

June Communicator

From My Heart...

We have entered a new season. The Cross Over campaign was one of the early steps in the journey. The Lord is making the future clearer. The essence of the road ahead is to grow the Kingdom by growing Willow.

Beginning June 6, we start a two year outreach initiative. God has been stirring this inside of me for six months. It's time to share it and I'm pumped!

I realize doing "outreach" is like going to the dentist. You know you should, but you really don't want to. Like the dentist, there are misconceptions that need to be identified and addressed. Our mental models have constricted our beliefs of this subject. This summer we'll gain a broader understanding of outreach.

Evangelism was never meant to be relegated to the extroverted, Scripture quoting, Type A personality, hold-no-punches, onward-Christian-soldier-warrior. We have insulated ourselves from evangelism because we think others are better suited for it. We don't identify with the word, because we don't identify with the style. In the coming days, we'll redefine it.

One specific way we will champion outreach is through four "Big Day" events. These events are opportunities for us to invite friends to church. The dates are: September 12, December 24, February 6 and April 24. The September event coincides with a major phone outreach to area neighborhoods. The December and April dates correspond to the birth and resurrection of Jesus. The February "Big Day" is with Evangelist Jay Lowder.

In recent months, we've seen a spike in the number of professions of faith and this will only increase as we become more intentional. It's about to get real fun around here!

Let's grow the Kingdom by growing Willow,

Pastor Scott

Dollars & Sense

Well, the Cross Over campaign is over. It is awesome that between our pledges and our sacrificial onetime gifts we will bring in over \$770K over the next 3 years. To date we have in our checking account roughly \$193K dedicated solely to the 2nd floor completion. (This includes the \$69K that has been continually growing over the past 2 years.) The 2nd floor committee had its first meeting on 5/18. Based on their recommendation, I am looking into getting several more estimates (these are not bids) from other architects and building contractors. It is my hope that before the next newsletter we will have decided which company we will be working with.

Good news! As of press time, we have renegotiated our building loan from 6.0% down to 5.25% which should give us a savings of about \$2700 a month. This rate is good for the next five years.

Summertime is upon us. Often we are away from home for extend periods of time and are unable to make our contributions in a timely manner. I want to give a couple options that you may not have considered before. One is to check with your local bank to see if they offer Bill Pay. Although I have banked at TDECU for many years, I have only just taken advantage of submitting payments online. It's so easy and it's free! Also, we are hoping to implement an online giving tab on our website. It would be through Pay Pal and it will give you the option of donating through your bank account, credit card or debit card. The donation/Pay Pal tab should be up & running in the next few weeks.

Blessings,
Kris Calvert

Podcast

You can listen or download Sunday's message and notes by going to our website. Click on "Podcast" and follow the link. You can also subscribe to us for free at itunes.com.



River of Hope exists to meet people's crisis needs and assist them in becoming self-sufficient.

Farewell to Nanette:

After a year and a half with us, Nanette Freelon has accepted a full-time job with another company. We wish her well and will surely miss her helpful spirit and attention to details.

Changes:

The middle of May, River of Hope and the Dream Center office swapped space. This gives ROH a window in the outer lobby. We are looking for new volunteers who will help received clients at the window. The goal is to open every morning, Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-11:30am to better serve our clients. These hours match the Dream Center hours. **More volunteers are needed to make this change successful.** If your church or ministry group would like to sign up for one morning a week or one morning a month, email Rick Atkinson and get the details.

Prayer Needs:

1. River of Hope Board is looking for a new member to finish the term of our Board secretary, Lauren Richter, who recently moved to start a new job.
2. Funding: The **River of Hope 100** has been launched and allows businesses and individuals to become financial partners. The grant proposal for 2010 is being finalized. Letters will be sent this month to all churches in Brazosport to increase the number of participating churches.
3. Pray for new volunteers as they get oriented to our helping ministry.
4. Pray for Rick as he adjusts to Nanette's absence.

April: 44 beneficiaries received \$17,778.21 in assistance.



Dates to Remember

June 2 Uth

June 9 No Uth! High School to Schlitterbahn

June 16 Camp Meeting

June 20 - 25 Camp!!

June 30 Church wide Pool Party

July 7 Uth

July 14 Uth

July 21 No Uth

July 28 Uth

Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who came to our craft booth and garage sale! The craft booth was a new experience and the garage sale was successful raising \$1,791.00.

Camp

Caution! Info teaser! Our Uth will leave June 20 for camp and will return June 25. We will be at ASU, San Angelo, TX for the week. Wade Morris will be our speaker and Justin Cofield Band will lead worship. If your student is signed up, be at the **Camp meeting on June 16** for ALL the details! :-)

Bimini Mission Trip

The Bimini Mission Team is excited to go to the island and share with the teens there at "Camp Bimini" We have a team of 21 people and will be teaching gardening, First-Aid & swimming lessons. We will also be sharing testimonies, Bible Study, worship and great fellowship with the Biminities. Please pray for this team as they finalize their plans and go on this trip. If you want to contribute to this trip mark your donation "Bimini Account".

Children's Ministry News

Mission Trip

Jordan Lange and Jackson Fielding will be going on their BreakOut mission trip to Interns to America at Discovery Camp June 7th-13th. Be praying for them as they go to serve others.

Pre-Teen Camp

Parents of campers—Please be at the church by 12:30 pm on Thurs. June 17th to make sure all paper work is complete. We also need to collect \$5 for your child's lunch on the way back from camp on June 20th. We will be arriving at Willow Drive on June 20th at 2 pm.

Please join in prayer with us for the 31 kids going to camp - that they will have an encounter with God and His love for them during camp this year. Also believe with us that good friendships will be made and that unity will bond our Willow Kids.

BBQ

Thank you, thank you to all of our church family for your servant's heart in helping with the BBQ fundraiser. We have a total of 40 going to preteen camp. Because of your generosity, we are able to help an additional 8 kids go to camp to have a God encounter that will bring change in each and every child. We are blessed to have such a loving and giving church family that supports our children here at Willow!

Virtual Realities

We will be helping a couple of Back Yard Bible Clubs in the month of July. So get prepared to have fun with kids while serving. Contact Laurie Fisher for more details at mythreeangels2000@yahoo.com

Come Check Us Out on Facebook

Type in Willow Drive Baptist Church in your Facebook search and "like" our facebook page. Once you "like," you can send us a message and tell us what you think. Confused? Call Susan Hines 297-4079.

Thank You

To all the great people from church,
Day after day, week after week, month after month, some sweet person from church comes and brings us a great dinner. Also, someone comes to clean our home, so it does not seem enough to say thank you even if I said it a thousand times. Thank you so, so much. God bless everyone.
Robin Clark, Kaleb & Troy

Baptismal Service & Pool Party

June 30, 8 - 10 PM

Clute Pool

We have reserved the Clute Pool for a night of fun and fellowship. We will begin the evening with baptisms. Contact the church office if you need to be baptized. You're encouraged to invite friends to this free event.

Willow Kids T-Shirts are Here!!

If you did not order your Willow Kids t-shirts but would like to buy one, we have some available for \$11 each. Check at the Willow Kids Desk in the Atrium to see if we have your size.