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REACHING OUT WITH THE HANDS OF CHRIST

Parents, it's your month!

We dedicate this month to you and your youth. Take up a special challenge. Details on

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Start a Chain Reaction

See how your gift to the Eliza Broadus Offering can start a ripple effect.

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Feeling a bit dramatic?

There are opportunities for you to dazzle on the stage or behind the scenes.

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What a treat!

It's no trick. Come be part of the Family Fun Night. See all the details on

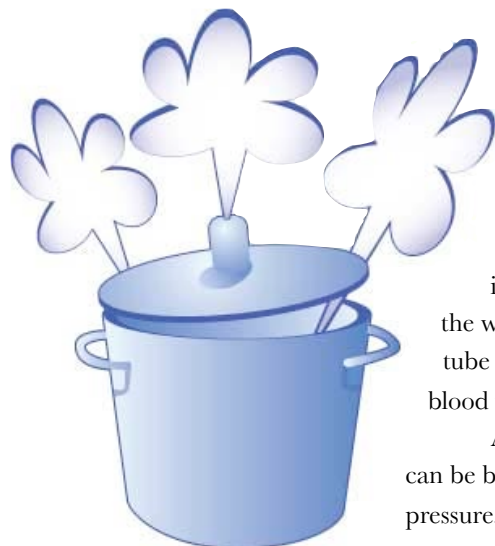
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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

DeWayne Sowell

As a youngster, I not only loved going to my grandparents house, I loved rooting through all the interesting things they had in their cabinets, closets, and buildings. They had all kinds of "old-things": a pedal-powered sewing machine, a rough-looking 1940s Ford tractor, butter churns, and the heaviest, scariest looking pot I had ever seen in my life - a pressure canner!

Now, I may not know much about canning, but I do know a bit more about pressure. We may use the word pressure to talk about different things, but basically, pressure means something pushing against something else.



Air pressure pushes an inner tube out.

Steam pressure pushes a locomotive along the tracks. Water pressure pushes the blades of an electric turbine. Direct pressure pushes a wound closed. Blood pressure pushes on the walls of blood vessels.

The right pressure in the right circumstances is enormously useful. But too much pressure under the wrong circumstances can be devastating. The inner tube blows out; the locomotive explodes; the dam bursts; a blood vessel ruptures.

Another type of pressure I have not mentioned that can be both beneficial and devastating is social and peer pressure. These types of pressures are forces that push us to

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October Celebrations

Birthdays

- 4 - Denise Hegerman
- 7 - Gary Costelle
- 9 - James S. Lentz
- 13 - Becky Mings
- 13 - Mindy Tingle
- 18 - Melanie Costelle
- 23 - Jen Bottorff
- 27 - Jenna Veech
- 30 - Jessi Caswell

Anniversaries

- 7 - Roy & Karen Horton
- 21 - Phil & Brenda McKinney
- 21 - Denny & Erica Tingle

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Be sure to fill out a pink directory update form and turn it in to the church office. We will update our records.

Youth Minute

Steve Kent, Interim Youth Minister

Wow! September is gone! I can't believe it. As they say, "time flies when you're having fun." It was a great month for our youth group.

Our studies were focused on a pure heart, a clear conscience and a sincere faith (1 Timothy 1:5). Early in the month we talked about how this was relevant to our personal spiritual walk. Then we discussed what this means as we relate with those around us.

We ended the month with a focus on missions and the fact that a sincere faith prompts us to be actively engaged in missions -- where Adam Kent shared about a World Vision child that he's sponsoring, several students shared about how Changers relates to missions and Stephanie Anderson shared about her mission trip to Africa -- what it means to her, what she expects and why she took this risk to share her faith. (Let's keep praying for Steph during her trip in October.)

Our activities included First Sunday Snack Night with HOTDOGS and skating on the third Sunday... both of which I thoroughly enjoyed!

I'm unofficially **designating OCTOBER as Parent Month**. Our lives are often so busy that we rarely have time to connect with our kids - intentionally. I want to challenge each of our parents to intentionally plan quality time with your student(s). Down time. Do nothing responsible time.

This may be more of a challenge than you think, but I am certain that it will go a long way in your relationship with your

kids. Check out some yard sales together. Sit down over breakfast at McDs. Go to a movie. Visit the magazine rack at a bookstore and only look at what your child is interested in looking at. Make their favorite meal. Text an encouraging note spontaneously at a time they would least expect it. Offer to host a football party at your house for their friends to watch their favorite football team. Talk. Talk about something that you know they are interested in. Ask questions. As you do this, please let me know what you experience (steve.kent@rocketmail.com, or Facebook me).

