

Labor Day

Woodside

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Pastor Scott's Thoughts Suffering and Pain in the Life of the Believer

Suffering and pain are two of most often used tools in developing a child of God for service. It is interesting to see how believers respond in different ways to hardship, whether it is emotional or physical.

Some respond in a negative way. They become bitter or rebellious. They give up with a sense of hopelessness or uselessness. **Suffering and pain often brings out the shallowness of a believer's walk - a shallow walk with God that has been there all along, it just took suffering and pain to reveal it.**

Like David, some respond in a positive way. The psalmist said "Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word....It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes." And again, "I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me" (Psalm 119: 67, 71, 75).

The apostle Paul had a thorn in the flesh which was hurt him greatly. Many believe it was an eye disease. He begged God three times to heal him. Then he came to this conclusion:

"And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Because of this, with great pleasure I choose to boast concerning the weaknesses that I have been experiencing for this reason: So that God's supernatural, explosive, effective, mighty miracle-working power might overshadow everything I am and everything I do.

I so much appreciate Paul's conclusion: "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

When I am brought to the end of my human resources then I can realize that God's strength will then be made obvious in me. The less I have, the more I depend on Him.

Charles Spurgeon said it well: "...when the green leaves decorate the trees



Directions

Weekly Service and Meeting Times

Sunday

Morning Service	9:30 am
Sunday School	11:00 am
Adult Choir Practice	4:30 pm
Elementary Quizzing	4:30 pm
Teen Quizzing	5:00 pm
Men's Prayer	5:30 pm
Evening Service	6:00 pm

Tuesday

Visitation	7:00 pm
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Wednesday

Mid-Week Service	7:00 pm
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Friday

Bible Quiz Team	9-11 pm
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Saturday

Men's Prayer	7:00 pm
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Quote

I must secure more time for private devotions. I have been living far too public for me. The shortening of devotions starves the soul, it grows lean and faint. I have been keeping too late hours.
--William Wilberforce

Upcoming Church Activities & Events

September

and the season is fair, one cannot readily find the birds' nests, but when the winter strips the trees, anyone with half an eye may see them.

In the same way the Christian may scarcely be discerned amid the press of business and prosperity; his hidden life is concealed amid the thick and throng of the things of earth. But let affliction come, a general sickness, or severe losses in the family, and you shall see the Christian man plainly enough in the gracious patience by which he rises superior to trial. The sick bed reveals the man; the burning house, the sinking ship, the panic on the exchange—all these make manifest the hidden ones. In many a true believer, true piety is like a drum which nobody hears of unless it be beaten."

It has been said that God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

This coming Sunday morning I plan to preach on God's purpose in suffering and pain.



Abundant Grace for Pastor Scott

Dear Heavenly Father,

we join our hearts in prayer knowing that you are the loving Physician that desires the best, not the easiest, for your own children. Please give grace to Pastor Scott as he receives your love through the healing process in order to glorify you. We ask that you hasten the recovery physically and lessen the pain through the process.

We pray as Paul did:

*Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up [Pastor Scott] also by Jesus, and shall present [him] with you. For all things are for your sakes, **that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory....Wherefore also we pray always for you (Pastor Scott), that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Thank you Lord, for the promises in your Word and for the past healing You have provided to Pastor Scott, and we trust that You will bring him back to the pulpit soon.

In the name of our Gracious and Merciful Lord Jesus,

AMEN

II Corinthians 4:14-17; 2Th 1:11, 12

AWANA begins Wednesday, Sept 9th

Woodside Baptist Church's



5th - Saturday
Men's Prayer
Breakfast 7am

6th - Sunday
WBS Parent Meeting
& Registration

9th - Wednesday
First Night of AWANA

11th - Friday
Friday School Begins

19th - Saturday
Senior High Girls
Prayer &
Accountability
Breakfast

20th - Sunday
Church BBQ

24th - Thursday
Keenager's Luncheon

24-26th
Quiz Tournament in
Kentucky

AWANA children's ministry

program is comprised of three distinct clubs. Each club has a developed and different set of curriculum, activities and goals for each group, but each has the same overall objective: helping children "to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ."

