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*"My prayer is...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you...so that the world may believe that you have sent me."
- John 17:20-21*

One Body for One Community

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Dear Family and Friends,

Another month, another newsletter! It's hard to believe that next month will mark the 1 year anniversary of Mission Waller!

To begin, we hope each of you really enjoyed your Easter Sunday. We felt especially blessed Easter morning at the Sunrise Celebration when we looked out into the stadium and saw those of you who were able to come and worship with us!



We felt like the morning was a great success, with the stadium full of new and annual participants, beautiful weather and enjoyable worship (well, at least we really enjoyed leading it), and especially Patty Tuel Bailey's fantastic performance. The Holy Spirit enabled Patty to take us all through the emotions and memories that Mary, the mother of Jesus, might have experienced upon hearing of her Son's resurrection from the dead. This play, written by Ken Bailey, brought Mary and the events of Jesus' life into reality for many of us...trust me, we heard quite a few responses from it, and they all seemed delighted

to be reminded that Mary had been a real person with feelings and forgiveness struggles, much like us all.

And a huge blessing...the offering collected after the Sunrise Service was incredibly larger this year than in any years past. In addition to being able to bless Ken & Patty financially, the offering goes to a fund for the Ministerial Alliance which is then used for several community events that they sponsor, such as Freedom Fest (a 4th of July Festival) and National Day of Prayer (coming up this Thursday, May 5th).

National Day of Prayer is a time for the Community to gather in prayer for our world, our nation, our state and our city. It has been a great event for the past several years, and we anticipate another successful prayer time this year as well. It will be held at Faith Baptist Church at 6:30 pm on Thursday.

Beyond these events, we are continuing to register students for A.C.T.S., our Arts Academy, which will be ministering to K-12th grades over the Summer. Since we already have our teachers lined up, our main focus at the moment is advertisement and trying to fill up the classes. Please pray that we get the bulk of the advertisement done with in the next week or two so that people will have enough time to plan our classes into their busy summer schedules. For more information, check out our website...seriously, check it out whether you're interested or not...Joel has been working pretty hard on the site, and he gets really excited when he gets it to look just right! (www.missionwaller.org/acts)

And our kids are doing incredibly great! Josiah is already 10 months old...we got one of those sinking feelings a week or two ago in realizing that our baby is almost a year old. He is such a joy, always

smiling, unless of course, we're trying to put him down for a nap! Right now one of his favorite things to do is to stand up in his own power. We're wondering how long it's going to take for him to surprise us with his first steps.

Jael is still our ballerina princess. In fact, we've been working on her dance and tutu for her recital at the end of May...she's really excited about it. She's such a big girl. She had the opportunity to be the flower girl at Adam and Christa Chaney's wedding this past month and is already learning to read...sounding out written words all on her own.



Oh yeah, one more thing...did I mention we had a tree fall on our roof? Joel was in seminary class and Traci was at her parents' house in Spring at the time, so the insurance company actually knew about it and was working on the claim before we even knew! But a couple of really cool things came out of it: first of all, it did about as minimal amount of damage as a 60' tree could do; it fell on a part of the roof that covered a patio, so almost nothing happened to the interior at all. And second, it gave Joel the opportunity to visit with one of our neighbors whom we had not really talked to yet, which hopefully will lead to a relationship with them in the future.

A year into this venture, and there is no way we could have foreseen 10% of the things that the Lord has thrown our way/blessed us with. We are grateful and humbled by it all, and again are so appreciative of the support we receive from each and every one of you.

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler
And Jael & Josiah



Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✠ **Pray**...that the Christians in our community would be united as "One."
- ✠ **Praise**...for all the incredible works God is bringing our way...pray that we would know how to handle all of them and not be overwhelmed.
- ✠ ...for the blessing of our Sunrise Celebration and the unity in worship.
- ✠ **Pray**...for discernment as we make decisions for our family and ministry.
- ✠ ...for our children to be healthy and for God to grow their character through our experiences.
- ✠ ...that we would always have what we need and that we will always understand what God wants from us in each instance.
- ✠ ...for A.C.T.S., our Arts Academy as we advertise, register students and prepare for the Summer schedule.
- ✠ ...for the National Day of Prayer and that everyone attending will take the time of praying for our nation, world and community seriously.