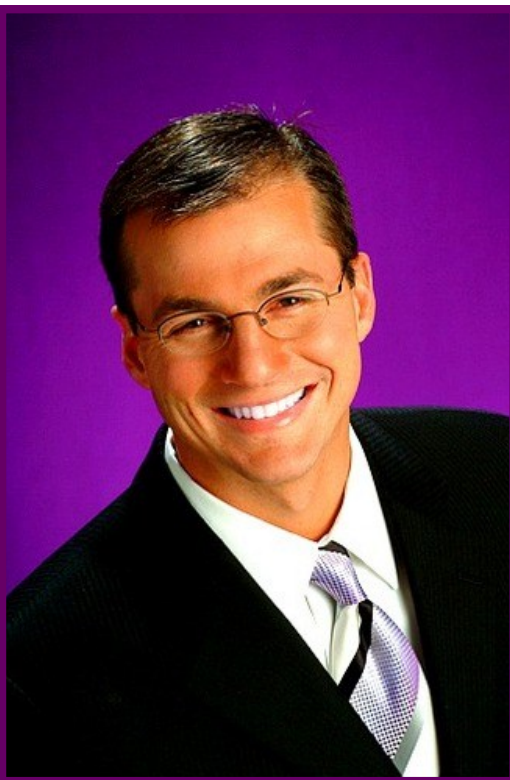


WESTERN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH  
"THE VOICE"

REACHING THE WORLD ONE HEART AT A TIME

BILLY HODGES In Concert



*Billy Hodges*

former tenor singer with  
Kingdom Heirs, Dixie Echoes and Florida Boys

in concert

Saturday, May 5

7:00 pm

Cost: a love offering will be taken. For more information about Billy Hodges visit his website, [www.billyhodges.com](http://www.billyhodges.com). Download two free songs from his Digital Store.

**Billy's Bio:** I grew up in rural west Tennessee and attended church all my life. I began singing in children's choir as a small child. While in high school I performed in the choral program and also in college I performed in the University Singers and Show Choir. In 1995 I moved to Pensacola Florida to join the Florida Boys as their Tenor. I stayed there for 2 years. I then moved back to Tennessee and continued my education in music. In 1999 I began my career as a professional firefighter. I had worked at the Union City Fire Department for two years and in 2001 I moved back to Pensacola Florida where I joined the Dixie Echoes. I stayed until November of 2003 when I resigned and took the position of Recreation Director at Marcus Pointe Baptist Church in Pensacola. The Kingdom Heirs hired me in February of 2005 and my family and I moved to East Tennessee. In June of 2008, our daughter, Adison Jo, was born. I had been with the Kingdom Heirs at Dollywood for almost six years and as of January 17th, 2011 I resigned as the tenor. I am excited about the opportunities that God has given me. If you are interested in me coming to your church, please contact me via email or phone.

## The world is infinitely deceived . . .

I have a great fascination with Puritan writings. I was recently introduced to the writing of



Jeremiah Burroughs. He wrote what is probably the best book on Christian contentment. Following is short portion of his incredibly insightful book.

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content. **Philippians 4:11**

That is his way of contentment, and it is a way that the world has no skill in. I open it thus: not so much by adding to what he would have, or to what he has, not by adding more to his condition; but rather by subtracting from his desires, so as to make his desires and his circumstances even and equal. A carnal heart knows no way to be contented but this: I have such and such possessions, and if I had this added to them, and the other comfort added that I have not now, then I should be contented. Perhaps I have lost my possessions, if I could only have given to me something to make up my loss, then I should be a contented man. But contentment does not come in that way, it does not come, I say, by adding to what you want, but by subtracting from your desires. It is all one to a Christian, whether I get up to what I would have, or get my desires down to what I have, either to attain

what I do desire, or to bring down my desires to what I have already attained. My wealth is the same, for it is as fitting for me to bring my desire down to my circumstances, as it is to raise up my circumstances to my desire.

Now I say that a heart that has no grace, and is not instructed in this mystery of contentment, knows of no way to get contentment, but to have his possessions raised up to his desires; but the Christian has another way to contentment, that is, he can bring his desires down to his possessions, and so he attains his contentment. Thus the Lord fashions the hearts of the children of

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men. If the heart of a man is fashioned to his circumstances, he may have as much contentment as if his circumstances were fashioned to his heart. Some men have a mighty large heart, but they have straitened circumstances, and they can never have contentment when they hearts are big and their circumstances are little. But though a man cannot bring his circumstances to be as great as his heart, yet if he can bring his heart to be as little as his circumstances, to make them even, this is the way to contentment.

