



Tyland Baptist Church

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From Our Pastor

When we look back at everything our church has been through in the past two months, it becomes very tempting to bemoan our plight. Building burned. All our stuff gone. Virtual refugees in our own hometown. When those feelings threaten to overtake you, take comfort – as I have learned to do – in this one thought: *"At least we're not running for our lives!"*

That wasn't the case for the first church in the Book of Acts. After the stoning of Stephen in Acts 7, Saul (who would later be called Paul) had a blank check to wreak havoc in the Jerusalem church, and he set about his task with incredible zeal. Because of this, Acts 8:1 reports that the Jerusalem church was "scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria..." In the ensuing verses, we learn that Saul has stepped up his persecution, dragging devout men and women off to prison, and even entering private homes to take prisoners. But then, an incredible thing happens. Acts 8:4 tells us that these scattered people, while they were running, going everywhere...*they preached the gospel!*

You see, prior to the Sauline persecution, the Jerusalem church was doing okay. They were settling in alongside traditional Judaism, attracting converts by the bunches. Peter and John had faced down the Sanhedrin, and the new movement was gaining stability. They had their growing pains; but, by-and-large, Christianity was destined to become a tolerated – though not universally beloved – religious sect...*within the confines of Jerusalem.* The only problem was that God wanted the gospel to go out to all of the earth. So, like a pile of marbles hit with a basketball, the message shot out of Jerusalem, carried upon the lips of messengers who ran like their lives depended on it. Which, in fact, they did.

Friends, God had a purpose for the things that happened to the Jerusalem church, and He has one for Tyland Baptist Church, as well. The Bible is rife with expressions of His purpose. Romans 8:28 comes to mind: *"All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose."* We are told that nothing can defeat the Son of David, because *"he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and no one shall open"* (Isaiah 22:22). Concerning the character of God, 1 Corinthians 14:33 tells us that *"God is not the author of confusion, but of peace..."*

I look forward to discovering God's purpose in our recent events, as I know you do also. But even if we never get all the answers this side of Heaven, it should prove to be an incredible ride – even if no one is chasing us! May God bless you all! Bro. David

Orr Elementary Gives Back

The students at Orr Elementary School recently invited Bro. David and Nancy to a special assembly and presented them with a check for \$1269 representing the results of a penny drive by the students to help us rebuild our church! That's 126,900 pennies! According to the principal, one neighborhood boy brought in \$80 in pennies! They also have a second

check for us to pick up for \$150, also from the penny drive. The school has also donated office supplies for Nancy and Bro. David and supplies for the children's ministry, and the teachers and staff are collecting items for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We love Orr!



Beauty for Ashes Art Show & Auction

Sponsored by Tyler United Wesley Foundations (TJC & UT Tyler), Marvin UMC & ArtReach

Friday, April 9, 1-7 pm
Auction 1-6 pm
Pirtle Conf. Room,
Marvin UMC
All proceeds go to burned churches.

Deepest sympathy to Dorothy Jones in the recent loss of her sister.



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Thank you, Willowbrook Baptist Church!

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Sunday: 8:30 am Prayer Time
8:40 am Sunday School
9:40 am Worship
4:45 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm Evening Worship-
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Meeting at: Willowbrook Baptist Church
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at Tyland Baptist Church.**

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Mar 7-14: Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
Mar 10: Business Meeting 6 pm
Willowbrook Prime Timers 11 am
Mar 14: Daylight Savings Time Begins—
**Don't change your clock 'til
Church Mar 15; we'll all change
together (service at "old" time).**
Mar 18: Neglected Men, 6:30 pm, Burger
House on S. Broadway.
Mar 20: Mission Work Day at a shut-in's
(meet @ 9 am at Willowbrook).
Contact: Peggie M.
Mar 21: Bldg. Committee nominations due.
Mar 23: Greenbriar NH Birthday Party 2:30
Mar 26-27: GA Camp
Apr 2: Movie Night 6:30 pm
Apr 3: Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am
APRIL 4—EASTER SUNDAY—HE IS RISEN!
***Sunrise Service: 6 am Plantations Pines**
***No Sunday School *Morning Worship 9 am**
***No Evening Service**
Apr 9: Beauty for Ashes Art Show 1-7 pm
Apr 10: RA Super Saturday
Apr 11: David's Song in Concert 6 pm
Apr 14: Business Meeting 6 pm
Willowbrook Prime Timers 11 am
Apr 16-17: Missions Conference in Houston
Apr 24: Clean-Up Day @ Willowbrook 8 am
Apr 26: Newsletter Deadline
Apr 27: Greenbriar NH Birthday Party 2:30

Opportunities to Give or Serve:

-Annie Armstrong Easter Offering during the month of March.
-Volunteer to help with Easter Egg Hunt. See Nancy, Donna or Mindy.
-PATH: March Potty Paper Drive; April Canned Vegetables Drive; donate plastic bags (PATH donations go in boxes in Ladies SS class).
-East Texas Rescue Mission of Tyler (Glenwood Avenue): all canned food and monetary donations during March and April will be "matched" by a local philanthropist (challenge grant of \$1 million!). They serve 300 meals each day and shelter 90-95 men per night.
-Volunteer at Orr Elementary. See Nancy.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to purchase one in memory or in honor of someone, put their name on a tithe envelope along with \$10 for each lily. Include your name, also.

Deacons

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