

THE VISION

Exalting Christ . . . Equipping the Church . . . Engaging the Community

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Bruce Worley

Something that has always been at the forefront of my service here at Western Heights is trying to move us from our seats out to minister in the streets. It is not an easy task as there are many obstacles and barriers that have to be overcome in order to accomplish this task. You know as well as I do that talk is cheap, but action is a lot harder. That is why I want to take this opportunity to inform you of an important event happening on April 28. As most of you know our vision/mission statement is **Exalt Christ, Equip the Church, Engage the Community**. We are striving as a church to try to use these three statements to move our church to be on mission with God. We know in our heart that God wants to see people saved. We know that God is a God of growth. We know that God commands us to love our neighbors. However, often times we fall a little short in the neighbor area.

I have often said that people will not care how much we know until they know that we care. I have also said that even though we have the truth, our community is looking for proof. In other words, they want us to prove to them that we do indeed love and care for them. As a result the staff has set aside a Sunday to demonstrate the love of Christ to our neighborhood. YES! You heard that right; we have set aside a Sunday to minister to our community. We are calling this event **ENGAGE 101**. It is the first of what we hope will be many.

Here is the plan. We will be sending out post cards to every household on 60 – 65th street with an invitation for us to do something for them. It will be such things as yard work, replacing light bulbs, minor house repairs and other similar things that we will offer. The people will respond with the type of work desired and we will plan to meet that need on April 28. Here is the schedule.

8:45 – 9:30	Worship
9:45 – 10:45	Bible Study
10:45 – 11:30	Brunch and assignments
11:30 – 5:00	Service Projects
5:00 – 6:00	Light Supper
6:00 – 7:15	Worship

Obviously, we recognize that not everyone will be able to do everything needed to be done, but there will be something for everyone. Some can help with the meals. Others can help with transportation. Still others can come and pray and talk to the families as the ministry is being conducted. And still others can pray for those who are working that they will be able to represent Christ to our community.

Why do we call it ENGAGE 101? It is because we envision more such activities in the months to come. We are trying to take the gospel in word and deed to the streets around our facilities. We are striving to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Another opportunity for you to serve will be at our annual block party on April 20 at Jaycee Park. We will have an opportunity to minister to the children and families in our community as we share in this time together. At the block party we will have our prayer tent where people can request prayer for their needs, but we are adding a new tent this year called ENGAGE 101. At this tent, people will be given an opportunity to request assistance with any home projects that they may need done.

So how is all of this going to work? Obviously, Marcy and I cannot respond to every call or request for ministry once we have the information. We will need some people to follow up on these projects so that we can determine what needs to be done, how many people will be needed, and the equipment to be provided. In other words, it is going to take some work to make this happen. If you want to help in this preparation time, let me know or call the church office. It will take all of us working together to make ENGAGE 101 a success. Together we can make a difference in people's lives as we work together to share the love of Christ in tangible ways. And while we are serving our community we can take this opportunity to invite them to worship with us at 6:00. I look forward to what God is going to do through this ministry opportunity. Let's ENGAGE our community together!

CHILDREN & EDUCATION MINISTRY

The Easter Block Party will be Saturday, April 20, from Noon-2:00. The purpose of this event is to provide a fun activity for our neighbors and have one-on-one conversations with those who attend. Our guests come for the free meal, games, music, crafts, and the egg hunt; our goal is to use this time to meet people and learn about them. You can help us with this outreach event in several ways. As a part of the Easter egg hunt we will give out 30 Easter baskets. Bible Study groups can create their own baskets and/or donate money to help our team create or purchase baskets. Special envelopes for the Easter Block Party are located in the Bible Study classrooms if you would like to donate for this event. Or simply write BLOCK PARTY on any offering envelope. The most important way you can help is to be at the event. We need our members to come and reach out to our guests. If you can do that, please join us!



Marcy Smith

VBS will be Monday, July 15- Friday, July 19 from 9:00-Noon. The theme is In the Wild: Amazing Encounters with Jesus. A few of you have already contacted me about how you will serve. Thanks! But we have plenty more jobs to fill. It takes about 90 volunteers to provide a great VBS experience for families in our community. Please begin praying about how you can be a part of Vacation Bible School, and then give me a call!

