



The Grapevine

Wildewood Baptist Church

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A Church of Love, Encouragement and Acceptance

A Word From Brad...

1 Corinthians 13

– (the church version)
 “If our church could hold services in five languages or our members could speak three, but we didn’t love others, we would be all talk and no action. If our church really expressed it’s spiritual gifts with wholehearted service and we became spiritual giants, but we did not love others, what good would we be? If our church had such faith that resulted in great healings and great miracles taking place, but we really did not love others, what would be the point? If we gave 50% of our budget to various missions across our nation and around our world so that a great deal of spiritual and physical poverty was alleviated, but we did not love others, why would we do it? Our church is patient and kind. Our church is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Our church does not demand its own way. Our church is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when

it has been wronged. Our church is never glad about injustice but rejoices when the truth wins out. Our church never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. God and His love will last forever. But, our church’s pronouncements and decisions and giftedness and abilities will all disappear. Our church now knows only a little but when the Lord returns, our church will know everything. It’s like this, “When we were still new believers, our church spoke and thought and reasoned like a new believer. But as we grew up, we became mature believers. Today, we don’t see things clearly or fully understand every thing that has happened to us. All that our church knows at this point in time is partial and incomplete, but one day our church, and all of those redeemed by God, will know everything that God knows! There are three things that

will endure beyond our church - faith, hope, and love - and the greatest of these is love.”

My prayer for each of you is simple-

Ephesians 3:16-19 “I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong.¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.”

Your Pastor,
 Brad Dancer

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Join the discussion....

You are invited to participate in Brad’s weekly blog on the front page of the new website. Each week Brad will have new topics that apply to daily life. Currently they are on chapter 3.

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A Word from Blake Thomas

Hello Friends,

Well, it's been a long few weeks. My initial surgery was a success. The doctor kept me in Singapore for about 2 weeks after the surgery and then felt like I was well enough to return home to continue healing and going to physical therapy.

However, the day I returned home, the swelling in my knee intensified and I started getting a fever. I returned home on a Friday, and the swelling and fever got worse over the next few days. On Monday I went to the hospital in my city. The orthopedic doctor there tried to drain my knee in two places, but she was unsuccessful. After having some blood tests done and emailing the results to my doctor in Singapore, we decided it would be best for me to return to Singapore so I could be under his care.

I returned to Singapore on Wednesday, August 12 and came directly to the hospital to see the doctor. After looking at my knee, he decided to do a 2nd surgery to drain the knee and to take a sample to test to see what the problem was. Less than 5 hours after I saw him, he did a 2nd surgery. This one was very minor, and only took about 45 minutes. He was able to use the same incisions from the previous surgery, and he cut in and was able to drain the knee. He also hooked up a drain to my knee to help the fluid constantly come out.

Since the 2nd surgery, I haven't had any fever or swelling! Praise Dad! I'm still in the hospital now, and the doctor thinks I might have to stay in the hospital until the end of the week, and I'm not sure how long I'll have to stay in Singapore. The knee drain is still hooked up. The test results showed that I have synovitis in my knee. The doctor also said that the swelling in my knee caused the fever.

It's been a difficult month for me. The most difficult part has been going through these medical procedures so far away from home. What I thought to be a simple surgery with a relatively short recovery time has turned into something quite different than I thought. It's difficult to be away from my family and from familiar things during this time. I am pleased that many people with my company have been visiting me at the hospital, helping me get food, and taking great care of me. Another difficult thing is being away from my friends and the relationships I've built over the past 6 months in my city in Southeast Asia. I haven't seen my friends in over a month, and it's difficult to not be around them and continue to share the Good News with them.

I feel like I've been in good spirits despite all that's happened. This is one tough season of life, and I'm thankful to be able to receive such great medical care and that my problem isn't more serious. I'm looking forward to getting well and returning to be used by Dad in my city in Southeast Asia. Thank you for reading, and thanks for lifting me up! I hope to have a good update for you soon.

