

Calvary Baptist Church of Bastrop

February 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

February is "Love Month". Millions of cards will be given, tons of candy sent, and thousands of flowers delivered, all in the name of love. I am not a great romantic but I do believe these things are important. It is important that we express our feelings to one another. Husbands need to say to their wives "I love you!" Children need to say to their parents "I love you!" Friends need to express love to one another. In our world where self-centeredness is rampant; true affection, caring, and concern needs to be expressed.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 15:13 says, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

These two verses illustrate true love and how it is expressed. True love gives not just things like above but it gives of one's self. When one truly loves he gives his life for another. God in giving His only Son was giving His own life for those He loves.

Giving one's life does not usually mean dying for another but it means more. It means living with the one-loved best interests at heart. Sometimes that means discipline. Often it means praise. Nearly always it means time spent with and on the one loved. Cards, flowers, and candy are important if they truly are an expression of love but time is essential. Send the gifts and make the time.

May God bless you.

Pastor Richard

February Birthdays

February 1: Georgia Parmelee

February 6: Brenda Lathan, Jerry Lippold

February 7: Ann Steele

February 11: Denise Baker

February 13: Loree' Hamrick

February 15: Kathy Craig

February 19: Jessica Eskew

February 25: Byrlene Jones, Myrlene Saegert

February 28: Donna Rickard

February 29: G.T. Vickers



February Anniversaries

February 8: Glen & Nina Wilkinson

February 12: Joe & Linda Rizzo

February 21: Curtis & Marlene Ray

January 2011 Numbers of Interest

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$22,250.40
Giving for January 2011	\$20,225.86
Building Fund - year to date	\$150.00
Bibles for Bangladesh - year to date	\$125.00
Sunday School Avg. Attendance	77
Worship Service Avg. Attendance	92
New Members this Month	0
2011 New Members	0
2011 Baptisms	0

Deacons of the Week

January 30th - February 5th Ray Crites 285-6603

February 6th -12th John Turner 303-7272

February 13th - 19th Pat Carroll 971-6370

February 20th - 26th Glen Wilkinson 303-1317

February 27th - March 5th Mike Witte 985-5330

THE GIFT OF GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Meets each 1st & 3rd Thursday
at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

GRIEF IS ONLY TEMPORARY

Because God raised Jesus from the dead, the sorrow of the grave is temporary, at best. Someday we will no longer feel death's sting. Someday "death" will be "swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54). Till that day we do not have to mourn as those who have no hope. Because God raised Jesus, we know that we too shall be raised and reunited with our loved ones.

When you share your losses with others who mourn, your burden is lighter. Join The Gift of Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, Room 4.

For more information, call Loretta Pawlus at 321-3818.

Children's Ministry – Faith Factory

Psalm 127:3 Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

I am extremely blessed to say that I am the newest staff member at Calvary Baptist Church. My name is Evonne Boggs. My husband, Paul and I have been praying that God would show us how to best use our experiences and training. We knew that God would not lead us this far without a mission field. We have experienced firsthand what God can do with lives fully surrendered to His will. Our hearts for service have found a home at Highland Lakes Camp and now also at Calvary Baptist. I look forward to meeting each of the saints that have been faithfully serving children here and to hear your heart for children.

My desire is to insure that every child in our community has the opportunity to understand how precious they are to God. They are loved far more than they will be able to imagine. They are not a mistake of a big bang they are carefully crafted creations of Almighty God. No American Idol or Bachelor can compare with the incredible journey mapped out by the one who created us all.

Faith is like any muscle in the body. It gets stronger when it is exercised. When we hear the Word of God and trust Him we get to see that His Word is true and that He will never let us down. The goal of Children's ministry is to be sure that children will hear the Word. Just as important is that throughout the week children will have opportunities to not only hear the Word of God but to LIVE the word out through their lives.

Get ready for God sized adventures. Put on your running shoes and warm up your faith muscles. How long will it take? I don't know but it will be an awesome journey!

