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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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### Save the Date!

December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> -

**"Do You See What I See?"**

Christmas Production with  
Todd Agnew

Dear Family and Friends,

The Christmas Season is truly upon us! We've come to realize that the older we get, the less restful this season is, but it is still so much fun. Our prayer for you in this season is that you get rest, that you remember the mystery and excitement of Christmas, that you truly understand the love God has for you, and that you may find it a season of spiritual refreshing.

A bit later in the newsletter, we'll put in a shameless plug for our Christmas show, but first we'd like to share with you a bit about November and its happenings.

To start, thank you so much to those of you who were able to attend our Mission Waller Benefit/Spasenic Concert. It was a great evening, with super good Barbeque - thanks Mark! We were able to share with those present the workings of Mission Waller, helping many to more fully understand what exactly it is that we do. It was a blessing for us to be able to share the incredible, and sometimes crazy, blessings and work that God has placed in our hands over 2011, many of which we never could have imagined or ever dreamed up on our own!



And the band from Belarus? They were absolutely fabulous! The music was incredible, full of emotion and what a lively performance. Traci's personal favorite was the electric violin. The best part of getting to work with them was the relational hang out time we got with them. They played with our kids, encouraged us in our ministry, shared their lives with us, invited

Traci to Belarus to teach voice, and enjoyed being introduced to chorizo. It was a refreshing time for us, and we'd love to work with them again sometime.



Some other exciting things have been happening this month. Joel's dad and his wife have moved into our Binford house. Traci was invited to sing two songs for the Seventh Day Adventists Church here in Waller. And Joel was asked to be the Co-Chair for the Waller Long-Term Fire Relief Committee, so it is thrilling to see how Mission Waller is being given the opportunity to work with community members in addition to the churches of the area.

Now, for a word about our amazing and brilliant children☺ Josiah was very pleased with himself when he discovered that he was able to say, "thank you" just in time for Thanksgiving. He's also trying so hard to be a big boy - climbing everywhere and using his hands to try and figure out how things work. Jael has apparently been watching Mommy's work with the Christmas Production because she has decided

that she is not only going to be in Mommy's Show, but she is also going to put on her own here at our house! If you want to see her performing sign language, come to our Christmas Show – she'll be the cutest one on the stage!

And yes, that was the beginning of our shameful plug for the Christmas Show – come see our beautiful daughter. Oh, and by the way, Traci will be singing too. In fact, she will have the honor of singing one of the duets with Todd Agnew! Oh, and did we mention that Todd Agnew has agreed to perform a 30 minute worship set after each performance? Please come – we are not joking when we say that we truly believe this will be a real blessing to everyone present.

Let us explain a bit about the show. It is called, "Do You See What I See?" Think about the different characters in the Christmas story. Think of their individual perspectives, their reactions to the birth of a baby named Jesus, a baby so tiny and helpless, yet the Creator of each of us. Were the angels bursting with joy as they waited to tell the shepherds the exciting news? Was Joseph trembling in his sandals as he realized that he'd have to raise the son of God? And what about the Innkeeper?

Each song will be accompanied with a specific art form – dance, video, drama, painting, etc. This will be a unique event, and our hope is that it will be not only a blessing to the participants, but that it will also reach far into the community as well. We pray that many hearts are stirred up and impassioned for living for God's kingdom. If you can't come, please remember to pray for us.

If you are planning to come, you can buy your tickets by going to [www.MissionWaller.org/Christmas](http://www.MissionWaller.org/Christmas). They're \$10 each.

Thanks again for all you do to encourage us and love us. We genuinely appreciate it and love y'all very much!

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler  
And Jael & Josiah



#### Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✠ **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 how God is moving, even when it doesn't make sense.
- ✠ ...for the amazing things our kids are learning every day...and us too!
- ✠ **Pray**...that the Christians in our community would be united as "One."
- ✠ ...for Elizabeth Raines as she works with YWAM – Youth With a Mission. She is now in Peru!
- ✠ ...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.
- ✠ ...for us to be grateful for the times God is growing OUR character.
- ✠ ...that we would always have what we need and that we will always understand what God wants from us in each instance.
- ✠ ...for the ongoing fire relief efforts; especially those who lost their homes
- ✠ ...for the Christmas Production – for a good/professional show and for people to be impacted.