



THE FAMILY

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

JUNE 2011



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| 3 Michael Spencer | 14 Russell Coleman |
| 4 Elise Bach | 15 Ron Hall |
| 5 Josh Patheal | 21 June Wooten |
| 5 Laneigh Tivet | 21 Jace & Rylee Patheal |
| 7 Nina Bates | 22 Elena Bach |
| 7 Doug Peteet | 23 Tammy Miga |
| 8 Wanda Andrews | 27 Scott Holland |
| 11 Kari Thompson | 29 Robyn Moore |
| 12 Natalie Bach | |
| 13 Hannah & Sarah Vanbiber | |

* Please bring one bag of ice. ** Please bring sliced lemons for tea. Each hostess should bring a portion of bread to share. If we have a special function in place of fellowship lunch, the team will be asked to serve in some capacity. Thank you for your help. God Bless. Please call me if you cannot be there. Kim

Financial Update

		YTD
April 2011		
Giving Income	24,470	92,486
Expenses	23,904	96,064
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NET	566	(3.578)

Kitchen Clean-up for JUNE

Fellowship Lunch Hosts and Hostesses JUNE 12, 2011

- *Becky Flowers
- **Michele Spencer
- *Kelly Spencer
- *Vera Hall
- *Maigen Chastain
- Joe Chastain
- *Kim Holland
- Scott Holland



Music Ministry

What a great job Joyful Sounds and More did in presenting "I'm Gonna Sing" the first of May! (For the first time in several years,

every child was present.} The weather was perfect for the picnic, and there was time for fellowship with all the parents of the children. Thank you all for bringing chips, and cookies. Thank you, Kim Holland, JoAnne Klotz, Andrea Limberis, Jamie Vanbiber, and Bill Mills for serving and cleaning up afterwards.

A special thank you goes to all the teachers who worked hard in helping to get this presentation together. Most of all, we give glory, honor, and praise, to the LORD, who made all of this possible.

Joyful Sounds and More is on its summer break and will resume September 7, at 3:30 p.m.

Voices of Worship will continue through the middle of this month before taking its summer break. Rehearsals will resume on August 17, at 6:00 p.m.

May you have a wonderful summer, a time to relax, restore, and refresh in the Lord.

In His Service,
Sarah Joe



Children's Ministry

For one week in particular this month we will welcome 50+ children into our church, many of whom have never heard the gospel or known Christ as Savior. If you haven't signed up for Vacation Bible School yet, I urge you to check out the volunteer board in the foyer and put your name somewhere on it. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be blessed and to bless others. We are going to be studying the Armor of God which protects us spiritually and enables us to proclaim Christ as Savior in a world that does not know Him.

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this

present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

We need group leaders, shop keepers and helpers for all manner of things. This promises to be a meaningful VBS that reaches out and touches kids on their own level with things that will concern them all of their lives. Plan to join us!

Love to you all,
Angie



The Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Church Family,

Summer is here. Well, not *officially* but in terms of temperature we can say it has arrived. Growing up in the more moderate climate of upstate New York, summer time meant plenty of outdoor activity. Here in the heat of East Texas it means either jump in a pond (or, as Texans would say, "swimmin' hole") or get inside to enjoy air conditioning. It also means that summer conferences are right around the corner. We have two youth conferences this summer; one for senior high and one for junior high and we need help getting our teens to these conferences.

One way you can help is by purchasing discount cards to area restaurants. These cards are \$10 each and are good till March 2012. You can buy one or, if you want, buy a bunch and give them away. You are also welcome to get a signup sheet if you'd like to take them to your workplace or business or even to your neighborhood.

Another way to help is by donating money to a specific student through the Green Envelope Month. In June and July we will have cards out in the foyer inside green envelopes. On these cards there is a donation suggestion and the name of the student. All you have to do is write a check for the amount, put the student's name and "Green Envelope" in the memo line, and turn it in. You keep the card so that you can pray for the student while they are on their trip.

Thanks for all your support!

Christ's and yours,

Ben



Occasionally I've been asked about great devotional books. I usually suggest *Morning and Evening* by Charles Spurgeon, or *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers. There are others I could mention, but that's not my point. I hope from now on to suggest my favorite, way above and beyond all the others: The Psalms. Other devotional books are useful, and I commend them for personal edification. But The Psalms are infused with the power of the Holy Spirit, and I recommend them most enthusiastically – for meditation and for memorization. There is no better devotional!

Lately I have re-encountered a passage from Psalm 62 that I memorized many years ago, and it's still firmly in my memory. These comforting and emboldening words have risen to the surface of my meditation again.

Psalm 62:5-8

*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from Him.*

*He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

*Trust in Him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us.*

Jamie and I have reached the end of one of life's chapters and are beginning a new one. Our "children" just graduated from college. Sarah is getting married to Sergei and moving to Loveland, CO to help plant a church. Hannah will live in Chattanooga and work for an online news agency (Nooga.com). We have now officially entered the "empty nest" stage (at least it looks that way; our Father sometimes surprises us with other plans).

Change brings both excitement and grief. We are excited about this "new adventure" God has brought us into. And yet, naturally we grieve the end of the life we knew. I find encouragement from meditating on Psalm 62:5-8, especially at times when my heart gets somewhat heavy about life's fleeting seasons. But even when I feel the elation of hope in a new adventure, this psalm gives me even more strength... "for my hope is from Him."

So is yours.

Under the Mercy,

Pastor Craig

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