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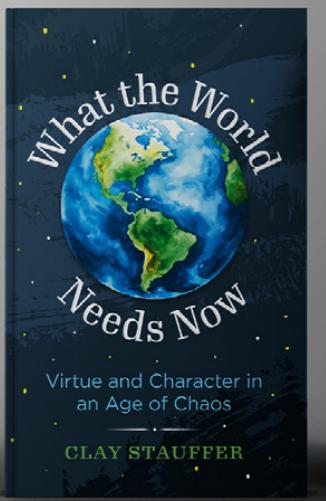
MAY 6, 2025

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

BOOK LAUNCH WITH CLAY STAUFFER & VINCE GILL



TUESDAY, MAY 13 • 6:00 P.M. • CARPENTER CHAPEL



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



RICH & EMILY WILSON



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NATHAN SCOTT



PAIGE HAMM



GINA & CRAIG DUVALL



SCOTT MAYLATH



THANASIS PAPAOIANU
& DAUGHTERS ARIANA
& CALISTA



CHRISTY RIDINGS



JIM & JENNIFER
STADLER



JUDY TURNER



PHIL & LAUREN HOCKER



MICHAEL & MARY
KATHERINE CURCIO



“The Gospel of John” begins May 18

“The Gospel of John” is a Sunday summer Bible study led by Woodmont’s Executive Pastor, Jay Hutchens, that begins May 18 and runs through July at 10:45 a.m. in Room 232 (upper level across from the youth room).

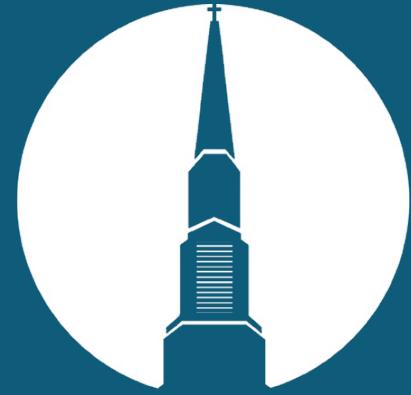
John’s Gospel is completely unlike Matthew, Mark, and Luke! In this summer study, Pastor Jay Hutchens will talk about how John served as a “Discipleship Manual” for early Christians to grow in faith, live in community, and love on the people around them. All through John, Jesus claims to do the work of his Father (John 5:19) as an encouragement to disciples then and today to continue the ministry of God’s healing, reconciling, and community building.

The class will also talk through how to pick a Bible translation, what it means for the Bible to be “inspired,” and how/why the gospels differ from each other! Ultimately the group will see what is John’s specific story to tell about Jesus that enlivened and empowered the local faith community!

A helpful resource for this class is N.T. Wright’s *Study Guide on John* which you can purchase on Amazon at tinyurl.com/yc5dwaxt

To register, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/mr356th2

Questions? Email Pastor Jay at jayhutchens@woodmontcc.org



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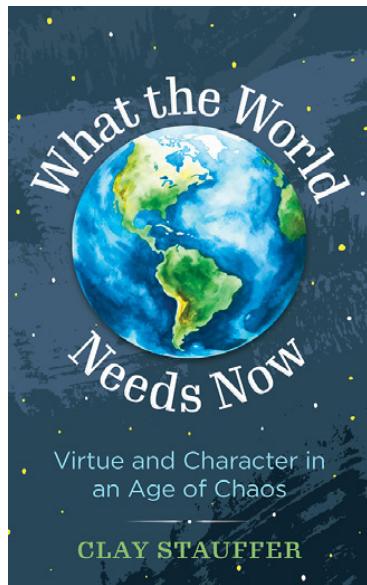
New Series – “Timeless Values for a Chaotic World”

BY CLAY STAUFFER

Our youth did an incredible job leading worship on Sunday. We are very proud of our graduating seniors and we wish them well as they prepare to head off to college and into their next chapter. Woodmont has helped shape, mold, and nurture them over the years and we are proud of all they have accomplished.

We have had a very strong response to our stewardship campaign. To date, we have received **460 pledges totaling \$4,269,812**. We are now in the follow-up phase but have not yet reached our participation goal. If you have not made a commitment, it is still not too late to do that at woodmontchristian.org/pledge. We are beginning to set our operating budget for the coming year. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and for continuing to support the mission and ministries of Woodmont.

