



westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Summer Reflections: You Are My Beloved Child

by Baron Eliason

July in the church is a time for planning and preparing and reflecting. Along the lines of reflections, I wanted to share with you some thoughts from a friend that I found very helpful to me. The author is a Christian missionary back in the states for a while. He is sharing reflections from his own quiet time. I hope they bring the cool rest of the Lord's blessed shadow to your summer days as they have for me. If they had a title it might be: "You Are My Beloved Child."

You are my beloved child, worth exceedingly more to me than my very own life itself.

The love I have for you is more immeasurable than immeasurability itself; more incomprehensible than incomprehensibility itself; and more unfathomable than unfathomability itself. My love is completely

untainted, flawlessly perfect, entirely unconditional, and eternally ceaseless.

You are my beloved child, worth exceedingly more to me than my very own life itself.

I love you with such an uncontainable passion and irrepressible fervor that I willingly and joyfully undertook the inconceivable for you. I chose that which was of the most immense worth to me, and without reluctance, gave it away. I voluntarily relinquished the life of the one and only guiltless man creation has ever known, solely to undergo an entirely undeserved death, as a ransom for you.

You are my beloved child, worth exceedingly more to me than my very own life itself.

Regardless of the times when you do not love

me, I continue to love you. In the midst of the dark seasons when you cannot feel my love, I keep you securely within the sanctuary of its cocoon. In spite of the occasions in which the shame you feel is so great you consider yourself entirely unworthy to receive my love, I remain lavishly showering it upon you. And even when doubt consumes you so thoroughly it incapacitates your ability to so much as believe my love actually exists, it steadfastly remains an endlessly unceasing, absolute truth. There is unreservedly nothing you can do, not one thing at all, which can separate you from my love. And just as I have done for you before, I would gladly do for you again: lay down my very own life for you.

You are my beloved child, worth exceedingly more to me than my very own life itself.

Adult Discipleship

by Tyson Taylor

Acts--A Divine Explosion

This summer we have been studying the book of Acts. Acts serves as almost a second chapter to the gospel of Luke. In the gospel of Luke, we hear of the life of Jesus and His disciples and the action of the story is constantly moving toward Jerusalem. This movement toward Jerusalem climaxes with the death and resurrection of Christ.

When the book of Acts picks up God's story, the action is no longer a movement toward Jerusalem but now a movement away. The Gospel message was like a powder keg ready to explode. It was locked away with the disciples who had been told by the risen Christ to wait in Jerusalem and pray. God introduced a great spark to the message of the Gospel. God's Holy Spirit was the spark that began to propel the gospel message away from Jerusalem.

Christ tells His disciples, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." In the book of Acts, the movement is always away from Jerusalem like a mighty explosion of the Gospel. If we, like the disciples, hold the explosive message of the Gospel, and we see within our midst the spark of the Holy Spirit, we should expect that God's movement is constantly pushing the Gospel message outside the walls of Westminster to the ends of our city and the ends of the earth.

The Presbytery of Palo Duro
and
The Congregation of
Westminster Presbyterian Church
joyfully request the honor of your presence,
as we worship together and celebrate the ordination of

Tyson Neal Taylor

as
Minister of Word and Sacrament
and his installation as
Associate Pastor of Adult Discipleship
on

Sunday, July 31, 2011

at 5:00pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church
3321 33rd Street
Lubbock, Texas

Reception immediately following.

Worship Word

by Matt Spitsberg

God On the Beach

Greetings from South Padre Island and the 2011 Fun In the Son Youth Conference! It has truly been a joy to have the opportunity to help lead this trip alongside my wife, Lindsey Spitsberg, and WPC's Summer Youth Intern, Jordan Sims while our Youth Director, Shawn Mayo, is back home getting hitched! It was actually only two years ago that I attended my first "FITS" at South Padre (as a leader), and as a witness to the power of God moving in and through this camp today, I can tell you it is still going strong!

