

# THE "WRITTEN WELCOME" OF

**THE WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH**

116 WEST END STREET

P.O. BOX 851

NEWPORT, TENNESSEE 37821

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



**JUNE 26, 2011**

**IT'S A SPECIAL SUNDAY TO HONOR  
ALL WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS!**

**Tom Mooty - Somewhat Senior Pastor**

We pray that you will be truly blessed by the service today and that you will want to return soon. Visiting

friends, please take a moment and complete the **"Visitors' Card"** included in your Newsletter; and then please place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our greeters.

If you have a prayer request for which we can join you in prayer, please use the reverse side of that Visitors' Card to give us your PrayerTime information.

If you are looking for a spiritual church home for you and your entire family, we offer you our services; and ask that you please consider us. **Brother Tom will be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience.**

This newsletter is also uploaded to our church website: [www.webbaptistchurch.org](http://www.webbaptistchurch.org)

### **SERVICES SUNDAY MORNING**

Continental Breakfast (9:00), Choir Practice (9:30), Bible Study (10:00), Southern Gospel Mini Concert (10:30).

#### **THE MORNING WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:57**

**Praise/Worship coordinated by Matthew Maynard**

Cheryl Presnell - MUSICIANS - Omega Jackson  
Charlie Ownby, Jerry Thomas, Larry Strange

#### **"THE SONSHINE FOR SHUT-INS BROADCAST" OVER WLIK (1270 AM) and WORLD WIDE WEB (SUNDAYS 11:00-12:00 EASTERN TIME)**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings; and PrayerTime  
(Conducted by Rita McNabb)

Brother Tom's Morning Message:  
"You Have Been Someplace I Have Never Been"

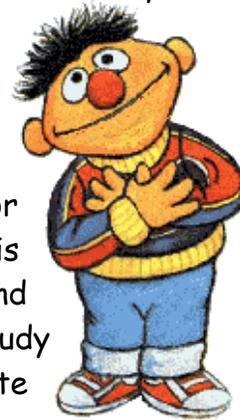
**SERVICES THIS AFTERNOON/TONIGHT**  
**"IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS" BROADCAST**  
**(EVANGELIST R V MAYNARD)**  
**SUNDAYS ON WLIK: 1:00 - 1:30**

Coffee Club and Activities - 4:30  
Choir Practice - 5:00  
Church in the Chapel - 6:00  
JORDON WILLIAMS PREACHING

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS



Our "Wonderful Wednesday" sessions begin at 4:30 with various activities and fellowship for everyone in the Family Life Center Gymnasium or the world's best coffee in the Lion 'n Lamb Café; and then continue at 6:00 with Bible classes for Children, Youth, and Adults. Everyone is cordially invited and encouraged to attend these informal and informative Bible study sessions. Remember, it isn't complete without you!



### THE CENTER PIECE

(By Tom Mooty)

Today is a very special "first time" Sunday at our church. We are honoring our folks who have been called upon to endure the most horrible of human psychological suffering (rated 100 on a scale of 1 to 100) - the death of a spouse!

In the past, I have tried to be clear and honest with you about my military service. I did not see combat; did not take part in any military war, skirmish, or police action. My "overseas" duty consisted of a temporary assignment at the radar site in Thule Air Force Base, Greenland. The men and women who have served in combat (and are even today) are owed a gigantic debt by all of us. What I was never called upon to do, you have done - and are doing!

In that same vein, I have never been called upon to endure the death of either a spouse or a full born child (although "Miss 'Nita did suffer the miscarriages of our first two children).

In the 42 total years of ministry, I have been called upon to try to comfort families in suicides, murders, vehicle accidents, and drug overdoses of friends, church family, and total strangers.

I have preached funerals when no one was there but me, two funeral directors, and a grave digger.

I have tried to comfort small families and large families.

I have shared words of comforting Scripture with families that were "influential" and those whose passing

away did not cause even a ripple in the history of the area.

I have conducted funeral services for unborn babies, infants, teen agers, young adults, middle aged, and old people.

I have led the funeral processions that consisted of police cars, fire trucks, ambulances, rescue squad vehicles, and multitudes dignities and politicians in official cars and trucks with tinted windows; and I have led processions that consisted of my vehicle, a flower van, and a funeral coach.

I have been there when estranged families come together in peace (like Isaac and Ishmael at their father Abraham's burial); and I have been there in the middle between two estranged families that have no intention of being at peace with each other.

I have conducted or assisted in funeral services for my mom and dad, my mother-in-law and dad-in-law, my brother, my grandmother, aunts and uncles, and various other distant relatives.

It was my great responsibility to conduct the funeral service of three of the last four World War 1 veterans in Morgan County. I have folded and presented countless flags to surviving spouses and family members. I have had the responsibility of placing flags on the graves of 204 veterans in the Wartburg Cemetery.

But I have never endured the death of my spouse; or that of our grown children!

You have truly "walked a path that I have never been called upon to walk".

I salute and honor you that have had this most difficult and trying time; and I join with all others in praying for you!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Our annual Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for all day Saturday, July 23. This is a very special event which was tried last year, and received very well. It is sponsored by our Children's Church Ministry. The school is available to all children from age 4 through Grade 6. A light breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack will be provided, along with tremendous interactive Bible studies, activities and lesson-centered crafts.

We need YOU to help; please tell Lisa Ottinger.

## "FIVE MINUTES WITH TOM MOOTY"



Brother Tom's newspaper column can be found in the Thursday edition of the "Newport Plain Talk"; and also on-line on our church website: [www.webaptistchurch.org](http://www.webaptistchurch.org) (click on the link to the "Pastor's Blog").

In the mid to late 1970's, Brother Tom began writing a newspaper column for the "Cocke County Banner". He named it "Five Minutes with Tom Mooty", and that name has "stuck" for all these years.

When the "Newport Plain Talk" bought the "Cocke County Banner" and consolidated the two, the column was brought "up the street" to the new paper.

When Tom 'n 'Nita moved to Morgan County, it didn't take long before the column was appearing in "The Morgan County News" every week.

When they came back to Newport, the column came with them; and it has been there on Thursday ever since.

It is a labor of love; and countless comments have been received about its "unique" writing style. It is so unique to this area that one national publication reviewed it and said they would like to take it; but couldn't in its present form because it is so indigenous to this area; so we are working on a more acceptable form for them.

## **CHURCH WEBSITE**

Please help spread the word about our website: [www.webaptistchurch.org](http://www.webaptistchurch.org). Bart Ellison is our webmaster; and he is currently working on our being able to "stream" all of our services live over that website. Tell everyone about it. Be sure to click on the "Pastor's Blogs" link; and check out the two blogs there: "Medicare Minister's Musings" and "Five Minutes with Tom Mooty". Please share suggestions for additional pages with us.

## **VICTORY BIBLE INSTITUTE**

The school is currently in summer break. If you are interested in taking a course in the next session, you should see either Brother Paul or Brother Tom. All classes are recorded in case you should have to miss a session; and are freely available to anyone for either independent study or to review the class material.

Tell everyone you meet about this great opportunity of Bible Study from a fundamentalist point of view.

## **NEXT WEEK**

### **SPECIAL PATRIOTIC SERVICE**

- GREAT MUSIC -
  - JNROTC COLOR GUARD -
  - SPECIAL MESSAGE -
- WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE,  
AND BLUE and**



**LET'S WAVE SOME FLAGS!  
WE WILL HAVE NO SERVICE THAT EVENING**