



From the Pastor's Desk

I have a lot of people to thank this month:

Thank you to John Gamble for the signs in the foyer directing folks to various rooms.

Thank you to all those who made our workday such a success last Saturday.

Thank you to Tom Snow for hauling off all the unneeded items from the old building.

Thank you to the Stephensons, Johnsons, Lunds, Gambles, Hampshires, Taylors, Snows, and others for signing up to mow the church yard.

Thank you to Ed Stephenson, Richard Reed, and John Reed for helping the boys and girls make derby cars last month.

Thank you to Jo Ann and others for all your work on our fun fellowship Sunday evening.

Thank you to Ken Lund and Tom Snow and others for all your hard work on the old parsonage, getting it ready to rent.

Thank you to all those who participated in our pre-Easter door-to-door outreach.

Thank you to Jim Hildabrand for preaching in my absence this coming Sunday, May 6.

Thank you to all our Sunday School teachers, teaching faithfully each week.

Thank you to the Taylors, Pat Howard, and the Reeds for their ministry at the nursing homes.

Thank you to Ida Rushing, who re-stocks our pews each week with envelopes and such.

Thank you to our choir, leading us each week in song.

Thank you to Priscilla and Lera who play the instruments for us each week.

Thank you to our ushers for helping our services run smoothly each week.

Thank you to Lawanda Dejong, Jean Phillips, and Wanda Hill who count our offerings each week.

Did I forget you? I am sure I did – I appreciate all of you.

I have really enjoyed our study in "Fresh Encounter" these past few weeks. It is great to hear the share time each week and hear what God is doing in your hearts. He is clearly at work in our fellowship. I have anticipation about what He has planned. It has been great to have 4 people join our church in April. Let's tell someone something about Jesus this week!

Your pastor,

Ronny

❖ Discipleship Training

Pastor Ronny's class on Fresh Encounter, *God's Pattern for Revival and Spiritual Awakening*, will continue through May.

Jim Hildabrand will begin a class on Foundations of the Faith, *The Doctrines Baptist Believe*, the first Sunday of June.

These classes will meet at 9:30 AM and repeat at 5:00 PM each Sunday.

❖ Music Notes

April 2007 was a special month with the focus on Easter as its most significant event.

Remembering that the reason for Jesus' death on that cruel cross was for our sins gives even more reason to celebrate His resurrection from the dead. Knowing Jesus is alive and will someday return to gather His people to be with Him eternally in Heaven is our hope. I am so grateful that God cared enough to make His salvation available to such an undeserving individual as I. God is good! All the time!

It was my privilege to work with a dedicated group of individuals to sing praise to our Lord at Easter. The choir was faithful in attendance at rehearsals and diligent in their preparation. And, the result was both a blessing and a humbling worship experience. Thank you and may God bless each member. Bass/Baritones: Richard Reed, Bobby Johnson, Ed Stephenson, Daniel Tanimoto, Nicholas Hampshire, and Micah Cooksey. Tenors: Robert Hampshire and Peter Hampshire. Altos: Kezia Richmond, Wanda Taylor, Peggy Tanimoto, Elizabeth Hampshire, and Marge Chandler. Sopranos: Linda Reed, Nola Stephenson, Jillian Hampshire, Hannah Cooksey, and Priscilla Johnson.

Very special thanks to Priscilla Johnson for playing the piano accompaniment for the choir and singing a solo part. Her significant contribution of time and talent made the successful presentation of the music possible. A special thank you is also extended to John Reed who managed the sound system. Working together you are a high quality team. And, I certainly don't want to forget the solo specials presented by Linda Reed and Kathy Cooksey.

Choir rehearsals are suspended until the first Wednesday in September. However, choir members are encouraged to participate in the Sunday morning worship time. During this "vacation" time there will be an increasing need for special music. If you sing or play an instrument, your talent can be used. Please contact me so we can review your music and schedule your time of praise.

As I have discussed with members of the choir – probably more often than they would care to remember – "what we sing is not principally for our own or others entertainment, but for the lifting of praises to God".

Psalms 66:1-4 says "Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; Sing the glory of His name; Make His Praise glorious. Say to God, How awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your power Your enemies will give feigned obedience to You. All the earth will worship You, And will sing praises to You; They will sing praises to Your name."

