



The Grapevine

Wildewood Baptist Church

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A Church of Love, Encouragement and Acceptance

A Word From Brad...

"*Not called!*" did you say? *Not heard the call,* I think you should say. Put your ear down to the Bible, and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father's house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not to come there. Then look Christ in the face -- whose mercy you have professed to obey -- and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and

body and circumstances in the march to publish His mercy to the world." -- William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army
I believe that God is calling you to make a difference and reach out to our community. This March we are going to be participating in "Rodeo for Outreach."

Like last year we are going to be working at the Houston Rodeo to raise money, but this year that money will not go to reach the lost in Kenya... We are going to be working (selling popcorn and nachos) to reach lost children in Klein/Spring. Hundreds of chil-

dren here in our area do not have the saving faith in Jesus that we are called to share with them.

We are working 8 nights with the hope of raising 6,000 dollars to reach out into our community with a children's outreach event June 10-13. Whether you can work one night or all eight nights we need you. Imagine the sight of hundreds of children coming to Christ because you sold some popcorn. All you have to do is answer the call.

Your Pastor,
Brad Dancer

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Quarterly Church Conference
Sunday, January 31, 2010
After Worship

Your are Cordially Invited to Share in a Valentine's Day
Community Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony

Please come and give the gift of commitment this Valentine's
Day and tell your loved one that "You Still Do."

Sunday, February 14th
Renewal Ceremony begins at 10:30am
Here at Wildewood,
5110 Louetta Rd, Spring, TX

Wedding Reception for the entire family to follow.
For more info go to: www.wildewoodbc.org

Help Needed Thursday, February 11 4:30 pm

The Fellowship Team will be setting up the fellowship hall and the worship center for the Sunday, February 14 celebrations. All hands are needed to help with the tables, chairs, decorations, food, etc. Please see Terri Nathan with any questions.

6 for 10 at Wildewood

This is a six month strategy to reach 10 families. Wildewood has a wall to break through to become effective in this community and we are starting today. Over the next 6 months from November through April we are going to launch a focused effort of prayer and activity to reach 10 new families in our community to become active participants in our family at Wildewood.

We must meet new families and touch them with the love of Jesus. Like the farmer who sowed seed that Christ told us about we need to cast much seed to see a great harvest. The following is an outline of that new strategy.

- ~~October 25th: The church will be challenged to reach 10 new non-churched families in the next 6 months with prayer and commitment of time through the proposed activities. We will begin passing out Team Impact cards and posters.~~
- ~~November 1st: Pass out "Join the Team" cards and begin prayer for Team impact. Each person in our church will be challenged to write down 3 names of non-churched people that they will invite to the event.~~
- ~~November 15th: Team Impact will be here Sunday morning and Sunday evening at 6pm. The church will be challenged to show up at 5pm to pray.~~
- ~~December 5th: Church progressive dinner. The church will be encouraged to bring a non-churched friend or neighbor to this very benign fellowship atmosphere.~~
- ~~December 6th: The adult Christmas program. Great time to bring a family member to hear the gospel presented in song.~~
- ~~December 13th: Children's Christmas Sunday. The preschool families will be in service and we will need to make every effort to make them feel welcome and let them know that we desire them to be apart of our family.~~
- ~~December 24th: Your Family Christmas Eve Service. A family atmosphere of traditional songs and the Christmas story being read to the children on the stage ending in candlelight.~~
- ~~January 3rd: Launch the "What is your story" page on the website.~~
- ~~January 10th: Launch of "Be the story". Introduce the theme for the year and begin the 40 day plan of listening through the Bible. During these 40 days we will take a missions offering to help translate the Bible into new languages. The goal will be 2000.00 which will provide 2 New Testament books to be translated into a new language that does not have a Bible.~~
- ~~January 30th: Send out mailer to local communities about the wedding feast.~~
- ~~February 6th and 13th: Church wide door invitation campaign about the wedding feast. The church will be challenged place 2000 invitations on the doors of the local community.~~
- ~~February 14th: Wedding Feast: As a part of the "Be the Story" campaign we will be having monthly fellowships that center around the stories in the Bible preached that week. On this Sunday the story will be told about the parable of the wedding feast and we will put on a wedding feast. We will give away a special valentine prize.~~
- ~~February 20th or 27th: Church wide service outreach project.~~
- ~~March 2nd – 21st: Rodeo for Outreach. We will do the rodeo fund raiser to raise money for three outreach events in 2010. The goal will be 6500, or 8 nights of at least 10 volunteers.~~
- ~~March 28th: Palm Sunday challenge to reach lost people with an invitation to be apart of His Story.~~
- ~~April 4th: Easter. Become apart of His story!~~



