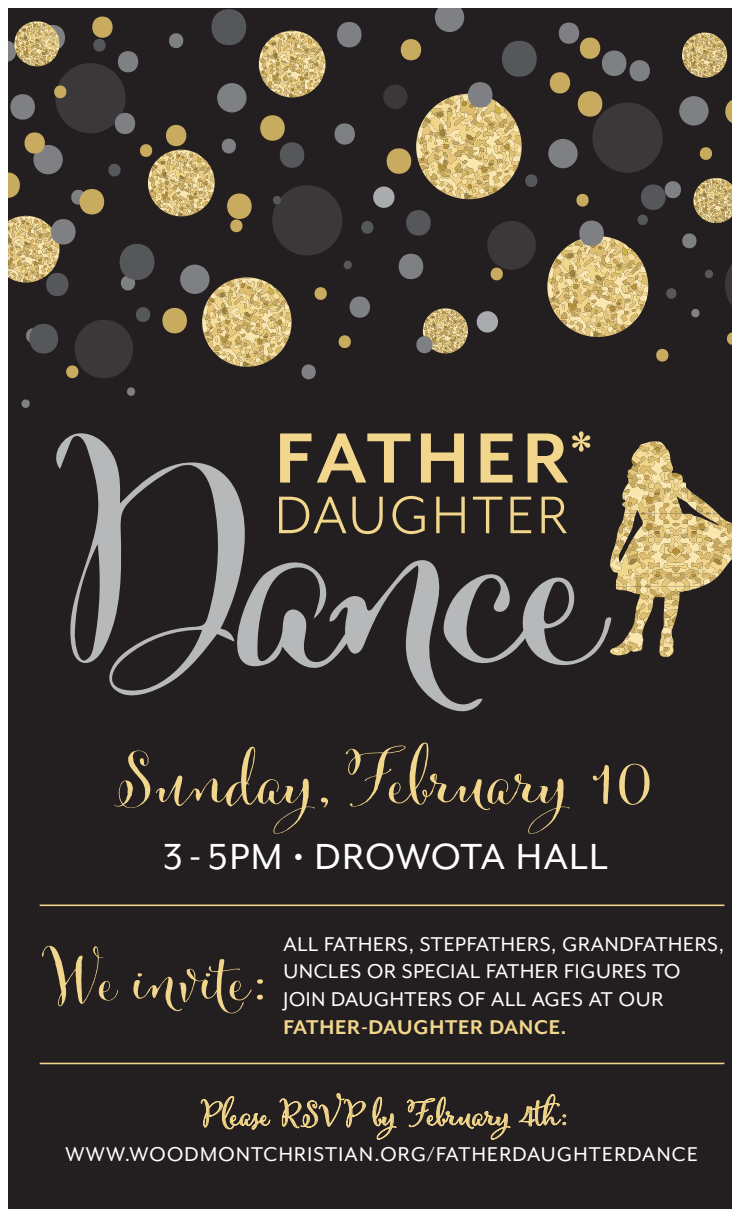


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WOODMONT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 22, 2019



FATHER*
DAUGHTER

Dance

Sunday, February 10
3 - 5PM • DROWOTA HALL

We invite: ALL FATHERS, STEPFATHERS, GRANDFATHERS,
UNCLES OR SPECIAL FATHER FIGURES TO
JOIN DAUGHTERS OF ALL AGES AT OUR
FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE.

Please RSVP by February 4th:
WWW.WOODMONTCHRISTIAN.ORG/FATHERDAUGHTERDANCE



**Wednesdays at
Woodmont**
New speaker just added!

FEBRUARY 6:
“THE JOURNEY OF TRANSITION”
Parenting speaker Will Norton, dean of
Montgomery Bell Academy

What are the developmental seasons of our children from birth to independence, what do our children need in each season, and what are the necessary shifts in parenting to be intentional in each season? This program will define each of the adolescent seasons and will speak to the needs of children during the elementary years while also giving a vision for necessary shifts in the years to come. The discussion will include very practical advice for each season by touching on topics ranging from money allowance to technology to cultivation of faith to music to mental health. This will be a great session for all parents!



