

MID-WEEK @ WOODMONT

Wednesdays at 5:30pm



Midweek at Woodmont

Midweek activities will resume on January 15! Each Wednesday, will have a 5:30 p.m. dinner, kids and youth activities, prayer, adult Bible study, and choir rehearsal.

Check out the schedule and dinner cost below:

Schedule

- 5:30-6:30** Dinner
- 6:15-6:30** Adult Prayer Time
- 6:15-7:30** Kids and Youth Activities
- 6:30-7:30** Adult Bible Study
- 6:45-7:45** Choir Rehearsal

Meal Cost:

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

FRONTRUNNERS' JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Dorian Gray
- Nancy Houge
- Betty Wayman
- Marcia Wainman
- Sharon Dowdy
- Barbara Costain
- Chuck Sherrill
- Sue Foster
- Allison Dalrymple
- Cumi Brewster
- Jack Brewster
- Roger Duffy
- Jack Robinson, Sr.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Continuing Concerns:

- Myrtice Owens
- Lauryn Moody
- Becky Naftel
- Craig Williams
- Linda Hunt
- Jack Freeman's sister
- Stephen McLean

DECEMBER GIVING

DURING THE WEEK OF:	12/1	12/8	12/15	12/22	12/29
Weekly Receipts	\$52,216	\$20,933	\$31,448	\$41,318	\$62,064
Year to Date Receipts	\$786,017	\$806,950	\$838,399	\$879,717	\$941,781
Year to Date Budget	\$807,002	\$859,205	\$911,407	\$963,610	\$1,015,812



WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDIES

Sundays

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

OUR STAFF

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CONNECTING

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Facebook: facebook.com/wbcnashville

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

Text Alerts: Text "wbctextalerts" to 615.570.2364 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: "God's Prescriptions > Our Preferences: God's Ways Lead to Flourishing"

With the rise of the 24-hour news channels and constant media coverage, there is proliferation of a certain group of people who are labeled "pundits." A pundit is someone who is usually (not always...) an expert in some field, and they are therefore called upon to weigh in publicly on a certain issue. Pundits in the media are often people with strong opinions - whether they are right or wrong, they tend to hold their views with supreme confidence. Pundits are not generally known for being reserved, humble, or open-minded.

Their value is often that they can make a compelling argument for why their understanding is the correct one.

In the Bible, we see a very different sort of "talking head." Instead of employing pundits, God chooses to speak through people known as "prophets." When the Lord's people began to stray and head towards disastrous idolatry or fearful self-reliance, God sent messengers to them to warn them and to remind them of their good Father. The difference between pundits and prophets is stark - pundits speak their minds, whereas prophets speak the mind of God. Pundits are sure that they are right - prophets are sure that God is right. Pundits speak from their human knowledge - prophets speak from supernatural insight. Pundits are called on to give their preferences, while prophets are sent to give God's prescriptions.

Throughout the Old Testament, when people listened to the prophets and heeded their words, things went well for them. After Moses interceded for them, the Israelites drank the water sprinkled

January 2025 Series

January 5	We Really Believe This Stuff: The Authority of Scripture in How We Do Church
January 12	1 Timothy 1:1-7
January 19	1 Timothy 1:8-11
January 26	1 Timothy 1:12-17

with the dust of the golden calf and moved on to the Promised Land (Exodus 32:20). Nineveh was spared destruction after taking listening Jonah's message and turning to the Lord (Jonah 3:10). King David composed Psalm 51 after being confronted with the truth by the prophet Nathan. The lesson for us here is that God's ways really are best. God gives us his prescriptions because he loves us and

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January Jubilee

Calling all preschool families with children ages birth through kindergarten! Come join us on Saturday, January 25, from 9-11 a.m. for a fun and free activity in Woodmont's chapel. Get your kids out of the house and let them jump off their winter energy. We will set up the bounce house in the chapel, serve snacks, and have a simple devotional.



Soup-er Bowl

Sunday, February 2 at 12 p.m.

Join us in the fellowship hall after the service on Sunday, February 2, to enjoy some delicious food and help support the Food Pantry Ministry.



Room In The Inn

The Room In The Inn ministry is still going strong! If you would like to get involved, please talk to Markus Voehler or visit woodmontbaptist.com/riti.

Some upcoming dates are January 18, February 1, and February 15.



Youth Summer Camp

June 16-20, 2025

Registration is open for this year's Youth Summer Camp, Here and Now. Register online at woodmontbaptist.com/youth.



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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wants what is best for us. Most of us would say we believe that. Most of us would agree that we want to conform our lives to what God prescribes for us. Most of us would say that we want to align our lives, both individually and corporately as Woodmont Baptist, with God's Word.

