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**Greet Your
 New Leaders**

Bobby B. Boaldin

The process went well. The men you recommended were obviously fine, godly men who were already setting examples of Christ-like leadership in their work and worship at WindSong. It was apparent that you gave prayerful consideration to each suggestion and the Lord has blessed us with two additional shepherds for His flock here.

As a congregation, you are to be commended for your cooperation, input, patience and support. The selection and installation of additional elders is something that has caused church-wide anxiety, division among the body and even church splits in some locales. Here, it was clear-to-all that you went about the Lord's work and trusted Him to oversee the outcome.

Being able to witness the entire process from beginning to end, I want you to know that I was not only pleased, but proud of how the shepherds we had when this search began conducted themselves. It was clear that their top priority was the long-term spiritual health and well-being of the WindSong congregation. They wanted to continue to nurture and develop the atmosphere of unity and cooperation that now permeates our congregation. They wanted to be sure that the leadership would be united and of one-mind in matters of biblical doctrine, while being open-minded in considering

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**WindSong Welcomes
 Two New Shepherds**



Dewayne Agin and his wife, **Denise**, have two children, **Daniel** and **Lacey**

Dewayne was made a deacon in 2001 and has worked in the areas of Missions and Education. He is currently on the board of Partners In Progress. Dewayne went on a mission trip to Cambodia in 2003 and has been on WindSong Family Mission Trips every year from 2004 to 2008.

Dewayne and Denise began attending WindSong (then 6th & Izard) in 1987. He began teaching adult Bible classes in 1989, and is presently teaching a Sunday morning adult class. Dewayne taught 5th-6th grade from 1990-1994 and Children's Bible Church from 1995-2002. He has been a Growth Group (small group study) leader since 2005 and is currently on the Growth Group committee.

Dewayne has both a B.S. in Computer Science and a B.S. in Mathematics from Harding University and is a computer programmer for the Arkansas Department of Health.



Gary Hickerson and his wife, **Linda**, have two daughters, **Ashley Hickerson Lynn** and **Lindsay Hickerson**. They also have three grandchildren.

Gary currently volunteers at the River City Ministries Medical Clinic in North Little Rock, teaches at a drug and alcohol recovery center, and teaches World English Institute Bible correspondence students.

Gary and Linda began worshipping and working with WindSong (then 6th & Izard) in 1972. He taught 4th-6th grade Sunday morning classes for several years and also Sunday evening small group classes. Gary has been on mission trips to Cambodia and Dominica.

Gary has a bachelor of Science degree from Harding University and a masters in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas. He worked for thirty years as a microbiologist for the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, before retiring in 2003.

DO YOU BLURT?

Have you heard the wise man? “A prudent man conceals his knowledge, but fools proclaim their folly” (Proverbs 12:23 RSV). Moffatt’s translation is interesting, “No cautious man blurts out all that he knows.”

“Blurting” is a very insidious temptation. We blurt on impulse, without thinking, throwing caution to the wind to get something off our chest, or perhaps say something for self-gratification. Blurting is done without thought or control. It has the lure of direct action, but without any consideration of reasonable speech. It might feel good at the time, but is often accompanied by regret upon further reflection. It’s an adolescent trait that should be left behind.

A cautious man knows that it’s not always opportune to reveal everything he might know. Jesus knew and practiced such wisdom. He once told his disciples, “I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now” (John 16:2).

Be careful about speaking when your words might be misapplied. Such caution was found in Jesus when he ceased answering Pilate, and left Pilate wondering.

Don’t speak when your words are sure of rejection. Jesus taught that you don’t give what is holy to the dogs or throw your pearls before swine.

The temptation is to blurt. Don’t do it!

My Bible teaches, “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one.”

JOHN GIPSON
WINDSONG CHURCH OF CHRIST



Efficiency Is Not the Goal

Joe Chesser

I've decided, after ten plus years of being a parent, that I just don't know everything. Now don't tell my sons, Max and Alex, this as I may still have them fooled. Also, don't tell my wife, Sherry, as she knows this information already and is tired of people informing her of such! I do understand a few important things about being a parent and for the most part I think I'm doing alright. Yet, there are those times when, in hindsight, I look back and tell myself, "Joe, you know better than that. What were you thinking?"

For example, how many times have you blown a perfectly good teaching opportunity by "doing" for the child what he or she could have done for himself? You find yourself thinking, "That's not how it's done"; "I wouldn't do it that way"; or "If this job is to be done right, I'd better just do it for him/her." Now I realize, of course, a child's way of doing something may not be the best or the most efficient way to complete a task, so we often jump in there and "do it" for them, forgetting what our most important job is. I've caught myself doing this far too often these days (especially when the boys want to help in the kitchen—the room in the house with perhaps the greatest potential for disaster). Difficult as it may be, though, we must remember that there is no more important job than raising our kids. No chore, no task, no household duty can even compare to the significance of raising a child. Training our children comes first.