This Sunday is Mother's Day. We will honor and celebrate all of our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers at each of the services. I will begin a new sermon series titled “Timeless Values for a Chaotic World” that will also coincide with the release of my new book, *What the World Needs Now*. That happens on Tuesday, May 13th at 6 p.m.



What would you say that our world needs right now? What troubles you the most? What frustrates you? What are you doing in your own life to provide the solution? These are very important questions to ask.

The struggles of our culture are well documented – anger, fear, division, political polarization, rapid secularization, anxiety, incivility, lack of meaning, loneliness, lack of kindness, addiction, depression. We all know the challenges. How does our Christian faith equip us to provide the answers? Harvard psychiatrist Armand Nicholi Jr. once wrote an article titled “Hope in a Secular Age.” He says: “The cause of despondency in many today is an awareness of a gap between what they think they ought to be and what they feel that they are. There is a discrepancy between an ideal they hold for themselves and an acute awareness of how far short they fall from the ideal.” I think Nicholi is correct. Many are not happy with their lives and remain restless and dissatisfied. Bad things do happen. Major setbacks occur. Pain and stress are real. We find distance in relationships, distractions at work, and many feel lost and unfulfilled. What seems to be lacking is the peace that passes understanding that comes from

God through Christ. What the world needs now are peacemakers, those who build goodwill and friendship. What the world needs now is hope to counterbalance the negativity, fear, and cynicism. What the world needs now is more humility and less selfishness, more compassion and less narcissism, more grace and less judgment.

In the coming weeks, we will talk about important themes like faith, family, friendship, kindness, peace, compassion, empathy, love, joy, and resilience. We will explore some of Jesus’ timeless parables where he lifts up many of these themes. The challenge for all of us is to go and be the change we want to see in the world. Embody the hope that many are seeking. Spread love and joy into the dark places. Show mercy and compassion. Seek truth. Shine light. Hopefully this new series will remind us of what is most important and how we can do that day in and day out.

Blessings,





Youth Sunday, May 4

PHOTOS BY ERIN DOUGLAS





Easter: The Gift that Keeps on Giving

BY ANDRA MORAN

On a spring Sunday morning some years back, I loaded up my then two year old daughter into the car to head to church. There, in her car seat cupholder, and around the floor board were a few plastic Easter eggs still hanging out from our Easter celebration a few weeks before.

Calla was delighted to see these hold-overs brightening up our grey morning. As I buckled her in to her seat, she shook the eggs, and hearing no tell-tale rattle, she sighed: "No treats." A few minutes later, I heard a small gasp from the back seat. "Treats!" Calla had wrangled one of eggs open and found

three shiny Minnie Mouse stickers! What a joyful surprise!

It was a sweet Easter metaphor-moment for me. Easter, the joyful surprise gift that keeps on giving—day after day, year after year! It is a gift that never goes out of season: God's confirmation that Love will always win, that pain and death will not have the last word, and that the darkness will never overcome the Light of Christ.

Easter is so much more than a day or a season in the church year. It is an assurance; a promise that emboldens us to live our lives knowing that Hope

will indeed rise again. So, if you're needing a little extra hope to hold on to in this season, I pray that you'll keep your eyes wide open and stay on the lookout for evidence of God's hope hatching, alive, vibrant and at work in the world!

PS: This week, I am celebrating 15 years of being part of Woodmont's ministry staff. Serving our congregation has been — and continues to be — such a blessing in my life! Thank you, and thanks be to God! I love you, Woodmont.



Woodmont members Sarah Drury, Deby Samuels, Carol Hankla, Todd Pachey, Wren Franklin, Neeley Hutchens, and Jay Hutchens set up 160 chairs this past Friday at Fall-Hamilton Elementary for their spring musical, "Willie Wonka!" The theater teacher, Ms. Murphy, said the musical was a great success!