The world is infinitely deceived in thinking that contentment lies in having

more than we already have. Here lies the bottom and root of all contentment, when there is an evenness and proportion between our hearts and our circumstances. That is why many godly men who are in low position live more sweet and comfortable lives than those who are richer. Contentment is not always clothed with silk and purple and velvets, but it is sometimes in a home-spun suit, in mean circumstances, as well as in higher. Many men who once have had great estates, and God has brought them into a lower position have had more contentment in those circumstances than they had before. Now how can that possibly be? Quite easily, if you only understood that the root of contentment consists in the suitability and proportion of a man's spirit to his possessions, an evenness where one end is not longer and bigger than the other. The heart is contented and there is comfort in those circumstances. But now let God give a man riches, no matter how great, yet if the Lord gives him up to the pride of his heart, he will never be contented: on the other hand, let God bring anyone into mean circumstances, and then let God but fashion and suit his heart to those circumstances and he will be content.

Burroughs, Jeremiah (2010-07-05). *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment* (Kindle Locations 499-510). . Kindle Edition.

Pastor Troy

## OFFERINGS

A word from your administrative team: Our weekly offering is \$800 to \$1,000 under budget. Maybe you are not aware of this so we wanted to bring it to your attention to pray about.

The Bible talks about the differ-

ent gifts of the Spirit and one we all can have is giving. We thank God for those that are giving and pray that you have been blessed because of it. Please consider what God's Word says in Malachi chapter 3, verse 10. It says to

bring our tithes in to support the church that you might be blessed.



## 3G'S ~ GOLDEN GUYS AND GALS, ETC.

Donna Corum and Janet Lockhart will be here to sing for us at our May 3G's meeting. Donna and Janet are sisters and have been singing together for about a year. They had a musical mother who would gather them around the piano growing up. Donna said they certainly are not professionals but enjoy singing for the Lord. Janet plays bass with Rick Roberts' band. I encourage you all to be there, bring a guest and a potluck dish to share on Tuesday, May 1, 11:00 am.

Our former pastor, Sid West (1999-2002), is retiring from First Baptist, Bosque Farms, Albuquerque, NM at the end of May after 10 years of ministry. He and Peggy will relocate to Belleville, ILL to be with their daughter Kandy and grandchildren. He would love to hear from you and hopes to visit each of his former churches this year. Email him at [fbcbflobo3@q.com](mailto:fbcbflobo3@q.com). A retirement article sent by Marie Brom is on the bulletin board.

We are looking for a safe, dry place where we can indefinitely store some large items that have been donated to our creative arts ministry. If we can't find a place to store them, we will have to decline the donation. Please let the church office know you have any ideas! Thanks!

## KEVIN GARNER ~ MINISTER OF WORSHIP/YOUTH

Don't forget that Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 P.M. Billy Hodges will be here in concert. I'm expecting a good evening of singing and sharing. Be sure to invite your friends and family who need to hear the gospel of Jesus. We want to make sure that all who attend know that Jesus is the reason why we sing. Also as a reminder, we will be taking up a love offering that evening and Billy will have some of his CDs for sale.

WHO: youth group

WHAT: Christian Rock 'N Bowl

WHEN: Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, leave church @ 7:30ish P.M., return @ midnight

WHERE: Rose Bowl, New Castle, IN

COST: \$10 to bowl, money for dinner



Call Kevin if you are interested in learning to play handbells.

## ROBERTA BERGMAN'S BREAD PUDDING

More requests - this was served Saturday at the VBS clinic and it is yummy! Oven 350 degrees. Put 4 Tbs. butter in 9X13 pan.

3 eggs  
2 cups sugar  
5 cups milk  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1 cup raisins (optional)  
18 slices of bread (tear into small pieces)

Melt butter in pan. Set aside. Mix rest of ingredients (put bread in last). Bake 45 minutes. Cool then cover with sauce.

