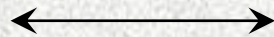


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We Exist to  
**Know** Christ  
Intimately  
and to  
**Share** Christ  
Passionately



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## God Bless Mothers...

for their *patient* endurance,  
for their *persistent* prayers,  
for their *precious* faith.

## Happy Mother's Day

(May 11th)



*Who can find a virtuous woman?  
for her price is far above rubies.*

Proverbs 31:10

## TBC's Weekly Schedule

	<b>Sunday</b>
8:30 am	Praise Team Practice Library Opens
9:00 am	Prayer with Pastor (Rm 11)
9:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
10:45am	Worship Service
	<b>Wednesday</b>
6:30 pm	Coffee House Refuel
6:45 pm	Road Warriors
7:00 pm	Mid-Week Service

**Look inside for a calendar of this  
month's full list of events!**

*Nursery provided for all  
Sunday & Wednesday Activities.*



I want to start by saying THANK YOU to all who helped with the Easter Passion Presentation. Even though many factors were not "perfect," it was my favorite Trail presentation thus far. We experienced awesome prayer times (along with an impromptu observance of the Lord's Supper where we accidentally served what-seemed-to-be fermented juice ... shhhhh ☺). The scenes were powerful, and there was a sense of awe I had not experienced before as I walked through the scenes. In the words of one of our veterans, "It got our church completely focused [on the real meaning of Easter] for three solid days." Thank you to those who gave of your time to work and/or pray. This month, we start moving towards an inflection point at TOBC..**transition is on the way**..and I'm asking you to join me on that path.

### The New

I am very excited to begin a new series on Sunday mornings called, **An Elder-led & Covenant-committed Church**. I will share the vision I feel God is calling our church to become. Let me be clear. We will remain Baptist in doctrine; however, some of the things we do, as Baptist "in practice," will be challenged.

On Wednesday nights, we'll begin **Doctrines of Grace** by Dr. Steve Lawson, a Baptist Pastor we met at the Ligonier conferences. It will be a 12 week video series. Scott & I will facilitate a Q&A session after each session.

I am encouraging all church members to make a commitment to attend as many meetings as possible. For some, that may mean rearranging schedules.

For others, it may simply mean getting back into a habit of attending. In either situation, I am going to remind us of what Scripture says concerning our meeting times,

*"And let us consider how we may spur (promote, advance, boost, further, encourage) one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."  
Hebrews 10:24&25*

As I said on Easter morning, if our reason to attend/not attend church ever begins with "I," it is almost always idolatry. I know there are some who miss because they are not in town or are in too much pain or have a crisis that needs their attention. But folks, if that is not the category you are in, I am praying God will create a desire in you [in me] to be with His people for the purpose of *spurring* on one another towards love and good works. We can worship God anywhere. But we can't *spur* the body of TOBC if we are not around the body of TOBC.

### The changing

For the past six years, Cathy & I have been blessed by having Joshua & Alaina work alongside us. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their selfless service and bless them as they move their membership to another part of the Body of Christ. I will always be grateful to Joshua who has challenged many of us to dig deeper & was always ready to fill the pulpit, at a moment's notice. I am also grateful to Alaina for her energetic leadership on many things (Sunday School & GAs) but especially her transformation of our nursery. They will be missed greatly, but as we always say, it's never a "goodbye" for those who are in the body of Christ. It's simply a "see you later."

With their departure, there will be many holes to fill, particularly in the nursery. If you feel led to help with our littlest ones or lead that entire area, please see me. I have no doubt God will raise folks from our own congregation to fill the needs of His body here at TOBC. All I'm asking is for each member to listen and respond as the Lord leads. Let's not assume that "others" are either more qualified or able to do the job(s) God or has "*prepared in advance for us to do.*" (Ephesians 2:10). Let us also not assume God's request will not require sacrifice. When Christ said, "*take up your cross and follow Me,*" (Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23) it should have been a clue that the Christian walk was never ever going to be easy. In fact, if your Christian walk seems "easy," I ask you to examine your path carefully. If you are a member but are not plugged in, please ask the Lord to show you where HE needs you, and then obey.

