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It's Budget Time Again

Bobby B. Boaldin

Can you believe it? It is budget time again. It seems as if it was just a short time ago that we were planning for the 2007 fiscal year and now it is time to finalize our 2008 budget. I want you to know that I am thrilled about some things that are planned for 2008. For instance, more of our budget will be focusing on advertising and outreach than the previous year. Not only will we be having two big outreach seminars, like we did last year, we will also have a more consistent and, hopefully more productive, advertising campaign. The specifics of this campaign will, Lord willing, be introduced to the congregation on or about September 16. At this time, suffice it to write that I am confident you will be excited about the outreach efforts that are planned here.

I also want to take this opportunity to compliment and commend you for your continued sacrificial and substantial financial support of the Lord's work. I am constantly amazed by your generosity and willingness to do what it takes to assist in the good works that we are endeavoring to accomplish. You are certainly storing up for yourselves treasure in heaven.

With a new budget upon us, I also want to challenge you. In order for even more good works to begin, and

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THE LABYRINTH



For the past seventeen weeks, the children of WindSong have been invited each Sunday night to participate in The Labyrinth, an Old Testament timeline brought to life through a winding path of murals. Beginning with "the beginning," we added to the Old Testament story each week culminating with the combined stories of Ezra and Nehemiah. With over sixty-five painted murals spread out over two hundred and seventy-five feet, the project took multiple gallons of paint and numerous hours supplied by our volunteers. A special "thank you" needs to go to **Michelle Boaldin** and the entire **Agin family** who dedicated many hours of their free time each week to ensure completion. We will leave the Labyrinth up for a few more weeks so everyone can have the opportunity to walk through it and see what our children have been studying all summer long.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF POLITICS

Campaigning! I've already had enough of it, and things are sure to get worse. I'm confident that before long it will be a four year media bombardment (if it isn't already).

As far back as 1840, when R. H. Dana Jr. published his book, *Two Years Before the Mast*, he described the difference between changing governments in California at that time, and the process in the United States. He writes, "The only object, of course, is the loaves and fishes; and instead of caucusing, paragraphing, libeling, feasting, promising, and lying, as with us, they take muskets and bayonets, and seizing upon the presidio and custom-house, divide the spoils, and declare a new dynasty."

Apparently, the more things change the more they remain the same. Dana's evaluation of more than a century and a half ago of "caucusing, paragraphing, libeling, feasting, promising, and lying" is often still the norm for today.

How refreshing it would be if some politician would add his own "amen" to the apostle Paul's method of presenting his message: "We have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." (2 Corinthians 4:2)

Paul was resolved to put no obstacle in anyone's way. He was determined to commend himself not only by what he suffered, but by such things as purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, genuine love, and truthful speech. (2 Corinthians 6:3-7)

If a politician did that, he would not need the three hats Carl Sandburg said politicians should have handy at all times: one for throwing into the ring, another for talking through, and a third for pulling rabbits out of if elected!

JOHN GIPSON
WINDSONG CHURCH OF CHRIST



Get Out of the Shaker

Joe Chesser

Let me share with you a brief story that I find encouraging and the perfect example of what needs to happen more at Windsong. The other day I received a phone call from Sherry, my wife, who was on her way to work. Sherry told me that she was listening to the radio and the deejay was conducting an interview with the man responsible for organizing the Maumelle Family Fest. Near the end of his interview, the organizer took the opportunity to put in a plug for all the sponsors of the festival—Windsong's name was listed.

This was prime time during the morning commute and our name was associated with a community, family oriented activity. We didn't even pay a dime to be an official sponsor. What's the catch? None, really, we just have to encourage our members to attend the festival by selling tickets to those who are interested. For our efforts we have the privilege of setting up a booth at the festival. Four thousand people, young and old, attended last year's festival, and now perhaps we have the opportunity to meet some of them.

