

Calvary Baptist Church of Bastrop

May 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good! Even with all the tragedies around us this last month, fires, tornados, flooding, continued war, God is good! He has shown His goodness here with the wonderful turn out of workers for the Easter event at Walnut Ridge Apartments. May God bless each one of you who took part in that outreach and the ones from Highland Lakes. Several of you also helped with the youth event at YesterFest. (A special thanks to Larry White for organizing it.)

I can see God blessing your efforts. The six that have joined our family this month are an example. Visitors every Sunday and growing attendance are another. The thirty-eight plus that have been taking part in the "Church Awakening Study" have been blessed and are another example of God's blessing.

May we rejoice in His Goodness and continue to surrender to His call to serve. There are needs for more who will drive the bus, assist with children's classes, and lead adult classes. Please listen for God to speak to you about your place of service. He is good!

Your servant,

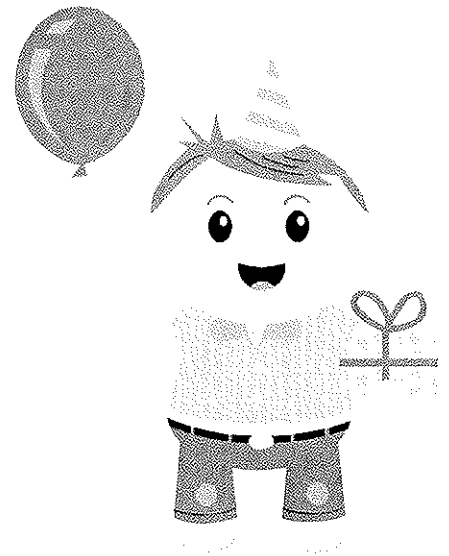
Pastor Richard

May Birthdays

5/2	Moore	Glenda
5/5	Robinson	Jeff
5/7	Miller	Christopher
5/8	Mahone	Caleb
5/8	Chalmers	Brian
5/10	Drake	Otis
5/11	McLaurin	Larue
5/12	Barcelo	June
5/12	Lawler	Joline
5/16	Drake	Trey
5/19	Whitcomb	Phillip
5/21	Bobbitt	Burnis

May Anniversaries

Pereira	Daniel & Barbara	5/13
Ruble	Vernon & Aimer	5/23
Witte	Mike & Sherry	5/25
Shahan	Richard & Bonnie	5/26
Woehl	Bobby & Bonnie	5/31
Carroll	Pat & Teresa	5/31



April 2011 Numbers of Interest

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$22,250.40
Giving for April 2011	\$14,600.05
Building Fund - year to date	\$200.00
Bibles for Bangladesh - year to date	\$365.00
Sunday School Avg. Attendance	77
Worship Service Avg. Attendance	106
New Members this Month	6
2011 New Members	8
2011 Baptisms	0

Deacons of the Week

May 1st- May 7th	John Turner 303-7272
May 9th - May 15th	Pat Carroll 971-6370
May 16th- 22nd	Glen Wilkinson 303-1317
May 23rd - 29th	Mike Witte 985-5330
May 30th- June 5th	Jerry Lippold 985-6849

THE GIFT OF GRIEF ACCEPTANCE & RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Meets each 1st & 3rd Thursday

at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

“The Lord is near the brokenhearted; He saves those crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18

During almost every support group session, I ask three questions: “What is lost?”, “What is left?”, and “What is next?” Lately, we’ve been talking about what’s next, or beginning again. Whenever a person who has begun to heal by fully experiencing their grief needs more encouragement, I try to direct their attention to the task of reconstructing their life. Some of the words I use at that time follow:

When your grief is new, you cannot imagine that the time will come when you will look back and realize that you have done things you never thought you could do and that you are stronger than you ever imagined you could be.

The path to a new beginning of your life after suffering a loss that is forever and forever changes your life is usually painful and long—sometimes seemingly endless. But death sweetens life, and life can be good again; sometimes even better because of all you learn as you draw closer to God, trusting on His provision of strength and understanding.

In those dark moments of intense sorrow, we must personalize God’s promises: Matthew 28:20 makes it clear that He is always with us. “Teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Jeremiah 29:11 assures us that He has a good plan and future for us—so that we may dream new dreams and build new beginnings. “For I know the plans I have for you—your welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

In Psalm 66:19-20 we learn that He is faithful and hears our prayers, even in our discouragement and doubt. “However, God has listened; He has paid attention to the sound of my prayers. May God be praised! He has not turned away my prayer or turned His faithful love from me.”

Have there been times in your life that you felt God wasn’t hearing your prayers? It is not unusual to reach that depth of sorrow, so there is yet another promise from the Lord in Hebrews 4:16 that we may “approach the throne of grace with boldness so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time.”

And, so, let us thank the Lord for His promises and know that we can begin living joyfully again.