Children's Day will be Sunday, May 19, beginning with the 11:00 service (there is no 8:45 service on Children's Day). During the morning service (at 11:00) our Bible Study classes will make presentations to share what they have been learning. Children will share special music, serve as ushers, read scripture and more. Children's Day continues at 5:00 with a Spaghetti Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall. After the meal we will move to the Sanctuary for Children's Day Part Two, which includes presentations by our other children's ministry groups and. Also, our Children's Choir will present their musical, titled Living Inside Out. Please make your plans to be here for Children's Day. Your presence and participation will be a blessing to our children and their families.

There is a Preteen Camp meeting on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00 in the Garden Room. This meeting is required for each family who plans for their child to attend Preteen Camp, which will be June 24-28 and is for children in grades 3-6. If you will be unable to attend this meeting, please make arrangements with me in advance. The children will attend the first part of the meeting, so that they can ask questions about camp; afterwards they will be dismissed to attend our Wednesday night activities. The remainder of the meeting will be specifically for parents. If you have questions, please contact me in the office at 254-776-2524 or marcy@whbcwaco.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 6th - Widow/Widower Banquet - Youth, please arrive in the fellowship hall at 5:15. You will be dismissed after clean-up is complete. Attire for girls is black slacks or skirt and a white shirt. Attire for boys is black slacks and a white shirt. You may wear shoes of your choice; no t-shirts. You have the privilege of serving the widows and widowers on this special evening!

Wednesday, April 10th - Special Surprise Activity - Come prepared to be surprised! The time is 6:00-7:30.

Sunday, April 14th - Youth Movie Night - "To Save a Life." Please note the extended time: 5:30 to 8:30.

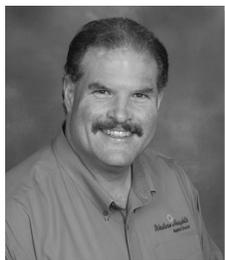
Friday, April 19th - Jaycee Park Clean Up and Lunch - We will be picking up trash in preparation for the Block Party. Meet at the park at 10:00 am; lunch will follow. Bring your own lunch money.

Saturday, April 20th - WHBC Easter Block Party, Noon to 2pm - Come help, meet the community, and have fun. If you can be at the park at 10:00 for set up, that would be great.

Sunday, April 21st - Easter Sunday - There will be no evening activities on this date.

Sunday, April 28th - Engage 101 - For all the details please read Pastor Bruce's article on the front page. Youth, this is a great opportunity for you to serve our community.

Sunday, April 28th - High School Seniors - Your pictures for the slideshow are due on this date. Please bring them on a jump drive (if possible) to Cynthia by April 28th.



Kip Osborne

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & MUSIC MINIS-

POT LUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL AND PRAYER MEETING ON WEDNESDAY EVENING -

Join us for a pot luck fellowship meal each Wednesday evening at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring what you can and enjoy this time of fellowship around the tables with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Everyone is invited to attend this concerted time of prayer on

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Each week we have a volunteer give a short testimony of how God has worked or is working in their lives. We have also chosen to track our prayer requests and document how God is faithful to answer the prayers of His people in His timing. There is room for you as we pray around the tables or some have chosen to Prayer Walk the church. You won't regret a time praying to the Lord!

WILDFLOWER AND OASIS CLIFFSIDE RESTAURANT OUTING - This event is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th. We will leave the church at 9 AM and plan to return around 5 PM. Come enjoy the beautiful spring wildflowers and the breathtaking views of Lake Travis as we eat on the Cliffside balconies of The Oasis. Sign up through the church office and be prepared to cover the cost of your food and a gas donation.

