

The Trumpet Psalm 150:3a

Member Spotlight: The Wallace Family

As 2009 begins, there is much anticipation in the Wallace household. Josh and Genesa are eagerly awaiting the birth of their twin girls – Ashton and Chloe – due in February. Their five year old son, Aiden, is excited about becoming a big brother.

Genesa and Josh met through the matchmaking efforts of Josh’s sister, Juli, and her husband, Justin. Justin, who has known Josh since high school, knew Genesa through enrollment in the same college classes. Justin invited Genesa to a family gathering to meet Josh but failed to let Josh in on the matchmaking setup. Both Josh and Genesa laugh about the initial awkwardness of the plan and how it all turned out to be such a blessing. The two couples, Josh and Genesa and Justin and Juli, are not only relatives but also best friends. Justin and Juli have a five year old daughter, Mckenna, who is Aiden’s good friend and like Josh and Genesa, the couple is

expecting a baby in February.

Josh grew up in Rockwall. Both his father and maternal grandfather were deacons in the Baptist church Josh attended. Josh graduated from Dallas Baptist University with a degree in Biblical studies. While in college, Josh became convicted of the Biblical truth of Reformed theology. Following college graduation, Josh studied at Westminster Seminary for three semesters. Prior to Redeemer, Josh attended Park Cities Presbyterian Church and New St. Peters – both PCA churches. Josh teaches American history at Cochrill Middle School in McKinney and also coaches football and basketball. His interests include sports, reading classical literature, playing the acoustic guitar and writing songs.

Genesa grew up in Amarillo, moving to the Dallas area with her dad’s

job related relocation. Genesa grew up attending a charismatic church and became a Christian at age thirteen. She was introduced to Reformed theology by Josh and remembers debating, struggling, becoming convicted and then embracing Reformed theology. Genesa attended Abilene Christian College, studying interior design. She has almost completed the requirements to be a chemical dependency counselor. Prior to her advancing pregnancy, Genesa worked as a personal trainer at Zoom gym and as a receptionist at a architectural firm. Genesa enjoys working out, spending time with friends and family, and “doing girl stuff.”

Josh and Genesa agree on how God is working in their life. “He has blessed us with our new marriage and with twins on the way “ and “ we are both growing in grace.”



Josh, Genesa and Aiden Wallace

The twins, Ashton and Chloe, arrived on Feb 1, 2009.

Pray for the Persecuted Church

CHINA - Deathly Ill Husband Denied Visitation with his Imprisoned Wife – China Aid Association

Chinese government authorities have denied Hua Zaichen, 91, visitation with his imprisoned wife, 79-year-old Shuang Shuying, according to China Aid Association (CAA). Zaichen, who is deathly ill,

requested a final meeting with his wife to say his goodbyes, but officials refused to grant the request. “Authorities say Shuang Shuying is not allowed to leave prison before February 8, 2009, the end of her two-year sentence. Officials stated that if her husband died before then, she would be allowed to see his body for 10 minutes

and would have to be chained, handcuffed, shackled and wearing a prison uniform,” CAA added. Pray for this family that has endured many hardships for the sake of their faith. Pray for Shuang Shuying to be released. Praise God for their courage! [Joshua 1:9](#)

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“WHEN YOU ARE AFRAID ... TRUST!”



**Dr. Bryant McGee,
Pastor**

For the past few weeks it seems we have been reading the same words in the various texts of study on Sunday mornings. Over and over again I find myself reading God's command to His children using these words, "Do not be afraid." Even looking at the text on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday from Gen 21, God told Abraham not to be troubled and then the angel of the Lord said to Hagar, "Do not be afraid." I may be slow, but if God keeps on saying it to me I eventually get it!! By the work of the Holy Spirit, I finally made the connection and want to share that with you this month.

We are living in some difficult times! Our "looking for jobs" list seems to be getting larger, the news of our failing economy seems to be central in the news each night, and the loss of funds in 401K's and IRA's has now become 'regular' with each statement we receive in the mail. As we look around us, times have changed and are changing and should we continue to focus on our world and on ourselves, it would be no wonder that our lives would be filled with fear. BUT GOD ... Praise be to our great God that these 2 little words bring about wonderful promises for the children of the one, true, and living God. Listen to the words of these

two short verses which God speaks to us today:

"When I am afraid, I will trust in you" (Psalm 56:3).

"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation" (Isaiah 12:2).

We claim to be people of the word! Let's be that then!! God has not spoken to us in His word so we can cling to what He says when it is easy for us to do so. He has spoken to His people to give us His promises today and every day. Knowing that to be true, what should we do with these two texts? May I suggest ...