Our October Youth Group Bible Studies will give our youth the chance to look at what God says about parents and how, as children, we are to respond.

Activities for October

- Oct 1 - Paintball Outing (1PM at church)
- Oct 2 - SNACK Night at Youth Group (5:30 PM)
- Oct 6 - Breakfast Club at Goshen Store (7:30 AM)
- Oct 20 - No Breakfast Club (due to OC Fall Break)
- Oct 23 - Youth Trip to THE TRAIL
- Oct 30 - Trunk or Treat Night at WBC
- Nov 3 - Breakfast Club at Goshen Store (7:30 AM)

LOOKING FORWARD. You will not want to miss youth group in November. We have something very special... and very cool... planned! HINT: 11.11.11/11:11/11.

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adopt certain behaviors, dress, and attitudes in order to be accepted by those around us.

Scripture teaches us that as Christians we are to resist the pressures of worldliness and be the influencers around us. Romans 1:16 reads, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." In Matthew 5, Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world.... Let your light shine before men."

We live in a world with pressures all around us; don't give up. Resist the cultural pressures to turn on Jesus Christ and live like the world. And pray for strength to be a pressure of good, influencing those around you to live their lives for Jesus.



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Matt 5:13-16

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Treasurer's Report

Rhonda Sewell, Treasurer

September Offering Receipts:

September 4 \$4,066.78
 September 11 \$3,927.15
 September 18 \$2,867.80
 September 25 \$4,572.65

September Total \$15,434.38**Building****Fund Balance \$73,606.94**

A donation was made to the Building Fund in memory of Mr. John Mings.

Awana News

Debbie Gorbandt, Children's Minister

We've had a great start to AWANA this year, thanks to all of our faithful leaders and L.I.T.s. Keep up the good work!

Clubbers, don't forget that every first Wednesday of the month is "Bring a Friend Night." Our average attendance for September was 25 clubbers and 14 leaders. Which is good, but there is always room for more!

Awana meets every Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the church basement. We offer clubs for all children, age 3 - grade 5.

Start a Chain Reaction for State Missions

From an article by Shirley Cox

The quiet whisper of God into the heart of an individual can create a chain reaction that grows to affect the lives of many. This kind of chain reaction was evident in John 4 when a Samaritan woman came to a well to draw water, an activity she had probably repeated many times.

This time, however, she encountered Christ. The chain reaction that followed is recorded in John 4:39a: "Now many Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of what the woman said when she testified, 'He told me everything I ever did'" (HCSB).

"Chain reaction" is both the theme and the goal of the 2011 Season of Prayer for State Missions.

The statewide goal for the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions is \$1,250,000. Where will that money go?

Missions Growth/Church Planting - \$349,000

Includes associational missionaries; Baptist Fellowship Center; equestrian ministries.

Multiethnic Missions & Ministries - \$121,000

Includes Hispanic Bible Institute; Hispanic conferences and events; other ethnic ministries

Missions Service and Ministries - \$164,000

Includes church and community missionaries and outreach; missions mobilization; literacy missions; Mountain Missions Centers.

Evangelism/Find It Here! - \$69,000

Includes Understanding Other Beliefs conference; Find It Here!; Evangelism Training

Collegiate/Young Adult Ministry - \$105,000

Includes international student ministries; student mission action projects; summer missions; African-American Student Outreach; campus revivals; Creative Ministries Festival

Baptist Men on Mission/Disaster Relief - \$37,000

Includes Disaster Relief; Kentucky Changers; Baptist Builders; Criminal Justice Ministries

Kentucky Baptist Associations and Special Ministries - \$135,000**Missions Education Training, Events, Resources, Camps - \$270,000**

What chain reaction does God want to start through you? Through praying, giving, and going, your obedience will be a catalyst for a chain reaction across Kentucky!

Pray for God to multiply His work in Kentucky and create a new zeal in His people for sharing the gospel, starting a chain reaction that will transform our state, our nation and the world. Give sacrificially to the Eliza Broadus Offering. Respond to God's call to missions by volunteering, declaring, "Here am I, Lord! Send me!"

