

## From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Tony Weiger

Steve is considered by many to be a very important man. He runs a multimillion dollar company and has a salary in the high six figure range. He travels extensively in the corporate jet. He is married and has two children and a member of all of the right organizations and country clubs. He is influential and when he speaks people listen. To achieve this, he works 70-80 hours a week, has little time from his family, and has lost touch with his children's school work, friends, sports activities, and other activities.



While he sits in his mobile office, he ponders the most important questions of life, "What is life all about? I have accomplished a great deal in my life, and have great influence, but what difference is it making in others? Is this all there is to life or is there more?"

We live in a very materialistic world. Our society has become more and more focused on material goods and "What's in it for me?" People even ponder that question when they choose where they will attend church. We are expected to be up on all the latest fashion, driving the right cars, with the right amount of toys. Today nearly everyone has multiple TVs, a microwave, washer and dryer, lawnmower, vacuum cleaner, and hair dryer. Are they necessities or modern luxuries?

As time has passed, the "must-haves" for some include satellite dishes, SUV's, ATV's, jet skis, the list could go on and on. Coach, Calvin Klein, Gucci, Ping, and Callaway a few of the brand names we might be familiar with. Stereos, CD's, DVD's, Walkman's iPods, Blackberries, cell phones, cars with built in DVD stereo systems, more and much, much more. Where does it all stop? Where did it all begin?

Single parent families are struggling just to make ends meet. While couples are working harder and harder to try and get ahead. The result is stress, anxiety and worry which are all the components for sickness, depression, and defeat. We worry about our future and are caught in the chase to get ahead. We worry about so many things that are inconsequential but they affect who we are. We worry about what others think. We worry if we have the right name brand on our pants, or under our collar. We worry about what someone says about our belongings. We worry that we have not kept up with modern times.

We can get so caught up in the worldly idea of treasure that the treasures of heaven are lost. We forget the greatest gift we have is the gift of Jesus Christ. The greatest blessing we have is to know Christ as our Lord and Savior. Jesus tells us in our scripture lesson to build up treasures for ourselves in heaven. The treasures of heaven are building a stronger and stronger relationship with God through his Son Jesus Christ. Don't let the world allow you to be confused, worried, and lost in a world that is soon going to diminish and be gone. Will we find that all that we have worked for, all that is important to us, all that matters, we have left behind? Or will we find that we have grasped the greatest of riches of this age and the age to come ... our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Luke 12:32-40 vs. 34 "...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

## Women's Ministries

*It's important to make time to do "girl things."  
Calories don't count when you are having lunch  
with your girlfriends.*

*Good times are even better when they're shared.*

*A good long talk can cure almost anything.*

*Everyone needs someone with whom to share  
her secrets.*

*An understanding friend is better than a  
therapist - and cheaper too!*

*Laughter makes the world a happier place.*

On Sunday, April 13 – the Girls Night Out is having a luncheon (noon) here at the church (Olive Garden's soup, salad and breadsticks) and then going at 1:00 to Christ the King Lutheran Church to see Christian author and humorist, Barbara Eubanks. Their Ruth's Circle group has invited us and several of the community churches to this event.

Barbara Eubanks is a Pastor's wife, Sunday school teacher, retired high school English teacher, writer, speaker, mother to 3 grown sons, and grandmother to 8. She attended Samford and the University of Alabama, and currently lives on a family farm near Boaz. Barbara has written many articles and several books. She finds that family and friends provide great resources for her humorous anecdotes. Sign up at the Welcome Center! (The event is free, lunch is \$6.50)

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy." Psalms 126:2

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### WCG 2008 Spring Retreat Apr. 11-12

Speaker: Lois Linamen

Worship Leader: Debbie Weiger

Cost: \$35 registration, \$40 per room

For questions, please contact the State Office:  
205.338.4000 or [coginal@gmail.com](mailto:coginal@gmail.com)

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# Baseball Outreach

## Reaching families beyond our Church!

Friday April 25th, 2008 at 7:05 pm

Barons vs. Biscuits

(cap give-a-way for first 1,500 adults, family fun fest and fireworks after the game)



Take some tickets and invite your neighbors and friends to go to the game (Each special ticket will allow five persons to get in the gate).



# Children's Ministries of Riverchase Community Church



## April 2008 Info!

Registration for the summer and fall classes has begun. If you haven't registered your child please do so quickly to make sure we have saved a space for your child!



**Traffic route-** As you leave the parking lot, remember to drive toward the dumpster and turn right. Leaving this way allows for less traffic problems. Please do not go out using the same path that you entered from.

**Chuck E. Cheese Fun** Thank you to all who joined in the fun at Chuck E. Cheese. We have ordered 5 new riding toys for your children's enjoyment! A big thank-you to Mr. Marcus, who handled the adventure.



**New Preschool Teachers!** We have 2 new teachers to introduce:

Ms. Quina Davis is a mother of 2 and is working as a floater.

