



# Kirby Woods

MAY 2012

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF KIRBY WOODS BAPTIST CHURCH

## Life



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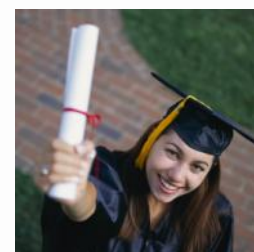
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Sunday Services: 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM

Sunday School: 8:15 AM & 10:55 PM

Mid-Week Service: Wednesday 6:30 PM



**GRADUATE  
RECOGNITION  
SERVICE**

May 20

Morning Service

Exalting the Savior • Evangelizing the Sinner • Equipping the Saints



**JIM COLLIER**  
SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

It's so good to be part of the fellowship of Kirby Woods Baptist Church. Your love for one another is only overshadowed by your love for your Lord Jesus. Worship is exciting as we exalt Him. Our passion for the lost stirs us to go, give, and pray so that the nations may know Him and His glorious gospel.

Because we desire sinners to know Christ, we structure, plan, and fulfill our ministries around the proclamation of the gospel. Our church's framework is built on our Sunday School. Most of your relationships within the church flow from your class. Much of our ministry to those in need begins in the Sunday School class. Whether you realize it or not, our church's evangelism and outreach must also come from our Sunday School classes.

Historically, successful Sunday Schools have always been the reaching arm of the church. Evangelism is essential to a thriving Sunday School class. If you have unsaved friends, you should be able to introduce them to your friends in your Sunday School class, allow them to enjoy the friendships there, and lead them to Jesus!

I have brought all of this to your attention because our Sunday School as a whole has ceased to grow. No longer are we finding prospects, enrolling them into our classes, sharing the gospel with them and seeing them saved. We aren't growing because we aren't sharing the gospel. (Obviously, some in our church are sharing and some are being saved. We are not booming because our Sunday School has ceased doing what it was designed to do.)

As your pastor, I'm going to ask you to do two things. First, I'm asking your Sunday School class to reengage lost people. Meet them, invite them, enroll them, and love them. As you do those things, share the good news of Jesus Christ with them. Invite them to trust Christ as Lord and Savior. Teachers, encourage your classes. Classes, encourage your teachers. Let's get serious about outreach.

Second, I'm asking you to embrace a new church schedule. Beginning on September 9, we are going to combine our Sunday Schools. For a whole host of reasons, we believe that one Sunday School hour will generate excitement and be conducive for attendance by visitors. Our combined hour will begin at 9:00 a.m. for Sunday School, and we will worship together at 10:10. Our worship hour (plus twenty) will end around 11:30. (You will still beat the Methodists to your favorite restaurant!)

Our goal in all of this is to Exalt the Savior, Evangelize the Sinner, and Equip the Saints!

In Him,  
Jim

Normal is a setting on a clothes dryer. That is about the only good definition I have for the term. Other than that, "normal" is by definition, what usually happens or what is regularly done. People ask, "What do you normally do on Sunday afternoon?" Well it depends, given a choice, I will eat and nap and let the rest of the available activities fill in the gaps. That is normal for me.

You can ask what a normal reaction to a situation is and most folks can tell you how they will react. Depending, they might be frightened, offended, angered, confused, delighted, amused, or bored. If you agree with them, then that would seem to be a normal reaction. By nature, culture, or training we determine how we would normally act or react. A community can define what is a normal expectation and that is often written into law, or sometimes exercised as unwritten law.

Normal is the usual. The difficulty this presents is that living as a Christian should live is not normal. It is abnormal. The heart and character of Christ is so decidedly different from our world and culture. If we follow Him, we will not be normal. We will not behave as our friends do. We will not conduct business as others do. We will not spend our time and money as others do. We will not find the same things interesting as our non-Christian acquaintances. Christians should not be normal with regard to the world.

Strangely enough, we usually are. We get mad over the same things. We celebrate or endorse the same things. We have the same practices, lifestyle, life goals, or world view. Most of us spend our lives being normal (or at least pretending to be). We are almost indistinguishable from the everyday citizen.

Christ has directed us to be different. His way is as different from our way as the sky is from the earth. We are to be like Him as we follow after Him and that makes us abnormal. We are to be patient when patience is not expected. We are to be forgiving when it is unrequested or undeserved. We are to be loving even when that love is refused. We are to be faithful to a calling that could cost us everything that others believe to be normal. Christ in us makes us different.

Christ in us establishes a new normal. It is different from the world, but it is normal for the Kingdom. He expects us to do what He would normally do. Be "abnormal" in the world today as you follow Christ. That is way different from the setting on a clothes dryer.

