

The Beacon

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Focus IN: *After organizing ...*

...my office and trying to get everything in place. I keep running across pencils and I reflected on this parable

Pencil Parable

In the beginning, the Pencil Maker spoke to the pencil saying, "There are five things you need to know before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and you will become the best pencil you can be."

First, you will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand.

Second, you will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but this is required if you are to become a better pencil.

Third, you have the ability to correct any mistakes you might make.

Fourth, the most important part of you will always be what's inside.

Fifth, no matter what the condition, you must continue to write. You must always leave a clear, legible mark no matter how difficult the situation.

The pencil understood, promising to remember, and went into the box fully understanding its Maker's purpose.

Now put yourself in place of the pencil; always remember it and

never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

One – You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

Two – You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

Three – You will be able to correct mistakes you might make or grow through them.

Four – The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.

Five – On every surface you walk, you must leave your mark. No matter what situation, you must continue to serve God in everything.

Everyone at Woodland is like a pencil...created by the Maker for a unique and special purpose. By understanding and remembering, let us proceed with our life on this earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart and a relationship with God daily.

You were created to do GREAT THINGS!

Greg

August Events

- July 29th—August 1st, 2010
Mission Trip Oak Hill Academy
- August 1st @ 9:30 a.m., Adult Sunday School begins "Spiritual Gifts" study
- August 1st @ 5:00 p.m., Mission Trip Members return
- August 1st @ 5:30 p.m. Adonia concert followed by Praise and Worship featuring the Mission Trip Team and Adonia.
- August 8th @ 8:30 a.m., Sunday School Council for 2010-2011 teachers
- August 8th @ 11:00 p.m., Youth led Worship
- August 13th & 14th, church reserved for wedding
- August 15th @ 8:30 a.m., Church Council
- August 16th @ 7:00 p.m., Deacon's meeting
- August 21st @ 7:30 p.m., Ice Cream Social & Family Movie Night
- August 29th @ TBD, Back to School Party

Each Sunday we offer:

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m., we offer choir practice

Focus IN: “What are your Spiritual Gifts?”

If you’ve ever doubted your calling to ministry, consider this: God has been molding and shaping you for ministry since before you were born!*

“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous--and how well I know it. You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe.” (Ps. 139:13-16 TLB)

This passage indicates that –

1. God shaped you for a purpose,
2. You are unique, and
3. You are wonderfully complex.

You are a composite of many different factors,

summarized in the acronym, S.H.A.P.E.:

- Spiritual gifts
- Heart
- Abilities
- Personality
- Experience

Note: Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. during the month of August!

During the month of August, Rev. Jeff Cranford will lead Woodland’s Adult Sunday School classes in a discussion relating to our “Spiritual Gifts”, make plans to be a part of this special study.

**Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Community Church, wrote an article for his online Ministry Toolbox at Pastors.com (Issue #274, 8/30/2006)*



Beginning August 1st, Kristie McCormick will begin serving as the Administrative Assistant for Woodland. Kristie will be in the office each Wednesday between 9—4 (except for the lunch hour) with flex time during the rest of the week as needed. Kristie’s church email is kristiemmc@woodlandchurch.org. The office number is 434-263-7744

Are you getting updates from Pastor Greg via email? If not, email him at greg@woodlandchurch.org and he will add you to the list!

Responsibilities for August

Acolyte

- 1-Aug Teaugen Crickenberger
- 8-Aug Taylor Ray
- 15-Aug Tyler Ramsey
- 22-Aug Clay Umbarger
- 29-Aug Cody Ackershoek

Lay Reader

- 1-Aug Jessie Scruggs
- 8-Aug Alex Saunders
- 15-Aug Danielle Saunders
- 22-Aug Jaden Crickenberger
- 29-Aug Victoria Saunders

August Birthdays

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| Raquel Harker | 2-Aug |
| Liz Burnett | 4-Aug |
| Cody Ackershoek | 8-Aug |
| Ann Iverson | 14-Aug |
| Nan Varnadoe | 14-Aug |
| Ken Gerke | 14-Aug |
| Lee Saunders | 18-Aug |
| Melissa Marrs | 24-Aug |
| Dolly Purvis | 21-Aug |
| Mike Stewart | 24-Aug |
| Matthew Blevins | 24-Aug |
| Ashby Cheape | 25-Aug |
| Anna Cheape | 25-Aug |
| John Holland | 30-Aug |



Don't miss Woodland's Ice Cream Social and Movie night August 21st beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring your favorite homemade ice cream and a lawn chair...should be a fun time for all ages!

**you scream
we all
FOR ice cream!**