



August

THE FAMILY

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

AUGUST 2010



2 James Alderman
5 Kaylea Page
10 Nathan Mills
13 Justin Lane Thompson

15 Kaye Page
17 Charlie Parker
26 Haylee Holland
29 Deanna Wall
29 Samuel Bach

KITCHEN CLEANUP AUGUST 2010
SHIRLEY RANSOM & SARAH JOE
STRONG

Lunch Hosts and Hostesses

**JoAnne Klotz
Andrea Limberis
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

Financial Update 2010

May 2010

		YTD
Giving Income	25,431	117,337
Expenses	27,001	118,417
NET	(1,170)	(1,040)



From the Music Director

Voices of Worship Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. The "Back to Choir" Dinner will be on Friday, August 20, 6:00 p.m. at the Wendell Jones' home Wendell will be "manning the grill" again to prepare the steaks for us. (Orders for steaks will be due by August 15; more details soon.) After dinner new music will be reviewed as well as reports from Choral Festival. (Please pray for Nancy Strnad and me as we travel to Spartanburg, SC, August 3-8).

Membership is open in VOW! Please pray to see if God is leading you to be a part of the Music Ministry at EPC. The only requirements are love for the Lord, the desire to worship and praise Him through music, and have a willing heart to be used by Him. Then come to the first rehearsal on Wednesday, August 18.



“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to Your name, O Most High.” Psalm 92:1

In His service,
Sarah Joe



JOYFUL SOUNDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Joyful Sounds Children's Choir will have a new name and face this year. It is Joyful Sounds and More, meeting from 3:30 – 4:45 pm on Wednesdays, beginning on September 8.

We will still have music, hymns, scripture verses, a presentation of a musical in the spring, but there will be more activities such as games, crafts, outside activities, snacks, handbells, and more. Details will be given soon. Watch the bulletin and your mail.

The “Back to Choir Party” will be Wednesday, September 8, 3:30- 4:45 pm. Carpools will be available for the various public schools. **PLEASE CONTACT ME, BY AUGUST 29, IF YOUR CHILD WILL NEED A RIDE FROM SCHOOL.** All children, ages 4 years through grade six, are invited.

Please encourage your children and their friends to come and be a part of Joyful Sounds and More this year. Also pray for us as we begin this ministry for the children. Our goal is always to teach the children about Jesus in a way that will honor, glorify, and exalt our Lord.

In His Service,
Sarah Joe

Young at Heart will resume their monthly meetings on Tuesday, August 24. The group will meet at the church at 4:45 p.m. to go to Catfish Village in Waskom (Dutch treat dinner; chicken and beef are also served). Please let Sarah Joe know, by Sunday, August 22, if you are going. Regular Tuesday morning meetings at 10:30, with pastor Craig's Bible Study will resume in September.



Children's Ministry

The summer is flying by faster than I can believe! Promotion Sunday is set for August 22nd, and the children's ministry will be saying goodbye to Chloe, David and Seth. We'll miss you guys in Sunday School and other programs, but I hope you'll still participate as volunteers! We have other kids promoting into new classes as well, and to celebrate we're throwing an epic pancake party during the Sunday school hour for all of the children 6th grade and down. Don't miss out, kids! Visitors and friends are welcome too! We'll start at 9:30 in the Kid's Worship room on August 22nd.

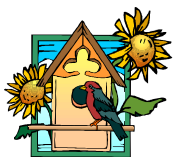
Kid's Worship will begin on the 22nd as well, for kids 4 years – 4th grade during worship service. Jackie will be going through the Shorter Catechism for Young Children. This is a wonderful thing for all kids to learn, and is full of Biblical truths, so be sure to get your kids involved.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Angie



Due to Ben's recent accident, please watch for all that has happened this summer and what he has in store for the fall and winter in next month's newsletter. Get well soon Ben!!!



Women In Ministry

Here it is August and nearly half of our summer is gone! I always think summertime will be those lazy-hazy days as when I was a child – but now it never seems to happen that way. With the short vacations, the short visits of family and friends, summertime chores, keeping up with regular responsibilities and this year – The Cook Book, our summer, thus far, has been super-busy!! Our EPC of Marshall's 25th Year Celebration has spawned this cook book which is finished, mostly delivered and with only a few left for future sales. The church has been reimbursed and now the proceeds are going straight into our much needed Faith Focus project of mercy, "Eagle's Wings." This project has been the 'wind beneath my wings' to get this finished. All the long hours and many days to bring this to a desired end have all been joy, (even the corrections and replacement sheets), because I knew where the proceeds were going. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