During our time here, our students have been focusing on the theme of "ELEVATE"...how we tend to elevate people and things to the place in our heart where God should dwell...how we should seek constantly and consistently to worship Him daily by offering ourselves as living sacrifices. We have experienced some very meaningful and in-depth discussion, both in our multi-church mixed small groups during the day, as well as during our nightly "Family Time," something of a debrief session in which students relate how the messages they are hearing are affecting them. Some of the stories we've heard...it's amazing (and saddening at the same time) to hear the amount of pressure and pain some of these students have resting on their shoulders. Hearing their stories and seeing their hearts slowly begin to transform into hearts that beat for Jesus alone has definitely been a part of this trip that I will never forget.

Although you will most likely get this message after we've returned from our experience in Padre, I still ask you to PRAY for our students in the following ways:

- That they would know and be told of the amazing, unending, UNCONDITIONAL love that God has for them.
- That they would cleave to their Heavenly Father and worship Him only, rather than the "little g" gods of relationships, popularity, and image.
- That they would be fortified by those who are deep in the Lord...that our church body would take a resounding interest in the hearts of the young.
- That they would offer themselves as living sacrifices, unashamed and unafraid of living a life that is for and of God.
- That the pains and pressures they feel would be alleviated, and that they would be able to find true rest and peace with their Heavenly Father.

Music Ministry

By Boyce Wyrick

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Children's Ministry

by Leslie Roach

It is hard to believe that the summer is already half over! We have had a very busy season in Children's Ministry as we hosted two Vacation Bible Schools and are now getting ready to leave July 22nd for our annual Camp Kid Jam trip to Denton, Texas. Plans are starting to take shape for the fall and I can't wait to tell you all about what is coming up after we nail down the final details. Please be sure to look out for pictures from our VBS coming soon!

WPC Preschool

by Larissa Jenkins

The Preschool is enrolling for fall, and there are a few spots left in our younger classrooms. Remember that children must be fully potty trained and at least 2 1/2 years old. We are also looking for Teaching Assistants and substitutes. If you have a background in child development and a heart for teaching children about Jesus, come talk to us! Stop by the Preschool any time!!

Missional Thoughts

by Will Johnson, Missionary to China

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August Anniversaries

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Charlie & Margaret Nix—6th (56 years)

August Birthdays

SIDE-LINED SAINTS

Maxine Day—14th

Flower Sentiments

The flowers in the Sanctuary during July were given ...

by **Ralph & Dona Nussbaum and Harold Lavery** to the glory of the Triune God and in honor of the men and women in our armed services who have dedicated their lives to defend the Constitution and are constantly vigilant around the world protecting the God-given freedoms we enjoy.

by **Bronson and Elise Blodgett** in celebration of their daughter Ella McKenzie's first birthday and to the glory of God.

by **Jim, Janice, and Robin Conkwright** in honor of Matt Mitchell for his many years of service to WPC and to the Glory of God. Thank you and best wishes, Matt, Ami, Lorelei, Will, and Gracie.

to the glory of God by **Linda and Ronnie Taylor** and to honor and celebrate the ordination of their son, Tyson Neal Taylor.

Directory Updates

Rev. Matt Mitchell and family
New Address: First Presbyterian Church
1819 Pascagoula Street
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Cliff & McKenzie Wilkes
New Address: 910 Milwaukee Ave.
Apt. 1006/79416

Announcements

The Next Issue of The Chimes

The next issue of The Chimes will be mailed August 11. News deadline is Sunday, August 7. That issue will cover news through August 28.

Keith & Kelly Rodgers to Speak in Worship on July 24

Give a welcome to our missionaries, Keith & Kelly Rodgers, who have just returned to the States from their time in Nicaragua with Teethsavers International. They will speak and present a short video during worship services on Sunday, July 24. Be sure to check out their website: www.hopefornica.com.

Open Dates on Flower Chart

Please sign up to provide a floral tribute for our worship services, in honor or memory of loved ones, to the glory of God, or in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or other special event. The flower chart is located to the right of the Administrator's Office in the main hallway. Minimum cost of the weekly flower arrangement is \$50.00. The next open date is Sunday, August 28.

Also, the Flower Ministry needs "narrow-necked" bud vases. Please let Jan in the church office know if you would like to donate your Sunday morning Worship Service flower arrangement to the Flower Ministry. Following the 11:00 Sunday Worship Service, these donated flowers will be placed into bud vases and delivered with a bulletin to those who are not able to attend worship at WPC. Volunteers are always welcome to make the deliveries. The donated arrangements & bulletins will be available Sunday noon in the East Kitchen.