**NOMINATE YOUR
CHURCH LEADERS**

woodmontchristian.org/nominate

“HERSTORY: The importance of Women in the Life of the Church”

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY
~ JUSTIN GUNG ~
TUESDAY, FEB. 5, 11 AM

As our CWF chapter celebrates 75 years in ministry, Justin Gung will highlight the importance of women in the church and give a brief retelling of just some of their countless achievements in ministry.

**ALL ARE WELCOME! LUNCH TO FOLLOW.
RSVP WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



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Meet our 2019 Habitat family! *Qais and Fahima Ghiasi*

Qais has been assembling cars on Nissan's production line since 2016 and also works as a driver for Uber and Lyft to support his family. He and his wife, Fahima,

have three daughters under 7 years old. Fahima stays home to care for the children and is studying English. Qais also attends Nashville State and is working towards a business administration degree. They need more stable and affordable monthly housing costs, especially since one daughter has special health care needs that require weekly visits to the doctor. Qais and Fahima are both from Afghanistan, where Qais helped the American military before immigrating to the U.S. in 2015.



Why Leadership Matters

by Clay Stauffer

We are accepting nominations for church leadership for one more week. This is an extremely important process in the life of any church. Leadership matters! John Maxwell has always said that “everything rises and falls on leadership.” He says: “PEOPLE determine the potential of the organization. RELATIONSHIPS determine the morale of the organization. STRUCTURE determines the size of the organization. VISION determines the direction of the organization. But LEADERSHIP determines the success of the organization.” In the first chapter of his groundbreaking book *Servant Leadership*, Robert Greenleaf answers his own question, “Who is the servant leader?” by saying the following: “The servant-leader is servant first. It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is leader first, perhaps because of the need to assuage an unusual power drive or to acquire material possessions” (Greenleaf 27). Servant leadership is not the same thing as simply holding a position.

Throughout his life and ministry, Jesus set the example for servant leadership. In Mark’s gospel, Jesus says, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). Many people in our world long to be leaders but they are not willing to be servants. Many long for power and influence, but don’t want the responsibility and the accountability that comes along with it. Leadership is not easy, but it is absolutely vital for the health of any organization or institution!

In considering individuals to nominate, please ask these questions:

- 1) Are they serious about their faith and spiritual life?**
- 2) Are they present on a regular basis in worship and in other activities/ministries and do they support Woodmont with their time, talent, and treasure?**
- 3) Do they have a servant’s heart and have they demonstrated leadership ability?**
- 4) Are they committed to the overall health and well-being of Woodmont Christian Church and our mission?**
- 5) Will they keep Woodmont moving forward in the years to come?**

If you can answer “yes” to each of these questions, then I highly encourage that you nominate them for leadership in our church.

Bryan Sargent is chairing this year’s nominating committee. Nominations will close at the end of January and the committee will start meeting in February. This committee has a very challenging task year after year – to arrive at a leadership slate based on the nominations and input from the congregation and then present that slate back to the board and congregation for final approval. We are blessed here at Woodmont to have many, many capable leaders and a limited number of spots to fill. I have described our church before as having “More Chiefs than Indians.” Some of you know what I mean. The nominating process works best when the entire congregation participates. I want to thank those who have agreed to serve on this committee. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers in the weeks and months ahead. The nominating slate will be presented to the Board in March for initial approval and then will go before the congregation later in the spring. Final approval comes at the congregational meeting in June. The new church year begins on July 1, 2019.

Bill Gates once said, “As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others.” Albert Schweitzer once said, “Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing.”

Blessings,

Submit your nominations at woodmontchristian.org/nominate



Time To Wake Up!

by Roy Stauffer

"Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep." - Romans 13:11

George Barna, a nationally known pollster and cultural analyst, wrote a book a couple years ago entitled *America at the Crossroads*. Based upon his in-depth cultural studies, Barna shares a lot of facts and statistics that ought to get our attention:

- America is a nation in transition, moving from a predominantly Judeo-Christian point of view to a mostly postmodern, secular worldview.

- In 2005, two-thirds of American adults said their religious faith was very important to them. Just ten years later it had slipped to only half.

- Nine out of ten adults believe in "God." However, only six out of ten believe in the God of the Christian Bible.

- Most Americans (78 percent) accept the idea that Jesus Christ was a real person, but fewer than four out of ten believe that He was both human and divine and that he lived a sinless life on earth.

- A larger and growing share of the public (about half) doesn't know what to think about what happens after they die.