### The Power.

We are not going to be able to get through any of these transitions without prayer. I don't know if you sense it, but we are desperate for God to move. There are many working hard; they need prayer for continued faithfulness through supernatural endurance. Many around us are lost or simply lukewarm; both of these are useless in the kingdom of God.

This month, we are adding 2 corporate prayer opportunities. May 18<sup>th</sup> & May 25<sup>th</sup>, I am asking you to meet me in the sanctuary for a time of going before the Lord and asking Him to do what only He can do ... refresh & revive & rebuild. You do not have to stay in the sanctuary the whole time. I am going to encourage folks to walk our halls and pray for each room & teacher. Pray for the ministries that meet in those rooms. Pray for our parking lot and ask the Lord to bring folks from the north, east, south & west. I want it to be a time of covering our campus thoroughly with prayer. Our Sunday morning prayer @ 9:00am will also continue. I cannot thank those enough who faithfully meet with me week after week and ask God to move on Sunday mornings.

Folks, God is at work in TOBC. Join me & others as we experience Him.





**New Sermon Topic  
May 4th @ 10:45am**

Beginning in May, our Sunday Morning sermons will start a new series: "An Elder-led & Covenant-committed Church"

Be sure you don't miss these!

**Workday  
Overhaul the Playground!  
Saturday, May 24th @ 9:00am  
(lunch provided)**

**Family Night  
Sunday, May 4th  
Beginning at 6:00pm  
(no Business Meeting this month)**

**New Video Series  
May 7th @ 7:00pm**

Starting in May, join others during the Mid Week Service for a 23 minute video, the "Doctrines of Grace" by Dr. Steven Lawson.

After viewing the video, there will be a Q & A time.

**New Corporate Prayer Times  
Sunday Nights @ 6:00pm  
May 18th & 25th**

**Ongoing Prayer Time  
Sunday Mornings at 9:00am**

**Deacon & Elder Meeting  
May 18th @ 12:30pm  
Meet in fellowship Hall  
for a potluck meeting.**

**This is NOT Goodbye  
INSTEAD - See you Later!**

**Joshua, Alaina,  
Kenzie & Judah Torrey**



You've dedicated so much of your precious time preaching, teaching and being a friend to everyone at TOBC — all four of you will be missed more than you can imagine.  
May God's blessings be abundant in your lives as you follow His Will.

**-WE LOVE YOU-**

**..in the Library**

If you haven't been to the church library lately, please come check us out. You may also want to check out a book or a movie or just stop by and tell us what your favorite book or author is!  
See ya in the library.

# Warriors

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This is an exciting month for our 1st-5th grade boy and girl Road Warriors! Beginning the first Wednesday in May, we will be starting an eight-week series called, "Interstate 4 One Another". Based on Philippians 2:2, this series will help children understand the importance of

"Traveling Through Life" with one another.

Also this month is our first camping trip to Inks Lake State Park! Family members are welcome to join us May 16-17. Contact Dave Grizzle or Kristen Vannoy for details.

## BBQ Fundraiser after church May 4!

4G's  
Guys  
Grub  
Guns  
&  
God

Right now we are looking at Saturday morning May 17<sup>th</sup> for the 4G's to burn some gun powder and throw some lead down range. We will meet at the church at 8:45 and leave for the gun range outside of Lockhart at 9:00. After we finish at the range we will go to Black's-B-Que for lunch.

It will be a good time of fellowship for all.

Don't worry if you don't have a gun to bring, there will be plenty of guns to go around. Youth are welcome but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

If something were to happen and it rain, (remember May is one of our wettest months) we will reschedule for May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Women's Ministry

If you are interested or have questions, contact Angelica Tyson or Cathy Torrey.

"Mom's Night Out" Movie  
Saturday, May 10th  
11:00am  
AMC Barton Creek Square 14

Meet other ladies at the theater and enjoy the movie. Afterwards, grab a bite to eat and discuss the movie.

