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From Pastor Dan:

# Do You Know?



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Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, “now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware”.

Do you know your spiritual gift(s)? It's a key to experiencing your full potential in ALL areas of life! Our next sermon series will focus on this vital topic. Understanding your gift is, of course, a key to effective ministry but it's much, much more.

Serious marriage conflicts result when we fail to understand our spouse's gifting and motivation. God gifted us differently for a reason! It is crucial that we understand how God supernaturally gives spiritual gifts to ALL followers for the 'common good'.

-Dan Allen  
Senior Pastor  
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## Mix~the~Generations

We intentionally offer places for people of all ages to interact. Why? Church is a family—the healthy version of family! Fellowship (Koinonia) is one of the greatest benefits and strengths of the church of Jesus Christ.

In May, we have set aside Wednesday nights for mix-the-generation activities. Hope to see you there!



## Financial Report

March 2011

**Total Receipts**  
33,667.27

**Total Expenses**  
52,301.67

**Future Building Fund**  
14,276.05

## Dates

**The Young-at-Heart** group will be going to Lake Buchanan for the Vanishing Texas River Cruise (which lasts 2 hours) on Wednesday, May 18. We will leave the church at 8 a.m., and after the cruise we will go to Cooper's BBQ Restaurant in Llano for lunch, returning to church by 4:30p.m. If you wish to come, please contact Karron, Flo, or Suzi.

**Rec Nights** will continue on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

**The Promise Ministry** will be going to The Lodge Nursing and Retirement Home on May 22, 2011 at 2:00pm.

# From Bruce: As we come together for worship

As you get your physical body ready on Sundays for church, I encourage you to prepare your spirit for our time of worshipping together.

Pray for Pastor Dan. Pray for the life group leaders. Pray for me. Pray for the congregation. Pray for our guests. Enter the worship center having made the decision that you will give the Lord the praise that is due Him.

Offer Him a sacrifice of praise. Engage yourself in praise and worship and you will position yourself to receive from the Lord and His Word. As you prepare, listen for His voice. He may give you a word of encouragement for someone else. Our time of worship is a great time to share that word. Feel free to move out and do so.

In order for us to come together and truly function as His Body, let's carefully examine our relationships and make amends for any that are broken. Jesus made this clear in the Sermon On The Mount:

*Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.*

(Matthew 5:24)

We are to be at peace with one


another. That means that when any of us meet there should be absolutely nothing between us. No distance, friction or awkwardness. A tall order for some? Yes. Possible? Absolutely. I encourage you with the Apostle Paul's words,

*I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. (I Cor 1:10)*

Lastly, Psalm 138 tells us,

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!*

-Bruce Hammond  
Associate Pastor  
[bruce@leonsprings.org](mailto:bruce@leonsprings.org)



Choir~Singers,  
we need you

We would like to form a choir. Our plan is to sing about once a quarter. If you can sing we would love for you to join us. Will you?

Rehearsal dates and times will be determined. If you will consider it please let us know. Contact Pastor Bruce at [bruce@leonsprings.org](mailto:bruce@leonsprings.org) or leave a message at 698-2880.

## Buildings and grounds:

If you love to work in the garden, ride a lawn mower or have fun with a weed trimmer, we need your help. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for someone to lead a landscape maintenance team and people to help take care of the landscaped areas along the road, in

the prayer garden and around the buildings. Additionally, we are looking for people to help with the mowing and trimming with the weed trimmer. If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, please contact Dave or Ann Pinc (210) 255-8455.

LEON SPRINGS BAPTIST

# INSIDE OUT

MATT. 23:25 STUDENT MINISTRY

## From Pastor Cody:

“What have you done to get a little of God in your life recently?”

Think about this question for a moment. Isn't this the question that we seem to ask ourselves whether directly or indirectly when someone has challenged us in our “Spiritual Walk”? It has to be, because the answers to that question look like this... “I read the bible a couple of times this week,” or “I prayed a little more this week.”

Our response to that is, great, now just do it a little more. We'll take baby steps to get you where you need to be. I think this is the approach to spiritual growth that many of us take, but there is a subtle error in this way of thinking because it is asking the question, “how does God fit in my life?” Instead we should be asking the question, “How does my life fit into God and His plan?”

Here's the difference between those two questions. When you wake up in the morning (or maybe some other time of the day), the first question leads you to

a mentality of “As a Christian, I should read my bible and pray.” The second question leads us to a mentality of “God, you are great and mighty and know all things and you are working in this world to redeem your creation back to you which includes myself. What do you want to teach me so I can know your heart more? What do you want me to do so that I can carry your light to a dark world?”

Do you see the difference? One feeds into our arrogance, continuing to make life about us as we try to fix ourselves to be OK before God, and the other is recognition of God's greatness, leading to a desire to want to change.

I want to challenge us to wake up in the mornings ready to ask God, “How does my life fit into your plan today? What do you want me to do? How can I carry your light to this dark world today?”

-Cody Bloyd  
Associate Pastor  
cody@leonsprings.org

## From the Desk of John Newell:

What is one thing you can do because of Jesus? What can you do with your time, energy, and love for God that the world without Jesus cannot do?

