

Calvary Baptist Church of Bastrop

September 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After a particularly hard day of hearing things like my brother has leukemia, Vernon Ruble's colon is perforated, and a hurricane is going up the east coast of the U.S., I awoke the next morning singing "Reach out to Jesus, He's a reaching out to you", followed by "This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord hath made", followed by "It is well, with my soul". Praise God that in the state we find our world today that we have God's assurance of Romans 8:28, thus we can reach out to Jesus, etc.

Even with the state of our world there are still many good things going on. One is Calvary's 40th anniversary. This church was organized in September of 1971, thus we are going to celebrate our 40th anniversary Sunday September 25th. This day is to be a day of praise to our Lord, of remembering our routes, and looking forward to what God is yet to do through us, Calvary Baptist Church. In preparing for the anniversary I know one of the ways God desires to use us in the future is to reach people who have not yet received Him as Lord, thus we need to be doing this now. That means praying for whom our Lord wants each of us to reach and seeking Him on how to reach out. Let's start or continue now.

May God bless each of you.

Pastor Richard

September Birthdays

09/01: Amara Whitcomb
09/02: Benton Eskew
09/09: Jillian White, Glen Wilkinson
09/13: Shelby Eskew, Daniel Pereira
09/18: Georgia Miller
09/19: Edye White
09/20: Vina Eskew
09/22: LeRoy Barcelo
09/30: Manny Manferd

September Anniversaries

09/01: Steve & Kelly Jones
09/02: Manny & Becky Manferd

August 2011 Numbers of Interest

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$22,250.40
Giving for August 2011	\$18,9853.53
Building Fund - year to date	\$250.00
Sunday School Avg. Attendance	77
Worship Service Avg. Attendance	103
New Members this Month	3
2011 New Members	11
2011 Baptisms	0

Deacons of the Week

8/29-9/4	Mike Witte	985-5330
9/5-9/11	Jerry Lippold	985-6849
9/12- 9/18	Ray Crites	285-6603
9/19- 9/25	John Turner	303-7272
9/26- 10/2	Pat Carroll	971-6370

THE GIFT OF GRIEF ACCEPTANCE & RECOVERY SUPPORT
GROUP

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

A Serenity Prayer for Grievors

God, grant me the strength to keep moving when I can,
to rest when I need to,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Nurturing your faith and staying in touch with yourself and God through prayer is one way of allowing the voice of your soul to break through and bring you wisdom for your way to healing. The Psalms offer many words written by those in the depths of grief. They cry out for the wisdom of God and then, feeling alone no longer, take one more step back into an active, engaged life.

May God's richest blessings be yours,

Loretta A. Pawlus, BS, CT

Bereavement Facilitator

Children's Ministry – Faith Factory

If you want to see God work you gotta' get out of the boat.

Let me tell you a story about my God.

A few years back I was comfortably entrenched in my church routine in Georgia. I loved my church and had a wonderful Sunday school class but I began to feel that God had more for me to do. So I served on the decoration committee for the new sanctuary; I discovered that I do not have a passion for what color the carpet should be. I asked God to lead me. Every time I went to this committee meeting I passed a bulletin board that showed the need for teachers, specifically 6th grade Sunday school. I remember quickly looking away because I did NOT want to teach 6th grade.

One by one all the other Sunday school positions were filled but that 6th grade class kept staring at me from the wall. I decided to just fill in one Sunday. After all, one Sunday wouldn't kill me. It was oddly comfortable and difficult at the same time. As the kids left the class, the child that gave me the hardest time asked if I would be back next Sunday. I said 'No, I was just filling in.' He said 'Oh, I thought so. No one wants us.' And my heart broke over the need that day. I asked God to send me anywhere and His answer was right in front of me. Teaching that class was one of the best lessons in following God that I could ever have had. I learned that if I was faithful to the call, He would supply everything I need. Those 6th graders became a strong youth group and that youth group rides in a cramped van all the way from Georgia to Texas on their Spring Break each year to work in the heat for God's glory. They work on Highland Lakes camp building walls, breaking up concrete pads, painting, cleaning. They work harder than any mission group I have ever seen. They come to our chapel, they lead in worship and they bless us with their sacrificial service. This year all my 6th graders had graduated and were now in college. But their youth group still came; I am now seeing my 3rd grade GAs in the youth group. One of my 6th graders, now a Freshman in college came back for the whole summer to work on the Summer Mission Team, the camp directors tell me he was a special blessing.

So when I accepted the job at Calvary, driving 1 ½ hours to work didn't seem odd at all. I knew it was not me that would be doing it. God is all over this. Come join in the adventure. Don't turn away from the need. As long as we breathe there is a way for God to use us. Here are the needs:

Nursery workers – one month at a time, if we get 6 workers to volunteer you will only have to love on babies twice a year or more if you really want to. Sing them 'Jesus loves me'. They don't even care if you are on key.

Back up Sunday school workers to give our teachers a break from time to time.

Wednesday nights – *DON'T LOOK AWAY NOW* – these kids need us. One was baptized here last year; two accepted Jesus Christ at VBS this year. They need someone to model Christ for them. Will you be there for them? God does the hard part and with His help I do the planning – I just need workers.

Evonne Boggs- Children's Minister

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				10am & 7:00 P.M. Gift of Grief		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Birthdays and Anniversaries 4:30 P.M. Choir Practice	Holiday- Office Closed		1:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service Deacon Meeting	6 P.M. Ladies Night Out	10:00 A.M. Prayer Closet	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
4:30 P.M. Choir Practice Advisory Meeting			1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting 5:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service	10am & 7:00 P.M. Gift of Grief		Children's Teacher Training 9am-12pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4:30 P.M. Choir Practice Business Meeting			1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting 5:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service			Disaster Relief Training
25	26	27	28	29	30	
CBC 40th Anniversary			1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting 5:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M. Prayer Service			

September 2011 Prayer Guide

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We...are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:5						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Give thanks to the lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1	Directors of U.S executive agencies, will govern with wisdom and fairness	That God will lead President Obama and V.P. Biden in National and International affairs	Cabinet and justice officials and Supreme Court Justices will administer truth and justices	Those who serve in U.S. Congress. They will act in best interest of their constituents.	God will use our church, city and county officials to meet the needs of our community	Do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together...
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
"REMEMBER "	Pray that the leaders Church will be to the Lord as the transition.	of Calvary Baptist yielded and open ministry undergoes	Pray that Gods love and kindness will be reflected at Calvary	Ask god to give our leaders great faith in HIS ability to work wonders.	Pastor Shahan and family will be protected from illness, discouragement and God will guard their hearts	That God's power will accompany His Word as the Gospel is shared at Calvary.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
PRAY, BELIEVE, EXPECT God to answer. ACCEPT His peace. REST IN him.	PRAY AND STAND BY ISRAEL	It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge The PROVIDENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD. Praise Him always.	THINK UPON THIS: way you are, but he you there. He wants like his. He wants JESUS.	God loves you the refuses to leave you to have a heart you to be just like	We are commanded to Stop...Rest... Relax, Let go and make time for God. Psalms 46:10	Believing God for great things uses your faith to point others to Christ.
25	26	27	28	29	30	
40 th Anniversary Calvary Baptist Church	Church families: Love Peace Unity Forgiveness	Building and Grounds, Janitorial Personal	Invite a new acquaintance to share a glass of tea, Get to know each other, both will be encouraged.	Prepare for the next season ahead. Think of the Fruits of the Spirit of God in your life?	" Ahhhh! The last day of the month! Sit back, relax, enjoy a cup of coffee, and read your favorite book!"	Choose to be happy it is an attitude that will improve every part of your life.

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