Rodeo for Outreach

Let's Rodeo! Our Rodeo adventure was so successful last year we will be back at it once again. This year the Rodeo funds will help reach lost children in our community.

We have agreed with ARAMARK to work a minimum of eight dates. The dates are:

- Tuesday, March 2
- Thursday, March 4
- Sunday, March 7
- Wednesday, March 10
- Sunday, March 14
- Thursday, March 18
- Saturday, March 20
- Sunday, March 21

To work at the rodeo you must:

- Be 18+ years of age
- Relative good health, able to stand for a long period, no sitting
- *Must* have a current TABC Certificate (See dates below, if needed)
- Attend Aramark's NPO training (See dates below)
- Wear black (very comfortable) shoes
- Black slacks
- Black belt
- The church will provide the required hat

Wildewood will work in food service, most likely Nachos and Popcorn.

Each shift of six needs one cashiers, one leader, and one counter. The best profit for Wildewood would be to provide twelve people for each of our commitments. Sunday, March 14, we have two volunteers. We need ten additional volunteers.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help work at the rodeo this year. The required weekday performances will be difficult for us to staff—please pray about those dates. If you are unable to work you can still help by making a \$25 donation for the TABC training.

We need your commitment today—one time or all eight times—we need you!

Training Schedule & Rodeo Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			February 11 NPO Training		February 13 TABC Training	
			February 18 NPO Training		February 20 TABC Training	
	February 23 NPO Training				February 27 TABC Training	
	March 2 Alan Jackson		March 4 Kenny Chesney			March 7 Jonas Brothers
		March 10 Rascal Flats				March 14 Go Tejano Day
			March 18 Blacked Eye Pea		March 20 Brooks & Dunn	March 28 Disney/Selena

Please see Karla Firmin to sign-up for the Rodeo work.



You've Got The Time

You've got the time to listen to the Bible in just 28 minutes a day. You have received a CD (that will work in a variety of ways). This CD will take you through the entire New Testament in 48 days...just 28 minutes a day! This challenge can be accomplished by listening at home, in your car, on your computer, or even while exercising.

Why are we doing this? 3.2 billion people around the world have never heard the Gospel message before

"The Bible says, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17) and at Faith Comes By Hearing, we have seen first-hand how Bible listening has blessed the lives of those who take the time to hear what God has said in His Word."

because they are poor and illiterate.

Our prayer is that as you are blessed in hearing God's Word for yourself, you will also give to support Audio Bible programs for those who will never hear the Gospel unless it's given to them in an audio form. Together we will work to fulfill the Great Commission!

Our goal is \$948. With this amount a book of the Bible can be translated into a language that has never been translated before. Now is the time to offer your gift.



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 for everyone-Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm,**
 Dancer Home: 4015 Evening Trail 77388, Cypresswood Subdivision 281.727.6363
 This LIFE group continues the study in Revelation.
 The Dancer's LIFE group fellowships and has monthly meals together.
- Oakwood Glen Ladies Life Group-Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm,**
 Firmin Home: 6911 Peace River 77379, Oakwood Glen Subdivision 713.825.1875
 This LIFE group is doing Beth Moore's Daniel series.
 This LIFE group has supper fellowships every two weeks.