Blessings,

Loretta A. Pawlus, BS, CT

Bereavement Facilitator

Children's Ministry – Faith Factory

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

A good work was started here many years ago. God is still alive in this fellowship. There is a faithful remnant here that blankets the work in prayer. I am encouraged each week when I look into young faces and see God's spirit growing in them. These children are already planted in my heart.

I have experienced unexpected blessings as I have watched adults spend weeks decorating our Faith Factory. A talented artist, innovative thinkers and tireless workers have created the best children's wing that I have ever seen. It makes me smile every time I walk into it. Faith Factory is not just a logo; it is a process. As we have stepped out in faith, God has blessed the effort and our faith has been strengthened. What started as a way to teach children has taught this seasoned believer so much about God's provisions. I have much still to learn.

On April 23rd, we were blessed with an opportunity to provide an Easter Festival to a local gated community. This opportunity made it possible for us to visit with families right where they live. Highland Lakes Camp partnered with us and provided volunteers, music, over 100 cupcakes and an inflatable so that we would not have to bear the costs alone. We are grateful for the blessing. We met over 100 new people; they now know that we are ready to serve because of our love for Jesus Christ. It seems so appropriate that this kind of unselfish giving of time and blending of ministries would happen during the Easter season. We have been loved completely and we pour that love back to those around us. To God be the Glory!

Evonne Boggs- Children's Minister

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Birthdays and Anniversaries Children's Moment begins 4:30 P.M. Choir Practice	10:00 A.M. Nursing Home Ministry	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	10:00 A.M. Prayer Closet		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day 4:30 P.M. Choir Practice Advisory Meeting	9:30 A.M. WMU	1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting 5:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4:30 P.M. Choir Practice Business Meeting	10:00 A.M. Nursing Home Ministry	10:00 A.M. MOPS 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 P.M. Meal	10am & 7:00 P.M. Gift of Grief			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4:30 P.M. Choir Practice			1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting 5:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service			
29	30	31				
5th Sunday Benevolence Fund Offering 4:30 P.M. Choir Practice	Holiday- Office Closed					

May 2011 Prayer Guide

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 God, you are awesome and I'm so thankful for who you are. You are the Creator, the King of Kings, the Redeemer, the Strong Tower, the Ever-Present	2 Pray for our missionaries	3 Pray for our Minister of Youth and Search Committee	4 Pray over: • MOPS Program and Moppets • Children everywhere	5 Pray over those suffering from: • The loss of a loved one • Losses causing great sadness	6 Pray over Homebound and Nursing Home residents	7 Pray for those graduating from High school and College and their future.
8 Father, help me to distinguish Satan's lies from the truth. Show me how to extinguish his fiery missiles of deception so I can walk in victory.	9 Pray for: Pastor Shahan Bonnie Shahan	10 Pray for: God's provision for those who are unemployed	11 Pray for: God's direction in your own life today	12 Pray for: Leaders who minister to the deaf and hard of hearing.	13 Father, help me daily witness to the good news of Jesus Christ	14 "Sunshine, health, laughter to you this day."
15 Father, help me to be pure. Help me to obey Your Word. Even though it's often contrary to our culture's expectations.	16 Pray for the: • Minister of Music • Pianist • Organist	17 God, our Savior, I pray _____ will be saved and come to a knowledge of the Truth. 1 Tim. 2:14	18 Pray for VBS June 27-July 1 • Workers • Leaders • Children	19 Pray for your neighbors to the • North • East • West • South of you.	20 Pray for Relay for Life • Walkers & Runners • Safety & Endurance	21
22 "Search me, O God, and know my heart, test me and know my thought. Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me along the path of everlasting life."	23 Pray for: Children's Director & Leaders	24 Pray for: Calvary's Families	25 Pray for: Youth Summer Camp Boys & Girls Camp	26 Pray for: National Government • President • Congress • Senate	27 Pray for: Local Government State Government	28 Let your light shine for Jesus today.
29 Father, you can make beauty out of ashes. Help us to look for all the ways You show us Your love.	30 Memorial Day Pray for our liberty (freedom) and those who fought & still fight for it.	31 Pray for: Your Boss & Co-Workers	<p>"Above all, fear the Lord and worship Him faithfully with all your heart, considering the great things He has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24</p>			



**Watch for Announcements
About
Upcoming Training Sessions**
Come join our Sound Team

You Are Invited!

If you are not already involved in Bible study at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, please visit the Overcomer's Class. We are finishing up our study on the security of the believer and, in mid May, will begin a new study on Philippians 2:5. That verse tells us to think and act like Jesus did while he was on earth. It is a challenging command and there are many, many verses that describe the heart mind of Jesus. Join us as we explore the Bible, both old and new testaments, and seek to personally let the mind of Christ reign in our own hearts and minds. We hope to see you in our class.

Becky and Manny Manfred

