG NEWS...

**COME BEFORE THE PARADE TO WARM UP WITH A VARIETY OF
SOUPS AND TOPPINGS, CRACKERS, AND SWEET TEA!**



JUST WALK ON IN!

***FREE SOUP
LUNCH FOR
ALL!***



BECAUSE WE LOVE THE LORD & WE LOVE YOU!

413 W. Main St. Woodbury, TN. 37190

Please bring soup, help serve and welcome our guests.

Seventh Day Adventist Church

Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 25th 7:00 pm

PLANTING GOD'S WORD IN OUR HEARTS

Psalms 139:14 "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. "

HYMN Sing Along

Join us at Woodbury Health and Rehab
Sunday, November 30th at 2:00 pm

We hope to bring a little sunshine to their day!

Christmas Caroling Monday, Dec. 1st
Come join us as we spread glad tidings of joy!



More Details To Come

save the date

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17th 6:00 PM

Located in Madden Hall / Potluck Dinner

SENIOR *Adults !!!*

There is a sign up sheet across the hall from the choir room. Please sign up!



**Tues., Dec. 9 Demos in Lebanon
Then... Lights at Wilson Co.
Fairground Afterwards**

...Leaving Church at 3:30 pm. . .

SNEAK PREVIEW

**Lottie Moon Offering
Begins Nov. 30th**

**Church Goal
\$40,000**

**Be Praying About What God
Would Have You Give**

MISSION LAB 2026

**The date is set!
Plan to be a part of
our group July 5-10!**

**Let Bro. Dean know
if you are on board!**

Our Children's Dept. would like to have a time of fellowship by taking the children to the David movie this Dec. Please let us know if you are interested and if Dec. 19 or 20 will work.



THE DAVID MOVIE

IN DECEMBER

FROM THE SONGS OF HIS MOTHER'S HEART TO THE WHISPERS OF A FAITHFUL GOD, DAVID'S STORY BEGINS IN QUIET DEVOTION. WHEN THE GIANT GOLIATH RISES TO TERRORIZE A NATION, A YOUNG SHEPHERD ARMED WITH ONLY A SLING, A FEW STONES, AND UNSHAKABLE FAITH STEPS FORWARD. PURSUED BY POWER AND DRIVEN BY PURPOSE, HIS JOURNEY TESTS THE LIMITS OF LOYALTY, LOVE, AND COURAGE—CULMINATING IN A BATTLE NOT JUST FOR A CROWN, BUT FOR THE SOUL OF A KINGDOM

DECEMBER 19 OR 20

RSVP : COURTNEY
615-848-5574

THEATRE & TIME TO BE DETERMINED
BASED ON AVAILABILITY & INTEREST
MURFREESBORO TN



Supporting Missions at every
opportunity!

MEETING SUNDAY DEC 7th 4:00

For More Information Contact
Morgan Bostedt 615.487.3113



FBC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

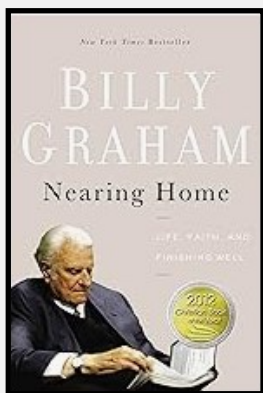
Canned green peas, Canned Spaghetti and
Meatballs, Small Bags of Sugar,
Toilet Paper

Your blessings help many.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least
of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is working on the
2026 church budget. Any suggestions you may
have can be directed to a member of the
committee: Douglas Jennings, Anna Farris and
John Higgins.



Church Library Resource of the Week

Nearing Home: Life, Faith and Finishing Well Written by Reverend Billy Graham

Billy Graham in his nineties—is a deeply personal memoir that explores how our strength can continually be found in the foundational truths of Scripture and inexhaustible love of Christ, despite the many trials of aging and the approaching end of our earthly time.