See you Sunday (twice)  
Bro. Edd (*Eph. 3:20-21*)

## MISSIONS MINISTRY

As we enter into the fun times of summer, we are all looking forward to vacations, warm weather and a break from the old routine. Summer is also an incredible time to use long daylight hours and time outside for the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

You can sign up for a "Won't You be my Neighbor?" block party. As your neighbors naturally will be drawn outside, you can use this as an opportunity to reach them for Christ. We will also have many opportunities to serve throughout our city with our church planters. Keep your eyes open for announcements related to these opportunities. If you haven't made plans yet for a summer mission opportunity, there are a few more openings. Please see our website for more details and then contact me at the church office.

On May 13, Mother's Day, we will be joined by Dr. Jerry Winfield of the TN Baptist Children's Home. He will share a brief testimony with us during the morning worship service.

The Memphis Union Mission is hosting their annual Evangelistic Tent Meetings the week of May 20-25. KWBC will be hosting the meeting on Monday, May 21. Like last year, we will prepare the food, serve the meal, lead the music worship, preach, issue the invitation and counsel those who respond. If you are interested in serving in one or more of these capacities, please contact Jon Epting at [jonepting@kwbc.org](mailto:jonepting@kwbc.org) or 682-2220.

Let me remind you to follow @KWBCMissions on Twitter for prayer requests, missions happenings, and missions related news links.

For His Glory,  
David Cole

## SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Raymond Ransom, Junior  
Request the Honour of Your Presence  
At the Marriage of Their Daughter

*Mallory Nan*

To

*Mr. Graham Powell Spell*

Son of

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh David Spell  
Saturday, the Twenty-Third of June  
Two Thousand and Twelve  
At Six O'Clock in the Evening  
Kirby Woods Baptist Church  
Reception Immediately Following



**KIRBY  
WOODS**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**JIM COLLIER**  
SENIOR PASTOR

**EDD LAWRENCE**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**CASEY PEARSON**  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION

**JOHNNY COGGIN**  
MINISTER OF MUSIC

**DAVID COLE**  
MINISTER OF MISSIONS

**CHIP PENLAND**  
PASTOR TO THE DEAF

**DAVID LOVE**  
MINISTER OF  
CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**JOSH SHIRLEY**  
MINISTER OF SR. HIGH STUDENTS

**MATT AKERS**  
PASTOR TO THE HISPANIC MINISTRY

**PAUL JO**  
PASTOR TO THE KOREAN MINISTRY

**AMY BARRON**  
DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**SKIP BREWER**  
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

**MIKE TABER**  
MINISTER OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

**JOE REID**  
MINISTER OF JR. HIGH STUDENTS

**JUSTIN BEAL**  
MINISTER OF CHILDREN

**CHARLOTTE UNDERWOOD**  
DIRECTOR OF NURSERY/PRESCHOOL

**LEE CARR**  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION  
IS JUNE 3!

To those who have been teaching  
the past several weeks in our  
Equipping University. . .  
**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!!**

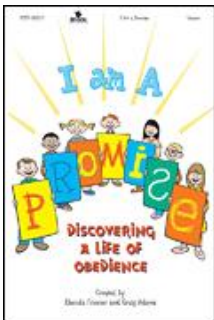
“Go and make disciples . . .” We can “go” anytime. In fact, the word means “as you are going.” However, on the weekly KWBC calendar there are two opportunities to go: Sunday nights at 5:00 during **Beyond the Walls** and Monday nights at 6:30 with our deacons.

How does one “make a disciple?” Come learn **Discipleship Basics** Sunday, May 20, at 5:00 p.m. This class will give you the tools to disciple new Christians in order that they can “go and make disciples.”

**Coming September 9:** Sunday School “Kick-Off” for the Fall!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### MUSICAL HAPP'NIN'S in MAY...



I am A  
**PROMISE**  
May 9 - 6:30 pm

Presented by  
1st - 5th Grade  
Children's Choirs

Please take note of the date change. Due to circumstances beyond our control, this program has been re-scheduled. Dress rehearsal will be Tuesday, May 8.

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!**

- ♫ **Student Choir Singing**  
Sunday Evening, May 6
- ♫ **I AM A PROMISE**  
Wednesday, May 9 - 1-5 Grade Choir
- ♫ **George Fridlender in Concert**  
Sunday Evening, May 20
- ♫ **Family Worship**  
Sunday Evening, May 27



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Summer Brochure** will be coming soon with events and activities for the summer.

**Redeemed Readers** meet each month for dinner and a time of fellowship. Each month the members read a selected book and discuss it at the meeting. If you are interested in joining, contact the church office.