Ladies-are you interested in a LIFE group on a weekday morning or afternoon? If so please let Brad or Karla know. We can get one started in April.

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

Everyone is encouraged to participate in a LIFE group.

WBC Treasurer's Report—December, 4th Quarter, and Year 2009

Contributions and Operating Reserve:

- December contributions and gifts to Wildewood were \$50,514, the highest total of 2009 and 217% greater than November. Further, this was a \$19,794, (64%), increase from the last month of 2008. The fact is that this December gift was the largest single month of giving to Wildewood since December of 2006. Because of the gifts received in early December it was not necessary to "borrow" from the designated funds as projected at the end of November. *GOD HAS TRULY BLESSED WILDEWOOD!!!*
- Total 4th quarter contributions were \$80,558, 63% of which were received in December. This was 53% greater than the third quarter and 26% greater than the amount collected in the 4th quarter of 2008.
- The total gifts and contributions to Wildewood in 2009 were \$244,028, 1% over budget and 18% more than last year.
- Wildewood's unrestricted reserve at the close of business on 31 December was \$29,163, \$5,060, (21%), more than the \$23,811 held at year end 2008 and \$5,352 more than the amount held for future needs at the end of 2007. Total reserves at the end of December were \$38,924, down from the \$40,765 that had been set aside at the end of last year. The reduction in total reserves can be attributed to the expenditure of the nearly \$8,400 held at the end of last year for the Kenya Mission Trip.

Expenditures:

- Wildewood's annual expenditures for 2009 were \$238,968. That is 4% below budget, but \$4,640, (2%), more than last year. Expenditures were \$5,060 less than the amount collected in 2009.
- This was the first year in three years that collections exceeded expenditures. In that three year period the net shortfall has been over \$49,000. Prior to the three year period ending in December 2009, at least the five previous years had a surplus of contributions to expenditures.
- Except for the major categories listed below, all major budget categories were at or near annual budgeted expenditures for 2009:
- Property and Grounds: was a net \$1,660 under budget. Less than anticipated was spent on yard service, utilities and maintenance.
- The Youth ministry was below budget by \$4,337 due to some programs not being as aggressive as planned early in the year and the reorganization of the ministry after the departure of our youth leader.
- Church Administration: was \$1,910 under budget due to the deferral of several items that will be required in the first quarter of 2010.
- Personnel: expenditures were \$1,789 under budget primarily due to the departure of our youth leader.

Other:

- Activity Building: [[to be completed after the meeting with interested parties 12 January 2010]] NO CHURCH FUNDS HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE USED TO CONSTRUCT THIS FACILITY.
- 2010: will be, as 2009 was, a critical year for Wildewood. We cannot expand our ministry without the funds required to pay for it. Please prayerfully consider the proposed 2010 Wildewood Budget that is to be distributed to all church members and provide the leadership team with your comments or questions for our General Church Conference on 31 January. Please ask God to help us through these times and consider your ongoing support of his church on Louetta.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Anderson, Treasurer
14 January 2010

2010 Report

As of January 20, 2010

Total Balance: \$37,611.28

Regions: \$22,013.16

Fidelity: \$15,598.12

Designated Funds: \$9,845.61

Unrestricted Funds: \$27,765.67

Stated before reconciliation.

Activity Building Balance: \$392.22

2010	January	2009-Year
Contributions & Gifts Received	\$11,053.00	\$229,743.14
Budgeted Amount	\$16,500.00	\$211,500.00
Funds Spent	\$15,862.19	\$238,968.09
Net Income	-\$1,397.13	+\$5,060.05
Additional Funds Needed	\$5,447.00	\$00.00
Stimulus Plan Received	\$765.00	\$14,285.00

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

Wildewood Ranch

Roundin' Up Children for Christ

Thursday, June 10/Evening; Friday, June 11/Evening
 Saturday, June 12/Day & Lunch; Sunday, June 13/Worship & Fellowship

Wildewood is back in the saddle. We are having a Vacation Bible School this summer. Wildewood will beat to a different drum in how we have it structured. Our goal is to be different and reach children for Christ in an unique way. This children's event is for the entire church and needs the support of the entire church. Please pray about your commitment, how and where you can help. Please see Karla Firmin with any questions about our Wildewood Ranch.