Reading Through The Bible NOVEMBER 2025

- 21. OT - Eze 16, 17; NT - James 3
- 22. OT - Eze 18, 19; NT - James 4
- 23. OT - Eze 20, 21; NT - James 5
- 24. OT - Eze 22, 23; NT - I Peter 1
- 25. OT - Eze 24, 25, 26; NT - I Peter 2
- 26. OT - Eze 27, 28, 29; NT - I Peter 3
- 27. OT - Eze 30, 31, 32; NT - I Peter

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

SUNDAY EVENINGS

at 5:30 pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you have a nativity scene no taller than 9 inches that you wouldn't mind having displayed at the Christmas Dinner we'd love to borrow them Contact Brandie 615.642.2066 or Tammy 615.427.1447

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

Marilyn Ault	Ashlyn Hare	Addison Todd
Melissa Burnett	Randall Holt	Wies Family
Patrick, Karie Cecil	Richie Hunter	Bobby Zumbro
Bobby Davenport	Judy Jacobs	
Mark, Lesa Davis	Andy McCrary	
Dot Elrod	David Odom	
Darrell & Lou Goins	Benton Parker	
Cecil Gregory	MaryWells Smith	

Friends and Family—submitted by the person listed

Ethan Allen (Danny Jones)	Anna Kaiser (Tammy Wies)
Family of James Anderson (Lydia Womack)	Emily Kidd (Cindy Anderson)
Sharon Armstrong (Glenda Hunter)	Brenda Liford (Marilyn Ault)
Wade, Cindy Blackwell (Cindy Anderson)	Family of Pat Lipp (Tammy Wies)
Gary Blanton (Lydia Womack)	Family of Mike Nichols (Tony Burnett)
Gavin Bogle (Marilyn Ault)	Andy, Judy Norman (Amy Matthews)
Les Bush (Tony Burnett)	Amanda Parks (Cynthia Brewer)
Nick Caudle (Melissa Froome)	Terry Patterson (Jason McGee)
Adam Cothron (Jason McGee)	Brad Schwartz (Carolyn Schwartz)
Bruce Daniel (Brandie Maynard)	Josh Simmons (Michael Odom)
Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)	Andy Smith (Douglas Jennings)
Tammy Douglas (Lela Woodin)	Becky Tilford (Melissa Froome)
Nick Dutton (Judy Holt)	Kim Van Atta (Tony Burnett)
Chris Ellis (Darren Jessup)	Angela Welch (Morgan Bostedt)
Bree Evans (Andy McCrary)	Quinton Whitlock (Darren Jessup)
Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)	Randy Winsett (Jan Purvis)
Leon Foster (Michael Odom)	Steven Yates (Michael Parks)
Jim Gage (Jeff Woodin)	
Randy Galloway (Brandie Maynard)	
Shannon Grabowski (Jamie Anderson)	
Edward Holcomb (Lela Woodin)	
Keith Holt (Judy Holt)	
Bob Jones (Douglas Jennings)	
Brian Jones (Douglas Jennings)	
Tammy Jordan (Lydia Womack)	

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

Mamie Powers, Barbara Melton, Mamie Vance, Don Stevenson, Drunell Higgins

Homebound:

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

Missionaries:

Buck/Annie Barton, Phil/Laura Metcalf, Al/Margaret Patterson, Angela Dawson, Gavin/Laura Pinkston, 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, Dakota Beasley, Kevin Walkup, Robert Bucher, Jessica Manning

College Students:

Cathan Cecil, Addison Todd, Jacob Sledge, Emma Crabtree, Sarah Bostedt, Etta Gaines, Thomas McGee, Alana Stansbury, Parker Matthews

Active Deacons:

Matt Cowan, Jeff Todd (Beth), Danny Jones, Darren Jessup, Tony Burnett, Michael Odom, Jeff Woodin, Eric Bostedt, Bob Wies

Church Matters:

Lottie Moon Offering, Nunez Church in Buenos Aires; Mission Trip; WMU; Student Ministry; Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; Nation & Leaders; Israel; 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.”**