

THE WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH
NEWPORT, TENNESSEE



Capitol Building Christmas Tree
Washington, D.C.

THE LORD'S DAY - DEC 26, 2010

Tom Mooty - Senior Pastor

You are very welcomed and wanted here today; and we pray that you will want to come back. If you are one of our visitors this morning, please complete the card which is included in your Newsletter and place it in the offering

plate; and don't forget to use the special prayer request section on the flip side of the card.

If you are looking for a home church for you and your family, we ask you to pray for God's guidance and carefully consider us. West End Baptist is a fundamental Southern Baptist Church which holds membership with the East Tennessee Baptist Association (local).

SUNDAY MORNING

Continental Breakfast - 9:00

Choir Practice - 9:30

Bible Study for all ages - 10:00

Southern Gospel Concert - 10:30

(To save valuable radio time, announcements are presented on the screens as you enter the auditorium)

MORNING SERVICE BEGINS AT 10:57

Praise and Worship Music

(Led by Matthew Maynard)

**WLIK (1270 AM) LIVE BRADCAST
and INTERNET OUTREACH**

www.wlik.net (click on "listen live")

**"The Sunshine for Shut-Ins Service"
(Sundays 11:00-12:00)**



Great Special Music and Singing

(Directed and coordinated by Charlene Jonson)

Beautiful Believer's Baptism of Tanner Wilson

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Announcements - Prayer Time

Brother Tom's Message - "Good News of Great Joy"

TONIGHT

Activities and Coffee Club at 4:30

Choir Practice at 5:00

Church at 6:00 - R V Maynard to Preach

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

The Lion 'n Lamb Café is open for fellowship at 5:00. All classes (for all ages) begin at 6:00. The Children's Church assembles in the "Game Room" to prepare for their lesson and activity; the Youth will be in Gatlinburg for Xtreme Youth Conference; and the adults meet in the Chapel to update the prayer list with Brother Tom, and enjoy a thought-provoking, well planned Bible Study led by Brother Paul Stiefvater.

IMA SYNE SAYINGS

(Sayings from our Highway 25/70 Sign)
(Stolen - uh - Borrowed from Will Eck on Facebook)

**When you come to a dead End;
Don't stop!
Just figure out a way to go around;
And keep going!**

"THE QUEEN OF STUFF"

(Written by Robert Ringer in "The Liberty Alert" (December 16, 2010); and adapted for today's Newsletter by Tom Mooty)

It seems that a lot of people are suffering from a malady known as "Oprah Slumber". This term refers metaphorically to the Orwellian scene that occurred when Oprah Winfrey told a recent audience that each of them would be receiving a new Volkswagen Beetle. As the omnibenevolent queen of mass-audience hypnotism shrieked the good news to her adoring flock, both men and women went into a frenzy that made the reaction to the 1964 U.S. invasion of the singing Beatles seem like a church outing by comparison.

On hearing the news, the lucky folks who had come to the studio thinking they were in for nothing more than a standard dose of mind-numbing talk-show chatter began screaming, laughing, hugging, waving their arms wildly and, yes, crying. Some even got down on their knees, apparently to praise the almighty Goddess of Stuff who giveth free Beetles to total strangers.

When I showed the video to a friend, he replied: "Hey, I can understand people getting excited about being on the receiving end of a new car. Nothing abnormal about that."

Simply spoken, he missed the point. I, too, can understand why a person would get excited about someone giving him a new car, but what I witnessed was way beyond mere excitement. It was the kind of ecstasy one might expect to see in people who have just been informed that the Messiah has returned to earth.

In other words, neither excitement nor happiness was the issue. The issue was that the reaction was way out of proportion to the news. It bothered me because it was yet another reminder that Americans — and most of what is left of the so-called civilized world — have lost their way (and, one might justifiably argue, their minds).

It was right up there with sports fans wildly cheering multimillionaire athletes and movie buffs worshipping Hollywood actors who appear as "experts" before Congress.

Following the show, Volkswagen of America CEO Jonathan Browning unwittingly gave an excellent insight into the madness when he issued a statement that said, in part, "Oprah Winfrey and the Volkswagen Beetle are two American icons, so when the Oprah show approached us with this incredible opportunity to share her Beetle ex-

perience with *deserving viewers*, we instantly wanted to be a part of it."

Question: What is a "deserving viewer"? Is every viewer "deserving"? Deserving of what? Why? The reason an intelligent CEO of a major corporation would say something so eminently silly is that the masses must be constantly told they are "deserving", "entitled".

There's no question that children respond well to this kind of reassurance. The only problem is that these were not children. They were adults!

In Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, the "supreme government power holder" told a man: "The optimum population is modeled on the iceberg - eight-ninths below the water line, one-ninth above; and they are happier below the water than above it".

Those shrieking people in Oprah's audience are below the water line - way below. And when you're below the water line, your mind is filled with thoughts of free stuff, today's reality-show lineup, and the latest rumors that Brett Favre will soon be retiring to a nursing home.

Columnist Charles Krauthammer was asked if America's decline as a great civilization was inevitable; and he replied: "Decline is a choice. It is not inevitable".

Frankly, what this means is that it is strictly up to us. We can continue to be the "United States of Stuff", with our minds below the water line; or we can wake up, grow up, and push back against childish behavior. At the end of the day, it's a clear choice between submission and all-out resistance in an effort to re-establish the foundations of our once free and proud republic.

If we could accomplish THAT, it would be a legitimate reason for being ecstatic.

"TAKE FIVE WITH TOMMY"



Be sure to read "Five Minutes with Tom Mooty" in "The Newport Plain Talk" (Thursday's edition). The column can also be accessed and forwarded to your friends and family from our Church website: www.webaptistchurch.org. Click on the link to the "Pastor's Blog".

You are invited and encouraged to visit the website on a regular basis and see what new stuff Bart and Sharon Ellison (our web masters) have installed there. You are invited, encouraged, and entreated (begged) to post a column on the site (see Pastor Tom for details).

RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM 2011

If you would like to contribute a small amount all along, you may write a check to "West End Baptist Church", marked "Relay for Life". Remember, if we contribute all along, we will be able to have quite a bit to give at the Rally in June, 2011. Please remember this very worthwhile organization. A donation of any amount entitles you to place a card on the "Relay Tree" "in honor of" or "in memory of" anyone you designate. See Angella Thomas for details on how you can get involved.





**THE CHILDREN ARE LISTEN-
ING; SO, LET'S MAKE IT
PLAIN.**

We are so very proud of the spiritual progress our children are making; and we give glory to The Lord for the wonderful Children's Programs we have here for them. Of course, the "programs" are no good without the great teachers and workers that faithfully and selflessly give of themselves to work with the children.

**HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE PEOPLE
WHO DO THE WORK OF GOD HERE AT
WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH**

(More next week)

**Wednesday Bible Teacher - Paul Stiefvater
Youth Director - Jordon Williams
Evangelist/Radio Preacher - R V Maynard
Sunday School Directors - Wayne Ball/J C Watts
Children Church Director - Lisa Ottinger
Newsletter Production - Margaret/Herman Shelton
Ladies Ministry Director - Nicole Wiley
Decorations - Dyann Bible
Secretary - Charlene Johnson
Custodian - Euretha Carson
Breakfast - Carolyn Layman/Euretha Carson
Praise and Worship Leader - Matthew Maynard
Choir Director - Charlene Johnson**