But what happens when we read those texts in the Bible that fly in the face of our modern sensibilities? What happens when God's Word obviously confronts our cultural norms? Are we still willing to lay aside our personal preferences and submit to God's prescriptions?

This is the choice that is set before us in walking through 1 Timothy together. The apostle Paul writes this prophetic letter to his young assistant, Timothy, a pastor called to help lead the church in Ephesus. The theme verse is in 1 Timothy 3:14-15, in which Paul says, "I am writing these things to you so that ... you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth." I have heard it said that 1 Timothy would serve well as a blueprint for church-planting. I also believe that it may serve as a potential course-correct for established churches, too. When it comes to how we "ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church," we all have our preferences. But I think we have an exciting opportunity to ask, "What are God's prescriptions for how we do church? Are we really committed to following his ways, as revealed in Scripture, when it comes down to how we actually live together as Woodmont Baptist Church?"

My prayer is that we will dive into this text together and honestly examine God's design for his new covenant people, the Church. We have been blessed with some incredibly smart and gifted leaders over the past 83 years of our church's life. But in the end, all of the human ingenuity and talent in the world will not help us become the church that the Lord desires us to be - a people who are fully committed to the Great Commandments (love God, love neighbor) and the Great Commission (make disciples of all nations). We need God's prophetic word to speak to our hearts, and to follow in full obedience, believing that his ways are best and will lead to our flourishing. May these next four months in 1 Timothy serve to move us closer to God's vision for our church, all by his grace and for his glory.

Grace and peace,



Deacon and Committee Nominations Due

It's that time of year again! It's time to nominate new deacons and committee members for the coming year. Nominations are due by Sunday, January 26.

The standing committees are: Nominating, Personnel, Property & Grounds, Finance, and Missions.

Woodmont Baptist Church, as per our bylaws, elects 6 deacons each year to serve a three-year term. Our deacon body serves as leaders in our church by coordinating the work of the standing committees and bringing the appropriate recommendations for approval each month at our Members' Meetings.

Our website, woodmontbaptist.com/nominations, will list current committee members and deacons, a list of those eligible to become deacons, and nomination forms once available.



Live Sent with Youth Wednesday Study, 6:15 p.m.

This spring, the Youth Ministry will study through Live Sent at 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday starting January 15. We will learn to become more confident, competent, and consistent in sharing the gospel by equipping students to share Jesus effectively in everyday life.



Our congregation gathered on Christmas Eve for our special candlelight service.



Adult Bible Study Wednesday Study, 6:30 p.m.

Whether you have grown up in church or are new to it, most of us don't stop to think about exactly *what* the church is or *why* we do church. But what if the church is God's plan to carry his good news to the world?

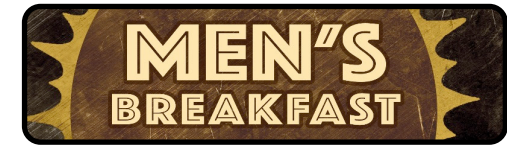
Join us from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall as Pastor Nathan leads a time of teaching followed by discussion around tables as we rediscover church together and study *Rediscover Church: Why the Body of Christ is Essential* by Collin Hansen and Jonathan Leeman.



AgeWell Presentation

January 16 at 10 a.m.

Join us Thursday, January 16, at 10 a.m. for a presentation by AgeWell focused on how to be "scam smart." Let Lil Cook know if you'd like to attend. Jet's Pizza will be served afterwards in the fellowship hall!



Mens Breakfast

Saturday, January 11 at 8 a.m.

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, January 11, at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. As usual, cooks are welcome at 6:45 a.m., and a suggested \$7 donation will help cover costs.



Chicago Missions Trip

Want to learn more about the upcoming Chicago mission trip and learn how to get involved? Visit woodmontbaptist.com/missions or talk to Rob Caldwell.



Christmas Missions Offering

As of January 2, \$42,127 has been raised for the Lottie Moon Offering, and \$5,826 has been raised for the CBF World Missions Offering. Thank you to all for your faithful giving!



IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY...

- 1/11 Men's Breakfast (Sun., 8 a.m.)
- 1/15 Midweek Activities (Wed., 5:30 p.m.)
- 1/16 AgeWell Presentation (Thurs., 10 a.m.)
- 1/18 Room In The Inn (Saturday)
- 1/22 Members Meeting (Wed., 6 p.m.)
- 1/25 January Jubilee (Sat., 9 a.m.)
- 2/2 Soup-er Bowl Fundraiser (Sun., 12 p.m.)