

# Calvary Baptist Church of Bastrop

## November 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Can you believe that it is November? Thanksgiving is upon us and Christmas is around the corner. The question that is often asked in these times is, is it Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays? I also ask, what happened to Thanksgiving? Let us be sure that Christ remains in Christmas beginning with giving thanks for His grace in our lives. Our annual Thanksgiving meal will be on our usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday mealtime that is November 14<sup>th</sup>. Then on Sunday evening November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at First Assembly of God will be the Community Thanksgiving service. I encourage you to be a part of this important expression of the unity of Christ's body in our community. One more means of Thanksgiving, on Sunday morning November 28<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate thanks to Christ our Lord through a service of testimonies. I will share more on this service the Sunday before but be looking for your most meaningful scripture and asking God to help you share words of thanks for His grace.

November 28<sup>th</sup> is also the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. For several years now we have celebrated the anticipation of the coming of Christ by beginning our morning services by lighting Advent Candles. If you would like to help with one of the readings please write your name a phone number and Advent on a paper for me. The choir is working on a cantata to be presented Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> at four PM. Then the Advent services conclude with the lighting of the Christ candle on Christmas Eve. If you would like to help plan this special time please express your interest to me.

The New Year is quickly approaching but let us be sure that 2010 goes out with Thanksgiving and CHRISTmas. This will be accomplished as we corporately and individually focus on CHRIST.

With Christ Love,

Pastor Richard

## November Birthdays

11/1: Artie McLaurin, Avery Whitcomb- Juarez

11/2: Cody Taylor

11/3: Dolly Mihura, Kinsey Moore

11/4: Laura Jaso

11/5: Bena Genoway, Lana Crum

11/10: Nicholas Newell

11/12: Ashley Allen, Robert Crum

11/14: Cody Jakobeit

11/15: Loretta Pawlus

11/22: Adina Cox, Laurie Eskew, Brandi Jaso

11/23: Marlene Ray

11/24: Albert Hernandez

11/30: Dorothy Bumstead, Adella Smith



## November Anniversaries

November 5th: Allen & Laura Henderson

James & Mary Russell

November 13th: Tim & Donna Stilp

November 14th: David & Glenda Moore

November 18th: JP & Loretta Pawlus

November 23rd: Tommy & Wanda Womack

# October 2010 Numbers of Interest

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$22,250.40
Giving for October 2010	\$22,237.20
Building Fund - year to date	\$5,575.00
Bibles for Bangladesh - year to date	\$1,280.00
Sunday School Avg. Attendance	86
Worship Service Avg. Attendance	100
New Members this Month	0
2010 New Members	12
2010 Baptisms	6

## Deacons of the Week

October 31st - November 6th Larry Smith 496-6104

November 7th - 13th Glen Wilkinson 303-1317

November 14th - 20th Mike Witte 985-5330

November 21st - 27th Steven Newman 281-2752

November 28th - December 4th James Russell 285-6228

# November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:50 A.M. Morning Worship 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship		10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg 10:00 A.M. Nursing Home Ministry	10:00 A.M. MOPS 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service/ Children's Activities Deacon Meeting LMC Meeting	10am & 7:00 P.M. Gift of Grief		
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends	8	9	10	11	12	13
Birthdays and Anniversaries 12:00 Noon Youth Outing 4:30 P.M. Choir Practice <b>7:00 P.M. Advisory Meeting</b>		9:30 A.M. WMU 10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg	6:30 P.M. Prayer Service/ Children's Activities	<b>Holiday- Office Closed</b> Ladies Night Out Men's Night Out		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Fellowship Meal 4:30 P.M. Choir Practice <b>7:00 P.M. Business Meeting</b>		10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg. 10:00 A.M. Nursing Home Ministry	10:00 A.M. MOPS 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service/ Children's Activities	10am & 7:00 P.M. Gift of Grief		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
4:30 P.M. Choir Practice Community Wide Thanksgiving Service		10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg	No Services	<b>Office Holiday</b>	<b>Office Holiday</b>	
28	29	30				
4:30 P.M. Choir Practice		10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg.				

# THE GIFT OF GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

## **THE COURAGE TO GRIEVE**

It takes courage—a lot of courage—to grieve. Grief is painful—agonizingly so. And it lasts so long—sometimes seemingly forever. In fact, those who have grieved know that one does not “get over it”—one merely learns to accept and live with their loss. That loss becomes a part of who you are; and with God’s help, you can become a different person: stronger, more compassionate, more tolerant, and more hopeful. If God can use this misery for some benefit, what else can He do? He has already given you the ability to grieve—what we call the gift of grief—and has promised that you will be comforted. I so firmly believe that ours is a loving God that I expect to find meaning and purpose in all of life’s infirmities. But it is a difficult, trying journey through the valley of the shadow of death, and my ministry is to help those who grieve over the obstacles and around the traps so that they can live joyously again—perhaps even more joyously than ever before.

Loretta A. Pawlus, BS, CT

Bereavement Facilitator

The Gift of Grief Acceptance and Recovery Support Group

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month, 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

# Ladies Ministry Council

Be on the lookout for sign up sheets for:

Ladies Night Out - November 11th

Christmas Lights Trip to Marble Falls - December 3rd

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## WMU

For those of us who grew up in a Southern Baptist church and experienced a special focus on international missions each December, Lottie Moon is like a well-loved friend. We know the story of her sacrifice to share Christ with the Chinese people at a time when single women were not readily accepted in the world of career missions. We know her as a champion for missions giving and missionary sending, regardless of how tough things were at home economically and within the Baptist life.

As we enter this season of prayer and giving on behalf of international missions, let's remember the other "Lottie Moons" serving around the world today. They, too, experience hardships, risk, and persecution, but regardless of the circumstances, they are committed to following God's call. We serve them when we pray, give, and go so all the world may know our Savior, Jesus.

One of the most important things we can do as Christians is pray. Here is an update from our friends Sam and Delores York serving in Haiti. Please keep the York's and the people groups they are working with in your prayers.

*We are now constructing houses in 14 towns/communities. It is exciting to see houses going up. It is a beautiful opportunity to show God's love in a hands on manner. Please, continue to pray for the many who do not have houses, jobs, and resources for life. Pray especially for those who do not have life in Jesus Christ. Pray for those who are still working in Haiti in our absence.*

*We ask you prayers for Sam right now, as we are in the Dominican Republic for him to get healthcare. He has multiple kidney stones and kidney infection. At this point, he is doing better than he was a few days ago. Pray for the antibiotics to work, stones to pass, and wisdom as the doctors make a plan of action. We appreciate your lifting Sam in prayer to the Great Physician, lifting Tinana as she is once again separated from us, and for me as I attempt to be both wife and nurse.*

*Sam and Delores York*

*Phil. 4:13*

*Southern Baptist Missionaries working with Haitians*

Kathy Watson, WMU President

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