



Join us for Midweek at Woodmont on Wednesday Nights
Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for Midweek activities on Wednesdays starting January 17. Take a look at the schedule of events below. We are eager to spend this time together!

- Schedule:**
- 5:30-6:15** Fellowship Meal
 - 6:15-6:30** Prayer in Fellowship Hall
 - 6:15-6:45** Kids Choir
 - 6:15-7:30** Youth Activities
 - 6:30-7:30** Adult Bible Studies
 - 6:45-7:30** Kids Activities (until 7:45 for choir kids)
 - 6:45-7:45** Adult Choir Practice

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

FRONTRUNNERS' JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

•Roger Duffy	•Mary Ann Pangle	•Lou Warner
•Dorian Gray	•Marcia Wainman	•Sue Foster
•Nancy Houge	•Sharon Dowdy	•Allison Dalrymple
•Betty Wayman	•Barbara Costain	

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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| Continuing Concerns: | Congratulations to: |
| •Myrtice Owens | •Allison and Steve Dalrymple on the birth of their granddaughter |
| •Robert Gregory | •Jim and Kara Myers on the birth of their son |

DECEMBER GIVING					
DURING THE WEEK OF:	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24	12/31
Weekly Receipts	\$36,324	\$35,587	\$68,402	\$43,636	\$58,434
Year to Date Budget	\$824,072	\$875,520	\$926,967	\$978,414	\$1,029,861
Year to Date Receipts	\$744,733	\$780,330	\$848,732	\$892,368	\$950,802



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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Weekly eNews: To receive our eNews, sign up on our website or email Lil Cook.

Text Alerts: Text "wbctextalerts" to 781-728-9542 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

January Series: "The Heart of the Matter: What Are We Doing Here?"

I remember taking a philosophy class during my undergraduate studies. The professor was a PhD student at Vanderbilt, and he's clearly a brilliant guy. He would sit and lecture with his feet propped up using very little (if any) notes. I remember it being a fascinating class, and I even contemplated making philosophy my major. Because what could be more important than contemplating the most fundamental questions in life? "What is the meaning of life?" "How do we know what is right and good and true?" "What is the basis of knowledge and

reality?"

These days, there are lots of pseudo-philosophers who purport to know the answers to these questions. Many of them have been able to amass a following of some sort. They sell tons of books and tickets to speaking events, and they promise that they have probed the depths of the essential matters of life.

In the biblical book of Ecclesiastes, we are introduced to one such character called "Qohelet" in Hebrew. His pseudonym literally means, "Assembler," but is normally translated as "Teacher" or "Preacher" in most English translations.

In many ways, Ecclesiastes (the Greek form of "Qohelet") is his biography. Qohelet is a wise philosopher. He is learned, wealthy, and powerful. But his frantic search for meaning, purpose, and fulfillment only ends up in frustration. As Qohelet ponders the answers to life's big questions, he turns up empty answer after empty answer. Qohelet desperately attempts to make sense of a world apart from God, and he fails dramatically.

January Series

The Heart of the Matter

What Are We Doing Here?

January 7

January 14

January 21

January 28

"An Unhappy Business That God Has Given"

"I Considered All My Hands Had Done"

"For Everything There is a Season"

"All Are From the Dust, and to Dust All Return"

But there's another voice speaking in Ecclesiastes. It's the biographer's voice, the voice of one who holds up Qohelet's life to us as an example to learn from. What we will see is that the biographer has more wisdom than Qohelet, for he sees the futility in trying to live fully in a broken world that is not our home.

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Christmas Missions Offering

Thank you to all who gave to our Christmas Missions Offering! As of December 31, we have collected \$70,250 to go toward the IMB Lottie Moon and CBF Global Missions Offering.

This money will go toward supporting missionaries around the world as they work to spread the good news of the Gospel!



**Room In the Inn
Saturday Evenings**

We continue to serve 12 guests at RITI every other weekend. Thank you for your help in this ministry!

Upcoming nights:

- 1/13/24** Logos Class
- 1/27/24** The Firm Class

Please let Markus Voehler know if you are interested in helping this ministry in any way!



POW-WOW Lunch

Monday, January 8 at 11 a.m.

Join us at Arnold's Country Kitchen on Monday, January 8! The bus will leave Woodmont Baptist at 11 a.m. We hope to see you there!



