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## SEPTEMBER PRAYER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

### EARLY SERVICE

9/6 - Faye Egbert  
9/13 - Leigh Karnes  
9/20 - Marguerite Whiton  
9/27 - Patti Batis

### LATE SERVICE

9/6 - Ron Stepp  
9/13 - Cathy Courtney  
9/20 - L.C. Courtney  
8/27 - Jerry Batis

## Happy Birthday!

Edith James	9/1	Lillie Chamberlain	9/16
Pete Araiza	9/2	Nell Watts	9/19
Raul Orellana	9/3	Patti Batis	9/20
Elizabeth Cleburn	9/5	Cameron Dunlap	9/21
James Colvin	9/5	Wanda Stephens	9/22
Syble Curlee	9/5	Florencia Cleburn	9/23
Jeff Boyd	9/7	Sharon Mills	9/23
Paula Carlson	9/7	Maria Smith	9/25
Darlene Orellana	9/8	Mark Carlson	9/26
Gloria Wood	9/9	Pat Thomas	9/27
Betty Dupree	9/13		
Jessica Bombach	9/15		

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Traditional Worship / 8:15 AM  
Small Groups / 9:30 AM  
Contemporary Worship / 11:00 AM  
Evening Bible Study & Youth Activities / 6:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY SERVICES  
Meal/Covered Dish / 5:00 PM  
Adult Prayer Meeting / 6:00 PM  
Youth Worship & Bible Study / 6:00 PM  
Children's Activities / 6:00 PM  
**Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. / 8AM - 4PM**

# The Connection

September 2015

## The Bankruptcy of Mere Tolerance

Our present society puts a lot of emphasis on being tolerant. Interestingly, the words “tolerate,” “tolerance,” and “tolerant” have taken new and fuller meaning recently. But originally to tolerate someone simply meant to put up with someone without restraining them, preventing them or intervening. This is probably what most people think of when they think of tolerance. The average person would probably believe tolerating someone means to respect their opinion without belittling them in some way.

Many speak highly of tolerance.

*The highest result of education is tolerance. Hellen Keller*

*Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others. John F. Kennedy*

*Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength. Dalai Lama*

But even with the most charitable definition tolerance falls well short of the Christian ethic.

Why? Because tolerance is indifferent. Christians are not called to be indifferent. We are called to “love your neighbor as yourself.” There is a big difference between tolerance and love. Tolerance gives me permission to non-action.

See a Muslim at the grocery store? Tolerance says, “Let him be. Leave him alone.” But love says, “Pursue... rescue... engage.”

A family member living in sin? Tolerance says, “Leave them alone. Don't bother them.” But love does not rejoice in wrongdoing. Love rejoices in truth (1 Corinthians 13:6). We are to speak truth in love, not remain silent. While tolerance encourages non-action. Love requires action.

We must not be deceived into the secular mindset that to love someone means to be quiet. That is not love. God is love. And God is not silent. God is not inactive. The cross and the empty tomb bear witness to that.

Pastor Jared



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 2nd

Covered Dish Meal

### September 6th

No Evening Services

### September 7th

Church Offices Closed

### September 13th

Men's Ministry Fundraiser Lunch

Deacon's Meeting

Discovery Class - 4 PM

Children's Choir Begins - 4:30 PM

Lord's Supper - PM Service

### September 16th

Ladies Bible Study Begins

Wednesday Night Meal & Blue Bell Fellowship

### September 19th

Adult Choir Retreat

Family Game Night @ 5 PM

### September 23rd

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday Night Meal

### September 30th

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday Night Meal

## CRACK LIFE

Dear brothers and sisters,

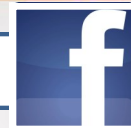
The school year has officially started. We promoted 5th graders to the youth group. It was a great time for the students to surprise them and have a big group hug. Volleyball, Football, and Band have started. So many activities and so many opportunities to share the gospel with more students.

We have a lot planned for the youth ministry this coming month from a youth group name, to small groups, and to a little surprise that I can't wait to unveil. Thank you for your continued support of the youth department. You all have been such a blessing. This month will be filled with news about the coming school year and the youth department.

## See You At The Pole September 23rd

*They all met together and were  
constantly united in prayer. Acts 1:14*

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## Music Notes From Mark....

Wow! Two years have past fast! Can you believe it? I thank the Lord for bringing my family to DWMBC. So many of you have expressed your love and support, our God is so good. We love each of you and look forward to all God has in store for us here. Thank You!

### Come Join the Choir

We are starting to practice on a Christmas musical this month and would love to fill up the choir loft. The first words spoken by God as recorded in the Holy Scriptures were, "LET THERE BE LIGHT." On that first day of creation, after God created the heavens and the earth, He spoke light into being. Jesus said, "I Am the Light of the world." He has come to bring light into our dark world. Light! Out of Darkness. A wonderful musical that will encourage and inspire you to reflect the Light of Jesus into your world.

### Children's Choir

We will be starting our children's choir this month as well. Our first practice will be September 13. We will meet each Sunday at 4:30 pm in the FLC. All children Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us.

**A** new Bible Study for teen girls entitled "Priceless" will begin on Sunday evening September 20th. This study will help the girls discover that their best self is found in relationship with Jesus. The study will focus on beauty, dressing with self-respect, confidence, dating God's way, and understanding the real importance of sex. Karyl Horn and Michele Taylor will be leading the girls through this journey in the scriptures. More details will be discussed on Sunday, September 13th during Sunday School.

**It's** almost time to begin filling up those shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Can you believe it? Now is the time to start collecting items that will fit perfectly into your box. If you are new to this awesome ministry, we invite you to go to [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child) and read-up on this life-changing opportunity that you can be a part of. We challenge you to pack a box and help share the love of Christ with children all over the world.

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## Meet With God: Finding Your Place In God's Tapestry

A New four week ladies Bible Study will begin on **Wednesday, September 16th** from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Throughout history, God has been weaving a tapestry of intricate and amazing design. In this study from Ephesians 1-3, which describes God's design for the Church, the Body of Christ, we're given a glimpse of that pattern and an opportunity to find our place in the tapestry. Knowing that God has included us in His plan can give our lives a continual sense of purpose.

If you would like to attend **please contact** Cathy Courtney at [lccwc@windstream.net](mailto:lccwc@windstream.net) or 936-594-3840. There is no cost for the book, however she will need to know how many ladies will be attending.

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Every Texas Baptist has a role to play in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in our state. It doesn't matter your age, sex, ethnicity, or if you live in one of our huge cities or small rural towns. The theme of the 2015 Mary Hill Davis Offering® and Week of Prayer for Texas Missions® is **Thirst**. Physical thirst is the craving for water. Spiritual thirst can be described very simply as the craving for God. We all have cravings. We crave safety. We crave acceptance. We crave belonging. We crave significance. We crave love. Sometimes we crave forbidden pleasures. Often we crave things. Just as our bodies crave and thirst, so do our souls. We would not think of depriving our bodies of water, so why would we deprive our souls of Jesus? During the Week of Prayer for Texas Missions®, we invite you to reflect on your personal relationships with Christ. We Challenge you to be thirsty for God's Word and His presence. Then when your thirst has been quenched with the Spirit of the Lord, turn your eyes to neighbors who need the Living Water only God can provide and pray about giving to the Mary Hill Davis Offering.