

# Calvary Baptist Church of Bastrop

April 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I often struggle with what to write in the newsletter, as has been the case this last week as Christi asked us to turn in our articles by the end of the week. My struggle is usually because I simply do not enjoy writing. This time I believe it is because I had not received all of what God wanted me to know before I wrote to you. If I had written Friday I would not have received your expression of love and support that you gave me Sunday morning. It is unbelievable that Bonita and I have been here seven years, but it was March 1, 2004 that we began our ministry here.

The old saying is that time flies when you're having a good time. But I believe even more true is that time flies when you're loved and in love. I truly do feel loved and I know that God has given me a deep love for each of you. Your thoughtfulness caused me to think about all we have faced together, good and bad. Thinking about these things makes me love you that much more. May God continue to bless each of you as we serve Him together.

Your servant,

Pastor Richard

PS.

Remember our "Praying God's Heart", Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am till 3:00 pm. A few of you have let me know of previous engagements that cannot be changed, thank you. This is an important time for us as God's family to move forward.

## April Birthdays

April 3rd: Debbie Crites

April 7th: Michelle Anderson

April 8th: Harold Owen

April 10th: Daniel Robinson

April 11th: Samantha Whitcomb

April 15th: Henry Tomlin

April 16th: Buster Watson

April 21st: Aimer Ruble

April 23rd: Jeanette Cassady, Kaye McDaniel

April 25th: Mike Witte

April 28th: James Phillips



# March 2011 Numbers of Interest

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$22,250.40
Giving for March 2011	\$20,558.55
Building Fund - year to date	\$200.00
Bibles for Bangladesh - year to date	\$330.00
Sunday School Avg. Attendance	73
Worship Service Avg. Attendance	109
New Members this Month	0
2011 New Members	2
2011 Baptisms	0

## Deacons of the Week

March 27th - April 2nd	Pat Carroll 971-6370
April 3rd - April 9th	Glen Wilkinson 303-1317
April 10th - April 16th	Mike Witte 985-5330
April 17th - April 23rd	James Russell 285-6228
April 24th - April 30th	Ray Crites 285-6603
May 1st- May 7th	John Turner 303-7272

# THE GIFT OF GRIEF ACCEPTANCE & RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Meets each 1st & 3rd Thursday  
at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Have you ever noticed the word “Acceptance” in the title of our group? I decided soon after we started meeting to include “Acceptance & Recovery” in name. This is how I explain our purpose: God has given us the gift of the ability to grieve. Grief heals. How? By accepting what one has lost (i.e., the death of a loved one, health failure, divorce, loss of a job), one can begin to rebuild a life—and recover!

Did you notice that I didn’t use the word “closure”? “Closure” is a myth, for that would indicate one had completely forgotten about the loss and never felt pain and heartache again. There is so much to learn through our losses: from realizing that, through Christ’s strength, one really can overcome anything. As we accept and begin to recover from the crippling agony, we draw nearer to God and become more compassionate, more understanding of others, and even more tolerant of human frailties.

Whenever I read 2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 7, I understand why God chose me for the grief counseling ministry. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our afflictions so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For as the sufferings of Christ overflow to us, so our comfort overflows through Christ. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is experienced in the endurance of the same sufferings that we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that as you share in the sufferings, so you will share in the comfort.”

As I witness a group participant’s progress to acceptance and on to recovery, my heart rejoices as they reach out to others who are in pain.

In His Name,

Loretta A. Pawlus, BS, CT

## Children's Ministry – Faith Factory

March has flown by. I have spent a lot of time getting better acquainted with the town of Bastrop. I have even been told that I can pronounce it correctly now. On one of my days in the area, the folks at Walnut Ridge Apartments accepted an idea for Calvary to host an Easter Egg hunt on their premises. The same week, Highland Lakes Camp staff volunteered to help our church with an outreach. **We are now calling the event an Easter Festival and it is scheduled for the Saturday before Easter, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1pm-4pm.** I feel like God is opening doors for us to reach our community with the Good News. It is a big job and we serve a BIG God. There is nothing He cannot do.

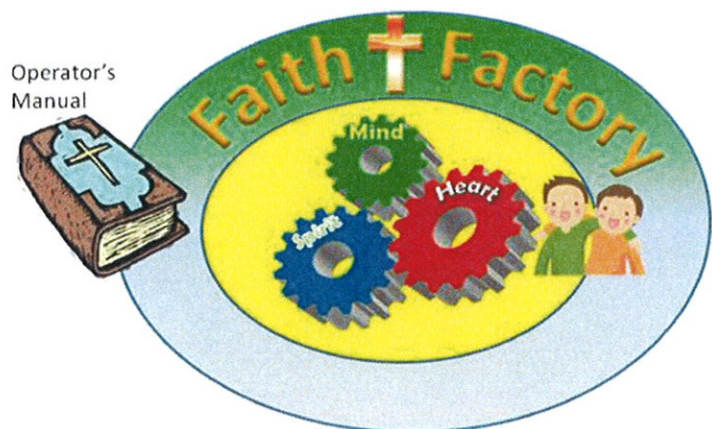
I am excited that God allows us to participate in His most important work. Even children can participate in the work of telling others about Jesus, but they must be taught. They must learn how to trust the Bible and how to live disciplined lives. Children need to see adults and teens living out their faith. They do not need much encouragement to praise with their hands lifted high and their hearts open. That is the freedom of being a child. We need helpers in the children's area. Open your hearts and lift your hands to God in surrender to the need and say 'Use me'. Any time, any way, any place Lord, if it pleases you, use me.