- Most households (91 percent) still own one or more copies of the Bible, but barely one-third of all adults firmly believe that is totally accurate in all of the principles it teaches. Not quite one-half of the public confidently embraces the view that the Bible contains everything you need to know to live a meaningful life.

- The United States is in the early stages of biblical abandonment and the consequent cultural decline. Increasing numbers of people are comfortable with faith as long as it provides the benefits they seek and is neither demanding nor constraining.

And, at the same time:

- "Fewer American parents than at any time since scientific polling began believe their children will have a better life than they did."

As Victor Frankl pointed out in his best-selling book *Man's Search for Meaning*, the only reason people want to live is if they have a reason to live, or a purpose in life. Furthermore, happiness only comes as a by-product of living a meaningful life. And, a meaning or purpose for life only comes from God. As Richard Simmons says in his book *The Reason for Life*, "If there is no God, we are here by chance and are nothing but a mass of molecules. We must conclude that human life has no real value if we are nothing but a product of nature." (p.11)

The more that society moves away from the religious structures and religious values that give life its meaning, the more we lack an answer to the question, "Why are we here?" And when you can't answer that question ... and life has no real meaning, ... the more our society is characterized by such things as cynicism, despair, depression, suicide, failure to get along with others, divorce, the use of drugs to numb the pain, addictions of all kind, dysfunctional families, stress, anxiety, fear, worry, road rage, ... and the list is unending.

When will we wake up? The more America (and the world) continues on the path away from God and religious faith ... as the statistics Barna shares point out, the more we will move away from everything that makes life wonderful and into an ever-increasing negative state.

It's time to wake up! Have you begun to awaken yet?

Welcome new members!



TAYLOR & KRISTEN HOOD
JOINED SUNDAY, JAN. 13



The Ministry of Children

by Justin Gung

Recently, on a Friday night, everything in Nashville seemed cold, dark, and dreary. But inside of South Hall, warmth, light, and laughter bounced off the walls. Children and families from Woodmont Christian Church had gathered there to host Room In the Inn. Over fifty church members devoted the evening to comprehensively caring for a dozen homeless men: giving them dry shelter, a delicious meal, and warm fellowship for the night.

I picked-up our guests in downtown Nashville and brought them by bus to South Hall. When we walked through the door, children excitedly ran up the stairs: "The men are here! The men are here!" They had been eagerly waiting for us. In fact, the children and families arrived an hour beforehand to make beds for the guests. They laid out sheets, pillows, and towels with care. They set the dining room with tables and chairs. They even drew colorful pictures, which served as placemats for the guests at the meal.

When our guests came up the stairs to the dining room, they received handshakes and smiles from the men of the church. Each guest was introduced by name and warmly welcomed with a round of applause.

Then came the meal—the vast, delicious, homemade, potluck meal. There was fried chicken, Green Bean Casserole, Macaroni and Cheese, and Garlic Knots. There was all manner of desserts. I had to check the calendar because it looked like a Thanksgiving feast. The children were enthusiastic to serve, spooning food onto plates with smiles. Ross and Whitaker McGuigan, who are both still in preschool, proudly distributed the Energy Bites that they had made. Gazzie Ryerson and her little brother Guy dutifully stood at post, refusing to eat until they had given everyone a second helping.

Katie Diekhaus, a mother of two, jumped at the chance to serve alongside her children. In fact, she even invited friends from outside the church to join them. Michael Ribas, a father of two and first-time volunteer, sacrificed a night in the comfort of his home to spend the night at South Hall. Drew Reynolds did the same, even though he arrived directly from a long day at work and the following day was his birthday.

From a night filled with such goodness, it's nearly impossible to pick a favorite thing. But, if I were forced to do it, I'd say this: My favorite moment came when everyone, guests and hosts and children and adults, had gone through the serving line. I looked around the dining room and saw church members sitting with homeless men. I saw young sitting with old. I saw rich sitting with poor. I saw them in authentic fellowship: talking, laughing, looking at each other in the eye, and listening deeply to each other. It made my heart smile then and, days later, still does.

Sometimes, when we say "Children's Ministry," we mean the ministry that we adults offer *for* children or *to* children. But as much as anything else, "Children's Ministry" means the ministry *of* children; it's the ministry that they offer *for* and *to* others. Without a doubt, children are not too young to follow Jesus. They are not too young to form habits of discipleship. They are not too young to serve those in need and help fellow members of the human community.