AWANA Cubbies is the preschool division of AWANA. The purpose of Cubbies is to introduce very young children to the Good News about salvation in Jesus Christ. "Cubbies" learn Bible lessons, presented by means of puppets and picture books (featuring animal characters) and participate in simple games and crafts. Some Bible memorization is incorporated into the Cubbies program.

AWANA Sparks is the kindergarten through second-grade division.

The Sparks program, like Cubbies, is Gospel oriented. "Sparks," however, explore more Bible truths than the younger group. They are introduced to basic Bible themes, Bible memorization is increased, and achievement in lessons and games is recognized by various awards.

The AWANA Truth and Training (T&T) division is for children in the third through the sixth grades. T&T is more discipleship-oriented than Sparks. The children's handbooks cover much of the same ground as in the younger division, but on a deeper level. The Bible-centered curriculum is designed to encourage group interaction. Children in the T&T program are required to memorize 310 verses over the course of the year. They also learn dozens of Scripture lessons and participate in a ministry project.

Registration for AWANA this year begins on Wednesday night, the 2nd of September, and ends on Sunday night of the 6th of September. [Registration forms](#) are available at church and can also be downloaded at the church website.

There will be an AWANA workers training session on Wednesday night (the 2nd of September) from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

The first official night of AWANA is on September 9th!!



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Youth Ministry

With Labor Day coming this next week, I became curious about why in the world we have Labor Day? Traditionally, it is America's last fling with summer... The last time that we get to enjoy rest and have fun in the warm weather. That got me thinking about the background of Labor Day. According to the US Department of Labor's website, "*Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.*"



**Jono Scott, Youth
Director**

Hmmm...so then Labor Day is a day that we demonstrate how powerful we are as an economic country by taking the day off of work. It doesn't make much sense, but hey, if it means a free day off with barbecues and volleyball, then why not? That made me think though... What about us, as Christians? **Is it okay for us to take days off in our**

Youth Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change

September

6th
Senior High - OFF
(Operation Fun and Fellowship)
after PM service

11th
Youth Video
Scavenger Hunt

19th
Senior High Ladies
Prayer and
Accountability
Breakfast (8-10am)

Music Ministry
Rehearsal Times



Adult Choir
Sun 4:30-5:45

Ensembles
Wed 8:30p-9:30p

Woodside Baptist
School



Clay Schreiber,
School Administrator

Christian life, just because we think that we've been strong spiritually?

Philippians 3:9-15 makes the answer very clear: NO! Paul says that we should "...be found in him (Christ), not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. **Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.**"

So can we "take days off" spiritually? No. In fact, these verses are saying that because we now have Christ living in us, we must now consciously let Him live through us! **We must realize that being a Christian is not something that we can (or should try to) shut off.** We now have the nature of Christ living in us, and we must consciously live out that nature by having faith in His ways and by yielding to His Holy Spirit... every moment of our lives.

The Men of Woodside are invited to
a Prayer Breakfast on
Saturday, September 5th at 7am.



All Work and No Play ...

Elbert County Commissioner Hope Goetz is a member of Woodside Baptist Church. When she is not singing in the choir or attending the Ladies Sunday School class, she is active as a member of the political scene in Elbert County. Always up for a challenge (she took over the position after the death of her husband and successfully ran for reelection in 2008), she went bungee jumping in June.



**Woodside Baptist
Friday School 2009-
2010 will begin on
Friday, September
11th!**

Woodside's first Coordinator's meeting was held last Friday and we are planning for a second and final meeting on Friday, September 28th. The entire school administration is working diligently to plan classes, place workers, and determine classroom needs for this new school year.

There will be a very important Parents Orientation and School Registration meeting after the service on September 6th - at this time, we will be going over school fees, registering for classes, and meeting as a group to be challenged and open to His will for both the young people and the workers this upcoming year!

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