Music is truly a gift from God to provide us with a means for worship. **God Is Good! All The Time! Sing Praise!**

John Gamble

❖ Women's Ministries

The month of May brings Mother's Day and we will be honoring all our mothers at the morning worship service May 13th.

Ladies, I need your help in planning future meetings and outreach ministries/projects. If you have ideas, please give me a call at 503-474-1083 or email rcbowerman@comcast.net

A secret pal revealing party is being planned for June, exact day still to be determined. Continue to pray and encourage your secret pal over the next few weeks.

Carrol Bowerman

❖ **The Top 10 Issues Facing Today's Family**

In November 2005, the Internet strategies department of LifeWay, an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, began soliciting participation in the Top 10 Issues Facing Today's Family online research project. (Read more on their website). They came up with the following top 10:

10. *Materialism*: "The placing in high regard of ownership and consumption as a family priority."

9. *Balance of Work and Family*: "The rising pressure to invest more of one's energy in work at the expense of family."

8. *Negative Media Influence*: "The growing influx of destructive images and messages into the home."

7. *Lack of Communication*: "The increasing abbreviation or near elimination of meaningful family member interaction."

6. *Financial Pressures*: "The chronic misuse of debt and/or mismanagement of financial resources."

5. *Lack of Discipline*: "The death of respectful behavior as a norm in our schools, churches, and families."

4. *Lack of a Father Figure*: "The absence of a father in the home or lack of strong participation in the family."

3. *Busyness*: "The participation in numerous activities crowding out quality family fellowship."

2. *Divorce*: "The ongoing wave of broken marriages and families both within the church and without."

1. *Anti-Christian Culture*: "The stripping away of Christian heritage and traditional values."

You can go to Lifeway.com and search their site for, "Top 10 Issues Facing Today's Family" and read more on these issues. Let's pray for, and be an example to, our young people as they seek to live Godly lives in today's society.

On **Wednesday evening** in our character study class, we just completed our study on:
Attentiveness – Showing the worth of a person by giving full concentration to his or her words.

The kids are enjoying the study.

Our next character quality we will study is:

Obedience – Cheerfully carrying out the directions and wishes of those who are responsible for me.

**All children are welcome to attend our character study:
Wednesday's at 6:30 pm**

Upcoming Events:

May 20th, Youth Day

May 20th, Potluck Immediately following the morning service

Bobby

❖ Wednesday Night Meal

Wednesday Night Meal continues, starting at 5:30 pm. If you are interested in eating good food and having good fellowship be sure to sign up. There will be a sign up sheet in the Foyer each week so 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.

Vacation Bible School / June 25-29 at VBC

VBS Staff / Planning Meeting and lunch
Saturday -- May 5th, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
 Lunch will be provided for those who attend

Areas of Service:

Bible Story

Crafts

Recreation

Music / Assemblies

Decorating the church

Registration / Check-in

Pray and ask God what He would have you do.

See Kelly Menne for details.

← May Events →

May 5 th	10:00 am	VBS Staff / Planning Meeting and lunch
May 7 th & 21 st	6:30 pm	Quilting
May 8 th	10:00 am	Caleb Club Lunch
May 9 th	6:30 pm	Business Meeting
May 12 th	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	7:00 pm	Keith Green Concert
May 13 th		*** <i>Mother's Day</i> ***
May 14th	6:30-8:30	IBA Missions celebration - Mill Park Baptist in Portland (carpool from the church at 4:45 pm for those who wish to travel together)
May 19 th	7:30 am	Deacon's Meeting
May 20 th	10:45 am	Youth Day & Potluck (following the morning service)
May 23 rd	9:00 am	Caleb Club Breakfast
May 28 th	Office Closed	*** <i>Memorial Day</i> ***



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

May Birthday's and Anniversaries

May 7 th	Pat Howard
May 8 th	Joe Crabtree
	Janet Taylor
May 9 th	Ronny Cooksey
May 12 th	Kate Gordan
	Raymond Bailey
May 13 th	Caitlan Dumler
May 14 th	Callie Boggus
May 22 nd	Jim Snow



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

An audit of the financial transactions of Valley Baptist Church has been completed. You may check out a copy of the audit from the library.

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.

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

***Be sure and take a look at our updated church website:
www.macvalleybaptist.org or www.macvalleybaptist.com***

