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Sharing the Fruit of the Spirit

The Grape Vine

Heritage Baptist Newsletter



This publication will keep you an informed member of Heritage Baptist.

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Dates to Remember:

May 1: Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser for Belize Missions 5:00 p.m.

May 4: AWANA Theme: Fiesta Night 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



May 5: National Day of Prayer

May 6: HBI Graduation and Banquet 6:30 p.m.



May 8: Mother's Day



May 11: AWANA Theme: Movin' Up Night 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

May 18: AWANA Awards Ceremony 7:00 p.m.

May 21: Wedding Shower for Amber Woodward 2:00 p.m.



May 22: Missions Meeting 5:00 p.m.

May 25: AWANA Fair 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

HBC Youth Calendar--May, 2011

May 7--Kickin' It at Kitty Hollow: Join us at Kitty Hollow Park for a time of fellowship and fun! Time TBA.



May 20, 7:30 P.M.--May 21, 12:00 noon--School Ending Celebration at First Belt way Baptist Church, East Houston: We'll be teaming up with Bro. Doug Garland (Bro. Jared's father-in-law) for one crazy night of **ministry, music, games, fellowship** and **LASER TAG!!!** Don't miss this!



May 29, 6:00 P.M.--Graduate Recognition



In addition to these special events, the youth meet every Sunday for **Praise Band Practice at 4:30 P.M.** and **Bible Study at 6:05 P.M.** On **Wednesday nights at 7:00 P.M.** we have **AWANA** programs for middle-school and high-school students.



Precious Memories...

"forsake not the law of thy mother." Proverbs 1:8

Warm cookies, hot pie, the nightly schedule of prayer, covers pulled up, and the words of Mom, "Good night, I love you," are fond memories of many a grown child. These memories have helped to mold strong character in many adults today. Memories like these give us strength to weather life's storms and light as we walk through dark valleys. A mother is the only person on earth who can divide her love among ten children and each child will still have all her love. Filled with a mother's love, we can face any problem that comes our way. Scripture praises God-fearing mothers and teaches us that a wise woman builds her house. One young person was heard to say, "I have learned that if I had listened to Mom, I would have avoided 90% of life's problems." Remember that no matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement. Shouldn't every day be Mother's Day?

Thanks for all your help. God Bless. Until next time.....B.C.

Carl Fitzgerald, HBI President

Kid's Kamp June 27 – July 1

Kampers must be grades 3rd–6th according to grade just completed.

Pre-Registration: \$30 deposit due on Sunday, May 29th

Total Camp Fee: \$120 (remaining due on June 27th)

NOTE: Pre-registration by May 29th will guarantee your child a camp t-shirt.

Brochures and sign-up sheet in the hallway across from the Break Room.

See **Michelle Mondragon** for more details!



Music Notes for May



I want to begin by thanking all those who participated in our Easter Sunday worship. There are just some jobs best done by a large group! The end of preparations for Easter allows me to invite you to join Sanctuary Choir. If you have a desire to lead in worship by singing in the choir, please contact me!

Second Sunday Singing is still a favorite event of mine after two years! We continue to hear and enjoy worship music by those who have never done it before. In fact, last month Brother and Sister Murphy sang "Blessed Assurance" as a duet, which gives me an idea for an appeal; could I get some more couples to participate? This month's Singing will coincide with Mother's Day, which calls out for some youth to sing.....

To our newer members, let me say welcome to the Heritage Baptist Church family, and don't try to keep your talents hidden - I will find out anyway!

Bro. Dennis Bell, Minister of Music



National Day of Prayer!



The 60th Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 5, 2011. Millions of Christians will unite in prayer at thousands of events and churches from coast to coast. The theme this year is "**A Mighty Fortress is Our God**", based on the verse from Psalm 91:2 which states: "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust" (NIV). You are welcomed again this year to come to our church on this day between the hours of 7:00 am. to 6:00 pm. to pray. There are registered events at: the City Hall steps in Missouri City from 10 am. to 11 am., located at 1522 Texas Parkway and at: Sugar Land City Hall from 12:00 pm. to 1:00 pm., 1222 Town Square. There are seven areas about which we as a nation are called to pray on this day. They are *Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church, and Family*. Please remember this day, mark it on your calendar.

