



Midweek at Woodmont
On Wednesday, May 7 and May 14, will have a 5:30 p.m. dinner, kids and youth activities, prayer, adult Bible study, and choir rehearsal. The final Midweek of the spring semester is May 14.

Schedule
5:30-6:15 Dinner
6:15-6:30 Adult Prayer Time
6:15-7:30 Kids and Youth Activities
6:30-7:30 Adult Bible Study
6:30-7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Meal Cost:
\$10 per adult
\$5 per child
2 and under - free
College Students - free
\$30 family max

FRONTRUNNERS' APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Ed Fulcher
- Tina Sharp
- Jim Steinhouse
- Mark Anderson

- Julie McGlasson
- Barbara McCall
- Imogene Simmons

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests:

- Eddie Chisholm
- Sandy Murabito's mother
- Walt Baker's mother

- Kate Roberts' mother
- Cookie Schauman
- Gary Everton

APRIL GIVING				
DURING THE WEEK OF:	4/6	4/13	4/20	4/27
Weekly Receipts	\$28,401	\$22,655	\$13,411	\$17,121
Year to Date Receipts	\$28,401	\$54,056	\$67,467	\$84,589
Year to Date Budget	\$22,255	\$44,510	\$66,765	\$89,020



WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDIES

Sundays
9:15 a.m. Morning Bible Studies, Preschool/ Children Activities
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

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Website: woodmontbaptist.com
Facebook: facebook.com/wbcnashville
Weekly eNews: To receive our eNews, sign up on our website or email Lil Cook.

Text Alerts: Text "wbctextalerts" to 833.242.4172 to receive emergency info from us about church closings due to inclement weather.

Woodmont's Live TV Broadcast
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on MYTV30 (Comcast Channel 14)
Live streaming on Facebook and on our website! You can also view our past services online on our website.

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Nathan Parker
Senior Pastor

May Series: "From the Foundation of the World: God's Good Plan in Creation"

There are only a handful of movies that I can think of that have moved me to tears. I remember being surprised by my own emotions the first time I saw *Forrest Gump* when Forrest sits by his deceased wife's grave and describes how their son is doing. I shed more than a tear in both *Toy Story 3* and *Inside Out 2*. What is it that makes us resonate so deeply with a film that our emotions well up within us? Why are we moved by certain parts of a movie?

It's the story. We become invested in the characters and the plot line that they are experiencing. Through our own life experiences, we begin to fully empathize with the ups-and-downs that these characters encounter on their journey. A well-crafted storyteller can reach us on a gut-level to the point where we find out more about ourselves by connecting our lives with the story that is unfolding. That's the power of story.

I have often said that the Bible is a Story. Notice how I capitalize "Story." I do this because the Story the Bible tells is the one that encapsulates all other stories, including yours and mine. The Bible is the Story of Everything Ever. If we allow it to, the Bible is the one Story that can pull back the curtain that has veiled our eyes from the truth and show us reality as it actually is.

Many folks think of the Bible as a bunch of rules or some disjointed, obscure stories that are now irrelevant. But when we begin to understand the Bible as a Story, everything begins to fall into place. We start to see the Big Picture of who

FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

God's Good Plan in Creation

MAY 2025

May 4	In the Beginning: An Overview of the Book of Genesis
May 11	Guest Preacher, Jalen Oliver
May 18	Genesis 1:1-2:3
May 25	Genesis 1:26-30

God is and what he's been up to and what he promises to do in the future. Once we see those things, then we can start to grasp what God is doing now in our world and in our lives.

But too often, we jump into the middle of the Story without a solid understanding of how the Story begins. Stories lose their power without the firm foundation that the introductory material builds. The

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Register for VBS 2025

July 14-18

Registration is open for 2025 VBS! This year's VBS theme is Magnified! Kids who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade by this summer are invited to join us July 14-18 for a week of fun activities and learning about the bigness of God.

There is no cost to attend VBS, but you must register at woodmontbaptist.com/kids. Volunteers are also needed and can sign up on the same page.

Please reach out to Rachel Gregory with questions or for other ways you can help out with VBS 2025. Our VBS Leaders Luncheon will take place on Sunday, June 8, at 12 p.m.



Youth Family Lunch

May 25 at 12 p.m.

The youth families are invited to join us at Jason's Deli on Sunday, May 25. We will meet at the West End restaurant after the service!



POW-WOW Lunch

May 21 at 10:55 a.m.