Please keep our family in your prayers as we adjust to a new church family, a new drive routine and a new ministry. Pray that we will be aware of each opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Evonne Boggs

February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg 10:00 A.M. Nursing Home Ministry	10:00 A.M. MOPS 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service/ Youth & Children's Activities Deacon/ LMC Meeting	10am & 7:00 P.M. Gift of Grief	10:00 A.M. Prayer Closet	Adult Banquet
<u>Every Sunday</u> 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:50 A.M. Morning Worship 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
Birthdays and Anniversaries Lord's Supper 4:30 P.M. Choir Practice		9:30 A.M. WMU 10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg.	6:30 P.M. Prayer Service/ Youth & Children's Activities			
	14	15	16	17	18	19
Fellowship Meal Youth Dessert Auction 4:30 P.M. Choir Practice Advisory Meeting		10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg 10:00 A.M. Nursing Home Ministry	10:00 A.M. MOPS 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service/ Youth & Children's Activities	10am & 7:00 P.M. Gift of Grief		Wild About You Party
	21	22	23	24	25	26
4:30 P.M. Choir Practice Business Meeting		10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg.	6:30 P.M. Prayer Service/ Youth & Children's Activities			
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4:30 P.M. Choir Practice						

February 2011 - Prayer Closet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's Staff Elderly in Nursing homes and Independent living 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOPS Moppets Their leaders and teachers 	Grieving persons and families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial Personnel Hospitality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valentine Banquet
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor & Bonnie Shahan Minister of Music and wife Debbie Young ladies bible study grades 9th-12th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school Seniors CBC Youth group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's Staff WMU Women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Students CBC Elementary group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your neighbors to the left and right 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your Doctors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBC Pianist Debbie Crites
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor & Bonnie Shahan Young ladies bible study grades 9th-12th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your wife or husband 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's Staff Nursing Home Personnel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yourself CBC Children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's family directory pages 1-2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's family directory pages 3-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's Organist Janita Bush Young ladies last night of bible study
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Minister Children's Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's family directory pages 5-6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's Staff Nursing Home Ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's family directory pages 7-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's family directory pages 9-10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's family directory pages 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janitorial Staff Tom & Patsy Nagle
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Minister Search Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvary's Deacon Body 					

Women's Missionary Union

Compelled to Serve

"Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power."

Psalm 110:3

One mark of revival, during which God comes to His people in power, is that God's people are compelled to offer their lives for His service. Many churches lack people who are willing to get involved in carrying out God's redemptive work. The mission fields are crying out for Christians to go and share the gospel with those who've never heard it. What we need is not more pleas for volunteers, but an outpouring of the power of God. When God comes among His people in power, there is never a shortage of volunteers or resources for His work!

When Christians today are asked what aspects of the Christian life are most important to them, missions is not usually ranked as a priority. This is because we have lost track of why God called us in the first place. We were not saved from our sin simply so that we would qualify for heaven. God delivered us so we would have a relationship with Him through which He could carry out His mission to redeem a lost world.

Only the power of God can free us from our natural self-centeredness and reorient us toward the *mission* of God. There is no need to pray that God would come in power. That is the only way He ever comes. We need hearts that are so responsive to Him that He will choose to demonstrate His power through us.

Are our hearts so filled with love for God, that we are watching for the first opportunity to say with Isaiah, "Here am I. Send me!"

--Experiencing God Day-by-Day. Henry T Blackaby and Richard Blackaby

Spiritual awakening and revival will never come to our families, churches, communities, continent or world without it first coming to our individual hearts. Even Christians strong in their faith and the expression of it in word and deed need times of renewal and reflection on where God has brought them and where He is leading them to go. We need renewal. We need revival. We need to experience afresh God's power and presence in our lives. We need His eyes to see, His ears to hear, His heart to love, His hands to touch, and His mind to engage people where they are and lead them to Him. Only then can we move out toward others with evangelistic passion and purpose.

Please pray for our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions and Missionaries. Week of Prayer for this offering is March 6-13, 2011. Our church goal is \$3,200.

Kathy Watson

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