**Thanks to everyone that helped with, and participated in the Lifeline of Hope Women's Conference.** Special thanks to the committee, breakout session leaders and hostesses.

**Women's Bible study.** As we close another successful season, special thanks to those that taught each week: Kay Smith, Barbara Lowry and Lynn Spainhour. **Be looking for summer study opportunities coming soon.**



*Happy Mother's Day to  
all. We hope you enjoy the  
blessings of the day!*

**May 5** - All t-ball, baseball and softball games will begin for children and youth teams.

**May 18** - *In His Grip Golf Tournament* - This is going to be an exciting outreach event to reach the lost in our community through golf. Even if golf is not your thing, there are many ways that you can volunteer to help be part of this event. Please sign up in the lobby or contact Skip in the church office, if you would like to help in some way.



*Play with Passion. Live with Purpose.*

**May 18, 2012**

# DEAF MINISTRY

*Praise the Lord! Over 80 women attended the Deaf Women's Retreat. God was glorified through the praise and worship led by Barbara Lovas and the teaching of His Word by Vesta Sauter. I want to thank each of the volunteers for their sacrifice of time and energy. I especially want to thank Barbi Colvin for leading yet another great women's retreat. To God be the glory!*

**May 6** will be a very special Sunday for us. During the service the Honduras mission team will be commissioned *and* we will ordain Roger and Jeff Jones as deacons. Following the service there will be a **lunch fellowship**. Do not miss this very special day in the life of our Deaf ministry.

On **May 13** our Honduras mission team will travel to Tegucigalpa. Pray for them as they travel and share the Gospel with deaf children and adults. Pray also for their families who are represented by this team. The team will return on May 20.

Our monthly Deaf Senior Adult Bible Study will be held on **May 24**. The Bible study will be held in the Deaf worship center. We will go out for lunch following the Bible study.

We will worship with our hearing church family on **May 27** at 9:30. Be sure to join us for Sunday school following the service.



*"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

# Wednesday Night FELLOWSHIP MEAL

**MAY 2**

Chicken and Dumplings, Marinated Carrots, Peas, Salad, Biscuit, and Dessert

**Kid's Pack:** Pizza, Green Beans, Fruit and Dessert

**MAY 9**

Grilled Hamburgers, Corn on the Cob, Ranch Style Beans, and Potato Salad

**No Kid's Pack**

Ice Cream Sundae Bar for Dessert!

**MAY 16**

Super Chef Salad with Chicken Tenders, Ham, and Turkey, Loaded Baked Potatoes, Roll and Dessert

**Kid's Pack:** Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Fruit and Dessert

**MAY 23**

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Carrot Soufflé, Green Beans, Broccoli Salad, Roll, and Dessert

**Kid's Pack:** Chicken Tenders, Corn, Fruit and Dessert

**MAY 30**

Fried Catfish, Hushpuppies, Sweet Potato Fries, Cole Slaw and Dessert

**Kid's Pack:** Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit and Dessert

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### THE BIG DEAL



**May 11, 2012**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**6:30-8:30 P.M.**  
**Must RSVP by**  
**May 2, 2012**

**May 2** - Deadline to RSVP for the Big Deal. Please make your reservation for your family.

**May 9** - The Olympian Store - Children, don't miss this opportunity to cash in all the Olympian bucks you have earned all year long!

**May 11** - The Big Deal, 6:30-8:30 PM, a special awards night for all 1st-5th graders. Dinner will be provided, but please RSVP for your family.

**May 16** - Kid's Kamp early registration deadline. Send your 3rd-6th grader to camp for only \$100. Don't miss this early registration deal!

**May 20** - Kid's Kamp Mandatory Counselor meeting. If you are going to Kid's Kamp as a counselor, please be in attendance at this meeting in Room W306 at 5 P.M.

**May 30** - Kid's Kamp Parent/Camper Meeting. If your child is going to Kid's Kamp, please plan to attend this meeting following the evening service in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the deadline to sign up for camp. All forms and payments will be due at this time.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**May 1: Meltdown Prayer Meeting from 7-8 p.m.** - Everyone is welcome to come and join us as we pray for Meltdown. We will meet at the home of Josh and Amanda Shirley (7267 Jermyn Cove, Germantown).

**May 5: Guys & Girls Bible Studies from 6-7:30 p.m.** Guys will meet at the home of Jeff and Debbie Jordan and the girls will meet at the home of Andy and Amanda White.

**May 6: Student Ministry Sunday School Teacher Dinner & Meeting at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** If you are planning to teach youth Sunday school then we need you to be at this dinner and meeting. We will be discussing the upcoming year.