### New MOM (Moms on a Mission!)'s Group Friday, May 10th @ 10:30am

What is a MOM's group? A new group that will meet monthly at Cathy Torrey's home. Our mission is to seek the Lord together, encourage one another & glorify Him through our lives & our families. Who can come? Anyone who is a mother or grandmother (spiritual mothers & grandmothers also count!).

Scripture is clear about the older ladies teaching the younger ladies, so all are welcome. (And yes, bring the kids or grandkids!). What will we be doing? We will have a time of fellowship & study. This month, we will begin studying through the book, The Power of a Praying Wife. We'll take orders through May 20th and have our books for our first meeting.

# Sonshine Fellowship



May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Peggy Kelm will be showing pictures and telling us about her trip that followed Paul's journeys.



We had this program scheduled a few months ago and Peggy had to cancel due to illness. You won't want to miss this presentation!

**M** Chicken  
**e** Enchilada  
**n** Casserole,  
**u** Salad  
Dessert

A fellowship for all senior adults 60 yrs. old and over

There is no charge, however donations are accepted.

If you are not currently plugged in at TOBC, would you consider helping in one of the following:

Sunday Preschool helper to watch our little ones every other month, during the sermon.

Wednesday Night helper to help in our children's area during Refuel.

Please contact the office or Pastor James

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## 1st Swim Party Of the Year

Friday  
May 9th  
7:00pm-9:00pm

Meet at Pastor James and Cathy's house for swimming and fun!!

Don't forget to bring lots of snacks to share! The drinks will be provided. Hope to see you there!!

THIS MONTH'S

# birthdays

# "MAY"

5/1 Robert Franco	5/15 Cathy Torrey	5/23 Sonia Grizzle
5/1 Cherry McCullough	5/16 Sydney Loyd	5/25 Robby McCullough
5/4 Debi Walsh	5/18 Amy Loyd	5/25 Lisa Watson

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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<b>4</b> <u>12:30pm</u> BBQ Fundraiser <u>6:00pm</u> Family Night Fellowship/Potluck	<b>5</b> <u>9:00am</u> Sr Men's Breakfast & Wives' Coffee	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> <u>6:30pm</u> Coffee House Refuel <u>7:00pm</u> Mid-Week Service	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Youth Swim Party	<b>10</b> <u>11:00am</u> "Mom's Night Out" Movie
<b>11</b>  <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>12</b> <u>2:30pm</u> Sonshine Fellowship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <u>6:30pm</u> Coffee House Refuel <u>7:00pm</u> Mid-Week Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>8:45am</u> 4G's
<b>18</b> <u>12:30pm</u> Deacon/Elder Meeting <u>6:00pm</u> Corporate Prayer	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> <u>9:30am</u> Soup Kitchen	<b>21</b> <u>6:30pm</u> Coffee House Refuel <u>7:00pm</u> Mid-Week Service	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <u>9:00am</u> Workday
<b>25</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Corporate Prayer	<b>26</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <u>6:30pm</u> Coffee House Refuel <u>7:00pm</u> Mid-Week Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <u>10:30am</u> MOM's Meeting 	<b>31</b>

# MAY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday					
	Preschool Helper	Nursery Workers	Power Point	Tellers	Sunday School Helper
4th	Julie Howard	Kristen Vannoy	Caleb Crowley	John Loyd/ Bob Newman	Youth Class
11th	Elisabeth Sykes	Wanda White	Matthew Vannoy	Denise San Luis/ Kristen Vannoy	Joy Class
18th	Ashley Fisher	Shary Evans	Ryan Askew	Jim Vannoy/ Ramon San Luis	Franco/San Luis Class
25th	Ruby Franco	Sydney Loyd	Caleb Torrey	Bertha Esparza/ Debbie Shirley	Tyson Class
Wednesday					
Get	Preschool Helper				-><-><-><-><->
	7th	14th	21st	28th	
	Cathy Torrey	Mary Wild	Cathy Torrey	Denise San Luis	