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**Pastor's Corner**  **Thank You**  
We had a GREAT time at our Church Picnic! Thank you, once again, for providing great food and fellowship. The kids have a tremendous time every year, especially. A big THANK YOU also goes to people who helped with the school supplies.

**Citychurch Volunteers** – Calling all Citychurch volunteers (and those interested)! We will have an organizing meeting on August 24 at 6 pm at the Citychurch building (downtown on the square). Even if you can only devote a few weeks of your time, you're invited to participate.

**Community Renewal Fellowship**  
On August 24 at 6:30 pm, you are invited to come hear about our church group's recent trip to Shreveport. This will be a VERY informal meeting, and an exciting vision for neighborhood ministry will be shared. This is not just one person's vision or program. This is something for everyone to get involved in. Bring a friend, and gather with us at the Citychurch building on Austin street.

**Mission Macedonia Update from Melanie Vasquez**

Hello brothers and sisters,

Wow what an adventure this month has been for me. I have been all over the Balkans working English camps. At these camps we taught Albanian and Serbian children. If you know anything about the independence of Kosovo, then you know what a big deal it is to have these two people groups in the same room. The point of the camp is to show them that they are all equal and that it's time to move on to the future. I had 9 children in my class and there were over 100 children that attended the camp. I was also assigned a language helper. Over the two weeks I visited each child's family and heard stories about their children and the war. Then, God truly was at work when he assigned my language helper to my class. I would like to share that story with you.

Exona is only 14 years old but speaks English really well. She told me that she doesn't know why she can't find joy in life. She knows there is something missing, I was able to share my testimony with her and explain to her what my life was like before I knew Christ. Over the past three years this is the first conversation that I have had with someone really interested in what I had to say. In the end, I gave her a Bible with some encouraging words. She did not accept Christ, not yet anyway, but I know she is close. In two weeks, I will be going back to her village to visit her.

I am praying for you, church. Stay strong in being a light in a world that is in desperate need of Christ.

Your sister,  
Melanie

**Summer Events**



**Tuesdays at Noon** – Ladies Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
**August 24** – Citychurch planning meeting  
Community Renewal Fellowship at the Citychurch building  
**August 28** – Annual Ladies Luncheon  
**August 28-September 1** – Go Tell Crusade  
**September 8** – Wednesday activities resume

### Happy Birthday

- 26 - Jayson Anderson, Vicki Hall, Greg Northcutt
  - 27 - Aaron Ross, Jarrett Ross, Patsy Wells
  - 28 - Marlene Nelson
  - 30 - Jim Reynolds, Crystal Vaughn
  - 31 - Wendy Aldridge
- September
- 1 - Lance Grantham
  - 2 - Brucella Aldridge, Diane Haney
  - 3 - Richard Todd
  - 4 - Chris Gibson, Don Stout
  - 5 - Joyce Carthel, James Hassell, Julius Stevens
  - 6 - Casey Matsler, Walter Wright
  - 7 - Dorothy Brown, Pam Miner, Carolyn Prater, Ted Roberts
  - 8 - Lynette Walker

### Congratulations

Charles Lee & Joyce White proudly announce the birth of their first great grandson



**Palmer Scott McLean  
August 5, 2010**

He is welcomed by parents, Brooke & Scott McLean and grandparents, Belinda & Greg Britten and Pam & Joel McLean of Amarillo.

### Mission Outreach Project

It's not too late to help with outreach to children in rural, war-torn Afghanistan. A family member of Charlotte Fulkerson has requested small items that he and his team can hand out to the children. They are asking for small items that don't require electricity or batteries. Toys and practical items are both appreciated by the children. There will also be a need for money to cover the postage.



Notes of encouragement to the soldiers who are serving and reaching out to the children would also be great! Items will be collected through September 30. For more information, contact Charlotte at 994-9151.

### Thank You

Thank you very much for my gorgeous flowers. A special thanks to the helping hands that planted them.

*God bless,  
Sheri Rawson*

Dear Church Family,

I want to once again thank each and every one of you for bringing my parents into your fold and lovingly caring for them. You are all angels on earth and my mother's fine, dear friends. Thank you for all you do!

*Sincerely,  
Shannon Dougherty Wait*

I would like to thank the volunteer who came to work at my house on Sunday and the lady that came by. Thank you so much. May God bless each of you.

*A servant of Christ,  
Brenda J. Houston*

The family of New Fellowship Baptist Church sends a special thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the projects we had to do. May God bless each and every one of you in a special way. Thank you.

*In His service,  
Pastor Matthew Veals*  
Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you all who had a part in Sunday serve. The lunch was great and I thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Nancy who brought it. Thank you all again.

*God bless you,  
Joan Hutto*

May God bless you all for the love and generosity you showed our family during our time of grief. James, you preached a lovely service. Karen and Greg, the music was touching. The meal provided by the church was delicious and it was served with thoughtful kindness. We received countless cards and phone calls. Many of you brought food to the house and many more prayed for Kenneth and for the family after his passing. Words are inadequate to express our appreciation, but know your kindness has helped fill the loss in our hearts.

*The Kenneth Love Family*

### Get Your Supplies Now

Now would be a great time to purchase your supplies for your Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child shoe box. Many school supplies and related items are on sale right now, so you could fill an extra box with the money you save! If you are not sure what to buy, stop by the church office and pick up a brochure. Or ... someone else can do the shopping for you if you want to bring a contribution by the office.



### We Need Your Input!



Beginning September 8, our Wednesday night small groups return. James will be teaching a study called "Does Your Child's World Scare You?" This will be a time to explore biblical-Christian responses to difficult family life issues, violence, sexual temptations, child poverty, and drug abuse challenges that face our families today.

Michael Summers will be teaching a small group, as well. He has asked for your input! If you will be attending his small group, please let us know which of the following studies sounds more appealing to you...

- 1) Exploring the New Testament This study would involve going in-depth into the background, context, and rich history of the New Testament texts. Also, we can get to know the New Testament authors and their life stories.
- 2) Christianity for Everyday Life This study would involve how to connect the Bible and the teachings of Jesus to everyday events and relationships. Also, the study would give you key ways to get more out of your Bible reading.

Joe Archer will be leading an Old Testament study called "Exploring Psalms". This will be an in-depth study that will help us understand the background and how to apply the Psalms to our lives today.

Angel Food will be distributed on Saturday, August 28 from the south end of the Education Building. Volunteers are asked to be here by 8:30 am to distribute food at 9 am.

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Adult 3 will begin a new study called *iMarriage* beginning in September. If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact Eddie Womack for more information.