**May 8: Meltdown Prayer Meeting from 7-8 p.m.** at the home of Alonzo and Roxana Echaurren.

**May 12: D3 Second Saturday of Service from noon until 2 p.m.** Join us as we welcome our new 6th graders to the student ministry. We will have pizza and Coke beginning at noon and have games and activities until 2 p.m. It's going to be an awesome Saturday!

**May 15: Meltdown Prayer Meeting from 7-8 p.m.** at the home of Joe & Megan Reid.

**May 19: Guys and Girls Bible Studies beginning at 6 p.m.** Guys will meet at the home of Jeff and Debbie Jordan and the girls will meet at the home of Andy and Amanda White. Joint fellowship afterwards.

**May 20: Senior Recognition Service and Lunch for high school graduates.** Congratulations!!!

**May 22: Meltdown Prayer Meeting from 7-8 p.m.** at the home of Todd & Julie Dixon.

**May 29: Meltdown Prayer Meeting from 7-8 p.m.** at the home of Bro. Jim and Myra Collier.

## COLLEGE MINISTRY

**Sunday at the Farms:** After the morning service on May 6 we will head to Shelby Farms to enjoy a cookout along with some football, ultimate Frisbee and disc golf. Guys should bring a drink and girls bring a summer dessert.

**Wednesday Nights at 8:08:** Beginning May 30 we will be switching the service time back to 8:08 p.m. Come early and join us as we pray for our church, the city and the nations at 7:30 p.m.

**S.N.A.C. (Summer Nights After Church) is Back:** Each Sunday night beginning on May 20, we will be heading to someone's house, a local restaurant or a neighborhood Wal-Mart to spend time together.

**M.A.R.K.S. Your Calendar TODAY:** The Race is set for June 16! M.A.R.K.S. III early signups end on May 27. This is the last day you can enter your team for the price of \$20. This year's competition will be more intense than ever. Each team must consist of two college/career age (18-24) members and two graduating seniors.

**College Graduates:** Our Graduate Recognition Service is Sunday morning, May 20. If you will be here and plan to participate, please call or email Barbara (barbarascott@kwbc.org) in the church office no later than Sunday, May 6.

**Meltdown 2012**  
**June 4 through 8**  
**Gulf Shores, Alabama**  
 with

**Mike Taber, Senior High Speaker**  
**David Cole, Middle School Speaker**  
**& Worship Music by Loser's Way Home**

**Registration Deadline-Sunday, May 13**  
**Forms & Balances are due this date too!**

**Parent & Student Mandatory Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 20 after the service**  
**in the fellowship hall.**

**Camp Counselor Meeting - May 23**  
**after the service in the Senior High Room.**

*For I know the plans that  
 I have for you, declares the  
 LORD, plans to prosper you  
 and not to harm you, plans to  
 give you hope and a future.*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

## NEW MEMBERS/DECISIONS

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Adarion Bivins

### BAPTISM

Jonathan Jordan  
 Jim Laycook  
 Michael Player  
 Dearios Robinson

### LETTER

Frances Vaughn  
 Larry Vaughn

## BIRTHS

Presley Belle Stratton, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz., daughter of Ken and Ashleigh Stratton.

Brayden Thomas Hamrick, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz., son of Jason and Shay Hamrick.

## OUR SYMPATHY

Cindi Darnell in the death of her father, Jerry Davis.

Harold Ball in the death of his brother, Alan Ray Ball.

Buddy Gadd in the death of his sister, Bonnie Walton.

Katie Garino in the death of her mother, Doris Stwan.

Evelyn Nutt in the death of her father, Mamerto Lucero.

Betty Olson, Doug Olson and Missie Barton in the death of Blaine Olson, husband and father.

Casey Pearson in the death of his mother, Bonnie Pearson.

Bob Reddin in the death of his mother, Loraine Reddin.

David Wood in the death of his mother, Lillie B. Wood.

## THE PEOPLE GAVE

### MARCH 2012

#### 3/25

Tithe	\$ 71,775
Love Offering for Jesus	\$ 32,306

### APRIL 2012

#### 4/1

Tithe	\$ 85,205
Love Offering for Jesus	\$ 13,047

#### 4/8

Tithe	\$ 85,317
Love Offering for Jesus	\$ 28,796

#### 4/15

Tithe	\$ 70,387
Love Offering for Jesus	\$ 8,593

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### YEAR TO DATE

Tithe Weekly Budget	\$ 81,731
Year to Date Receipts	\$ 1,213,005
Year to Date Budget	\$ 1,471,154
Love Offering for Jesus	\$ 1,075,200

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

	March 25	April 1	April 8	April 15
8:15 a.m.	701	823	793	699
10:55 a.m.	413	409	441	431
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>1,130</b>