When you are afraid ... look to the promises of God.

Your *past* guilt has been satisfied by the finished work of the Savior – just as we are told in His word. Isaiah 53 = he was numbered among the transgressors for us. Isaiah 1 = though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow. I John 1 = if you confess your sins, he will forgive your sins.

Your *present* loss is known by your Savior – just as we are told in His word. Isaiah 43 = when you pass through the waters he will be with you. James 5 = if anyone is sick he should call the elders to anoint his with oil and pray and righteous prayers will be heard.

Luke 12 = fear not for your Father knows your need.

Your *future* death will usher in the fullness of the inheritance of your Savior – just as we are told in His word. I Thess = where death is your sting. Ps 116 = precious in the sight of God are His saints.

Trust and do not be afraid ... He does not simply protect, but He also gives strength to oppose.

Your *past* guilt is no longer how you are to live. Look into the face of the One who bore that guilt for you on Calvary and praise Him for it.

Your *present* loss is not the end and cannot be compared to that which awaits you in Christ Jesus. Like Paul then, rejoice in the Lord always, and say it again, "rejoice!"

Your *Future* death and the promise of eternal riches are as sure as the One who died to give it to you. His death did not make it 'possible' is made it 'actual.' We shall reign with our Savior forever and ever.

When we are afraid ... we must trust ... in the One who is our strength and salvation! Let's not just say it, but let's believe it to the point that we live it ... everyday!!

Soli Deo Gloria!
Bryant



**Dr. Christine Yang,
Music Director**

Choir Report

If you have missed some of the worship services lately, you have missed the lovely singing of two new choirs: The Women's Choir and The Men's Choir.

What a wonderful idea to have these choirs to help us in the worship of our mighty God!

Also, we still have the regular Adult Choir to lead us in singing praise and Jill Cook is working to organize the Children's choir. Then, of course, there are the many people in our congregation who play some kind of musical instrument, who are getting together to play their musical instru-

ments to the glory of God.

So if there are any of you out there who've not been involved and who would like to get involved, please contact Dr. Yang and she will be glad to get you involved right away.

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INDIA - Four Christians Arrested in Madhya Pradesh – VOM Sources

On Jan. 5, police arrested four Christians in the village of Kushalpura, Madhya Pradesh, India on false charges of forcible conversion. At 10:00 a.m., Pastor Kantilal Bhuria went to the home of a local Christian where 25 believers were gathered for prayer. During the service, a mob of Hindu extremists barged into the house and accused Pastor Bhuria of forcibly converting Hindus. The extremists verbally abused those present and beat a Christian woman. The police arrived on scene after receiving a phone call from the attackers and arrested four believers. At last report, these Christians remained in detention.

Pray for the release of these Christians. Ask God to give them and other suffering believers in India grace, wisdom and endurance as they work to serve Him in India.

[1 Peter 5:10-11](#)

KAZAKHSTAN – President Sends Repressive Law for Constitutional Review

– Forum 18 News

President Nursultan Nazarbaev of Kazakhstan has sent a repressive new law which aims to severely limit freedom of religion and belief to the country's Constitutional Council, Forum 18 News Service reported.

Meanwhile, the government continues to repress the exercise of freedom of thought, conscience and belief. In January a Baptist pastor, Aleksandr Kerker, was fired from his job because he led worship without state permission. Pastor Kerker lost his job after authorities visited his employer.

Pray for believers in Kazakhstan facing the possibility of harsher conditions if this repressive law is passed. Ask God to provide for Pastor Kerker and his family during this challenging time. Pray this pastor forgives his persecutors and for God to touch the heart of these authorities.

[Philippians 4:6-7](#)

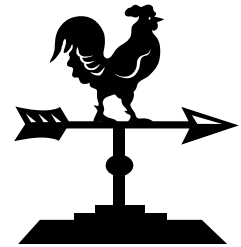


Twenty-year-old Sandul Bibi is in prison in Pakistan, charged with violating section 295-B of

the Pakistani legal code, the “blasphemy” law. Sandul is falsely accused of ripping pages from the Quran. On Oct. 9 a large crowd of Muslims attacked Christian families at a church, throwing stones and firing guns. They were shouting, “Kill Gulsher and his daughter Sandul.” Sandul and her father, Gulsher Masih, were arrested after a mob from the local mosque surrounded their house. Loudspeakers from different mosques broadcast accusations that Christians had disgraced the Quran, calling Muslims to attack and burn their homes. The angry crowd threw stones at Sandul’s home. Christians believe Sandul and her father were targeted and arrested because they were aggressively winning villagers to Christ. Sandul has written several letters to her family from prison. In her latest letter she says, “I am praying a lot that God releases me from here and I can meet you, but I don’t know when. He will give answers for our prayers. Please pray for me.” If convicted, Sandul faces at least four years in prison. She and her family desperately need your prayers and encouragement.

