

The Beacon



Valley Baptist Church Newsletter April 2007

From the Pastor's Desk

What an exciting time it is to serve as your pastor! We've made it through the hardest part of winter, with its cold weather and rain, and WOW, are we seeing the pay off now – Spring! I feel like that is true not just of our weather but for our church as well. God is moving in our midst and I look forward to what the future holds. For example:

- **Fresh Encounter** – beginning Sunday, April 15 we will spend 7 weeks in this study. Please join me in praying that we will not just study but also experience a *fresh encounter* with God. We will learn about spiritual awakenings and renewal and also about repentance for individuals and for the church. Join us at 9:30am or 5pm for the study and/or at 6:30pm for the Henry Blackaby sermons by video.
- **Pre-Easter Door-to-Door Outreach** – please join us on either Tuesday, April 3rd or Saturday, April 7th from 10am-noon as we get out on the streets for the Lord. There will be 4 levels of participation: (1) ring doorbells door-to-door, passing out flyers for our church and speaking with the residents (2) placing flyers in doors without ringing the doorbell (3) prayerwalking the area while others go door-to-door. (4) If you can't walk you could come pray at the church while the others are out. As you can see, there is a place for everyone. Come join us.
- **Wednesday Night Meal** – Beginning this Wednesday, April 4th, at 5:30pm, we will add a weekly Wednesday night meal. The prices are great and I am sure the food will be yummy. Come join us as we fellowship together. Sign-up at church or call the church office.
- **Vacation Bible School** – June 25-29 are the dates for this year's VBS. Please get involved in helping Kelly Menne and our volunteers from Texas as we seek to reach children with the message of the Gospel.
- **Easter Sunday** – please help me as we prepare to welcome our guests on Easter Sunday by doing the following (1) park in the farthest spaces, leaving room for guests up close (2) sit in the front and far sides of the sanctuary, leaving easy access to the back for our guests (3) speak to our guests, get to know them, take them to lunch, tell them your testimony, etc.

Thankful to be your pastor,

Ronny

❖ *Discipleship Training*

In the month of March we had 3 sessions on the History of Spiritual Awakenings; The Moravian Revival of 1727, The First Great Awakening in America 1735-50 and the Second Great Awakening in America 1797-1840. We also had one session on Southern Baptist Relationships and Ministries today. Thanks to all who attended these classes. Your interest was an encouragement to me and I hope the studies were both enlightening and encouraging to you.

There will not be and Disipleship Training for the first two sundays of April.

On April 15 Pastor Ronnie will start a seven week study titled Fresh Encounters, God's Pattern for Revival and Spiritual Awakening, by Henry Blackaby and Claude King His class will meet 9:30-10:30 on Sunday Mornings and will repeat at 5:00-6:00 PM.

A companion video prepared by Henry Blackaby will be shown in the evening worship service. I want to encourage you to attend these classes if you possibly can. It will not only instruct and inspire you but will also give you a chance to interact with Pastor Ronnie in a way that is not possible in a formal worship service.

The subjects to be covered in these classes include;

- An Overview of God's Pattern.
- God is On Mission in Our World
- God's People Tend to Depart
- God Disciplines His people in Love
- God Calls His People to Repent
- God Revives His Penitent People

New Members Class

Pastor Ronnie will be conducting A New Members Class on Sunday afternoon April 22nd for New Members and/or those who would like to know more about our church and what we believe.

Jim Hildabrand, Disipleship Training Director

❖ *Wednesday Night Meal*

We are restarting our Wednesday Night Meal. If you are interested eating good food and having good fellowship be sure to sign up. There will be a sign up sheet in the Foyer each weekso we will know how many people to cook for. Cost is \$3.00 per person for ages 15 and up; \$2.00 per person for ages 5 thru 14; and \$1.00 per person for ages 2 thru 4. Best bargain in town. Come and join the fellowship and stay for worship service and prayer meeting.

INVESTING IN TOMORROW

Our New Parsonage Small Loan amount is \$49,600.00. To date we have received \$10,020.20. This leaves a balance of \$39,579.80. Please pray and see what God would have you give. Remember we are only giving to God a small portion of what He has blessed us with. Let us continue Investing In Tomorrow as we watch God work in each of our lives.

THE SECRET OF GIVING

Paul said, *“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*

II Corinthians 9:6-8

April Birthday's and Anniversaries

Have a GREAT “*Jesus Loves You*” special day!!!!

April 1	Dawnie Dumler
April 3	Brad & Patti Richmond
April 4	Chris Menne
April 15	Della Hubbard
April 16	Mary Mayes
April 17	Roy Bowerman
April 18	Don Bennett
April 19	Marty Nauman
April 21	Kelly Menne
April 25	Carlotta Bennett
April 26	Zach Wegner
April 30	Hanna Cooksey Suzanne Wegner



If we have omitted anyone, please let us know, so that we may recognize your birthday and/or anniversary in future newsletters. If you are a newcomer, please let the church office know, so that we can be sure to recognize your birthday and/or anniversary as well.



**Has your home address, phone number, or
your e-mail address changed?
PLEASE keep us posted!**

If you have items for the newsletter, please submit them to the church
office by the 20th of the month. macvalleybc@yahoo.com

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