

SUMMER COOKOUT AND SINGALONG

Cookout and Singalong

Wednesday, June 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, for a Cookout and Singalong! We will enjoy food together, sing hymns, and hold our June Members Meeting.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER



Geneva McClure

FRONTRUNNERS' JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Jeff Herring
- Beverly Piatt
- Dean Richardson
- Jamie Jones
- June Leverette
- Judy Duerson
- Nathan Simmons
- Jack Robinson, Jr.
- Sheila Clark
- Glenda Wright
- Veta Sherman

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests:

- Barbara McCormick
- Linda Brown
- Veta Sherman
- Myrtice Owens

MAY GIVING

DURING THE WEEK OF:	5/3	5/10	5/17	5/24
Weekly Receipts	\$28,345	\$14,172	\$23,213	\$8,945
Year to Date Receipts	\$145,625	\$159,796	\$183,010	\$191,956
Year to Date Budget	\$114,055	\$136,866	\$159,677	\$182,488



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 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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June Series:

I love graduation ceremonies. The graduates represent a great potential for positive world-change as they launch out. They have studied and prepared for this next season, and now they are unleashing their hard-earned lessons wherever their new journey will take them. I love all the "Pomp and Circumstance" – the academic regalia, the music, the speeches, etc. And it seems like the higher up you go in education, graduations become more pomp-y and circumstance-y. Most university graduation ceremonies involve lot of professors with



Nathan Parker
Senior Pastor

doctoral robes and hoods and puffy hats with tassels, and the university president gets to wear a huge medallion known as a "Chain of Office." And then there's the huge university "mace" or "scepter." It's usually an ornate, wooden club with special plaques or other shiny adornments. The scepter is a symbol of the school's governing authority and signifies that the proceedings are officially sanctioned and the degrees that are being conferred are legitimate.

Here in the United States, university graduations may be the only time we see scepters being deployed. But in countries that have retained a monarch, scepters come out for other official ceremonies. In the United Kingdom, for example, the king or queen gets to wield the "Sovereign's Sceptre." Originally made for Charles II in 1661, it now contains the Cullinan I diamond, the largest colorless cut diamond in the world at 530 carats! Historians have traced the use of scepters back to ancient times. For thousands of years, scepters have denoted the power and rule of kings and queens. In fact, there

KINGDOM-BUILDER
GOD'S SOVEREIGN PLAN FOR HIS PEOPLE

June 7	Genesis 43:1-34
June 14	Genesis 44:1-34
June 21	Genesis 45:1-47:27
June 28	Genesis 47:28-50:26

are scepters in the Bible, such as the golden one that King Xerxes held out to Esther and welcomed her into his court.

Here at the end of Genesis, we're going to read about a scepter and the royal line that it represents. So far, we've seen many kings from the pagan nations around Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And now Joseph has risen to power as the vizier, the second-in-command, in

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Battle of Nashville Event June 4 at 11:30 a.m.

You're invited to join us for lunch on Thursday, June 4, at 11:30 a.m. in fellowship hall (catered by Lynn Becker). Afterward, join us for a program by Bobby Whitson on the Battle of Nashville. Let Lil know if you'd like to attend! \$10 reservations will be accepted through Sunday, May 31.



S'Mores & Flashlight Games June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join us on Wednesday, June 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for an evening of s'mores and flashlight games at the Rogers' home. Please RSVP to Rachel Gregory by June 3.



Sign Up for VBS July 13-17

VBS Registration is now live! Join us July 13-17, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Woodmont for VBS 2026 - Illumination Station!

While many people claim to know Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is. During VBS, kids will explore ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals. They will learn that Jesus is the light of the world - anyone who follows Him will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life (John 8:12). Register at woodmontbaptist.com/kids.



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 ...

Egypt where Pharaoh carries the scepter (the earliest use of scepters was in Egypt). Joseph is the first royal official in this special family that God is making for himself, his own covenant people. Joseph is clearly God's chosen instrument in this fourth generation of Abraham's offspring. It would make sense that Joseph's descendants would now carry on the kingly line, right?