Looking For a Way to Serve WPC?

We are in need of ushers and greeters for both worship services. There are six rotating usher teams (serving two Sundays in a row, every seven weeks) and four rotating greeter teams (serving one Sunday a month) for both services. Your service as an usher or greeter makes an important, positive impression on those attending worship and is a wonderful way to meet those in the congregation. If you are interested in becoming an usher or greeter, contact Steve Crow at 785-3688 or at 4scrow@suddenlink.net.

Mission Opportunities

The Texas Ramp Project needs your help. A ramp is being built Saturday, July 30 near the east church parking lot. Tools and direction will be provided. Please contact Baron if you can help. A few are needed to prep on Friday, July 29 from 5:30-7:00pm. Six to eight are needed for construction from 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday.

Prime-Timers

WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS!!! Time for comments, ideas, thoughts ...As we are planning for the coming year, we need your in-put for luncheon topics, speakers, activities. Please, take a minute and think over what you'd like to see us schedule or what interests you currently. Then, call or e-mail Alice so she can include your ideas. 748-1801 or aliceann@windstream.net.

Joshua House Sunday School Party

Save the date for a "Back to Sunday School Party" at the Abbott's home on the evening of Sept. 10. Look for details in the bulletins in coming weeks.

Used Children's Books for Africa Needed

Please donate any 1st-6th grade books appropriate for elementary children. There will be a collection box in the east hallway by the missionary newsletter rack/world map, to collect the books to be sent to Africa in August with Dr. Jack Rudd.

Your Help Needed for Outreach Hygiene Bags

Personal hygiene products are needed to fill bags being given to those requesting assistance from the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A collection tub is located in the church front office. If you travel, please collect shampoos, conditioners, and soaps to add to the donation. Also needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotions, washcloths, etc. Any unused book bags and sturdy grocery bags that items can be packed in are also appreciated.

WWWW SSSS

We have been very busy this summer, enjoying delicious meals prepared by the Stockings Patriots and the Sarah Circle ladies, & programs given by Matt Mitchell on China, Family Promise, Family Guidance and Outreach Center, Family Coaching, JQ Warnick, Walt Huffman, and Carol Nussbaum. The focused prayertime managed by Sally Andrews has been powerful, deep, and personally uplifting. **ALL are invited** to the suppers, the devotionals, and the prayer time, whether or not participating in the sewing projects.

The WPC Sewing Ministry Fellowship of the Scissors and Needles

Has been very busy this summer, making Little Dresses and Britches for the TeethSavers children in Africa, caps and hats for the cancer societies, pillowcases & aprons for the shut-ins, and the Stockings for the 3000 Stockings for Kunsan AB project. The Sewing Ministry has recently begun a partnership with CPS to provide dolls and bears for the children who have been removed from their homes. PLEASE DONATE **t-shirts**, used and new, to the sewing ministry. They will be paired with the Little Britches as well as with the Dolls and Bears for the children both in the Family Promise and other child advocacy agencies. Please join this Fellowship of the Needles and Scissors...no sewing experience needed.... just bring happy hands and willing hearts. Volunteers are very welcome, both on Wednesday evenings at the SSSS WWWW, and Thursday mornings at WSM. Be prepared to have fun as the work is rewarding and the fellowship is delightful!

Save the Date

Women of Westminster - Young and 'Forever Young!'

Come for fun & fellowship!

Come to enjoy unique table décor from each table hostess!

Come to learn about opportunities to become involved in
WoW Mission & Ministries!

(with the only pressure to do so coming from the Holy Spirit)

WoW Autumn Prayer Brunch

Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 10 a.m. – Noon

Family Ministry Center

Message: "Prayer: the Problem, the Privilege, the Promise"
Marcy Lawless, Moderator for WoW

Reservations: \$5.00

(Early sign-up's will receive a free WoW mug while supplies last!)

Child Care and Transportation are available without a fee,
but a Reservation is required.

