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WHO WE ARE

Woodlawn Baptist Church is a 133-year-old Southern Baptist church in Bristol, Tennessee. We currently average 65 attendees in our morning worship service.

We are a Bible-believing, Jesus-Exalting church with programs and ministries for all ages. Our church is also very special, family-like, lively, loving, and multi-cultural. Our members are mission oriented – both home and foreign. There always seems to be a lot happening. We believe that God still has much to teach us, and we are anxious to learn.

Our service is designed to be worshipful and God honoring. Praise songs, prayer, hymns, and special music help prepare our hearts for the message from our Pastor.

“Woodlawn Baptist Church exists to bring glory to God through worship, discipleship, evangelism, ministry, and fellowship.” This Purpose Statement was adopted by vote of the church body in May 2006 in the regular monthly business meeting.

SERVICES SCHEDULE:

Sunday School – 9:45am

Morning Worship – 11:00am

Sunday Evening Worship Service: 6:00pm - Adults,
Children and Youth (Suspended during Covid – Will
update when services resume)

Wednesday Night Supper: 5:45-6:15pm (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday Night Activities for Children & Youth: 6:15pm

WEDNESDAY SERVICES FOR ADULTS:

1st Wednesday following the 1st Sunday–Business Meeting

2nd Wednesday – Adult Bible Study

3rd Wednesday – Adult Bible Study

4th Wednesday – Mission Groups

AFFILIATIONS:

Holston Baptist Association

Tennessee Baptist Convention

Southern Baptist Convention

MINISTERIAL STAFF:

Interim Pastor: Pending

Music Director: Scott Branson

Youth Directors: T.J. & Lori Hutson

CORE VALUES

For any church to carry out its mission and remain a viable body to share the gospel with others, there must be core values engrained in the fiber of the church body. We feel the following values engrained in the fiber of the church body. We feel the following core values embody our beliefs and propel us toward our vision and mission for Christ.

Worship. The Sunday morning services are important to our members. These Sunday services, along with special services throughout the year, are opportune times for visitors to worship with us.

Prayer. We value the power of prayer. We pray together in church, through our prayer chain, and as individuals. We cherish our ability to pray freely to God and for the benefit of others.

Stewardship. Giving of our resources, time, and abilities is encouraged in our church.

Music. We are blessed with a music program which is an important, uplifting part of our worship services. Special concerts are valuable assets to the church.

Fellowship. We are a family which cares for one another in times of joy and sorrow. The support we receive from one another, the affirming of one another, and the relationships we develop are all parts of our church life.

Where We Live

Community Characteristics

Discover Bristol reports that in Bristol, **you'll get to enjoy the best of both Tennessee and Virginia as the city itself divides the two with the state line running right through the middle of downtown.** Located in the rolling foothills of Appalachia, Bristol is an integral part of the larger community of the Tri Cities [Johnson City, Kingsport, and Bristol]. In addition, the historic town of Abingdon is only ten miles away.

Bristol has been recognized as one of the top 100 places to live. With a low cost of living index, our city has outstanding medical care, with an advanced tertiary care hospital and four other hospitals within driving distance. The Wellmont CVA (Cardiovascular Associates) Heart Institute offers advanced cardiac care and is ranked as one of the top programs in the country. In addition to the public schools of Bristol and Sullivan County, those who learn differently. Our area has two local community colleges and two universities (King University in Bristol and East Tennessee State University in Johnson City).

There are always cultural events. The Barter Theater (the state theater of Virginia) is nationally recognized, and the Paramount Center for the Arts is a restored art deco motion picture palace which plays host to numerous events. William King Museum of Arts and the Arts Depot in Abingdon as well as arts groups in each of the Tri-Cities attract participants.

The Birthplace of Country Music Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, traces Bristol's musical heritage, which began in 1927 with the Bristol Sessions. Numerous music groups continue the tradition that was started by the Carter family in 1927.

Both Johnson City and Kingsport have enclosed malls, and Bristol has two shopping areas (the Pinnacle and the Falls). Antique lovers find ample opportunities to shop in Bristol. Outdoor recreation is enjoyed on the South Holston River and Lake, at Sugar Hollow Park, Steele Creek Park, and at Bristol Caverns. Biking/walking trails in the area include the two parks just mentioned as well as the Creeper Trail in Abingdon. The Mendota Trail is also being developed.

Through the summer, almost every weekend sees a festival, with the two most attended being Rhythm & Roots on the third weekend of September and two NASCAR Races at the Bristol Motor Speedway (April and August). Golf courses include the Virginian which has been named one of the "Best Residential Courses." The Bristol State Liners, under the operation of Bristol Baseball, Inc. (BBI), is Bristol's entry in the recently formed Appalachian League. BBI is a non-profit corporation devoted to sustaining professional baseball in Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee. The Appalachian League is the country's foremost collegiate wood bat league, which sees hundred of the country's peak college freshman and sophomores come together to compete.

Bristol has no shortage of things to see and do – and it's easy to access its downtown area right off Interstate 81. Two great states, two fantastic cities—that's Bristol.

Where We Are Going

OPPORTUNITIES

We need to take a strategic look at our church to discern what God wants for Woodlawn Baptist in the coming years. We hope our next pastor will help us ready ourselves for what God has next and then lead us there.

Like many churches, we want to address the issues of our aging congregation. Our senior members are some of our most faithful and passionate members. We want to honor them and, at the same time, be a church where young families find a home and step into leadership roles. We hope to be a multi-generational church where the young and the old know and love each other.

Woodlawn is in a stable financial position, yet we hope to answer the budgetary questions posed by an aging church membership. We do not ask these questions from a place of fear, but we think it is unwise not to examine these issues that our church—like many others—face.

Who Will Lead Us?

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Woodlawn Baptist seeks a pastor who:

- Will be an experienced and polished preacher who knows and relates the scriptures to our lives.
- Will Be a strong leader for the congregation.
- Will be a strong administrator who works well with staff.
- Will have a warm personality and the ability to relate to all ages.
- Will regularly visit church members, especially those in the hospital, nursing homes, and homebound.
- Will visit prospective members.
- Will be active in our local community.
- Will be able to help the church discern and make changes where needed.

