

# THE "WRITTEN WELCOME" OF

**THE WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**JULY 10, 2011**

**Tom Mooty - Medicare Minister**

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 Prayer Time  
(Conducted by Rita McNabb)

**Brother Tom's Morning Message:**  
**"Touching the Living Christ"**

### **THIS AFTERNOON**

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

### **TONIGHT**

Coffee Club begins at 4:30  
Choir Practice begins at 5:00  
Evening Service begins at 6:00

"Paul and Jeano's Mexico Mission Trip"

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS



Our "Wonderful Wednesday" sessions begin at 4:30 with various activities and fellowship for everyone in the Family Life Center Gymnasium and the Lion 'n Lamb Café; and then continue at 6:00 with Bible classes for Children, Youth, and Adults. Everyone is encouraged to attend these informal and informative Bible study sessions.

## FIVE MINUTES WITH TOM MOOTY

This column appears on Thursdays in the Newport Plain Talk. It is a uniquely written piece that uses humor and history to make a spiritual point. Tell your friends about this unusual newspaper column by our Pastor.

## THE CENTER PIECE

### Veterans Affairs Bans Mention of God at Funerals for Vets

In May, the Department of Veterans' Affairs was defeated in their attempt to censure the "unapproved" Memorial Day prayer of a local pastor in the Houston (TX) National Cemetery.

In June, they were at it again!

The Liberty Institute, on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars District 4, The American Legion Post

586, and the National Memorial Ladies, returned to federal court with new allegations of religious hostility and unlawful censorship by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and its director of the Houston National Cemetery.

"The hostile and discriminatory actions by the Veterans Affairs officials in Houston are outrageous, unconstitutional and must stop", said Jeff Mateer, Esq., general counsel of Liberty Institute. "Government officials who engage in religious discrimination against citizens are breaking the law. Sadly, this seems to be a pattern of behavior at the Houston VA National Cemetery".



The Liberty Institute stated that the Department of Veterans Affairs and its Director of the Houston National Cemetery, Arleen Ocasio, are engaging in religious viewpoint discrimination in violation of the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, by adding new incidents of religious hostility including:

1. The VFW District 4 burial team, at the request of the family of the deceased, has honored veterans by performing the VFW burial ritual during private burial services at the Houston National Cemetery for thirty years. The American Legion Post 586 has done the same for the past twenty years. On at least four separate occasions, government officials told the burial teams that prayer and religious speech could no longer be included in the burial



ritual unless the family submits a specific prayer or message in writing to Director Ocasio for her approval. Government official Jose Henriquez also told the VFW Honor Guard Commander, Junior Vice Commander and Chaplain that the word "God" is forbidden.

2. The VA instructed the VFW and the American Heritage Funeral Home (privately owned) which sits next to the Houston National Cemetery and specializes in veterans' funerals that they may not inform the families that they have the option of requesting prayer in the VFW burial ritual.



3. About a year ago, Director Ocasio instructed the president of the National Memorial Ladies (volunteers) that the words "God" and "Jesus" are forbidden and that "God Bless" could no longer be written in condolence cards to families. Volunteers also were banned from speaking a religious message when talking directly to veterans' families on cemetery grounds.

4. The chapel where families used to gather, pray and reflect has been closed and is now called a "meeting facility" and used for storage. The chapel cross and Bible have been removed and the bells that once used to chime are no longer used.

"On March 15, Director Ocasio told me that I couldn't say 'May God grant you grace, mercy and peace' to grieving families," said Nobleton Jones, Honor Guard Junior Vice Commander. "Today we ask the government to make it right".

"All we wanted was to give honor to fallen soldiers," said Inge Conley, incoming VFW District 4 Commander.

(Compiled from Tennessee Eagle Forum Dispatches)

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Our annual Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for all day Saturday, July 23. This is a very special Vacation Bible School 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.

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## **BIG EAST TENNESSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Our church has been asked to host the three sessions of a "Pre-Crusade" meeting on Sunday - Tuesday, October 9-11.

Sunday evening, Brother Bobby Welch (formerly pastor of First Baptist Church of Daytona, Florida; and a former President of the Southern Baptist Convention)

will preach. Monday evening, Brother Randy Davis (formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sevierville; and currently Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention) will preach. Tuesday evening, Brother Don Pearson (Prayer Specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Convention) will slow things a bit as we begin having special prayer for the big County-Wide Crusade of Evangelism next year.

Dr. Horace Brown, Director of Missions for the East Tennessee Baptist Association will be in charge of these meetings.

## **VICTORY BIBLE INSTITUTE**

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. If you choose to receive the credit for these courses, it will be granted by the Victory Bible Institute at the completion of the series of classes; but the knowledge you can gain from each individual class will be invaluable in the time we have left.

**REMEMBER, EVEN IF YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT  
TRACK; YOU WILL GET RUN OVER IF YOU JUST  
SIT THERE!**