



THE FAMILY

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

JUNE 2010



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

Financial Update 2010 April 2010

		YTD
Giving Income	24,192	91,945
Expenses	23,119	91,416
NET	1,072	530



From the Music Director

KITCHEN CLEANUP JUNE 2010

CHRYS PATHEAL AND NANCY STRNAD

Lunch Hosts and Hostesses

- *Becky Flowers
- **Michele Spencer
- *Kelly Spencer
- *Betty Foster
- *Jeanne Damoff
- *Maigen Chastain
- Joe Chastain
- Scott Holland
- *Kim Holland

* 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

Summer will soon be here. (It feels, outside, like it's already here). Joyful Sounds Children's Choir dismissed last month for a summer break, and Voices of Worship Adult Choir will dismiss later this month for a much needed rest.

Already, we are thinking about fall and making plans. Voices of Worship will resume rehearsals on August 18, and Joyful Sounds will resume on September 8. Detailed information will be given in the bulletin and newsletter.

We thank God for this past Choir year and thank Him for all who were a part of the EPC Choir Ministry. We covet your prayers as we look forward to the fall.

In His Service,
Sarah Joe

Please come for a reception
honoring
Jeanne Rodgers
who is moving to Boerne, Texas.

Monday, June 21st 6 - 8 p.m.,
100 Azalea Way
(come and go)

Please bring a card, written
memory, picture, etc. for a
memory scrap book.

NO GIFTS
Hope to see you



Young at Heart had its last meeting, until
September, last Tuesday at the Jones'. Following a
wonderful steak dinner (Wendell is definitely the
"King of the Grill"), the group enjoyed
conversation, singing, and fellowshiping together.
Watch the newsletter, bulletin, and mail for
information for the fall.



Don't Forget to honor your father on June
20th.



Summer is Here!

Congratulations to all you kids (and teachers!)
who've survived another school year. You've
earned a nice rest this summer! Be sure to mark
your calendars with these dates and plan to take part
in some of our summer activities:

June 14th-18th (6-8:30pm) - The 10/40 Expedition
(VBS!) at the church. Come, and bring a friend!
July 16th - Fabulous Friday (VBS After-Party!).

We'll join back up with our VBS friends for some
watery fun in the church yard, VBS review, and top
it all off with ice cream sundaes!

August 8th - Swimming party at the Anders'. The
van will leave after fellowship lunch and return at
5pm. (Younger children will need to be
accompanied by their parents.)

August 15th - Promotion Sunday. We'll be doing
something special this year for promotion Sunday!
More details to come.

Serving In Christ
Angie



Church Family,

This past month has been green envelope month.
Thanks to all those who have given so far towards
our summer trips. It will be a big help! June will see
two **Hire the Youth** days and announcements will
be forthcoming in the bulletin.

We've begun shifting our Sunday night youth
meetings from the church building to the homes of
church family. So far we've been at the Alderman's
and the Miga's. In the future we will be at the
Patheal's, the Anders', and my house. I am working
on July's youth calendar and still have some open

places for a family to host the youth. All you need to have is...well...nothing. I'll take care of everything. You just be ready (and willing) to participate. If you have a pool that would be awesome. But even if you don't, we are just looking for a place to fellowship at as we study, eat, and play.

Our young adult group has been going through *The Case for Christ* DVD and every household that comes has been given a copy of *The Case for Christ* book. Please pray for this group as we study together. Our young adult group at EPC is a very intellectual and firm group. It can be intimidating! This is a blessing to have such a strong group of Christians to fellowship with.

Thanks for all your love and support!

Christ's servant and yours,
Ben



Women In Ministry

As I prayed about my June report for the WIM, I have felt impressed to share with everyone what I shared with the seniors when I presented them with their Bibles. Young or old, the Word of God should be the Christian's guiding force in each of our lives.

Hopefully you all have come into a vital, genuine and growing relationship with Jesus Christ. If you have, that is just the beginning of a path of getting to "know" Him, not just as Savior but as: Lord of your life, your friend, your counselor, your provider, your guide, your deliverer, - your everything!

The main way for your faith to grow is to make the "Main Thing BE the main thing,"- namely the Word of God. As you read, meditate & appropriate The Word, it will feed your spirit, energize your heart & mind and activate your body to obey all of its principles. It will change you and grow you up into the perfect image of Jesus Christ.

Paul told Timothy in, II Tim.3:16, that "Every scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for: instruction, for reproof, for convincing us of sin, for

correction of errors in our thinking & life, and for training in righteous."