SAUCE:

½ cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
3 Tbs water

Heat ingredients in sauce pan. In a bowl, beat 1 egg. Add heated ingredients to egg. Add egg mixture back into pan and cook until thick. Add 1 tsp vanilla. Pour over cooled pudding.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### DEACON FOR THE MONTH

Greg Lunsford

### Van Drivers:

Jim Helms (Director), June Helms,  
Jeff Lancaster, John Washburn,  
Shon Wilson

### COUNTING COMMITTEE

**May 6:** Bill & Loretta Hughes, Jimmy  
& Diane Newton

**May 13:** Art Hughes, Carson & Bonnie  
Robinson

**May 20:** James & Judy Thompson, Ben  
Houston, Judy Moody

**May 27:** Curtis & Mary Dalton, Jim &  
June Helms

### NURSERY

**May 6:** Glenda Tuttle, Vickie Strait  
(PM) Amanda Lancaster

**May 13:** (AM) Joy Roberts, Amanda  
Lancaster (PM) Jamie Hilbert

**May 20:** (AM) Kim Bishop, Judy King  
(PM) Lynne Houston

**May 27:** (AM) Lynne Houston,  
Marquita Newton  
(PM) Peggy Morgan

God has blessed the Nursery with  
more babies and toddlers. We will  
need more workers for Sunday ser-

vice, Sunday School and Wednesday  
night. Please prayerfully consider  
serving your God in the nursery.  
Please contact Lynne Houston if you  
feel called to help with the next  
generation of Christians.

### PRESCHOOL WORSHIP 11AM

**May 6:** Debbie Lunsford, Jeff  
Lunsford

**May 13:** Barb Lakes, Jamie Hilbert

**May 20:** Sylvia Amis, Judy Baker,  
Patty Potts

**May 27:** Linda Hufferd, Cheryl  
Towler

Please get a substitute if you need to be  
absent. *Any questions, see Linda Hufferd,  
Preschool Worship Director.*

### PRESCHOOL WORSHIP 6PM

**May 6:** Judy Moody

**May 13:** Jamie Hilbert

**May 20:** Judy Moody

**May 27:** Jamie Hilbert  
Marquita Newton, Sub

### TECH

**May 6:** Jay Rowe (Audio), Logan  
Bishop (Video)

**May 13:** Ben Houston (Audio), James  
Dare (Video)

**May 20:** Dalton Rose (Audio), Logan  
Bishop (Video)

**May 27:** Ben Houston (Audio), Joe  
Showmaker (Video)

### MUSIC & MISSIONS K-6TH/

Carol Hathaway & Judy King

### WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS K-5TH/MONTH OF MAY

Becky Rose & June Helms



***Spiritual GPS ~ No matter  
where we wander, the Lord is  
with us. Even in the desert,  
"the Lord your God has been  
with you" Deuteronomy 2:7  
(NIV). When the Lord guides  
us, we will know the best path  
and have the best guide.***



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Brewer	5/5
Mickey Grace	5/6
James Thompson	5/7
Katie Tompkins	5/7
Pamela Stewart	5/7
Jack Cloyd	5/8
Jennifer Meadows	5/8
Nathan Hufferd	5/12
Grace Sarmiento	5/14
Alan Hensley	5/15
Justin Combs	5/17
Kristin Roberts Boger	5/20

Ethel McClurg	5 / 21
Rhonda Burchett	5 / 21
Alex Hall	5 / 22
Carol Hathaway	5 / 25
Diane Newton	5 / 25
Jeff Lancaster	5 / 25
Pearl Hamilton	5 / 27
Connie Gribbins	5 / 27
Loretta Hughes	5 / 27
Teresa Combs	5 / 29
Sherry Snodgrass	5 / 30
Glenda Tuttle	5 / 30

## Wednesday Missions For May

**May sign-ups are continuing. You choose a mission area and this is what you would do each Wednesday night in May (except for Saturday Missions). GO AND DO!**

**CHURCH PARTNERSHIP – Jeff Lancaster:** Gospel Avenue in Richmond, begins at 6:00pm.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN-Dalton Rose:** We will be maintaining the garden at Kevin's (parsonage backyard). Watering and overseeing the progress. Be on time. Be ready to get dirty if need be.

**FOOD PANTRY-Barbie Reisert:** Provide the community with some essential items during tough times. As they come in to receive boxes prepared for them they will also receive church info and the gospel. Be in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm to pray, help prepare boxes and make list of suggested food items. Speak to those coming into the pantry. Write notes/cards to those who have come to the party before.

**HOME BASE – Marie Grace:** Be in conference room at 6:30pm to support the work of the missionaries who are serving out in the community. We will greet late-comers and periodically monitor hallways for mis-placed persons. More importantly, we will pray for each mission taking place beyond our "Home Base." Members are expected to faithfully attend and participate in activities assigned.

**NURSERY-Lynne Houston:** Help in the care of children ages birth to 4 years. This may require you to feed or change diapers. Be in the nursery by 6:30pm to help with children.