"Be joyful always; pray continually;"

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)



www.persecution.com

www.prisoneralert.com

The reason for the rooster...

For any of you who have wondered or even noticed the rooster weather vane near the article on the persecuted church and for those of you who mostly haven't noticed, I decided it was time to explain. The story goes like this: many of the churches around the world cannot put a cross or other Christian symbol

on the roofs of their buildings, so they decided to use the rooster instead, because of Mark 14:29-31: “Peter said to Him, “Even though all may fall away, yet I will not.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you, that you yourself this very night, before a cock crows twice, shall three times deny Me.”...Peter kept saying, Even if I

have to die with You, I will not deny You!”

So to remind themselves not to deny the Master like Peter did, they use the rooster weather vane on their churches. Therefore, for those of you who like to decorate with roosters, now you have a good reason to do so! Let them remind you of Peter.



**Anthony, Bonnie,
Max and Rhett
Glenn**

Member Spotlight: The Glenn Family

Meet the Glenns! Anthony and Bonnie are parents of Max, almost 8 and Rhett, age 2. Max is in the second grade at Legacy Christian Academy (LCA) and Rhett attends Redeemer Day School. Bonnie and Wendy Meintjes share administrative assistant responsibilities at Redeemer. Currently, Bonnie works on Tuesday and Thursday. Since 2005, Anthony has taught the Bible to 9th and 10th grade students at LCA. Prior to 2005, Anthony was a special education teacher in Allen.

Anthony and Bonnie met through a dating website and Bonnie declares that it was "love at first sight." They were married at Park Cities Presbyterian Church, their church home prior to Redeemer. Bonnie grew up in Richardson as the oldest of three children. Although she did not attend church growing up, Bonnie

began to search for answers to spiritual questions as a young adult. She came to truly understand the gospel of grace and Biblical theology through a wonderful teacher – Anthony!

The older of two children, Anthony grew up in Oklahoma City, periodically attending a Baptist church. Anthony recalls that he made a profession of faith in Christ as a teenager after hearing the dramatic testimony of a former hard rock celebrity. He grew in his faith and was actually introduced to Reformed theology at Criswell College in Dallas where he earned a degree in Biblical Studies. As a young adult, Anthony shared the gospel with his mother and had the privilege of baptizing her in the Baptist church he attended at the time.

Anthony enjoys college football – especially OU, studying theology and

“spending time with my boys.” Bonnie enjoys cross stitch needlework, reading historical novels and, according to Anthony, is a top notch Scrabble player.

The Glenns see evidence of God at work in their life in the personal impact of the economic downturn. Selling their home in 2008, the Glenns moved into a small apartment after contracting to build a house in Craig Ranch. As the stock market plunged, they realized that it would be financially unsound to pursue building a new house. Now settled in a larger apartment, Bonnie and Anthony are grateful that through the sale of their house and the subsequent decision to not build another, “God has been teaching us what it means to be content.”

Youth Report



Happy New Year!

Here follows an outline of what the guys in our youth recently studied in their sessions on Biblical Manhood before Christmas, which was led by Pastor Meintjes.

In their weekly, Wednesday night meetings, the guys first covered how, Biblically, a man is called to be the Leader, the Provider, and the Protector. They, then looked at the offices of Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King.

In doing so, they were able to see more clearly what they are called to be as men, by considering that Christ -- as

the true Prophet, greater than Moses -- is a servant Leader. And that Christ -- as a priest in the order of Melchizedek -- is a sacrificial Provider. And that Christ -- as a King -- Protects his people.

They not only were encouraged to consider how to live as men by considering Christ's life, but reminded that He continues to provide in these ways and is their only hope in providing the grace necessary to live as godly men in our current day and age.

How strong and reliable is that truth -- for all of us in any role or calling or season of life. In being "rooted and

established" in Him, as Ephesians says, we have power. Only in Him do we find the strength to love and serve as Christ does. He will surely help and answer those who call upon Him.

Christ's Sympathy to Weary Pilgrims by Octavius Winslow 1808-1878

Bring Your Sorrows to Me

"Bring him hither to me."
Matthew 17:17

In your moment of disappointment and despair, Jesus meets you with the gracious words, "Bring it here unto me." And now your spirit revives, your heart bounds, at the words, and you exclaim, "Behold, Lord, I come."

