

If you attended church last Sabbath, I know you were blessed by the music **JEFFERSON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** brought us. What a big, beautiful sound those kids made with a relatively small group! We plan to invite them back next year. Thank you to Bo and Debra Gendke for helping with breakfast and providing lunch for the Jefferson group.

THIS SABBATH Pastor Kevin will begin a new sermon series on Joseph, and we will be honoring our mothers (of course). We've set up a little photo op site in the lobby where moms and kids can take a **MOTHER'S DAY** picture (#welovemoms)

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

God's Masterpiece is Mother

By Herbert Farnham

God took the fragrance of a
flower...

The majesty of a tree...

The gentleness of morning
dew...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The beauty of the twilight
hour...

The soul of a starry night...

The laughter of a rippling
brook...

The grace of a bird in
flight...

Then God fashioned from
these things

A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece
was through

He called it simply - Mother.

MEN'S GROUP meets tomorrow night at 7:30. I have it on good authority that the guys are going to be helping us by assembling the Mother's Day gifts we'll share at church this Sabbath. Thanks, y'all!



I was asked by Chisholm Trail Academy to share this announcement with you. I don't know the details, but I believe their music teacher, Mr. Mason, suffered a critical health crisis. The **CTA SPRING CONCERT** will benefit the Mason family.

Now here's a message from Pastor Kevin...

*Just a quick update on one of the more important line items in our budget; that is our **STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**. By God's grace and provision, we have just enough funds to finish out this school year's commitments, but as it stands right now, we will not have enough funds to come close to matching the*

applications that we expect to receive. This is not a crisis, but it is urgent, and it is our prayer that you would give to this as you are moved by the Holy Spirit. Please feel free to speak with me should you have any questions and thank you for allowing God to use you as we make educating our kids for eternity a priority.

You know that a church and its ministries do not thrive, let alone function, without each member of “the body” working with purpose. Here are some areas where we need your **VOLUNTEER HELP**:

- Did you know that our church has a **MEALS ON WHEELS** route every Friday? Our MOW Team members take turns (once a month) and go to the fire station on Hidden Creek between 11:00 – 11:30 to pick up the meals and addresses for our route (three to six homes), deliver the meals, share a friendly word with the resident, and return the coolers to the fire station. All that takes about an hour and is a huge blessing to some of the elderly (often home bound) in Burleson. I tell you all this to say that we could really use more volunteers! If you have Fridays off, work locally and can do this on your lunch break, or are retired and can spare an **hour/month**, we’d love to get you connected with this ministry. Just reply to this message and I’ll hook you up!
- **THE BLOCK** (High School Sabbath School) needs one or two more teachers in the rotation schedule. If you are blessed with the ability to connect with teens, contact Pastor Danny.
- **FAMILY FIREWORKS FEST:** Think of this as a really laid-back way to bless and connect with our community. We have a great opportunity to have a wonderful event, but it won’t happen without your involvement. So far we have the following activities signed up for:
 1. Ice Water Distribution – Love In Action SS Class
 2. Face Painting – The Block SS Class
 3. Prize Station (which includes free literature) – Junior/Earliteen SS Class

Unclaimed activities are:

1. Kiddie Train (supervise, driver provided)
2. Bounce Houses (supervise)
3. Fishing Hole (pond will be stocked and poles provided)
4. Dunk Tank (man station and arrange “dunkies”)
5. Photo Booth (provide back-drop and props)
6. Hospitality Team (to mingle with crowd and offer “high-fives or prayers”)

If you’re part of a small group, start the conversation on how your group can participate. If you’re **not** part of a small group, you can join any of the activities. A separate sign-up sheet will be at the Connect Corner.

We’re also looking for someone with organizational skills to act as the Team Leader of this event. Could that be you? Or maybe you’d like to recommend someone!

In addition to inviting the community to our regular Family Fireworks Fest, we will be inviting them to a **CELEBRATE FREEDOM** program in the church at 5:00 on the 4th. While still in the early planning stages, we plan to have patriotic music, and 99 year old WWII Veteran, Purple Heart & French Medal of Honor recipient, Buck Sloan as a guest. There will also be a tent or trailer outside with WWII memorabilia for you to look at.

We want this holiday to not only be about fun and fireworks, but also a time to honor those who fought for our freedoms and to thank God for how He has blessed this country.

CELEBRATE FREEDOM

Bring the family and celebrate freedom at a special event! Meet Purple Heart Veterans and 99 year old WWII Veteran, Purple Heart & French Medal of Honor recipient, Buck Sloan.



Enjoy patriotic music and a chance to see WWII artifacts.

JULY 4, 5:00PM
BURLESON ADVENTIST CHURCH

4TH OF JULY



Free fun for the whole family

*Face Painting
Kiddie Train Rides
Bounce Houses*

Fishing Free Parking Concessions

AND MORE!



On a sad note, I inform you that **BEVERLY WILLS** passed away a couple of days ago. While Roger and Beverly Wills were not official members of our church family, they had been attending regularly before Beverly suffered a series of strokes last year. Beverly was rehabilitating and we had hoped they could attend our 50th Anniversary since they were charter members. A graveside service will be held this Friday, 3:00, at the Keene cemetery. Thank you for keeping Roger in your prayers.

Have a blessed week, and I hope to see you Sabbath. ~ Liz ~



“But I don’t feel forgiven.”

Millions every day confront the gap between God’s promise to forgive their sins and the relentless guilt that drives them to despair. We trust the truth of our emotions elsewhere: why not here as well?

But a gracious God wouldn’t allow our forever to hang upon the slender thread of changeable—and whimsical—emotions. We love pasta on Tuesday, and don’t ever want to see it again by Friday. We adore a particular shade of green, only to despise it one week later.

Just as it was necessary to trust God’s Word that we were sinners and separated from Him—even when we didn’t feel like sinners—so it’s crucial that we trust God’s Word that we have been forgiven when we place our trust in Jesus—even though we may not feel forgiven.

The apostle John learned this truth from Jesus: “By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before Him *whenever our hearts condemn us*; for God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything” (1 John 3:19-20).

We don’t activate God’s forgiveness by the intensity of our devotion or the alignment of our emotions: we aren’t that powerful. “Redeemed” is His objective declaration of our actual standing before Him when we claim Jesus as our Saviour.

We are embraced by grace before we love; when we can no longer sing; even when we are still wrestling with our fears.

So stay in grace.

—Bill Knott

FUNNIES:

- Bought my Mum a mug which says, "Happy Mother's day from the World's Worst Son". I forgot to mail it, but I think she knows.
- Mother to son: I'm warning you. If you fall out of that tree and break both your legs, don't come running to me!
- Sweater, n.: garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly.
- What's the hardest thing your mother makes you swallow? The fact she's always right.