**NURSING HOME – Kim Golden:** Meet at Hickory Creek Nursing Home at 6:30pm. We will go as a group or individually to visit with as many residents as possible. During those visits, we will spend time talking, reading and doing nails. Biblical verses will be read and the gospel presented. Each member is expected to carry a Bible and have understanding of presenting the gospel to residents. You will read

scripture, talk, pray and listen to the residents. The key objective is to present the gospel to residents and staff.

**PRAYER WALKING – James Dare:** Reach out to Connersville one neighborhood at a time. In our community there is a sense of hopelessness and an increase in drug abuse. Our desire is people will see the hope we have in Jesus and we will have an opportunity to build on those relationships. We will focus on prayer; be able to share your testimony and ask for prayer requests. Be empathetic towards those struggling and express to them that God loves them unconditionally.

**SATURDAY MISSIONS:** Block Party (Kim Golden) on May 5. Paintball (Logan Bishop) on May 12. Community yard sale on Iowa Ave parking lot (Zane Badore) on May 19.

**SEWING MISSION-Patty Potts:** The purpose of the sewing mission is to provide surgery patients with a pillow. These pillows provide comfort after having surgery. You will be required to cut, stuff and sew these pillows together. Patty also asks if you could donate stuffing and bring your own scissors. Be ready to sew at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

**SHUT-IN BIBLE STUDY – Kathy Lunsford:** Bible study at Mae Teague's home taught by Kathy.

**TECH – Ben Houston:** Three month project creating an apologetics video that can be distributed around the area. The team will work through the entire creative process from conception to completion. The team will begin by meeting on Wednesdays, but may move to other days. Different member responsibilities will include writing, camera work, graphic design, editing, and on-screen work. Mission members need to be committed to working the entire 3 months. Our goal will be to have the video completed in time to distribute to VBS families. Looking for 5 people plus Team Leader and Assistant.

**THE WAY 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE – Nycole Dare:** Meet in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School

room to do hands-on Bible study. The main goals are to give students the basic knowledge of how the Bible is put together and how to use it; its historical flow that points to Christ and lead them to respond; and some memory work. Arrive at 6:30pm to greet the children. Help them with memorization, speak to them as needed to keep them focused and guide them to use the Bible to look up scripture.

**Van Team – Jim Helms:** Arrive at church 5:30pm to rotate to ride with him as he picks up children/adults for Wednesday service. You will ride with him to take them home after church (return 8:30pm). Arrive on time to leave for route. Help control the kids and the noise level so that it is safe for all riders.

**VISITATION – Kevin Garner:** The team will make 1) Follow-up contact to those we've ministered to (ex. Food pantry, guitar lessons, the Way, w.w.k.s.), 2) Recruitment for June missions, 3) Visitations. Meet in room 175 at 6:30pm each Wednesday for prayer and visitation assignments.

**WORSHIP WEDNESDAY KIDS STYLE – BECKY ROSE:** We will review the Bible lesson that was presented to the children on the previous Sunday. We will do a craft and maybe some short games that emphasize the lesson. Arrive at 6:30pm to greet the children and help with control. Be willing to read the lesson or prepare the craft for the session.

## Get out of the pew and go and do!

**Missions Celebration** is on the fifth Wednesday when we come together to celebrate what God has done during our mission efforts. On Wednesday, May 30, 6:30pm, we will meet at the park shelter by Park Rd for a cook-out. Please bring covered dishes to share.

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Custodian

**O**ur mission is to glorify God by sharing the gospel so all may discover God's grace and develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

**W**ABC is motivated by the belief God's Word is sufficient, and that the people of this congregation who follow its life-changing message can bring glory to God. We rejoice in the message of the cross - that people can be forgiven through the blood of Jesus and restored to a personal relationship with God.

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## MAY SCHEDULE

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| 1: 3G's Luncheon (11AM)   | 27: Grad Recognition Day  |
| 2: Leadership Team (7:30PM)                                       | 28: Memorial Day (offices closed)   |
| 5: Saturday Missions Block Party                                  | 30: Missions Celebration Meal<br>(6:30pm) @ Roberts Park<br>Shelter by road |
| 5: Billy Hodges in concert (7PM)                                  | Articles for the VOICE are due<br>the 3rd Sunday of the month.              |
| 9: WIM (5:00PM)   | SAVE THESE DATES:   |
| 12: Saturday Missions Paintball                                   | July 22: VBS Block Party  |
| 13: Mother's Day  | July 23-27: VBS   |
| 15: Administrative Team<br>(6:30PM)                               |   |
| 18/19: Man Camp @ HLBC  |   |
| 19: Saturday Missions<br>Community Garage Sale<br>on Iowa Ave lot |   |