Leaders	Helpers
Director (Trail Boss): Karla Firmin Co-Director (Trail Boss): Brad Dancer	
Story Time/Bible Study: Sharon Hullar	
Missions Leader:	
Worship Rally Leader: Brad Dancer Music Leader:	
Crafts: Willow Laugen	We will need several helpers.
Recreation:	We will need several helpers.
Snacks, Saturday Lunch & Sunday Fellowship: Patrice Domingue	1. Susie Schmidt We will need additional helpers.
Special Event Coordinator (Horses & Zoo, Inflatable's):	We will need several helpers.
Registration & Attendance Coordinator:	We will need several helpers.

Age/Grade Level	Lead Person (Adult)	Helper
Nursery to Three Year Olds <small>This group is for the children of our volunteers, depending upon the age and number in this group we will have lessons, etc.</small>	Volunteer Needed to help lead this group. 1.	We will have one paid childcare worker.
Pre-Kindergarten (Four as of September 1, 2009)	1. Amber Hardin	2.
Kindergarten (As of September 1, 2009)	1. Bekki Glasson	2.
First Grade (As of September 1, 2009)	1. D'Nina Dancer	2.
Second Grade (As of September 1, 2009)	1.	2.
Third Grade (As of September 1, 2009)	1. Connie Laugen	2.
Fourth Grade (As of September 1, 2009)	1.	2.
Fifth Grade (As of September 1, 2009)	1.	2.

We will need additional volunteers for each age level according to the size of the class.

It is critical for volunteers to step-up ASAP. We cannot offer this program this summer without the needed volunteers.

PLEASE do not assume someone else will volunteer. Thank you.

NAM

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

2010 NAM Shopping List

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Dry Cereal
- Canned Soup
- Canned Corn
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce & Dry Pasta
- Dried Beans
- Cash Donations always gratefully accepted

NAM expects to feed over 900 families per month this summer. During the summer months children are not in school and are not receiving free breakfast and lunch meals. Beginning now, NAM is preparing to stock their Food Pantry for the summer months to meet this incredible need. Thank you for your generosity.



As part of the Assistance Program at NAM, the Food Pantry ensures that no neighbor leaves hungry. Volunteers work to sort donations, stock shelves and fill grocery bags with nutritious foods. The Food Pantry receives donations from area markets, congregations, businesses, schools, community groups, families and individuals. Cash donations help the Food Pantry purchase bulk food at wholesale cost. Last year, the Food Pantry filled more than 7,400 food orders, feeding more than 620 families each month.

Beginning March 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010 NAM will partner with the Feinstein Foundation in a grant program. Food items that are collected during this time will be weighed, then be matched with a dollar value. Please make an extra effort during this time frame to bring additional items each Sunday. Each year between the Weekday Preschool and the Wildewood church family we donate over 1,000 food items to NAM during this challenge. Let's pray and act upon surpassing that figure in 2010.

Wildewood is among the original churches who began NAM-Northwest Assistance Ministry. We continue to be a supporting congregation of NAM through monthly giving of funds and foods. We also support NAM by participating in the Feinstein Food Challenge, SOS (Survival Over the Summer), Back to School Supplies, Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets, the Holiday Toy Bags and in other numerous ways. Wildewood has several church members who generously donate their time and energy to the NAM Resale Shops, and Meals On Wheels.

NAM is asking all of the congregations to give at least two (2) Days of Service this calendar year to the Resale Warehouse on FM 1960 (between Walters and TC Jester) NAM has been abundantly blessed with donations of clothing and household goods that need be sorted and priced. Please watch for upcoming dates that we will serve collectively as a church. Please let Ken Castlebury know a time of year that would be best for you to serve. Shifts are available Monday to Saturday for either a four hour or eight hour period of time.