Having said that, I want to invite all our families with children to join us on Sunday, September 21, for the conclusion of a family experience called The Magi Project. Some of you are familiar with this project. In brief, we're encouraging families (specifically our children) to help purchase, fill, and wrap shoe boxes to be delivered as Christmas gifts to children around the world. It would be easy, as parents, to just take on a project like this and do it all ourselves (i.e. the efficient way), but let me encourage you



Missions and Missionaries

Bill McDonough

As we bade farewell to the **Calvillos** following John's stirring report of their work with students in China, he shared their hopes, prayers and dreams of sharing Christ with the largest population in the world. Thoughts were expressed by many of John and Megan's courage, enthusiasm and delight in being about their "Father's Business." What a joy it is to see young people forfeit careers, delay starting their families, leave fathers and mothers and the physical comforts of America to do God's work on the other side of the world. And many ask why? What makes them tick?

"Enthusiasm for Christ and Christian Living!" They are "emotional" when they speak of people being eternally lost. Their lives for Christ have "feeling." They are not frustrated by trying to live two lives, one for self and one for Christ. They have taken the total plunge, jumped off the deep end and are totally immersed in Christian living. The sacrifices they have made are not viewed by them as sacrifices, but are seen as opportunities to serve the one that loved them enough to give them the opportunity for an abundant life. They don't view not having all the "things" they once had as being hard or difficult, but they say "this is wonderful." They get a chance to toss all the world offers to the wind and devote themselves wholly to what we see, and the Lord sees, as being most important.

Their rewards are much greater than houses and gold. Their rewards are personal, loving, courageous and eternal. We all would do well to follow their example. **"All for Christ and None for Self!"**

Efficiency—*from column 1*

to do what I'm trying to learn—teach our children through example and through experience. It will take more time, but then I believe that's what parenting is all about. More details will be made available soon, so watch the bulletin for details and the foyer for a display.

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what works best in matters of expediency. They wanted to be as certain as they could, that the good works this congregation has imparted over the decades would continue for decades to come. In short, it was a blessing to witness the Lord work as he guided those shepherds in this process.

Because of all the Lord has done for us in this process, I ask you to give this new eldership your full cooperation and support. I ask you to submit to the authority that God has given them (Hebrews 13:17), show them the respect they deserve (1 Peter 2:17), and I ask you to greet them with a warm welcome (Hebrews 13:24) as we begin this new chapter in the life of the Lord's Church at WindSong. As in everything, to God be the glory!

With Sincere Sympathy To...

The family of **Frances Barner**, who died in Delight, Arkansas. There was a graveside service on Saturday, August 2, at Delight.

Juanelle Hooten on the death of her sister-in-law, **Zola Hooten**, on Tuesday, July 29. The funeral was Saturday, August 2.

Wilma and Charles Stevens on the death of her brother, **Tommy Dean Sewell**, on Thursday, August 7. The funeral was Monday, August 11, in Searcy, Arkansas, with the burial following at White County Memorial Gardens.

Gary, Linda and Lindsay Hickerson on the death of his mother, **Mary Hickerson**, on Saturday, August 2. The funeral was Thursday, August 7, in McConnelsville, Ohio.

The family of **Sullivan Farrah, Karla Wade's** one-year-old nephew, who died August 2, following a battle with leukemia. The funeral was Thursday, August 7, in Southaven, Mississippi.

Mary Beth and Ken Crafton, on the death of her brother, **Larry Lindsey**, on Wednesday, August 27. We also extend our sympathy to his mother, **Vivian Lindsey**. There was a memorial service on Friday, August 29, in Sherwood, Arkansas.

BULLETIN BOARD

OUR AUGUST RECORD

Average Attendance	221
Average Contribution	\$10,384
Building Fund	\$677

Baptism Jim Clark

CONNECTIONS

Jim Clark was baptized on Friday, August 22, and placed membership on Sunday, August 24. If you have not had a chance to meet Jim, please make a special attempt to do so and give him a warm welcome into our WindSong family.

Mike Lucas was chosen as an Outstanding Alumni in the College of Education by Harding University. Congratulations, Mike.

Congratulations to **Jason and Lyndsay Magar** of Louisville, Kentucky, on the birth of a daughter, **Corinne Adelle Magar**, on Thursday, August 7. Corinne was 7 lbs. 1 oz. and 18 1/2 in. long at birth. Congratulations also go to big sister and brother, **Tess and Max**, and to the proud grandparents, **Linda and Harold Powell**.

John and Megan Calvillo left Little Rock on Monday, August 25, and arrived safely in Shiyen, China, on Thursday, August 28.

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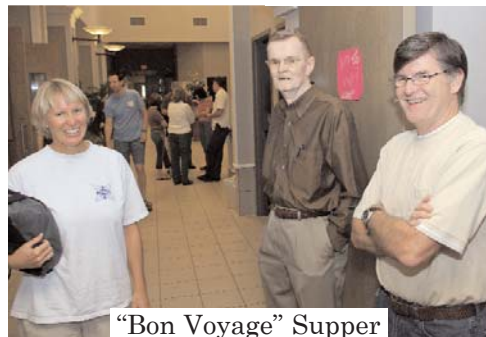
BON VOYAGE JOHN AND MEGAN



John reports to the congregation.



Megan



"Bon Voyage" Supper



Good-bye at the airport



On August 24, **John Calvillo** reported to the WindSong congregation about the nine months he and his wife, **Megan**, spent in Shiyen, China. WindSong said farewell to the Calvillos with a "Bon Voyage" Supper that evening. We will miss John and Megan and we send with them off with all our best wishes for another blessed year in China.