Jesus says, "Bring your sorrows to Me." Never did the soul find so powerful a magnet, attracting to itself affliction in every form, and sorrow in every shade, as Jesus. Standing as in the center of a world of woe, He invites every daughter of sorrow, of sin, of grief to repair to Him for support, sympathy, and healing.

As the High Priest of His Church for whom alone He suffered, and wept, and sobbed, He unveils a bosom capacious enough and loving enough, and sympathizing enough, to embrace every sufferer, and to pillow every grief. Accept, then, His compassionate invitation, and bring your grief to the soothing, sustaining, sanctifying grace of His heart!

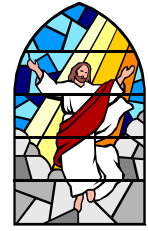
This Divine Secret!
"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."

I Peter 5:7

How full of soothing and repose are these words! Where, in the world's wilderness, grows the flower of heart's ease as it blooms and blossoms here? What cares have they

lightened! What anxieties have they removed! What burdens have they unclasped! What springs of joy and comfort and hope have they unsealed in many a sad and oppressed heart! But do you not, beloved reader, need to be put in constant remembrance of this divine secret—of rest amid toil—of repose amid disquietude—of soothing amid corroding cares—and of confidence and hope in the midst of change and depression?

Bewildered and oppressed by the multitude of anxious thoughts within you—is there not a danger of being so absorbed by the care as to overlook the **Caretaker?** To forget the heart's ease in the overwhelming of the heart's anxiety? Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you!



Women In the Church

Well, we have begun our G.R.O.W. Study series and it looks like we will have some new ladies join us both on Monday evenings and on Wednesday mornings. Nancy Kerr ordered 45 books and we have given out all of them! The only problem we've had is the sound system, which doesn't want to record Bryant's teachings. But with the help of some of our men, who know about electric things, we'll soon have everything working and have Bryant on the Redeemer website. If you have someone whom you think would enjoy hearing some wonderful teaching and then good fellowship with other ladies, please invite them to our G.R.O.W. Ephesians study. We have plenty of room for lots more ladies, who want to grow in their faith and knowledge of our

God, who lavishes His grace on us.

Now, be sure to watch the WIC Bulletin Board for news of our upcoming G.R.O.W. through Mentoring Tea and our G.R.O.W. through Fellowship Retreat, both of which will be occurring in the next couple of months. The pictures are from last year's Tea to show you 2 of the tables that were set by our ladies.



The Tea last year was great and everyone is looking forward to this year to see what the table hosts will do with their decorating. By the way, if you want to host a table, it's time to let Lynda Teasley know. I am sure we'll need at least 10 to 12 tables. Also, remember you can have an assistant host to help you. Heather Conrad and I are already trying to decide on our décor for our table.

Also, our Nominating Committee is hard at work on figuring out who should be our President, Secretary and Historian for the upcoming 2 years. So be sure to hold them up in prayer as they do this very important job.

Grace and peace to all,
Linda Clark



**Linda Clark,
President**

"This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word."

Isaiah 66:2b (ESV)

Family Dynamics



**Rolf Meintjes,
Associate
Pastor**

There's nothing novel in identifying the current day malady of un-Biblical manhood plaguing our culture and churches. Promises Keepers, Man in the Mirror and other attempts have been made to remedy this shortcoming. Yet, for the purposes of the Trumpet, as we examine family dynamics within the life of the body, one must begin with men, and fathers, in order to plot a proper trajectory in promoting a Biblical and healthy family dynamic.

However, this brief article will assume certain Biblical criteria, without necessarily making a case for each. For example, Biblically speaking, God grants men certain responsibilities and authorities in establishing and promoting the spiritual well being of their family members entrusted to their care. In other words, the Bible does promote a patri-centric, male governed home/society (whenever possible), but it defers headship in a Christ-like manner; selflessly, lovingly, as a humble servant in the home rather than a chauvinistic tyrant.