Over the last couple of weeks we have been talking about prayer, and prayer is a huge blessing that Jesus has made available for us. By it we can ask anything in the name of Jesus for fulfilling God's will, for the Glory of God, and for furthering the Kingdom and He has promised to give it if we keep His commandments and live a life pleasing to God. This truth is ONE thing that we can do to impact the world for God that no one without Jesus can do. If we can grab hold of this promise and live a life pleasing to God in keeping his commandments, our lives and prayers can be much more effective. It all boils down to this...

John 14:11-14: *Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever*

*believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.*

If you want to begin to do the works that Jesus did, begin by praying earnestly. Better yet, begin by living a life that abides in Christ, which keeps His commandments, that is pleasing to God. Then pray in faith for all things with an expectancy of God rocking your socks off!

1Jn 3:21-22: *Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.*

Seeking greater things,

-John Newell  
Student Ministry Associate  
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## First Steps

### Nursery Ministry

Easter went pretty terrifically, I must say. I don't know about yours, but in the nursery we had a wonderful time.

As promised, the story of Jesus' resurrection was displayed in all its glory with a pretty healthy serving of love to go with it. We then put the icing on the cake with our craft which was decorating a crown that said "King Jesus is alive, and He lives in me!" The children loved it (I think it was the glue...they seem to go crazy over the seldom used glue) and were excited to take them

home.

It's easy to remember during this time of year, and at Christmas time as well, that Jesus is king. With Easter as the resurrection and Christmas symbolizing the birth, Jesus the baby and Jesus the Savior are at the top of everyone's mind. But what about all those other months? What about the times when we have a rough month, full of trials and tribulations? Or the months where we're comfortable and nothing is going on; it's not difficult and we're not striving to seek Him? It's harder to stay with God when we aren't constantly being reminded of the crucifixion or that "Jesus is the reason for the season".

I think that's why it is so impor-



Jocelyn plays with toys in the Nursery, photo by Leanna Foreman

tant to remember that Jesus is King when He was a baby, when He was sacrificed, and now, when we are waiting for Him to come back for us. In our everyday lives we need to let Him reign as King. He wants to. It's time we let Him.

-Leanna Foreman  
Nursery Ministry Coordinator  
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School will be out soon for the summer and L.S.B.C is the place for our children to be! We will have fun along with getting hearts and minds filled with God's Word! It's such a blessing to have a fun filled summer for the kids. The activities will consist of, three Backyard Bible Clubs, Southland Christian Camp where the kids will be able to cut loose with team games (the might gator glide) and of course, wonderful messages!

The newest activity will be an intense four day V.B.S. just for our children. It will cover, in great depth, how to live for God. Of course we haven't even touched on Wacky Wednesdays and possibly a Kids' Club or two. Be on the lookout for more information and signup sheets.



## Children's Ministry

Please be in prayer for this summer that the Lord will be glorified in all we do. Also be pray that kids will receive Him as their personal Savior and for our kids who do know Him to know Him better! Thank you for all you do for the Children's Ministry.

For His Glory,

-Darla Harmon  
Children's Director  
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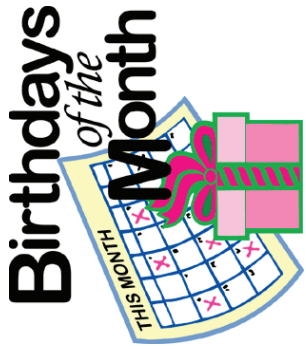


# MAY 2011



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> 9:00am Life Group 10:30am Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00am Prayer Group 9:30am Sr. Ladies Exercise 7:00pm Volleyball	<b>4</b> 6:00pm AWANA Awards Night all invited	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast 11:30am Young at Heart - Qt. Birthday Party - The Grill
<b>8</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:00am Life Groups 10:30am Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:00am Prayer Group 9:30am Sr. Ladies Exercise 7:00pm Volleyball	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Kids activities 6:30pm Youth Study 6:30pm Adult Study 7:30pm Deacon Mtg	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> 9:00am Life Groups 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Promise	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00am Prayer Group 9:30am Sr. Ladies Exercise	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Kids Activities 6:30pm Youth Study 6:30pm Adult Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00am Life Groups 10:30am Worship	<b>30</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00am Prayer Group 9:30am Sr. Ladies Exercise				





# May 2011 Birthdays

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### 34. Solomon's Wisdom

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BABY	GIBECON	SOLOMON
BEASTS	HYSSOP	SONGS
BREAST	JUSTICE	SPRING
CEDAR	LIVING	THOUSAND
CHILD	NATIONS	WALL
COMPASSION	NIGHT	WISER
DREAM	OTHER	WOMAN

Cody Bloyd	5/01
Linda Hare	5/03
Jasmine Phillips	5/04
James Brown	5/09
Mike Brooks	5/10
Andrew Martin	5/11
Molly O'Dell	5/12
Lexi Kellogg	5/13
Dwayne Lewis	5/13
Katie Foster	5/15
Elizabeth Gibbons	5/15
Ed Wiley	5/15
Steve Tabor	5/16
Elisabeth Gonzalez	5/17
Todd Foreman	5/21
Kristen Bond	5/25
Emily Gibbons	5/25
Nicole Robinson	5/25
Carrie Coats	5/26
Mary Ellen Parker	5/26
Brian Bond	5/28
Will Jansen	5/28
Charles Edwards	5/29
Kelly Edwards	5/29
Daniel Almaguer	5/30
Desiree Zepeda	5/31