If you want to buy a cook book/s (\$10 each), please put check or cash in an envelope marked "Cook Book") in the offering plate, pick up your book/s in the vestibule and mark the list. As this WIM year is coming to an end I want to say a huge "Thank You" to all the officers, chairmen and committees who have fulfilled their responsibilities to carry out our PURPOSE – "To provide an atmosphere for the women of the church to mature spiritually and to recognize and develop their God-given talents" using Eph. 4:12 as our impetus – "for the perfecting

of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Now the Nominating Committee is at work to select the new slate of officers for the WIM for 2010-2011. A new beginning is always exciting, so pray for all the new officers and chairmen that they will catch the vision to fulfill the PURPOSE of the WIM in Marshall, Texas. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

Mary Jones, WIM President



Celebrate Our Heritage

Save the Date! September 11-12, 2010 EPC of Marshall's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Most of you have already read about it or heard the announcements... but if you've been absent or asleep, or if you tend to forget things easily (like I do!), then you probably are surprised to hear about a **special weekend of celebration here at EPC of Marshall: our 25th Anniversary Celebration!** Either way, be sure to **mark your calendars for September 11-12, 2010:** Put it in your Blackberry, or your iPhone... or whatever you use (paper calendars included). We want everyone there! **Dr. Rhett Payne**, our first pastor as an EPC church, will be here with his wife Donna. Rhett will be the preacher on Sunday morning, September 12. Hopefully, we will have all the previous pastors and their wives here, too!

The event includes a Saturday evening (September 11) catered dinner and celebration here at EPC, 6:00 p.m. We'll reminisce together with stories, photos, music, great singing, and great Texas barbecue! The dinner is free, but you must make a reservation with the church office and receive tickets (this helps us get a count for the caterers). Please...**PLEASE try to let us know of your plans to attend the dinner no later than Sunday, August 29.**

History of EPC in Pictures... You have 'em; We need 'em!!

If you have photos of people and events from the 25 years of EPC of Marshall, we want to scan them for a video collage of our history which will be shown during the 25th Anniversary Weekend Celebration. We will see that you get them back.

Simply put your selected photos in a large envelope with your name on it, and turn it in to the church office. We'll make sure they get back to you! We need these as soon as possible... so why not go through those old photos today?



On Sunday morning, July 18, I preached from Psalm 93. The sermon title was “The LORD Reigns.” In that sermon the psalmist spoke of “the floods” and “the sea” as metaphors for chaos and catastrophe that we encounter at times in life. God is sovereign even over these events. We can trust Him in the midst of them – He has a purpose.

Psalm 93:3-4

*The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.*

*Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty!*

The next day in C. H. Spurgeon’s classic devotional work, the entry said basically the same thing in different words. I love it when the Lord schedules such “coincidences”! It encourages me and I take it as an affirmation that I am preaching what pleases Him (which is my first priority). Here’s what He said:

*"The Lord our God hath shewed us His glory."—
Deuteronomy 5:24.*

GOD'S great design in all His works is the manifestation of His own glory. Any aim less than this were unworthy of Himself. But how shall the glory of God be manifested to such fallen creatures as we are? Man's eye is not single, he has ever a side glance towards his own honour, has too high an estimate of his own powers, and so is not qualified to behold the glory of the Lord. It is clear,

then, that self must stand out of the way, that there may be room for God to be exalted; and this is the reason why He bringeth His people oftentimes into straits and difficulties, that, being made conscious of their own folly and weakness, they may be fitted to behold the majesty of God when He comes forth to work their deliverance. He whose life is one even and smooth path, will see but little of the glory of the Lord, for he has few occasions of self-emptying, and hence, but little fitness for being filled with the revelation of God. They who navigate little streams and shallow creeks, know but little of the God of tempests; but they who "do business in great waters," these see His "wonders in the deep." Among the huge Atlantic-waves of bereavement, poverty, temptation, and reproach, we learn the power of Jehovah, because we feel the littleness of man. Thank God, then, if you have been led by a rough road: it is this which has given you your experience of God's greatness and lovingkindness. Your troubles have enriched you with a wealth of knowledge to be gained by no other means: your trials have been the cleft of the rock in which Jehovah has set you, as He did His servant Moses, that you might behold His glory as it passed by. Praise God that you have not been left to the darkness and ignorance which continued prosperity might have involved, but that in the great fight of affliction, you have been capacitated for the outshinings of His glory in His wonderful dealings with you.

Whether you are going through tough times or times of calm and peace, God is working for our sanctification; He is a Father who is unchanging in His steadfast love and faithfulness. Rest in Him!

To God alone be the glory,

Pastor Craig

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