It is important to know that nearly 17% of NAM's budget, that directly fund the programs and services offered to those in our community, comes from the NAM Resale Shops. This is an easy way for us to support NAM during the difficult economic times.

Contact: Ken Castlebury ken_castlebury@W-Industries.com

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.

February 2010

Visit us at www.wildewoodbc.org

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 31 Quarterly Church Conference after Worship	1	2	3	4	5	6 Boy Scouts Food Drive for NAM Parking Lot
7 Communion Sunday Team Spirit Day Scout Sunday	8 Leadership Team Meeting @ 7:00 pm	9 SASY Games and lunch	10	11 Set-up Valentine Lunch @ 4:30 pm Rodeo NPO Training 6-10 pm	12	13 Rodeo TABC Training 9:30-1:30 pm
14 Community Wedding Vow Renewal 10:30 am Reception Lunch Follows	15	16 Grapevine Deadline	17	18 Rodeo NPO Training 6-10 pm	19	20 Rodeo TABC Training 9:30-1:30 pm
21	22	23 Rodeo NPO Training 6-10 pm	24	25	26	27 Rodeo TABC Training 9:30-1:30
28 Deacon Mtg. 8:45 am Rodeo In-house Training 4:00	March 1	March 2 Rodeo for Outreach	March 3	March 4 Rodeo for Outreach	March 5	March 6
March 7 Rodeo for Outreach	March 8	March 9 SASY Games & Lunch	March 10 Rodeo for Outreach	March 11	March 12	March 13

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.

www.wildewoodbc.org

Regular Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Fellowship & Coffee
 9:15 am Bible Study-All Ages
 Birth to 5th Grades
 6th to 12th Grades
 McDougal Class-Men's Class
 JOY Class—Ladies Class
 Dancer—Ladies Class
 Laugen—Coed Class
 10:30 am Worship
 10:30 am KIDMO! Children's Church
 5:00 pm Wildewood Connects
 6:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Regular Weekday Schedule

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

Weekday Preschool
 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.



I apologize for the inconvenience of not providing birthdays for February. Due to computer issues and lost access to part of our database I am not able to access this information. Prayerfully, this issue will be resolved soon.

Happy birthday to everyone in February. You are valued and love by your church family.

Thank you,
 Karla Firmin

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE FOR ALL TO SEE

January 2010

Cultural Corner:

I went to visit a friend, and the kids in his neighborhood started teasing me. I played along and talked to them, when out of nowhere one of the kids threw a live bat at me! It stuck on my shirt! I started dancing around and shaking my shirt to try to get it off. Finally one of the kids came to get it off my shirt.

Raise Your Hands:

-Kris is a follower who resurrendered his life to JC after going astray! Lift up his growth!

-Two college students from Texas will come this month and work with us for 4 months!

-Andy is very close to trusting in JC!

-Dad has provided for me in amazing ways in the past year in SE Asia! It has been an amazing year!

Bend Your Knees:

-Lift up Andy as he continues to seek JC. Ask that he would understand the cost of following JC and not be afraid of bringing shame to his family

-Lift up our group that will begin studying the word together weekly

-Lift up an opportunity I have to share weekly at an English club on a campus with all Cousins

-Ask that Trace and Taylor, the college student volunteers, would adjust to life easily here and be used in mighty ways

-Lift up Sal, Sam, Harry, Teddy, and Billy, all who are cousins who have heard the good news and seem to be seeking truth!

PICTURES!

Left: The kids who threw a live bat at me!

Right: Visiting a temple with friends

A New Year, A New Beginning

Last week I celebrated my one year anniversary in my country! It has been a year of many ups and downs, and I've seen Dad do some amazing things and learned so much more about Him. Looking back at the past year, I have been celebrating what Dad has done. And now I'm very excited to see what He has for me this next year! Please lift up the people and the work here, and that Dad would do things beyond our belief this new year. I can't wait to see how He changes hearts and lives this year!