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT MINIS-

“For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’” Romans 8:15

Paul wrote extensively about our new identity when we come to salvation through Christ. One of the most colorful expressions is that of being adopted by our Heavenly Father. For me, this brings up the question, “What does that mean?” When someone is adopted they are granted a new name. If Abbie and I were to go out and adopt a child today, that child would carry the last name of Wilson. She wouldn't have earned it through being born into that name, but she would bear the same rights, responsibilities, and inheritance as a child we physically brought into the world. Though this child was once orphaned or discarded, she would be chosen by us to receive all of the love and care we have to give. In the same way, when we accept Christ, we are adopted into God's family. We now receive all the same things that Jesus Himself is worthy to receive, not based on who we are but whose we are.

Along with the perks of adoption come the responsibilities of our new name. Our adopted child would carry Abbie's and my expectations for his behaviors and decisions. Not only would he have his new responsibility in carrying my name, I would have the responsibility to discipline and love that child. When we are adopted as children of God, we carry a heavy responsibility. The beautiful thing is God gives us the ability to live out our lives in a way that glorifies His name for all of our days. He also disciplines us as a loving Father. He sees when we run off to our proverbial busy street traffic, and He acts in our best interest to grow us into the men and women He created us to be.

Child of God, remember whose you are. Remember that you are loved beyond your wildest dreams. Also remember that you bear the name of the One who created all things. You are tasked with carrying that name to the ends of the earth for the glory of the Father, teaching others about your Father so they may too bear His name.



Jeremy Wilson

God Bless,

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Budget Receipts..... Month to Date.....	36,251
Budget Expenses.....Month to Date.....	28,837
Designated Receipts.....Month to Date.....	7,505
Budget Goal.....Year to Date.....	111,930
Budget Receipts.....Year to Date.....	99,866
Budget Expenses.....Year to Date.....	91,589
Designated Receipts.....Year to Date.....	18,287

**Designated Mission Contributions
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Goal	2,750
Receipts To Date	1,110

**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
MEALS**

The meals are on hold until further notice.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

8:00 am-12:00 noon

1:00 pm-4:30 pm

The offices are closed and telephones are not answered between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm, and after 4:30 pm.



AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

04/07/2019 thru 05/04/2019

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WESTERN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
VISION CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES
April 07, 2019 through May 04, 2019

Sunday, April 07, 2019

8:45 am Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am Bible Study
10:30 am Church Library Open
11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
4:00 pm Deacons' Meeting
4:30 pm Pre/Chi Teachers Mtg
5:30 pm Bible Study with the Pastor
5:30 pm Mission Preschool
5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Bible Buddies/Bible Drill **will not meet**)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night Live

Monday, April 08

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help
4:30 pm Ministry Choir
5:30 pm BSF Class Meetings

Tuesday, April 09

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Men's Weekly Fellowship Lunch
4:00 pm Colonial Kids' Club
6:30 pm College Grow Group
6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 10

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:00 am Financial Review
6:00 pm Mission Preschool
6:00 pm Children's Choir/TeamKid
6:00 pm Youth Fuel
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 11

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Merry Widows and Friends
7:00 pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Friday, April 12

5:30 am BSF Leaders Meeting

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 13

8:00 am Prayer Group Meeting
9:00 am Wild Flower Trip/Oasis Lunch

Sunday, April 14

8:45 am Traditional Worship Service **will not meet**
9:45 am Bible Study
10:30 am Church Library Open
11:00 am Worship Service/Easter Cantata
4:00 pm Pre/Chi Committee Meeting
5:30 pm Bible Study with the Pastor
5:30 pm Bible Buddies/Bible Drill
5:30 pm Mission Preschool
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night Live

Monday, April 15

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help
4:30 pm Ministry Choir
5:30 pm BSF Class Meetings

Tuesday, April 16

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Men's Weekly Fellowship Lunch
4:00 pm Colonial Kids' Club
6:30 pm College Grow Group
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday April 17

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:00 am Financial Review
6:00 pm Children's Choir/TeamKid
6:00 pm Mission Preschool
6:00 pm Youth Fuel
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting/Business Meeting
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 18

5:30 am BSF Leaders Meeting
9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Merry Widows and Friends
7:00 pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Friday, April 19

10:00 am Youth Clean Jaycee Park

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 20

8:00 am Prayer Group Meeting
9:00 am Senior Adult Fellowship Breakfast
12:00 pm Easter Block Party