Join us for lunch at Liz's Kitchen in Goodlettsville on Wednesday, May 21 (catfish is served everyday)! The bus will leave Woodmont at 10:55 a.m., so let Lil know if you'd like to reserve a seat!



Celebrate Recovery

Mondays, 7 p.m. in the youth area

This program is designed to help those struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Get more information here: woodmontbaptist.com/celebraterecovery.

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moving resonance of a story can only come from the buildup that the rest of the story has told. A solid plot must contain the classic elements of a great story. I remember learning the “five-act structure” that Shakespeare and other great storytellers employ in order to craft a compelling narrative: 1) exposition, 2) rising action, 3) climax, 4) falling action, and 5) resolution.

The exposition is the part of a story that introduces us to the main characters and develops the setting. At the end of the exposition, there is an “inciting moment” that occurs, an incident that creates a problem to be solved. Without the exposition, the rest of the story makes no sense. A good storyteller knows that if we get the beginning wrong, then we can't finish well. It's like starting to button your shirt with the wrong button - everything else is off.

If we think of the Bible in these terms, we can begin to see the Story from a 30,000-foot view. That means that the exposition is found in the book of Genesis, of course. I think we often assume that most Christians know the basics of Genesis – the creation story, the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve, the serpent, the forbidden fruit, Noah and the flood, Abraham, Joseph and the coat of many colors, etc. But it's necessary for all of God's people to take a deep dive into this foundational text so that we can better know the whole Story.

This Sunday, we will begin a sermon series in Genesis as we explore the fundamental building blocks of the Story of Everything Ever. We'll see the truth about who the Main Character is (hint: it's not us), who the other players are (humans bearing God's image, Satan, angels, demons, etc.), why the setting matters (creation as God intended it), and so on.

My prayer is that we will not just understand the Story better, but that we will know the Storyteller better. I pray that by looking intently into the truths of Genesis, Woodmont Baptist Church will stand even more firmly on the gospel of Jesus Christ that Genesis launches us towards as our only hope. Looking forward to the journey with each of you.

Grace and peace,

NATHAN



Woodmont Women Summer Socials

Woodmont ladies, mark your calendars and make plans to join us for our two summer socials.

On Thursday, June 5, we will meet at Chopt in Brentwood (211 Franklin Rd Suite 160) at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, July 12, we will meet at Panera at 100 Oaks (2534 Powell Ave #120) at 10 a.m.

Please come if you are able, and feel free to invite a friend! We are looking forward to spending this time together. If you have any questions, reach out to Beth Howe.



CentriKid Parent Meeting

Sunday, May 18 at 12 p.m.

There will be a CentriKid Parent Meeting in the fellowship hall on Sunday, May 18, directly after the service. Lunch will be provided. Please let Rachel Gregory know if you will be attending by Sunday, May 11.



New Deacons/Committees

Woodmont Baptist elected six deacons in March to start their three-year terms. The church's newest deacons are Bob Bennett, Ron Frost, Ken Harper, Miles Hutcherson, Kate Roberts, and Chuck Sherrill. Let's pray for them and the rest of our deacons and committees as they work to serve our church and the Lord!



Pam Kellogg



Holiday World Family Trip

Monday, June 2

Our Church Family Day Trip to Holiday World theme park and water park in Santa Claus, Indiana, is coming up on Monday, June 2!

There is a possibility we will NOT receive free tickets from MyTV30 this year. Please take note of this if that affects your family's decision to attend or not.

If you are interested in attending, please email Rachel Gregory, and she will add you to a group list. She will communicate as soon as possible if the free tickets will be available or not. First call on the free tickets will go to those who have already RSVPed.



Mens Breakfast

Saturday, May 10 at 8 a.m.

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 10, at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and to hear a devotional from Brad Cheek. As usual, cooks are welcome at 6:45 a.m., and a suggested \$7 donation will help cover costs.



IN THE MONTH OF MAY...

- 5/4 NERF Wars (Sun., 5:30 p.m.)
- 5/4 Youth Topgolf (Sun., 12 p.m.)
- 5/10 Men's Breakfast (Sat., 8 a.m.)
- 5/14 Final Midweek (Wednesday)
- 5/18 CentriKid Parent Lunch (Sun., 12 p.m.)
- 5/21 POW-WOW Lunch (Wednesday)
- 5/21 Members Meeting (Wed., 6 p.m.)
- 5/25 Youth Family Lunch (Sun., 12 p.m.)
- 6/8 VBS Leaders Lunch (Sun., 12 p.m.)