Are you beginning to see how easy it is to be involved in our community? I like the language I've been hearing recently. We're here, but being here is not enough. We've got to go out there. Jesus set the model for getting out among the people and we must do the same. There's not much value to salt if it remains in the shaker, but if it strikes out into the world, it's impact will not be able to be measured. We've not been called to huddle up and establish well protected borders, but to go. It's in the going that we can make a difference

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Asian Work Marches On

Bill McDonough

In an E-mail message from Cambodia, received on August 28, we learned that nine more of the University students studying the Bible have been baptized since our departure from Phnom Penh on July 9. We have eight teachers currently studying with students there. A children's Bible class was started at the Partners In Progress Center with eleven kids present last week. A defrocked Catholic Priest from Africa has been studying with our teachers. Twenty seven young Christians are attending a new Saturday Leadership Training course each week and the church is on the move.

Plans are being formulated to take a team to another Southeast Asian nation in February to follow up with the more than three thousand correspondence course students there. If you are available for a month or longer, we would love to have you join us in the most thrilling work you have ever done.

Dr. Northen, our "Ship of Life" Project Director, reports that the ship has moved to the second province (state). The crew of the clinic boat is making hundreds of new friends for the Lord along the Mekong River as they continue to see more than one hundred patients each day.

Marie-Claire and I have been greatly encouraged by you since our return three weeks ago. Your evangelistic zeal, Bobby's wonderful teaching, and your encouragement have all been overwhelming.

Let us continue to share the Love of God with all while there is yet time.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Ray and Betty Thornton** on the death of his mother, **Wilma Thornton**, on Thursday, August 30.

Budget Time—*from Page 1*

for our present programs to continue, I want to challenge you to examine your financial situation and consider if you are able to contribute even more to the Lord's work here. Beginning today, prayerfully plan for the coming fiscal year. Ask yourself, "Is this an area of service in which I could be doing more?" If so, plan your giving accordingly. If not, God bless you as you continue to give to him generously. I know that our leaders plan to challenge us in our giving when the budget is presented and I am completely confident that WindSong is up to the task. As I wrote last month, I firmly believe the Lord is blessing our efforts here and I think He has even greater things in store for us in the future. As in all things, to God be the glory!



John and Megan Calvillo left Little Rock on Friday, August 24, and are now living and working in Shiyan, China. Both John and Megan will be teaching English at the university there for the next nine months. We send them all our love—they are greatly missed.

OUR AUGUST RECORD

Average Attendance	201
Average Contribution	\$10,889
Building Fund	\$1037
Special Fund	\$18,066



Membership
Jason Gross
Jerry & Esther Gross
Brandon & Rebecca Martin
Lyndel Smith

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September 16 & 17

Session #1: Sunday, September 16, 9 a.m.—“Failure, the First Step to Success!”

Lesson: Sunday, September 16, 10 a.m.—“The Things Jesus Is Teaching Me”

Session #2: Sunday, September 16, 5:30 p.m.—“A,B,C’s of Godly Money Management”

Session #3: Monday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.—“Debt and Credit Cards”

Session #4: Monday, September 17, 7:55 p.m.— “The Future: Saving, Investing, and Getting Ready for Retirement”

For more information call the church office (501) 753-7050

CONNECTIONS

Welcome to **Jason Gross, Jerry & Esther Gross, Brandon and Rebecca Martin, and Lyndel Smith**, who placed membership recently. If you have not yet met these new families, please make a special effort to get to know them and let them know how happy we are that they decided to work with us at WindSong.

A new series of study, “**Blueprint for Church Growth**,” continues on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Growth Groups-Fall 2007—Growth Groups resume the week of September 9. If you haven’t already signed up for a growth group for the fall, please see **Don Johnson**.

Matt Powell, Harold Powell’s nephew, has been deployed to Iraq.

Congratulations to **Scott and Krysteen Morris** of Jacksonville, Arkansas, on the birth of a daughter, **Riley Fallon Morris**, on August 3. Riley weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long at birth. Congratulations also go to the proud great-grandmother, **Ruth Gregg**.

Congratulations to **Dr. Ray Jouett**, who received this year’s Asklepion Award, presented by the Arkansas Medical Society to honor outstanding physicians in Arkansas.

Congratulations to the **Women’s Softball Team**, who won First Place in the North Little Rock Softball League with a record of 16-4.