



# ONE

*"My prayer is...that all of them  
may be one, Father, just as you  
are in me and I am in you...so  
that the world may believe that  
you have sent me."  
- John 17:20-21*

One Body for One Community

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**Save the Date!**

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> –  
Easter Sunrise Celebration

Dear Family and Friends,

Hi everyone! It's been a while since we've gotten out a newsletter to y'all, but here it is! We hope that you've been enjoying your 2012. We took January as a time of reflection and prayer, and we now are entering into the New Year with a little bit more perspective. In fact, we are using the theme, "Less is More" for this year – but, more on that later.

Before we get into 2012 happenings, let's wrap up 2011. We took the time this Christmas season to make memories with our kids. Even though we never got around to getting the outside Christmas lights up, we took the kids to the tree farm to help pick out our tree and let them help decorate it (well, Jael helped; Josiah ate the popcorn and undecorated the bottom of the tree each morning when he woke up ☺). We had such a great Christmas. We were able to spend a ton of time with family and friends (Elizabeth made it back into the states from her mission training in Mexico just before Christmas!). We also are able to look back on the busy schedule and even the stresses of the Christmas Production with gratefulness and satisfaction.



We are incredibly grateful that the practices and performances of the Production didn't seem to overly stress out our kids. In fact, it was absolutely enjoyable to watch Jael's excitement in her involvement and her interest in learning how to do what mommy does. In fact, one of the most memorable moments for Traci was during the song she sang with Todd Agnew while Jael was on the stage. When she started singing, Jael spun around to watch her with a look of pure excitement and joy! That's definitely a face to remember!

This year, we were blessed to have a huge group of people willing to help and pull out all stops to see the success of the event. We had participants from sixteen different Waller-area churches and ministries involved in this process, and we truly couldn't have succeeded without seeing the body of Christ working together in unity. It was a wonderful reminder of what how beautifully God's plan can work out when the body is working the way He intended.

One of the coolest parts of the Production was getting to work with these amazingly gifted people, many who had never been able to be a part of such an event before. It was fun to see confidence grow, creativity flow and amazing lessons learned. Traci learned that God's word doesn't return void. When He wants something done, He makes sure it happens. There were several times that things worked out in crazy, seemingly impossible ways. Miraculous, in fact, is the term we used as we watched one of the videos piece together beautifully (even though the camera was running out of battery and we had actually just

learned to focus it only moments before filming!). God has so many amazing things for us to experience if we just stop to let Him show us what He can do.

One of the most stressful challenges of the event was the struggle with the sound. It took over two hours to set it up because things weren't working the way we expected. But now let me brag on our people once again; patience and perseverance prevailed – thanks Joey! And Todd Agnew? He was down on his hands and knees, plugging in wires and working with us to get the sound working properly – definitely NOT the high-maintenance superstar we're used to seeing on television these days.

Todd Agnew was an incredible blessing to this event. Besides helping get the sound working, he was a huge calming presence in a time of high stress. He was actually quite laid-back and had no problems singing with complete strangers – what a relief! He was witty and surprisingly soft-spoken in conversations, but as soon as he started his worship set, he spoke with confidence, strength, and encouragement. Oh, and he told Traci that she had a great voice – woohoo!



We saw over 500 people in attendance for the show, and though we're not exactly sure how God used the show to touch their lives, we did see some tears and trust that God is using the show to move people closer to Him.

Wow, we know that's a lot to share, but we just needed to let you know how things were going! And now, for 2012. Even though it was a blessing to be involved in so much last year, we believe that we, in our zeal, took on a "few" too many projects, hence the reason for taking January as a month of reflection and prayer. We want to make sure that we are not just filling our time with "good" projects, but that we are purposefully seeking out God's plan for what we are to do in each circumstance.

For this reason, we are going on the theme of, "Less is More," for the New Year, and we are looking forward to the many lessons God has planned for us in that arena! One of the immediate ways you will see that worked out is in the fact that we will be sending out newsletters every two months, instead of every month. We may even move to a quarterly letter in the future, but are sticking with this for now.

We love you all and thank you for your prayers!

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler  
And Jael & Josiah

#### Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✠ **Praise**...for some incredible things God is doing at our church right now – we'll tell you more in the next letter!
- ✠ ...Joel is graduating from Dallas Theological Seminary with his Th.M. on May 12, 2012!
- ✠ **Pray**...that the Christians in our community would be united as "One."
- ✠ ...for discernment as we make decisions for our family and ministry.
- ✠ ...for our children to be healthy and for God to grow their character through our experiences.
- ✠ ...for us to be grateful for the times God is growing OUR character.