Sign up in the Narthex following services in August or by phoning the
church office at 799-3621

Bring Items for WoW's Personal Hygiene Ministry

Christian Concerns Westminster Cares

Please phone Jan in the church office (799-3621) to notify WPC of birth, death, illness, or hospitalization. We care, and we want to know!
(Please remember that HIPAA regulations do not permit the hospitals to share patients' names with WPC staff.)

Church-wide Prayer Team "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." —Isaiah 56: 7. Join a church-wide prayer team of all ages, which will be broken into smaller teams to meet on a rotating basis during the Sunday School hour each week in the prayer room. Contact: Bev Day, 794-0038, Leslie Roach, 799-3621, ext. 219, or Sally Andrews, 797-0097.

HOSPITALIZED—Don Bartlett—Lubbock Heart Hospital; Recently hospitalized: Tommy Alexander, Don Bartlett, Tom Carter, Colton Dannheim, Jerry English, Ruth Huffaker, Don MacNair, Helen McGarrett, Sharon Rousseau, Boyce Wyrick

SYMPATHY TO: Peggy Sucsy in the death of her mother, Neva Lou Kampmeier on July 5 in Lubbock. A memorial service will be held August 20 at WPC.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Cliff Wilkes and McKenzie Tabor, who were married June 18 in Hereford, TX; Jared Lugo (Robert & Linda Sanders' grandson) and Rebecca Beutnagel's marriage (see "Wedding Bells" below); Shawn Mayo (WPC Youth Director) and Nicolle Clemmer, who were married July 15 in Oregon.

GENERAL CONCERNS

The following suffer from general health concerns: Tommy Alexander, Anne Bulls, Walt Clark, Norma Couch, Colton Dannheim, Maureen Davis, Eunice Dersch, Monica Dunlap, Mae Egbe, Eugenia Gray, Anne Griffin, Dana Hale, Jack Helms, Wallace Hess, Charles & Wilhelmina Hiemstra, Ann Jenson, Juanell Johnson, Virginia Joplin, Harold Laverty, Bertha Lemaster, Wilma Leslie (Memphis, TX), Stacie Mathis, Harvey & Micky McEachern, Helen McGarrett, Barret Noble, Mabry Peel, Helen Price, Sharon Rousseau, Joyce Russell, Treyton Tubbs, Betty Turner, Peggy Vannoy, and Helen Walker. Erik Herrera needs prayer for strength for therapy for Myasthenia Gravis.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

(We will list friends and extended family for a month. Following that time, please call the office if you wish for them to remain on the list.)

Chandra Brashears (Kristin Montgomery's sister) Bedrest for remainder of pregnancy; Elizabeth Cook (Kendra Lansdell's grandmother) Recovery from mild stroke, other health problems; Lisa Damour (WPC Preschool teacher) Recovering from ankle surgery; Rick Dodge (Nancy Dodge's father) In Hospice care for cancer; Jake Fluit (Paul & Sheri Landers' son-in law) Job search; Lexi Garza (Tamara Gilreath's co-worker's daughter) Safe reunion with family; Sheila Gonzales (Linda Taylor's neighbor) recently widowed, poor health; Lisa Gore (Robert Hook's cousin) Recent cancer diagnosis; Jessica Knight (safe travels); Bruce Loshbaugh (Tom & Sarah Carter's son) health problems; Jim McKee (Mary Zickefoose's brother) Undergoing chemo and radiation treatments; Eriq & Anna Neale (Ken & Sharon Romines's son & daughter-in-law) Endurance for Eriq's chemotherapy treatments; Family of Carlton Peters (Kim Arnold's friends) Who drowned trying to save a child; Julie Jones Roberts (Don & Chris Jones' daughter) Bedrest for remainder of pregnancy; Mike Thomas (Katie Eliason's father), Health issues.