Sunday, April 21, 2019

8:45 am Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am Bible Study
10:30 am Church Library Open
11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

No evening activities

Monday, April 22

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help
4:30 pm Ministry Choir
5:30 pm BSF Class Meetings

Tuesday, April 23

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Men's Weekly Fellowship Lunch
4:00 pm Colonial Kids' Club
6:00 pm Friendship Circle
6:30 pm College Grow Group
6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:00 am Financial Review
6:00 pm Mission Preschool
6:00 pm Children's Choir/TeamKid
6:00 pm Youth Fuel
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 25

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Merry Widows and Friends
7:00 pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Friday, April 26

5:30 am BSF Leaders Meeting
9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help

Saturday, April 27

8:00 am Prayer Group Meeting
8:00 am State Bible Drill
9:00 am Senior Adult Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, April 28, 2019

8:45 am Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am Bible Study
10:30 am Church Library Open
10:45 am Engage 101 Brunch and Assignments

11:30 pm Engage 101 Service Projects

5:00 pm Engage 101 Supper
6:00 pm Engage 101 Worship
5:30 pm Bible Buddies/Bible Drill **will not meet**

5:30 pm Youth Time Out

Monday, April 29

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help
4:30 pm Ministry Choir
5:30 pm BSF Class Meetings

Tuesday, April 30

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Men's Weekly Fellowship Lunch
4:00 pm Colonial Kids' Club
6:30 pm College Grow Group
6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 01

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:00 am Financial Review
9:30 am Women on Mission
6:00 pm Mission Preschool
6:00 pm Children's Choir/TeamKid
6:00 pm Youth Fuel
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 02

9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
11:00 am Merry Widows and Friends
7:00 pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Friday, May 03

5:30 am BSF Leaders Meeting
9:00 am Prayer Walkers/Mall
9:30 am With God's Help

Saturday, May 04

8:00 am Prayer Group Meeting
9:00 am Senior Adult Fellowship Breakfast
12:00 pm Secret Church

WELCOME VISITORS

March Visitors

Reagon Cox, Dennis Cox, Luz Garcia, Jacob Gonzales, Devin Quist, River Hernandez, Randy & Rene Beard, Paulette Greer, Jacob Gonzales, Charles and Barbara Ladd

TEXT MESSAGE REMINDERS

We offer text message reminders for our children and youth ministries. It is easy to subscribe! To join the children's remind group text this message: @whbckid to this number: 81010. To join the youth remind group text this message: @whbcyouth to this number: 81010. Please note: we had received information that Verizon customers would no longer receive text messages from Remind. We are happy to report that Verizon has changed their policy, and now Verizon customers will again receive text messages from Remind. If you have questions, contact Marcy Smith at 776-2524 or marcy@whbcwaco.org.

CHILDREN'S DAY - MAY 19 AT 11:00 AND 5:00

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CYA (COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT) UP-DATE

As our semester reaches a close in the coming month and a half, we will be facing some goodbyes. Hunter and Sam will be heading home for the summer, and Kendall will be graduating from TSTC and moving to Abilene as he begins a career working on commercial airplanes. We will celebrate Kendall's accomplishment as a church on Easter Sunday first thing in the second service. Our group will celebrate privately on March 26 prior to his move the following day.

SECRET CHURCH, MAY 4, 1:00-7:00

Secret Church will be hosted in the Garden Room again this year from 1:00 - 7:00 pm on May 4th. We look forward to this time to study Prayer, Fasting, and the Pursuit of God with David Platt. Dinner will be provided, and the cost for the event is \$10. There will be a sign up sheet for those interested on the missions table.

EASTER BLOCK PARTY, APRIL 20 FROM 12:00-2:00

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RUMMAGE SALE

Our youth ministry will have a rummage sale at the beginning of summer. Proceeds will be used to help send students to youth camp and other ministry events. We need your unwanted items in order to have a great inventory. Please begin saving your items at home for now, and we let you know when we are able to receive your items here at the church. We will also be able to pick up your items shortly before the date of the sale. Stay tuned for more details, and thanks for helping our students!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 15-19, 9:00-NOON

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