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

Continued from Pastor Nathan ...

When we understand that, as C.S. Lewis famously put it, “We were made for somewhere else,” then we can take the long view and live abundantly in this life and in the next as well. While Qoholet is confused and fearful, we who know the Lord through Jesus are able to face the biggest issues of life, wisdom, labor, love, and even death itself with confidence in the One who is the Source, the Foundation, and the Point of everything.

My prayer is that by examining this book of big questions, we will find even bigger answers. May we as God’s Church learn how to view this world and to navigate it with faith, hope, and love.

Grace and peace,

NATHAN



**PNO at Let It Shine
February 3 at 5:30 p.m.**

The next Parent’s Night Out is Saturday, February 3, from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m.! Join us at Let It Shine for an evening of fun activities. A snack will be provided.

The cost is \$10 per child or youth volunteer. Please register at woodmontbaptist.com/kids by January 27!



**Deacon/Committee
Nominations**

It’s time to nominate the upcoming year’s committee members and deacons! Please visit woodmontbaptist.com/nominations to see current committee members and deacons, a list of those eligible to become deacons, and nomination forms. Please fill out the forms by January 28!



WBWP Early Bird Pre-Registration

Early Bird Pre-Registration through January 15 is available exclusively for WBC church members. If you have been an active church member for six months or more, you are eligible for FREE registration. Forms are available at woodmontbaptist.com/wbwp or in the preschool. Please email your completed form to wbwpoffice@woodmontbaptist.com or give applications to Windy Robbins.



**Second Sundays for College Students and Young Adults
January 14 at 5 p.m.**

College students and young adults are invited to join us in the youth room on Sunday, January 14, at 5 p.m. to enjoy an evening of pizza and games! Invite your friends for this time of fun and fellowship.

Reach out to Beth Howe if you have any questions.



Register for CentriKid

Registration is now open for CentriKid 2024! Second through fifth graders are invited to join us in Campbellsville, Kentucky, on June 17-21 for a week of fun, fellowship, and more!

Please register your child and pay the deposit by February 1. Families may either pay in full or pay monthly installments. Both the registration form and the payment plan form are available at woodmontbaptist.com/kids.



Life Group Leaders Lunch

We want to thank our Adult Life Group Leaders and invite them to a special luncheon on Sunday, January 28 after the service! Please register online at woodmontbaptist.com/lifegroups if you are able to make it.



FUGE Youth Summer Camp

Woodmont’s Youth Ministry is going to the FUGE Youth Camp June 17-21!

If you are interested in going, please register and pay the deposit by February 4 by filling out the form at woodmontbaptist.com/youth. Families may either pay in full or start a payment plan. Email Beth Howe if you have any questions!

MEET OUR NEWEST



Travis Weaver

MEMBER

**DEVOTIONAL FROM
Dr. Bill Sherman**

Dr. Sherman Devotional

January 18 at 10 a.m.

Join us in room B222 at 10 a.m. on January 18 to hear a devotional from Dr. Bill Sherman! Afterward, we will enjoy Jet’s Pizza in the library. The cost for lunch is \$5. We hope to see you there!



Moms Connect

January 18 at 7 p.m.

Moms of all ages and stages are invited to join us at Debbie Gregory’s home on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. We will gather to encourage, support, laugh, and share the journey of faith and motherhood together. Contact Laura Duncan or Debbie Gregory for more details.



**Food Pantry Fundraiser
Sunday, February 4 at Noon**

Join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday, February 4, for a potluck-style fundraiser for the Food Pantry Ministry. Be on the lookout for more details soon!



IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY...

- 1/8** POW-WOW Lunch (Mon., 11 a.m.)
- 1/13** Room In The Inn (Saturday)
- 1/14** Second Sundays (Sun., 5 p.m.)
- 1/17** Midweek Activities (Wed., 5:30 p.m.)
- 1/17** Discipleship Class (Wed., 6:30 p.m.)
- 1/18** Dr. Sherman Devotional (Thurs., 10 a.m.)
- 1/18** Moms Connect (Thurs., 7 p.m.)
- 1/20** January Jubilee (Sat., 9 a.m.)
- 1/27** Room In The Inn (Saturday)
- 1/28** Discover Woodmont (Sun., 12 p.m.)
- 1/28** Life Group Leader Lunch (Sun., 12 p.m.)