‘ This new year, I will be starting a study of the Word with both followers and cousins. For at least the first month, we will study who Dad is according to the Word. We hope to help train those who are followers to be more bold in sharing, and also reach cousins with the Good News.

‘ This year we are blessed to have two college students from Texas join our team for 4 months! They will be living with me, and it is a huge blessing to have them here. I will be training them this month. We are thankful that Dad has sent them to us!

If you want to see more pictures, check my Facebook page, or I can send you a link. Also, check my blog for more pictures and stories.
www.takingthelight.blogspot.com



Celebrating my 1 year anniversary

Open to the love of JC

Thank you so much to all of you who lifted up my trip to the Y city in my last newsletter! Dad answered your prys! About 3 days before the trip, my grandfather passed away and I was having a very hard time. I almost didn't go on the trip. Thankfully, Dad had other plans. One night in the Y city I was reading a book about becoming closer to Dad. My friend Kris asked me what I was reading, and from that, our conversation began.

‘ Kris grew up attending fellowship but has fallen away in recent years. He was very reluctant to open up about his past, but after awhile he opened up. He had a very hard home life and had a skewed view of Dad because of how his dad on earth treated him. Also, he felt like some of the bad things he had done could not be forgotten by JC. After digging into the Word, talking about the unconditional love JC brings, and how there is nothing bigger than the love of Dad, the HS moved in Kris's heart and he recommitted his life to JC!

‘ Dad did amazing things in my life and in Kris's life that night! Praise Him! Please lift up Kris as he continues to grow in his relationship with JC.



Happy Belated New Year!

I have taken much time this new year to reflect on the past year. Dad has brought me through so many trials and taught me perseverance and that He is faithful to provide all that I need. He has brought me through many illnesses (some having to do with adjusting to the food here), a motorcycle accident, two surgeries to repair my torn ACL, a month alone in Singapore where I could hardly walk, unusually intense swelling in my knee after surgery, my roommate and close friend going back to America much earlier than expected, and the loss of my grandfather. During most of these times, I desperately longed to be at home with family and friends in comfortable surroundings. But through all of these trials, I can honestly say that Dad has taught me to be content in Him and Him alone despite the circumstances, and that life truly isn't about where you are, it's about walking with Him and trusting Him every step of the way. I can clearly see how Dad used these circumstances to increase my faith in Him and make me more dependent on Him.

I know that I could not have survived everything I went through this past year without your prys and encouragement. Even though we are so far apart, I cannot count the number of times I opened up my email and received encouragement when I was feeling down, considering giving up and going home. Thank you so much! I have seen our faithful Father answer your requests in more ways than I can count, and I am so grateful for you!

Looking back, I can't help but praise Him for all the wonderful things He has done in the past year! He has provided me with dozens of opportunities to share the good news! He has given me the ability to learn a new language and become almost fluent! He has given me opportunities to go to unreached villages! He has done so much in the heart of Andy through reading the Word and our continued prys for him! He is working in the lives of Sal and others! He has given a desire for some followers of JC such as Winston, Alvin, and Van to share with their neighbors and friends and allowed us to train them! And this is just the beginning of what He's done!

Reflecting upon this past year has been so refreshing! I truly wish I could sit down with each of you to share how amazing our Dad is and tell you what He is doing here. I am so eager and excited to see what He will accomplish in the coming days! Thank you so much for your continued prys and support!

Love,
Blake

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Please remember when communicating with Blake to use vocabulary carefully for security reasons. Like: God is Dad or Father, Jesus is JC, Holy Spirit is HS, prayer is pry or lift up, or bended knees, missions is M, use fellowship for Church. Thank you for your sensitivity in your vocabulary. Blake loves to hear from you.

SASY-Seniors Actively Staying Young

The SASY group continues to meet the second Tuesday of each month. The group plays cards or other games at the church, then have lunch at a local restaurant. On occasion the group takes a day trip to view Blue Bonnets, Christmas lights or another fun adventure.

