

# WOODLAND HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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### INFO TO KNOW....

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON NEW YEARS DAY, Tuesday, January 1.



TRUSTEES-BOARD-ELDERS MEET on Thursday, January 10. Trustees meet at 5:00 p.m., Board meets at 6:00 p.m. and Elders meet at 7:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO APPROVE THE 2019 CHURCH BUDGET is Sunday, January 13 @ 9:30 during the Sunday school hour (no adult Sunday school, but will have regular children's programming).

WINTER/SPRING OASIS BEGINS on Wednesday, January 16. Meal is at 5:30 and special speaker at 6:30. SEE PAGE 3 for all the details.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING	12/16	12/23
Worship Attendance	409	441
Bible School Attendance	193	No S.S.
Youth Group Attendance	60	No Y.G.
General Offering	\$ 13,114	\$ 10,014
Beyond Belief	\$ 831	\$ 835
Designated Missions	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,945</b>	<b>\$ 10,849</b>

Christmas Eve Service Attendance	575
Christmas Eve Offering	\$1,484

**BEYOND BELIEF TOTAL: \$495,666**

PLEASE NOTE: **Senior Saints** will not meet in January.

### KID'S WORSHIP INFO

For 10:30 church class with 4/5's and K/1<sup>st</sup> we are going to change the structure to hopefully make it easier on volunteers and a fun change for the children. We are going to have stations like in VBS: we will have the following 4 - 15-minute stations every Sunday

- 1-crafts
- 2-activities
- 3-story
- 4-closing activities/pick up

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY! I will prepare all materials needed for each area (church time and Oasis). Each volunteer can come in around 15 minutes early to look through the information and be ready to go.

*Winter/Spring Oasis will have a similar format as mentioned above; we will even have a mini "Bible School" with fun for everyone!*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

VBS IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 23-28

We will have 5 full days of VBS this summer!

**WELCOME WHCC'S NEWEST MEMBER!**

**Gary Bell transferred membership**

## COOP'S SCOOP

*If there is such a thing as a Christmas hangover, I think I got it. You know what that is, it's the excitement and anticipation for Christmas day that begins to build way back on the day after Halloween. As the first Christmas commercials begin to appear and then a few overzealous houses begin to become illuminated with their annual Christmas displays. So, day by day, and week by week the anticipation for the big day builds. The closer the day gets the more you can feel the excitement in the air. The bell ringers are out in force, classic Christmas specials are splattered all over TV, holiday treats are found everywhere, and long lines can be found at stores for Christmas gifts. The anticipation reaches its climax on December the 24<sup>th</sup>. Stores begin to close, presents are all wrapped and placed under the tree, churches hold their traditional Candlelight services, families are gathered, and everyone has the Christmas spirit.*

*Then the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> dawns and kids race from their beds to the living room to rip open presents that Santa Claus has left for them, and adults look to see what their loved ones have gotten them. For most people, the beautiful scene of a Christmas tree packed at its base with beautifully wrapped presents lasts only a matter of minutes as the living room is transformed into a war zone of ripped wrapping paper, tangled bows, and empty cardboard boxes. Some are ecstatic with their presents, some are disappointed, but everyone is together. Within a matter of minutes almost 2 months of buildup and anticipation are over and we settle in for a large meal and day of rest and relaxation.*

*We wake up the next morning, December the 26<sup>th</sup> and most of us experience what I call the Christmas hangover; we've eaten too much food, had too many sweets, and some of us are disappointed about that one gift that we didn't get for the holidays that we had spent the last two months thinking about. So we spend the next couple of days undecorating from the biggest holiday of the year all the while thinking in the back of our minds, "I can't wait until next year!"*

*So is that it? Is that all there is to this massive almost month long celebration? We spend the week between Christmas and New Year's tired from too many parties, sick from too many treats, and bitter about the gifts we didn't get. So here is my challenge to you. I challenge you to not forget the real reason for this season. You see, the real significance of Christmas is celebrated in 116 days, in 116 days from Christmas day we will celebrate his resurrection! So don't let the "hangover" of a glutenous Christmas season let you forget about the gift of a Son that allows us to receive His grace in just 116 days!*

# WILKE'S WORLD

## Thirty Days of Prayer

Can we ever pray too much? I guess one could make the argument that if all you did was pray, other important matters would be neglected. Given the “any moment, any place, any topic” of prayer a more important question is probably, can we ever pray too little?

The answer to that question is a resounding YES! Most Christian will freely admit they don't pray nearly enough and feel they need to pray more. In fact, prayer is often the last thing that comes to mind after we've decided what we're going to do for God (which presents a whole set of other questions/problems).



**David Butts**  
Harvest Prayer Ministry

On Wednesday, January 16, 2019 Dave Butts will be with us to help us kickoff a Thirty Day Prayer Emphasis. Dave is a faithful servant and I'm anxious for you to spend time with him. Twenty-five years ago God led Dave and his wife Kim to develop and lead a mission dedicated to the discipline of prayer. They have been preaching, teaching and leading prayer around the world. We will learn to pray more consistently and with confidence. He will encourage and motivate us to be more faithful in prayer. Dave is the President of Harvest Prayer Ministries in Terre Haute, IN.

Harvest Prayer Ministries (HPM) exists to equip the local church to become a House of Prayer for all nations, releasing God's power for revival and finishing the task of world evangelization.

In this process, HPM ministers to leaders, individuals, couples and families so that a deep love relationship with the Father is ignited and God's kingdom purposes are accomplished. In order for this to happen, prayer must become the foundational Spirit-led strategy for kingdom life and activity in the life of the church.

Before Dave speaks at 6:30, our ladies will provide an awesome OASIS meal. Serving begins at 5:30 and there will be a nursery and children's programming provided for babies through grade 5.

Please be praying now for Dave's visit and our THIRTY DAY PRAYER EMPHASIS that God's Spirit will lead us as willing participants to a deeper prayer life and relationship with Him.

Praying for you,

Steve

P.S. If you'd like to know more about Dave and Kim Butts and their 25 year prayer adventure go to:

<https://www.harvestprayer.com/>

### 2019 BIBLE READING PLAN

Will you accept the challenge to read through the entire Bible in 2019? Check out this link, also on our website @ [www.whcc.us](http://www.whcc.us) and/or pick up a hardcopy at the Welcome Center this Sunday. Be sure to add your name to the 2019 BIBLE READING list as an encouragement to others. [2019 Bible Reading Plan](#)