Considering this aspect of male headship as predominant in establishing healthy family dynamics, allow me, then liberty to set expand upon this through the teachings of Ezra. In Ezra we read, "As soon as I heard this, I tore my garment and my cloak and pulled hair from my head and beard and sat appalled." What was it that caused such a response of Ezra? In order to appreciate this statement, we

must consider the context. Quickly then, under the guidance of Ezra and Nehemiah the governor, the Temple had been rebuilt by the Jews. King Artaxerxes allows Ezra to return to Jerusalem to teach the Jews according to the law. It is here that Ezra records, "Blessed by the Lord, the God of our Fathers, who put such a thing as this into the heart of the king...who extended to me his steadfast love before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty officers. I took courage for the hand of the Lord my God was on me, and I gathered **leading men** from Israel to go up with me." (Ezra 7:27-28) It is no coincidence that the text draws to our attention the selection of leading men. After Ezra goes back with these men, they engage in a study of the law and seek to align God's people in accord with the Scriptures. Finally, after all this "repentance" has taken place, offerings have been made, worship has taken place...after all that, Ezra discovers the people have not separated themselves from the foreign nations, "for they have taken some of their daughters to be wives for themselves and their sons. And in this faithlessness the hand of the officials and chief men has been foremost." These same "leading men" mentioned in chapter 7 lead God's people astray; specifically through sexual immorality. Nehemiah addresses the situation by saying, "Did not Solomon king of Israel sin on account of such women? Among the many nations there was no

king like him, and he was beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, foreign women made even him to sin. 27 Shall we then listen to you and do all this great evil and act treacherously against our God by marrying foreign women?"

Certainly, a unique covenantal context exists in these texts, promoting the purity and preservation of an **ethnic** people group. While the aspect of intermingling with foreign women does not apply to us in an ethnic sense, it certainly applies to the issues of the **heart**. In other words, it has great bearing on the spiritual well being of our homes and church. Men's hearts are easily led astray, especially when it comes to "foreign women." In our culture, the accessibility and temptation to be led astray remains ubiquitous and easily excused. However, in order to establish a healthy home, pleasing unto the LORD, the men of this church must guard their hearts against this seemingly insatiable enemy. We must hold one another accountable to holiness and purity, seeking to take every thought captive and encouraging one another to remain faithful and loving husbands to the bride of our youth. Or, to remain faithful and pure for the bride of your youth, if not yet married.

How, you may ask? More to come.

Pastor Rolf

Session Report

Since the Session meets after the deadline for submitting articles for the Trumpet the report from them will always run a month late.

The Session met December 9, 2008, to interview Hendri Meintjes for the office of Deacon along with his wife, Wendy. The Session approved the nomination of Hendri for the office of Deacon.

Standing for Deacon will be Hendri Meintjes, Curtis Blagburn and Bob Burgess. Curtis and Bob were inactive Deacons and so do not require an interview, as they have con-

firmed that their views have not changed on any doctrines of the church.

Standing for Ruling Elder will be me, Tim Yates. Since I was an inactive Elder, an interview was not required as I had confirmed that none of my views have changed on the doctrines of the church.

A Congregational meeting has been called by the Session for January 11, 2009, for the purpose of electing the new Deacons and Ruling Elder and to re-elect RPC Corporation Trustees. Installation of the men elected is scheduled to be done

during the second worship service on January 18, 2009.

The last thing we did was to divide up and pray for our Shepherding groups. Some of the things about which we prayed are for the physical health of our people, for the marriages of our congregation to be strong and for spiritual growth in the body.

Submitted by
Tim Yates,
Clerk of the Session



**Tim Yates,
Clerk**

Report from the Building Committee

There have been several positive developments recently for the building committee. First the total capital campaign results for 2008 have been recorded and the results are that we received a total of \$255,175. This is \$32,950 or almost 15% more than our pledged amount of \$222,225. We are blessed with an exceptionally generous congregation even during difficult economic times. We see God's faithfulness to us when we are faithful to Him in our mission at Redeemer.

In December we cleared the final issues with the City of McKinney staff relating to our site plan approval. At the January 13 Planning and Zoning Committee meeting we received approval to proceed with our work. We will still need to obtain a building permit before

construction can start, but that should be a much simpler process.

Earlier in January, we send out bid packages to 5 candidate builders and then we held a bidders conference on January 13 so they could all see our facility first hand before they prepare their bids. Bids are due to us on January 27 and we hope to select a builder by mid February. Lee Hall and our architect, Thomas Newsom are coordinating this work.

In February we will make a formal loan application with our lender. The favorable results of 2008 contributions (as compared to pledges) should keep us on a very positive footing with the lender. Our position looks solid according to all the measures used by a lender to measure our creditworthiness.

Looking a little farther downstream, we anticipate closing on our loan in March. This will be an interest only loan during construction and will convert to a permanent loan after the completion of our capital campaign in 2010. Following loan closing we will schedule groundbreaking and begin construction shortly thereafter.

Keep the work of the building committee in your prayers. In particular, pray that the builder bids we receive will be within our cost estimates and that the ensuing steps will proceed smoothly.



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