Blessings,
Blake Thomas

NAM Back-to-School Drive

**Wildewood
Recieved-to-Date:
\$1,887**



\$55 will provide school supplies. Clothing and shoes for one needy child

\$275 will provide school supplies, jeans and shoes for five children

\$35 will provide jeans and shoes for one needy child

\$175 will provide jeans and shoes for five children

\$25 will provide school supplies for one needy child

\$100 will provide school supplies for five children

NAM continues to need funds for the Back-to-School Drive. Supplies were purchased and distributed. Funds are needed to help cover the cost of this important ministry in providing supplies to students in need. Please contact Ken Castlebury should you have any questions.

NAM Ongoing Food Drive

NAM's Mission: "We strive to meet basic human needs through Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

NAM continues to meet the needs of many hungry families in our community. Hunger knows no seasons or boundaries. Prayerfully consider picking up a few groceries this week to help a family in need.

For cash gifts please make your check payable to Wildewood Baptist Church, then note Food Pantry in the memo line. Should you have any questions regarding NAM please contact Ken Castlebury, NAM Trustee:

ken_castlebury@w-industries.com or at 281.374.6778

Summer Foods Shopping List:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Dry Cereal
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables (especially corn & green beans)
- Canned Fruit
- Dried Beans
- Spaghetti Sauce & Dry Pasta
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Tuna

Kids At Wildewood

“The Children’s Ministry at Wildewood Baptist Church exists to introduce children to Christ in a loving, accepting, fun atmosphere while helping to grow through the teaching of Bible truths and character development.”

Wildewood welcomes Jason Cagle as the new Sunday Children’s Pastor. Jason will work closely with the Sunday morning Bible study classes for all children through 5th grade. KiDMO! Kid’s Church will be led by Jason. Drop by the children’s area on Sunday mornings and meet Jason, his wife Shari and their beautiful daughter Brook.

Sunday Bible Study: Arrival time 9:20 am, class beginning time 9:30 am (for infants to 5th grades).

KiDMO! Kid’s Church: KiDMO! Kid’s Church will meet the entire Worship hour in Room # 5 Yellow room, downstairs, Education Building.

All children through 5th grade are to be signed in and picked up by the parents or guardian.

Church Luau

At this writing the Church Luau will be happening in a few short days. Thank you to everyone, close to thirty people, who helped or plan to help thus far. A special thanks to Greg Laugen, Lawson Fraiser and the many scouts who have helped build out and prepare the building for this event. Another special thanks to Terri Nathan for her vision and plan for this great event. Wildewood, we are blessed with so many people who love the Lord and serve Him in all kinds of ways.

Activity Building

Countless hours have been put into the activity building over the past month. Greg Laugen, Lawson Fraiser, scouters Karen Stanick, the Cross family, and so many other scouters and scouts have done so much to get this building up and running. Thank you for the persons who generously blessed us with their funds to help finish this building. Please know not all names are listed but know how much you are appreciated. If you have not taken a tour of the new building please do so very soon.

Looking to Show Your Church Pride

Wildewood now has t-shirts, polo shirts, reusable grocery bags and window stickers for your purchase. These products are meant to show your Wildewood pride and let people in our community know Wildewood. Complete details of the prices will be available soon or call the church office for more details.

Please cut this page and post near your phone.
It contains important contact numbers.

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All Church Staff serves on the leadership team.

September 2009

Please note the regular daily or weekly events to the right of the calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 30 Regular Sunday Deacon Team Mtg 8:45 am	August 31	1 Preschool Open House 10:00 am	2 Preschool Open House 10:00 am	3 Preschool Begins 9:30 am	4 Preschool Begins 9:30 am	5
6 Regular Sunday	7 Church Office Closed Holiday	8 SASY @ 9:30 am	9	10	11	12
13 Regular Sunday Wildewood Connects @ 5:00 p	14 Leadership Team Meet- ing @ 7:00 pm	15	16	17	18	19
20 Regular Sunday Church Picnic After Worship Wildewood Connects @ 5:00 p	21	22 The Grapvine Articles Due	23	24	25	26
27 Regular Sunday Wildewood Connects @ 5:00p Common Sense Parenting Begins Christmas Choir	28	29	30	October 1	October 2	October 3

Regular Sunday Schedule

9:00 am **Fellowship & Coffee**
 9:15 am **Bible Study-All Ages**
 Birth to 5th Grades
 6th to 12th Grades
 Quest for Men
 JOY Class—Ladies
 Dancer—Ladies Class
 Laugen—Coed Class
 10:30 am **Worship**
 10:30 am **KIDMO!** Children's Church