SEMINARY STUDENTS

Emily Roberts, Dillon Ferguson, Jessi Fleming, Max Hochenedel

MISSIONARIES

Will & Amanda Johnson (Youth with a Mission) China

Katie Mathis (iGO Global) Middle East

Keith & Kelly Rodgers (Hope for Nicaragua), Nicaragua

Jack Rudd (Teethsavers) Teethsavers in Africa/Central America

Doran & Amy Schoenhals (Campus Crusade) Texas

Brandon & Jenny Scott (CAM International) Guatemala

Billy & Jess Streu (Operation Mobilization) Bosnia

Tim Tam (Amarillo office), Beth Garner, Kenny Logan, Pedro Perez (Word at Work Ministry) Belize

Drew Tucker (Summer 2011—Mission Discover) Swaziland

MILITARY PERSONNEL

AIR FORCE Jonathan Hogan (Doug Hogan's son) Texas, Adam Keith (Stan & Kathy Tucker's son) Italy, Zachary Laird (Ruth Huffaker's grandson) Arizona.

ARMY Keith Anderson (Beth Anderson Lee's son) Texas, Craig Combs (Samantha McKay's friend), Iraq; David Hale (Becky Benson Hale's husband) Georgia. Rick Miller (Martha Daniel's nephew) Germany, Aaron Taylor (Jordan Sims's brother, Jenny Watson's nephew) Afghanistan, Zane Wilson (Lynnette Wilson's son) S. Carolina, Garrett Zuerker (Mike Zuerker's cousin), Afghanistan

COAST GUARD Michael Taylor Knight (Friend of many WPC Youth) Virginia

MARINES Beau Babcock (Mike Zuerker's cousin) Afghanistan, Bryan Perry (John & Betty Schmitz's grandson-in-law) California,

Paula Sepeda (Todd Faison's sister-in-law) California, Nick Sims (John & Debbie Sims's son) Rhode Island,

Sean Vannoy (Peggy Vannoy's grandson) California

NAVY Jeff Benson (Becky Benson Hale's brother) Japan, Jay English (Jerry & Paulette English's grandson) Japan,

Mark A. Gilreath (Tamara Gilreath's husband) Colorado, Jonathan Loper (Stan & Kathy Tucker's son-in-law) Washington, D.C.

Wedding Bells!

*Congratulations to
Jared Sanders Lugo
and
Rebecca Lynn Beutnagel,
who were married
on June 25, 2011
at Westminster
with Rev. Matt Mitchell officiating.*

*Newlyweds
Nicolle and Shawn Mayo,
our youth director,
will be honored with a
wedding shower/pounding,
on Sunday, August 14th
at 10 a.m., in the FMC
as we welcome them back after their
July 15th wedding, held in Oregon.
Please join us for this festive
brunch/ reception.
Registry: Bed, Bath, and Beyond;
or gift cards welcome.*

*Beverly Fleming, along with her family,
invites you to join in celebrating
the recent wedding of her daughter,
Jessica Fleming to Brandon Chrisp.
The small ceremony took place June 4th,
in Littleton, Colorado.
Come share in our joy at a
reception honoring them on
Saturday, August 27, 2011,
from four to six o'clock
in the WPC Parlor.*



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Church Staff

Baron Eliason.....Pastor
Tyson Taylor.....Associate Pastor
Larissa Jenkins.....Preschool/Daycare Director
Leslie Roach.....Children's Ministries Director
Kristin Montgomery.....Early Childhood Min. Coord.
Shawn Mayo.....Youth Director
Jordan Sims.....Summer Youth Intern
JR Cochran.....College Ministry Director
Boyce Wyrick.....Music Director
Matt Spitsberg.....Worship Arts Director

Don Smith.....Organist
Bruce MacNair.....Church Administrator
Ricki Feagan.....Pastor's Secretary
Sharon Sturman.....Part-Time Financial Secretary
Jan Collier.....Church Administrative Assistant
Tami Hodnett.....Part-Time Media Coordinator
Freddie Bryant.....Custodian
Rosa Aleman.....Housekeeper
Joe Sarratt.....Part-Time Custodian
Robert Sanders.....Night Sexton

Worship Times

Sundays

9:00am.....Contemporary Worship
 10:00am.....Sunday School for Children
 Fellowship Time for Adults
 10:15am.....Sunday School for Adults
 11:00am.....Traditional Worship

Wednesdays

5:30pm.....Supper (with reservation)
 Family Ministry Center
 6:00pm.....Wednesday Nite Live

Return service requested.

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