But don't take it from me. Take it from a greater authority. "Let the little children come unto me and do not hinder them," says Jesus, "for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

GET YOUR REAR IN GEAR

NASHVILLE

COLON CANCER AWARENESS 5K RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

Richland Creek Greenway • Nashville, TN
Tennessee College of Applied Technology, 100 White Bridge Road, Nashville, TN. (next to Target)

7:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
8:20 a.m. 1K Kids' Fun Run
8:30 a.m. 5K Timed Run/Walk

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Building For Our Future capital project update

by Todd Gormley

We are pleased to report the continuing progress on our expansion. We are close to obtaining approval from the Metro Stormwater Department for the bio retention measures to control water run-off from our land. This is a big first step for Metro to allow us to add more building and parking to our site. Another step required by Metro is notifying our neighbors of our planned expansion. We completed this with a neighborhood meeting in Drowota Hall on Jan. 22.

The building plans are being prepared by Centric Architects and will be 50% complete by the end of January. We are going to have our Construction Manager, Batten and Shaw, use these plans to obtain local subcontractor pricing so we can confirm that we are in budget with the current scope given the busy construction market in Nashville now.

Once we are confident of the budget and preliminary plans, we will release the architect to complete the plans which is currently scheduled for April 15. The construction should follow in June and take approximately 11 months. We are committed to developing a functional and attractive new space that can be delivered on time and in budget with good quality and minimal disruption to our Church life.

Waiting In Hope returns this Wednesday night

WAITING in HOPE

For the one in eight couples suffering in infertility, they no longer have to walk alone.

Waiting in Hope ministries is a national nonprofit aimed

at supporting ladies through local support groups and marriages through couples dinners. Come find support, fellowship, friendship and love. If you or someone you know is struggling with Infertility ... WAITING IN HOPE is for you.

Please contact Sara Kate Hooper at nashville@waitinginhopeinfertility.com or (615) 364-5406 for any additional information.

Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 27

9:30 a.m. Informal Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. The Bridge Worship, Drowota Hall
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. Bridge Brunch, Drowota Hall
5:00 p.m. Jubilation Rehearsal, Choir Room
5:45 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Wing

Monday, Jan. 28

3:00 p.m. "Geezers," Boardroom

Tuesday, Jan. 29

9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group, Campbell Stone
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Relay of Truth Bible Study, Room 200

Wednesday, Jan. 30

6:15 a.m. Men's Small Group, Room 100
7:00 a.m. "Original" Men's Bible Study, Room 105
7:00 a.m. Younger Men's Bible Study, Boardroom
5:30 p.m. Grace Notes Rehearsal, Kids Commons
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship Dinner, D.H.

MENU: Beef Lasagna • Balsamic Marinated Roasted Vegetables • Italian Salad with red onion, bleu cheese, fried crouton, red wine vinaigrette
VEGETARIAN: Vegetarian Lasagna
KIDS: Baked Rigatoni Bolognese

6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
6:15 p.m. DivorceCare, Bay Room
6:15 p.m. Chess Club, Youth Lounge
6:15 p.m. Discipleship Class *Serving*, Boardroom
6:15 p.m. Mayberry Bible Study, Room 105
6:15 p.m. Waiting In Hope, Room 107

Thursday, Jan. 31

6:00 p.m. Youth Basketball Practice, Drowota Hall

Friday, Feb. 1

Room In The Inn, South Hall

Saturday, Feb. 2

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Coptic Christian Ministry
Donation Distribution, South Hall



HOLY YOGA

IS BACK AT WOODMONT!

To register or ask questions, email Brooke
at brookelovelace@me.com or
www.gospelandyoga.com



"RESETTING VALUES AND PRIORITIES" • SUNDAY, JAN. 27 • CLAY STAUFFER

	SUNDAY SCHOOL:	ATTENDANCE:	OPERATING:
DECEMBER 30:	226	614	\$109,822
JANUARY 6:	416	1025	\$47,488
JANUARY 13:	444	990	\$48,550
JANUARY 20:	309	697	\$46,844

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Walk Thru Bethlehem costume return

As a reminder, all costumes borrowed for Walk Thru Bethlehem need to be returned to the church office. Questions? Email jan@woodmontcc.org.