Regular Weekday Schedule

Church Office
 Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00 pm
 Friday 9:00-Noon

Weekday Preschool
During the school year
 Monday 9:30-1:00 pm
 Tuesday to Friday 9:30-2:30 pm

Wildewood Prays
 Thursdays 8:00-8:00 pm

BSA Pack 32
 Mondays @ 6:30 pm

BSA Troop 1332
 Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm

BSA Crew 2020
 1st & 2nd Sundays @ 7:00 pm

Please know that the Church Calendar is subject to change at any time. All meetings, gatherings, and events are to be scheduled through the Church Office. This calendar does not include all items scheduled in/on the church property.



Birthdays of the Month

Brittney Patton-3
 Scott Nonhof-4
 Benny Plunk-4
 Micah Sefiane-9
 Jami Sefiane-9
 Mike Nathan-13
 Geoffrey Howe-16
 Larry Ellis-17
 Stephen Hime-19
 MiKayla Sefiane-23
 Melissa McDonald-25
 Jim Hill-27
 Jacob Lindsay-29

If we have missed your birthday Please let the Church Office know.

Fall 2009:

- Greek International Sunday Fellowship Sunday October 11, after church
- SASY Galveston Day Monday, October 12, all day
- SASY Game Day Tuesday, October 13, 9:30 am
- Weekday Preschool Open House Thursday, October 22, 7:00 pm
- Family Fall Festival Sunday, October 25, 2:00-4:00
- SASY Tuesday, November 10
- **Team Impact Sunday, November 15, Worship hour and 6:00 pm**
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 22 @ 5:00 pm

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WBC Treasurer's Report—July 2009

Contributions and Reserve:

- Total July contributions and gifts to Wildewood were \$16,845, less than the last two months, but 9% higher than July 2008. July is not typically a strong month for giving. However, July gifts received this year were the highest since 2006. To help put that in perspective, year to date contributions in July 2006 were 7% higher than they are this year.
- The unrestricted reserve at the close of business on 31 July was \$12,671.25. At our average daily spending rate for the last year that is about a 17½ day cushion. Designated funds at the end of the month totaled \$9,205.98. Wildewood's total reserve at the end of July was \$21,877.23.

Expenditures:

- Total expenditures in July were \$20,746, \$3,901 more than contributions. That was \$283 over budget, (1%), and 5% greater than June expenditures. Expenses were effectively equal to July of last year.
- Fellowship and Outreach ministries were significantly over budget due to preliminary costs and deposits associated with the planned Luau in August. This is an important event for Wildewood and has higher than typical Fellowship / Outreach event costs associated with it. However, each of these ministries is still under budget for the year. Even with the additional Luau costs and the expenses associated with outer events planned for the last four months of the year, both budget categories are expected to be at or near budget for the year.
- Discipleship and Worship ministries were under and over budget respectively. In both cases it is simply a timing issue. Interestingly, together they were \$3 under budget.
- Youth ministry was over budget as youth summer events got underway. But even though this critical element of Wildewood's mission was \$422 over budget this month, they are still over \$2,000 under budget for the year.
- Church Administration had an unusual overall negative expense for July. This occurred because we were reimbursed for purchases of Pre-teen Camp materials and supplies by camp organizers.
- All other major budget categories were within the established acceptable variance.

Other:

Outlook: Our expenses are relatively constant and have been for the last several years. However the gifts to Wildewood suffered a marked decline in 2007 and early 2008. While contributions have been improving since late 2008, they have not reached 2006 levels. The question now is will our donations grow to cover expenses before our reserves are exhausted. Please prayerfully consider your support of Wildewood and its missions.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Anderson, Treasurer, August 17, 2009

2009 Report

As of August 18, 2009

Total Funds: \$20,668.68
 Total Unrestricted Funds: \$12,908.63
 Total Designated Funds: \$7,760.05

Stated before reconciliation,
 not all expenses are paid for the month.