The Lord does not operate like we do (thankfully!). We have seen how Jacob's sons are a mess – Simeon and Levi are murderously violent. Reuben takes his father's concubine for himself. And Judah, oh Judah ... Genesis 38 is one of the most shocking and sordid chapters in all of Scripture. Judah slept with his own daughter-in-law, fathering his own grandkids. And yet, look at what his father tells him in Genesis 49:8, "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you." Wait – what?!? Doesn't he mean Joseph instead of Judah? That was Joseph's dream, remember? And keep reading, verse 10 says, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him." What is happening here?

You have to keep reading for it to make sense ... all the way to the New Testament. Judah actually shows up in the third verse of the New Testament. Matthew 1:2-3 trace the line of Jesus Christ back to Abraham, "Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron." And Judah is not the only shocking name in this list of 42 generations that span from the patriarchs to Christ. Judah's great-great-great-great grandson would marry a prostitute named Rahab. And their son, Boaz, would marry a foreign woman named Ruth. But their great-grandson would become the greatest king that Israel ever had – the mighty King David.

So Jacob's prophecy was correct. David and his sons ruled in Judea ... for a time. After the Babylonians carried the Judeans off into captivity, the land would be conquered by the Persians, then the Greeks, then the Romans. Who from Judah's line would once again wield the scepter and deliver God's people? Again, keep reading. The author of Hebrews tells us, "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." And then in verse 8, the writer quotes the Father

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speaking to Jesus, "Of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."

My prayer for this month is that we would learn to follow King Jesus more fully and live into his forever-Kingdom. The Lord is sovereignly working out his purposes to build his Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. And we can be assured, King Jesus is on his throne, and the scepter will never depart from his hand.

Grace and peace,

NATHAN



Youth Serve Day

Tuesday, June 30

The Youth Ministry is invited to join our Youth Serve Day on Tuesday, June 30! We will be helping out around the church. If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to Beth Howe.



Register for Our 4th and 5th Grade Retreat!

August 1 from 1-7 p.m.

Save the date for our annual 4th and 5th Grade Retreat at Deer Run! We will gather on August 1 from 1-7 p.m. to recognize our fifth graders before they move up to the Youth Ministry later that month.

We will have a picnic lunch together at 1 p.m. and then a short ceremony honoring our fifth graders.

After that, we will spend the afternoon at the lake and open recreation before closing out the night with a pizza dinner and s'mores.

Cost is \$25 per person (covers food and facility use fee). Please don't let money be an issue if your family would like to attend. Reach out to Rachel for scholarship if needed.

Registration and payment are due by July 15. Register at woodmontbaptist.com/kids.



Save the Date

July 30 at 6 p.m.

Women of Woodmont, save the date for July 30. We will have a women's dinner at Edley's BBQ on Murphy Road at 6 p.m. We would love to see you there and enjoy this time of fellowship together! If you have any questions, please reach out to Beth Howe (bethh@woodmontbaptist.com).



POW-WOW Lunch

Wednesday, July 1 at 11 a.m.

Join us for lunch on Wednesday, July 1, at the Blue Moon Waterfront Grille in West Nashville! Ride the bus with us at 11 a.m. or meet us there! Let Lil know if you'd like to reserve a seat on the bus.



Men's Bible Study

Thursdays at 7 a.m.

Calling all men! Join Pastor Nathan and Pastor Aaron for a special summer study - "The Redeemed Man." For 11 weeks, we will meet to discuss what God's design for men truly looks like. Books are \$10 each. We will meet in the library on Thursdays at 7 a.m. starting June 4.



DURING JUNE...

- 6/1 Holiday World (Monday)
- 6/4 Battle of Nashville Event (Thurs.)
- 6/4 Men's Study Begins (Thurs., 7 a.m.)
- 6/7 Deacon Ordination (Sun., 4 p.m.)
- 6/10 S'Mores/Flashlight Games (Wed.)
- 6/14 Choir Rehearsal (Sun., 4 p.m.)
- 6/24 Red Caboose Park (Wednesday)
- 6/24 Cookout/Singalong (Wed., 5:30 p.m.)
- 6/28 Sounds Night (Sunday, 6 p.m.)
- 6/30 Youth Serve Day (Tuesday)