If you are serious about growing in your walk and relationship with Jesus, if you read, believe and apply God's Word, it will enable you to: 1) know God more & more; He is an intimate God and wants to be known. He wants you to know how much He loves you and wants to meet your needs and fellowship with you (Jer. 29:13), 2) know who you are in Christ (your benefits, your privileges and your boundaries), that you are a King's Kid and are His favorites (I Jn.1:7; 4:4), 3) know your enemy – he is real. Jn.10:10 tells us that the thief, the devil, has come "to steal from you (your joy, victory, health). He has come to kill you (your living testimony is a threat to him). He has come to destroy you (your family, your testimony, and even your faith, if possible). He plays a deadly and eternal game! But in that same verse, Jesus isn't playing games, He said that He came to give us, not just life, but abundant life, to the full, overflowing life. So without reading, believing and appropriating God's Word, we remain defeated, weak and baby Christians.

I would challenge you, as early in the day as possible, that you come to your private place to read, study and meditate on God's Word and would ask the Lord to cleanse your heart from anything that is not of Him and fill you with His Spirit. The Holy Spirit is your Teacher and He is the One Who can bring meaning and understanding. Treat your Bible with reverence because it is the Logos (God's written Word, it is God's divine expression in Jesus, Who is The Word). It is not a school book (although it teaches us); It is not like a cheap comic book or magazine; but the Truths in it are the most precious and valuable for life than any other book. Only if you know Jesus, when you read this Book, can you become better acquainted with its author & will you fall in love with it's every word – because It is Life, It is Truth, It is the Way to real life and to know the Father. It is Jesus manifested in the Word!

Giving the seniors these Bibles was the greatest joy of my entire year as WIM President because I know it can change their lives and Its' Truths are everlasting!

Another big project the WIM have brought about is the 25th Anniversary Cook Book. Hopefully it will be ready for sale within a few weeks.

Remember the proceeds go to the “Eagle’s Wings” project. Thanks!

Born to Serve, Mary Jones, WIM President



In last month’s newsletter article, I announced my 90-day experiment in joy, using a book as a guide. I’m finding it to be helpful! Although I can’t say I agree with everything the author does with the Bible, for the most part, he has been on target. What’s really the most help is to almost daily have this reminder to reorient myself toward Joy in the Lord.

I generally like the old Puritan writings that have stood the test of time; the chaff has had time to blow away and the good grain is still around for encouragement! Puritans get a bad rap in our day. When a lot of people think of “Puritan” Christianity, they think of frowning countenances and self-deprecating attitudes. But that’s not really a fair judgment – although I must admit I can understand where it came from. Some Puritan writings are somber and gloomy. But in my experience, most of it has been deeply realistic and encouraging!

Anyway, I didn’t mean to get off on a defense of Puritans... we were talking about JOY. Recently, someone sent me a quote from a Puritan pastor who lived in the mid-1700s. His name was Samuel Davies. Listen to what he had to say about Joy in Jesus:

“In trusting your souls to him, you do not commit them to a dead Savior. It is true, he was once dead, but now he is alive; and behold he lives forevermore.

He lives to communicate his Spirit for your sanctification; he lives to look after you in your pilgrimage through this wilderness; he lives to send down supplies to you according to your needs; he lives to make perpetual intercession for you, to

plead your cause, to urge your claims founded on his blood, and to solicit blessings for you.

He lives forever—to make you happy forever.”

—Samuel Davies, *The Sufferings of Christ, and Their Consequent Joys and Blessings*

That almost sounds like the present-day drivel known as the “prosperity gospel,” but the Puritans were safely free from that! This is solidly grounded theology. Why not draw strength in the knowledge of the love Christ has for you, and let it be your beacon to travel each day by?

I’m working on it, too. Let’s pray for each other, okay?

Grace, peace, and joy in Jesus,
Pastor Craig

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June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30 Ladies Bible Study	6:00 Voices of Worship Choir Practice 7:00 Prayer Meeting	5:30 Ladies Evening Bible Study	Pastor will be out from June 4 th through June 12th	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30 Deacon Meeting Jim Bates will be preaching today 2:30 Oakwood Manor Service 6:00 Youth At the Walls		6:30 Case For Christ- Youth at the home of Jeff and Jackie Mills	6:00 Voices of Worship Choir Practice 7:00 Youth-Life on the Edge 7:00 Prayer Meeting	5:30 Ladies Evening Bible Study		1-4:00 Hire the Youth-D3 attendees
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Communion Sunday Fellowship Lunch 6:00 S-N-D Youth at the Patheal home		9:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 to 8:30. Vacation Bible School				2:00 Austin Hall and Abby Kidwell Wedding- Broadmore Baptist- Shreveport
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
No Youth	7:00 Men of the Church	6:30 Case for Christ-Youth at the home Jeff and Jackie Mills	7:00 Youth-Life on the Edge			1-4:00 – Hire the Youth Great Escape Attendees
27	28	29	30	General Assembly-----Denver, Colorado		
	Youth Conference ----Sr. High Louisville, Kentucky					