Richard Deramo, Churchwide Prayer Ministry

AWANA Themes for May

May 4--Fiesta Night: Clubbers will get a special treat tonight; nachos will be served during Game Time!



May 11--Movin' Up Night: This is the night when all clubbers who are graduating to a new club will visit that club during Council Time.

May 18--Awards Ceremony: This is a very special night when everyone gets acknowledged for their efforts in AWANA. This takes place in the sanctuary and everyone is invited.



May 25--AWANA Fair: This is a fun night! There will be games, treats and AWANA Store will be open. The fair will open at 7:00 P.M. and close down by 8:15 P.M.



Pastor's Corner - Bro. Brian Simmons, Associate Pastor HBC



Unbelievably, the month of May is here. This means kids will soon be out of school, temperatures will remind me why I prefer winter, and Heritage Baptist Church will be a busy place.

In the next three months, the church will be hosting a Vacation Bible School and helping our mission in McAllen with another, sending children to two camps and holding an untold number of other events. Bro. Ben and Sis. Terese Woodward will be headed out to Belize after almost two years of deputation and Bro. Charles and Sis. Mary Murphy will go to the American Baptist Association National Meeting in St. Louis.

Many others will be taking family vacations.

With all the events on the schedule, I want to take this time to remind you to start praying now.

Pray for the VBS workers, teachers and decorators and the work they put in months before the first child arrives at the church door. Pray for the kids that will be at VBS, that they come to church with an open heart, ready to hear God's Word and that the children who do not know Christ will make that decision during that week.

Pray for the ones heading to McAllen for VBS to have a safe trip and that the teachers, helpers and those going to work around the church grounds have success in all they do for the Lord there. The Lord is using Bro. Jeremy Valladares to do a great work in that part of the state. Continue praying for him and his family as well.

Church camps are also just around the corner and we pray many people are saved during these weeks. Also, be in prayer for the safety of the kids and sponsors on the trip and during the many activities. Pray that all hearts and minds will be focused on Jesus. Take a moment also to thank the sponsors that go on these trips. They take a week of their busy summers to take children to these places where they can grow in their relationships with God. Pray for the camp speakers, that God will bless them in their studies over the coming weeks as they prepare to deliver sermons and lessons.

The Woodwards have been working hard over the past two years in preparation for their trip to Belize. Pray for Bro. Ben and Sis. Terese as they take this step of faith and pray they continue to get the support they need to do this work for God. Pray for the people of Belize, that their hearts will be open to the message and that God will call men to preach and help Bro. Ben establish indigenous churches in that country.

Keep Amber, Aaron and Samantha Woodward in your prayers as they go through this time of change and adjust to life without their parents being close by.

And finally, remember to pray for the ABA National Meeting as decisions are made that affect missionaries worldwide. Pray for a loving spirit at the meeting and that all decisions made are made according to God's will and with His work and agenda in mind. Pray for the Murphys as they travel and for all the hundreds of people making the trip to St. Louis in June.

Brian Simmons, Associate Pastor





For all those nights without sleep... For unseen tears you shed my first day of school ... For making countless 'ouches' miraculously better with your kisses...
For being the Best Nurse Ever through all my childhood illnesses ... For teaching me the true meaning of God's Love...
For prominently displaying my school papers ...
For wearing the gaudy jewelry that a child's allowance could only afford ...
For making every holiday special... For cooking my favorite dinner on my Birthday, ... For always being there...
For making me feel I was the most wonderful kid in the whole world,
For being the best example of what a Mother should be,

I thank you, Mom, with all my heart!

Color and Give to your Mom!

Best Mom Ever!

I ♥ My Mom!