Habitat family at The Bridge Brunch Sunday

We will be hosting our 2019 Habitat family, Qais and Fahima Ghiasi, at the Bridge Brunch this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in Drowota Hall. This is a great opportunity to get to know the family whose home we are building March 2-3 and 9-10!

Coptic Christian Ministry donation distribution Feb. 2

Woodmont's Coptic Christian Ministry will be having a donation distribution to our precious Egyptian immigrant families on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 1 PM to 5 PM at South Hall. Thank you to all our church members who have provided such generous donations. If you would like to volunteer to set up and help during the event, please call or email Jade Forlidas at (615) 243-6178 or jforlidas@comcast.net

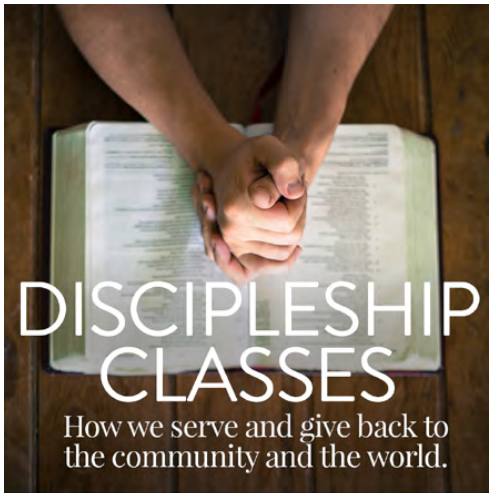


Book Club February meeting

The next meeting of Woodmont's Book Club will be Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 10:30 AM in Room 107. Sallye Galloway will lead a discussion of *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.

8-week women's bible study on wisdom "God Has More for His Children," written and taught by Shawna Keller

The book of Proverbs is sometimes referred to as God's instruction book for every day life. Our Heavenly Father longs for His children to walk through this life free of the dangers and frustrations that it can so easily bring, and He strongly desires for us to live rich and fulfilled lives. The book of Proverbs provides those guidelines and instructions. God has more for His children, and we don't want to miss it. Registration is open at relayoftruth.com. Study begins at Woodmont Christian Church, January 22, at 6:30-8:00 PM, Tuesday evening in Room 200. Reach out to Mary Welsh Owen at mwoven1123@gmail.com with questions.



WEDNESDAYS, 6:15 PM
THE BOARDROOM

Prayers for our church family:

SYMPATHY TO:

Shepley Smith and family, on the death of his father, Dr. Bruce Milward Smith, on January 5, 2019

NEW CONCERNS:

Peggy Bruce - Pacemaker installed January 16 (is at home)
Paul Hardin's father, Grady Hardin - consulting with an oncologist and beginning chemotherapy treatment

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Everett Davis
Jan Goans
Tom Hamner
Malcolm Lewis
Alberta Martin - St. Paul
Sheila Mathias
Cindy Million
Alan Nelson
JoAnn Patterson
Maurice Pinson
Robbie Richardson
Stephen Rush
Helen Schull
Isse Waddey

FAMILY OF MEMBERS - CONCERNS:

Charlotte Dukes, Janice Parker's granddaughter - at St. Jude
Ann Luther's father, Rhuel Patterson (96) in Gainesville, Ga - now at home
Cathy Williams' granddaughter, Louise Katri (age 3) Ft. Worth, TX - at home
Jamie Wellman's father, Charles Schmeal -- hospital in Owensboro, KY - left ICU and is now on the physical therapy floor
Andra Moran's father - in California
Lauren Beurlein's mother, Debbie Lucas

The elders invite you to join them in prayer:

• For our nominating committee as they begin the process of selecting new leaders for our congregation. May they honor God in this process, yielding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

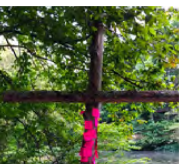


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upcoming youth events save the date

spring

February 8–10: Ski Trip to Perfect North, IN
March 1–3: All-Youth Spring Retreat @ Bethany Hills
April 7: Bridge Youth Sunday
May 5: Youth Sunday and Senior Banquet

summer

June 2–8: CYF Camp
June 17–20: Chi-Rho *Light Up Music City*
Missionary Days
June 29–July 5: CYF Mission Trip to St. Louis
July 7–13: 8er's Camp
July 14–19: Chi-Rho Camp