Please join us on Tuesday, February 9 for a fun morning and lunch. Tues-

day are open to all ages.

Sunday, March 28 Blue Bonnet Trip

Join the SASY group for a Blue Bonnet trip on Sunday, March 28. The group will board the bus after worship, lunch in the local area and then

head towards the Brenham area to view our beautiful Texas State flower.

This trip is for the 50+ crowd (Harris County Precinct 4 requirements). Reservations with Jo Barker are required. The trip will return by early evening. Please look for future details for this great afternoon.

Weekday Preschool Registration 2010-2011 School Year

Registration for the new school year 2010-2011 will begin Monday, February 22 for church members and those already registered in the Weekday Preschool program. New registration will begin on Tuesday, March 2. All registration will be accepted during the normal business hours of the preschool: Mondays 9:30-1:00 pm, Tuesday to Thursday 9:30-2:30 pm.



All registration is on a first come first served basis.

The weekday preschool program is blessed, this year all classes are almost

completely full. Please let your friends and neighbors know that the classes will fill-up quickly.

Please see Sherry Anderson, director, for complete details. 832.717.0982 or prekdirector@flash.net. The church website will have the 2010-2011 information posted soon.

Preteen Camp Wednesday, July 14 to Sunday, July 18

Camp E.D.G.E. (Explorer God's Word, Discover God's Plan, Grow in God's Goodness and Experience God's Ways) is a great camp for students who will complete the third to sixth grades this school year.

Our church participates with 25+ churches in the Houston metro area and across our state. The camp is at Trinity Pines Conference Center on Lake Livingston in Trinity Texas. Approximately an 1.5 hour drive from Wildewood.

The students who sign up with Wildewood are supervised by and housed with Wildewood volunteers. During

the camp day the students will be in Mom and Pop groups that are led by volunteers from all the churches.

It is important to mark your calendar now for the camp dates and to register ASAP. There is great financial advantage to early registration.

The camp fee until Monday, March 8 is \$185, after March 8 the cost goes up to \$200. A \$35 deposit is due, no later than Monday, March 8 to secure the \$185 fee. We welcome you to make regular "camp payments" this year. This is to help families not take a big hit for the final payment the first week of June.

This year we need two female and two male volunteers to attend camp with the students. Parents, we welcome you. Camp is truly a fun and growing time with your student. All adult volunteers must be able to endure the heat and a long day. However, it is worth every second. All volunteers are background checked and screened.

Please see Karla Firmin for complete camp details.

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A Church of Love, Encouragement & Acceptance

Valentine Wedding Vow Renewal & Fellowship Lunch Sunday, February 14 *It's for everyone!*

In 2010 the theme is "Be the Story". We are remembering that the bible is not just a book of stories about what God did, but what God can do in your life. In February we are celebrating the story of the Wedding Feast told in Luke 14 where we learn that everyone is invited to be apart of the Kingdom of God.

Everyone is invited to take part in the Wedding Feast at Wildewood by asking their neighbors and friends to join us. Some will take part in the feast by the renewal of their wedding vows. All of us will celebrate the Kingdom of God.

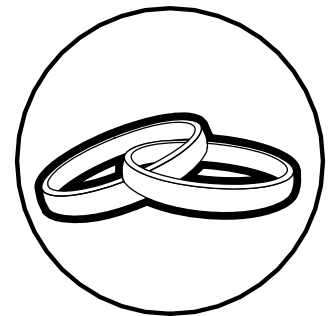
If you plan to renew your wedding

vows or know of someone in our community who would like to please let the Church Office know or sign up in the Welcome Center. The wedding vows will be part of the Sunday morning worship and a blessing for all of us to experience.

Everyone is invited to the reception luncheon after church. At the reception luncheon there will be great gifts in a drawing.

As Wildewood is a Family Church, we desire for everyone (all ages) to be a part of this event.

All glory and honor is given to the Lord on this special day.



**The Wedding Feast
Worship**

10:30 am

Reception Luncheon
Following Worship