A group from the newly formed Woodmont Singles Fellowship met this past Sunday, May 4, at Fat Bottom Brewery for an evening of fun and fellowship! If you'd like information on the next Woodmont Singles Fellowship gathering, contact Todd Pachey at [toddpachey@gmail.com!](mailto:toddpachey@gmail.com)

New women's Bible study series begins this Thursday, May 8

"Journey to the Heart" Women's Bible Study is starting a new study on Thursday, May 8, on *Ephesians: Growing in Christ (Flourish Bible Study)*. Meeting weekly on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the boardroom, this is a gathering for women of all ages and life stages who come together to cultivate relationships, foster spiritual growth, and promote Bible literacy. Contact Char Hummel for more charhummel@icloud.com

YP
Crawfish
Boil

Join us for
Woodmont Young Professional's
Annual Crawfish Boil

Tuesday, May 13th.
6:30 - 8:30pm

Please RSVP to moriah@woodmontcc.org

*Childcare provided with an RSVP by May 6th

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VBS 2025 registration is live!



VBS is June 24-27, 9 AM to noon, and it is for children and students from rising pre-K4 through rising 5th grade. Registration is now open at woodmontchristian.org/vbs

- THIS WEEK -

SUNDAY, MAY 11

MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast, D.H.
9:00 AM Grace Notes, Kids' Commons
9:30 AM 21st Century Class, Boardroom
9:30 AM Disciples Class, Room 105
9:40 AM Middle School Service, Youth Rm.
10:45 AM The Life Class, Bay Room
10:45 AM Reflections Class, Room 200
10:45 AM Connection Class, Room 232
11:00 AM Points of View Class, Room 105
3:00 PM Pickleball, Drowota Hall

MONDAY, MAY 12

3:00 PM "Geezers" Group, Boardroom

TUESDAY, MAY 13

6:00 PM "What the World Needs Now" Book Launch, Carpenter Chapel
6:30 PM Young Professionals Crawfish Boil, Campbell West
6:30 PM Alateen (ages 12-19), South Hall
6:30 PM Parents Al-Anon Group, 105
8:00 PM AA Meeting, South Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

6:00 AM Roy's Men's Group, Room 105
7:00 AM Clay's Men's Group, Boardroom
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Room 105
6:00 PM GriefShare, Campbell West
6:00 PM DivorceCare, The Bay Room
6:15 PM Women's Bible Study, Room 200
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MAY 15

10:00 AM Sit & Stitch, Gathering Hall
10:30 AM "Journey to the Heart" Women's Bible Study, Boardroom
1:00 PM Mahjong Group, Gathering Hall
5:30 PM Handbells, Choir Room
6:30 PM Andra Moran Virtual Vespers, Zoom
6:30 PM Nar-Anon, Room 105
8:00 PM AA Meeting, South Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 16

3:00 PM Pickleball, Drowota Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 17

10:00 AM Al-Anon, Drowota Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 11 - MOTHER'S DAY

NEW SERIES: “TIMELESS VALUES IN A CHAOTIC WORLD”

CLAY STAUFFER
“TIMELESS VALUES -
FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS”
I KINGS 3:23-27 & LUKE 15:11-24

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 A.M. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:30 A.M. INFORMAL SERVICE
9:40 A.M. THE BRIDGE SERVICE
9:40 A.M. MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE
11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL SERVICE

GIVING

APRIL 13: \$50,550
APRIL 20: \$90,577
APRIL 27: \$53,174
MAY 4: \$125,925

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Mackenzie Loar & Gabe Lane who were married on May 3 in Franklin, TN

SYMPATHY TO:

- The family of Pat Stanley who died May 2. Services scheduled for Friday, May 9. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Hall and funeral service at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

NEW CONCERNS:

- Gail Reese

CONCERNS:

- Ellen Anderson
- Mary-Kate Hopper's father, John Hopper
- Dara Howe
- Hanna Johnson (daughter of Grace & Curt Johnson)
- Michael Murphy
- Kathy Parolini
- Rhonda Phillipi's mother, Jeanette Coursen
- Chip Phinizy's son, John Phinizy
- Bill Snodgrass Jr, son of Faye Tevebaugh

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

- John Carpenter
- Edith Johnston
- Emily Bond Leaman
- Cass Meeks
- Lee Moss
- Connie Schmutz



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