Ms. Mary Louise Bass (aka Gigi) is a grandmother of twin girls who graduated from our preschool! She will be working in the nursery. If you see these ladies,

be sure to welcome them!

**Mark your calendars: Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> the entire center will be closed for Memorial Day.**

Praying for your family to have a blessed spring! Hugs in Him, Dr. Robin

# Children's Ministries

Pastor Christy

July 7-10 (Monday—Thursday)

5:30p "Dinner for \$1.00"

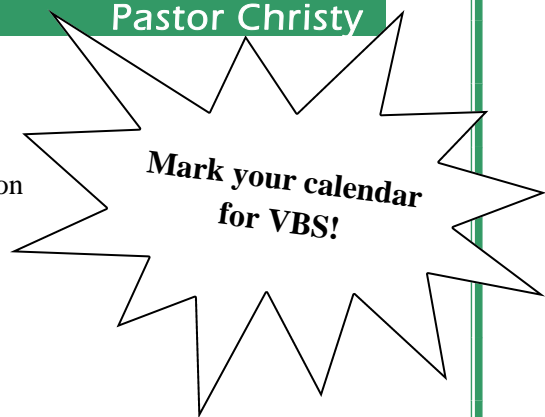
6:00p-8:00p VBS Activities.....July 11 (Friday)

6:00p Family Celebration  
Dinner & Program



Ages 4 years-old thru 6th grade

Register before July 1st  
& get a free T-Shirt



**We would love all the help we can get. Contact Pastor Christy if you will volunteer.**

Kids' Rally / Parents' Night Out

April 4th 6-9 PM Register by: March 26th

Theme: Magic & Miracles



Kids' Rally / Parents' Night Out

May 2nd 6-9 PM Register by: April 30th

Theme: God's Science Lab





# Prayer & PRAISE

Wednesday, April 30th at 6:30 pm

*Children & Puppets will perform*

## Birthday Celebration



for March, April,  
and May Birthdays

April 13th at 5 pm  
at Pastor Tony's  
house.



Money for airlines is due **April 6th!!**

**April 16th at 5:45 PM**

- We will discuss:
- Finances
- Youth Pastor Search
- Building Priorities
- Faith Promise
- IYC Fundraisers



**TOWN HALL MEETING**

Everyone's giving efforts are greatly appreciated, but we still need your continued support.



Stewardship Update

February Tithe income:	\$23,915.80
February Expenses:	\$24,742.45
February Budget needs:	\$37,133.57



Mothers of Preschoolers




Second Tuesday of every month

April 8th at 6:30 PM

Coming in



- 2nd—Kids' Rally / PNO
- 4th, 18th—Billions' Growth Group & Outlet
- 10th—Women's Banquet / Silent Auction
- 11th—Mother's Day (Directory pictures / Pastor Christy preaching)
- 13th—MOPS
- 14th—Preschool Graduation (Church is invited)
- 14th-17th—Grad Camp
- 18th—Graduation Sunday
- 20th—Board of Elders Meeting
- 21st—Newsletter Deadline
- 26th—Memorial Day (Church & Preschool offices closed)
- 28th-31st—Middler Camp

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> TGW Bible Study	<b>2</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> Dinner for a Dollar	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Kids' Rally/ Parents' Night Out	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Money due for airlines to IYC <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Gathering <b>5:00 PM</b> FPU <b>6:00 PM</b> Outlet <b>6:30 PM</b> Billions Group	<b>7</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Prayer Group	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> TGW Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> MOPS	<b>9</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> Dinner for a Dollar	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> WCG Spring Prayer Retreat	<b>12</b> WCG Spring Prayer Retreat
<b>13</b>  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Gathering <b>12:00 PM</b> GNO event <b>5:00 PM</b> Birthday Celebration <b>5:00 PM</b> FPU	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Prayer Group	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> TGW Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Board of Elders Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Dinner for a Dollar <b>5:45</b> Town Hall Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Sunday School Conference
<b>20</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Gathering <b>5:00 PM</b> FPU <b>6:00 PM</b> Outlet <b>6:30 PM</b> Billions Group	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Prayer Group	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> TGW Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> Dinner for a Dollar	<b>24</b> Joy Class Trip	<b>25</b>  <b>7:05 PM</b> Barons Baseball Game Joy Class Trip	<b>26</b> Joy Class Trip
<b>27</b> Joy Class Trip <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Gathering <b>5:00 PM</b> FPU	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Prayer Group	<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> TGW Bible Study	<b>30</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> Dinner for a Dollar <b>6:30 PM</b> Fifth Wednesday Praise			



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*Congratulations to Scott and Jennifer Larimore on the birth of Anna Katherine, born March 6th, 2008 at 7:44 p.m. She weighed 9 lbs, 3 oz. and 21 1/4" long. Doc and MorMor (Mike & Robin) are excited on the arrival as well!*