### **Evonne Boggs – Children's Minister**

#### About our logo – Why Faith Factory?

It is a visual reminder of a process of learning. The Bible goes into our minds, our hearts and our spirit to produce spiritually strong children. The cross and what it represents is at the center of our message.

Our ministry to children teaches the Word of God and lets children meditate on its precepts through practical application.



# April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:30 A.M. Morning Bible Study 10:50 A.M. Morning Worship 6:00 P.M. Evening Bible Study					1 10:00 A.M. Prayer Closet 6 P.M. Barnes rehearsal	2 5:00 P.M. Barnes Wedding
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Birthdays and Anniversaries Lord's Supper 4:30 P.M. Choir Practice 6:00 P.M. The Church Awakening		10:00 A.M. Nursing Home Ministry <b>**11:00 A.M. WMU Meeting</b>	10:00 A.M. MOPS 1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting 5:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service Deacon Meeting	10am & 7:00 P.M. Gift of Grief		9am - 3pm Praying God's Heart
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Fellowship Meal 4:30 P.M. Choir Practice 6:00 P.M. The Church Awakening Advisory Meeting			1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting 5:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service			.
17 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23
4:30 P.M. Choir Practice 6:00 P.M. The Church Awakening Business Meeting		10:00 A.M. Nursing Home Ministry	10:00 A.M. MOPS 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service	10am & 7:00 P.M. Gift of Grief	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	Easter Egg Hunt Walnut Ridge Apt 1-4 pm
24 <b>Easter</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# April 2011 Prayer Guide

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><b>We Pray...</b></p> <p><b>"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name..."</b></p>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
"...Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."	Pray for God's provision for those who are unemployed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister of Youth &amp; Search Committee</li> <li>WMU meeting &amp; missionaries visiting from China</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBC Staff members</li> <li>Mother's of Preschoolers and their children</li> </ul>	Jesus, help women mourning the death of a loved one experience God's comfort and peace.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Director</li> <li>Pianist</li> <li>Organist</li> </ul>	Praying God's Heart Study 9 -3pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
"Give us this day our daily bread..."	Pray for those struggling with loneliness, that they would experience the closeness of a Savior.	Pray for God's peace to rule in your hearts. Col. 3:15	Lord, help teen moms know they are not alone and they are deeply loved by God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Golden Oldies' bus trip to George Bush Museum</li> <li>Church Secretary</li> </ul>	Budget & Finance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Government</li> <li>State Government</li> </ul>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
"...lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil..."	Pray that youth struggling with self image would find identity in Christ.	Pray for Christians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to experience Joy</li> <li>to live Christ like character before the world</li> </ul> John 17:11,13	Pray for youth to let Jesus fill that void in their life instead of drugs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's director Evonne Boggs</li> <li>Camp: Preteen- 8/1-8/4 Children's 8/5-8/6</li> </ul>	"Lord send me to _____ that they may come to know you as Christ believing in eternity." John 6:68-69	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Egg Hunt 1-4 P.M.</li> <li>Safety</li> <li>fellowship</li> </ul>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p><b>Let us look at ourselves this week. We are called to prayer with a clean heart:</b></p> <p>"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear. But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer." Psalms 66:18-19</p> <p>God grant that my life will seek your light and walk in it daily. Ephesians 4:17-32</p>						
<p>"...for Yours is the kingdom, power, and glory forever. Amen"</p>						

## The Blessing of Availability

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.*

*1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NIV*

What a wonderful opportunity we have in sharing Christ's love with others then when we get to visit and learn more about our missionary friends. Please join Calvary WMU April 5 at 11 am in welcoming Elaine Hennessy and Migyeong Kang back to Bastrop. These special ladies will share their love for the people and children of China with us.

During our meal we will be taking a love offering for Elaine and Migyeong to purchase gloves and hand warmers for the children and people they are sharing Christ's love.

If you are interested in bringing a salad or desert, please contact me at home 303-3998.

Blessings,

Kathy Watson





*Is THIS where  
you sing most  
of the time?*

**Come Join  
the  
Choir.....**

**Dress Casual**  
*Sundays 4:30 pm*



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