Activity Building Balance: \$0.00

2009	July	August	Jan to Aug
Contributions & Gifts Received	\$15,810.96	\$11,744.50	\$132,236.11
Budgeted Amount	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00	\$132,000.00
Funds Spent	\$20,745.75	\$13,537.28	\$152,750.27
Net Income	-\$3,899.79	\$237.38	-\$11,194.00
Additional Funds Needed	\$689.04	\$4,755.50	\$0.00
Stimulus Plan Recieved	\$1,035.00	\$1,285.00	\$8,575.00

Complete financial documentation is available to all members by calling the church office with your request at 281.376.8720.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF WILDEWOOD'S MINISTRIES



LIFE

Groups

Life Is For Everyone

We are convinced more than ever that the best place for spiritual growth is in a small group of caring people - what we refer to as a **LIFE Group**. In fact, it's the best place for a lot of reasons: friendship building, encouragement, prayer, support and training just to name a few.

Current Life Groups:

- **Pastor's Life Group-Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm, Begins September 9**
Dancer Home: 4015 Evening Trail 77388, Cypresswood Forest 281.727.6363
- **Oakwood Glen Ladies Life Group-Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm, Begins September 9**
Firmin Home: 6911 Peace River 77379, Oakwood Glen 713.825.1875

This LIFE group will be studying Beth Moore's "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent". It is an in-depth look at 15 Psalms. Just as a song or poem can express feelings of fear, doubt, hope, and joy, these Psalms model how we can voice our own petitions and praises to our God, who is always available and ready to hear us.

We would love to begin new LIFE groups in our church—any time, any day of the week. Prayerfully consider beginning a group in your home. Brad will be happy to get you started, please contact him should you be interested. Brad's contact information 281.727.6363 or brad@wildewoodbc.org

Wildewood Weekday Preschool

2009-2010
Registration
Ongoing



The Wildewood Weekday Preschool is a ministry of our church for our community.

Contact Sherry Anderson,
Preschool Director
For additional details
832.717.0982
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SASY SENIORS ACTIVELY STAYING YOUNG

Tuesday, September 8
9:30 am
Games at Church &
Lunch at a local restaurant

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Monday, October 12
Galveston Day Trip
By Harris County Bus
RSVP to Jo Barker

Christmas Musical Worship Celebration

Sunday, December 6
During Worship



Christmas Choir Rehearsals Begin Soon

If you like sing praises to the Lord join us for the Wildewood Christmas choir. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, September 27 @ 6:00pm. Rehearsal will be from 6:00-7:00 pm each Sunday. Child-care provided. DVD rehearsal trac will be provided. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to share the Lord with others in music. See Robin Herrington for complete details.

New Church Cookbook—Your Help Needed!

You asked for it—you will get it—a new church cookbook. ***However, we need your help in completing this project.***

Please submit three to five recipes for the new cookbook. Where possible please email the receipies to the church office,

karla@wildewoodbc.org

Please give any credit to person(s) or book(s) where the recipe was found. Of course we perfer your good home recipes that you have developed over the years. Additional information will be available but please begin sending the recipes. The deadline is Sunday, October 4. See Susie Schmidt with questions. Proceeds from the book will benefit a ministry at Wildewood and will make a great Christmas gift.

While the deadline is October 4 we need to begin to form the book now. Please do not wait until the last minute.

Prayer for Wildewood on Thursdays?

We signed up to pray for direction and growth for Wildewood every Thursday. One hour out of every week to pray for our Church. Well the new wore off, and I just wonder if we are still remembering our promise to pray. There has been so many things going on lately, several deaths, several illnesses, financial worries, etc. etc. etc., but are we letting those things take over our commitment for that one hour.

On Facebook, Brad is asking for us to

pray for miraculous things to happen in our church. We are all ready for it, we all want it. Can we all renew our commitment to pray that one day of the week, Thursday, just for our church and all the wonderful things we want to happen? One hour isn't so much time, we go to eat for at least an hour, and we go to movies for more than an hour. Doesn't our church's future deserve our full attention for that one hour?

I'll admit sometimes, I have to pray

in 30-minute intervals, so maybe if you can't find one hour at a time, maybe you can for 30 minutes twice on Thursdays.

I challenge you all to renew your commitment or to make the commitment to pray for our church – direction, growth, and miracles.

Nancy Smith
Prayer Team



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A Church of Love,
Encouragement &
Acceptance

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Church Picnic

Sunday, September 20

One of the best fellowships all year is the church picnic each September. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to this great fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad and wonderful dessert. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 20 after church.