You Can Give to the EBO

DeWayne Sowell, Pastor

According to KBC-provided statistics, only about 10% of Oldham County residence faithfully attend some sort of religious service, with the state averaging about 12%. Though these statistics cannot tell us the entire story, surely they show a lack of seriousness when it comes to faith and the worship of God.

One way to help get the message of Christ out into our state, is to give to the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions. This year, **we have set our Eliza Broadus offering goal for \$1000** to help work toward the goal for all of Kentucky to reach \$1.25 million.

You can give to this offering at any time, but we emphasize it particularly in the fall. Please designate your offering clearly by noting EBO on the memo line or by placing it in a labeled envelope.

Family Life Center Update

Rick Lucas, Building Committee Chairman

The building process continues at an excellent pace. This past month saw an average of six of our members working on the building five to six days per week to finish out the structural construction tasks. That phase will soon be complete and ready for inspection.

The rough-in portion of the plumbing has been completed and has passed inspection. The rough-in of the heating and air system is almost completed and will be inspected in the next several days.

The electrical contractor is to begin his work any day now. Once he has finished his work, volunteers will be able to finish a few tasks that remain and then we will be ready for drywall work to begin.

It's hard to believe that just eight weeks ago (from the time of this writing), we were looking at a concrete slab with some plumbing pipes growing out of it! It has been amazing to see God bring the right people together at the right times to get His work accomplished in His way. It is so reassuring to know Who's in charge and that He is faithful to grow His Kingdom if we will be faithful to follow.

There's still much work to be done, so please continue to be faithful in prayer. Your ongoing financial support is always important to the success of this project. Thanks for doing your part in the work of Christ's body at Westport Baptist.

May He continue to be glorified through all that is done! It's all about Him!

Drama, Drama, and More Drama!

Debbie Gorbandt, Worship and Children's Minister

Are you a dramatic person? Do you know someone who is? This fall Westport Baptist is offering a number of different ways for persons of all ages to be "dramatic!" What follows is a list of opportunities for you to be dramatic. Whether in an upfront role or behind the scenes, I hope many of you will want to participate.

Big Apple Adventure. This is a musical play based on this past summer's VBS music. Children age three through 5th grade are invited to join us on Sunday evenings at 5:30 to sing, move, and act out the story of a girl from New York City who needs to know how Jesus can change her life.

The Children's Choir will be presenting this fun and exciting musical in early November.

Advent Attitudes is a series of sketches that uses Biblical characters to illustrate our Advent themes of peace, hope, joy, and love. These mini-plays will be part of our morning worship during the season of Advent.

An American Christmas. Many of us grumble about how secular the Christmas holiday has become in recent decades, so it may surprise you to learn that Christmas in America has always battled different forms of worldly elements creeping into our observance of Christ's birth. "An American Christmas" is a different kind of drama that portrays the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas from the days of the Pilgrims down through the 21st century.

This drama affords numerous "behind the scenes" opportunities for folks to be involved through sewing costumes, photography, gathering props, and technology assistance. See Debbie for details.

Bethlehem Speaks.

December 25th falls on a Sunday this year! So on Christmas morning, this beautifully simple and traditional Nativity play will be a great way to help us worship the One who laid aside his glory and came to earth in the form of a human babe. Actors, costumes, scenery, props, readers, musicians, are all needed!



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Trunk or Treat



Tamara Alexander, Event Coordinator

Westport Baptist Church will be hosting a Halloween Family Fun Night for the entire community of Westport again this year. All the fun will take place on **Sunday, October 30, 5:00 - 8:00 PM.**

There is already a small committee in place that is hard at work planning the fun. We will have the annual chili cook-off, a costume contest, a bounce house, Trunk-or-Treat, and some new surprises.

An event such as this, however, cannot be a success without willing volunteers. The positions I need filled are not overly difficult, but it's too much for our three-person committee to handle without help.

Here's how you can pitch in to make the event go off without a hitch: **volunteer for one of the following roles.**

- Man the chili cook-off.
- Judge the costume contest.
- Donate pumpkins and cornstalks
- Donate candy, prizes, or treats.
- Man one of the games for the children.
- Come two hours early to help decorate for the event.
- Decorate your trunk and pass out candy. We need more trunks than ever before!

If you're interested and available to help with any of these tasks, please let me know. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call. You can contact me on my cell phone, 502-758-1099. Thank you for your generosity of your time and your welcoming spirit for our community. Let's make this an event to remember!