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*"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!

Thursdays over the summer,
starting at 9 am - Missions

Saturday, June 9th – Jael's
Ballet Recital

Sunday, June 17th – *Stolen*
Book Release Party, 6-8 pm

Thursday, June 21st – Josiah
turns 2

Wednesday, July 4th –
Freedom Fest

Dear Family and Friends,

Hi again everyone! We hope that you are enjoying the beginnings of summer!

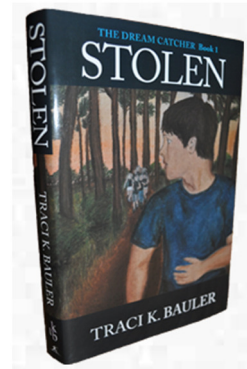
This is a great time for us. It is a time of big accomplishments drawing to a close and hope for all the ventures God is bringing our way. And we've got several BIG announcements that we'd love to share with you!

First, did you notice in the header – It no longer says, "501 (c) 3 pending." That's right – we've been approved for our 501(c)3!! This has been a long time coming, and we're so excited that it's finally official.



Second, after seven years of studying hard, Joel has finally graduated with a Masters of Theology (Th. M.) from Dallas Theological Seminary!! They even let him walk across the stage! We celebrated with our families, and felt truly blessed that so many of our family members were able to come out to Dallas for the ceremony. We are incredibly relieved that he is done and that he will be taking a well-deserved break before plunging in to earn a Doctorate.

Third, after ten years of working on her novel, Traci's book is finally done!! It is being published by Westbow Press (the self-publishing Division of Thomas Nelson), and it is already available for purchase. We will be celebrating with a Book Release Party on Sunday, June 17th from 6-8 pm, at the [Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites](http://www.holidayinn.com) 31380 Fm 2920 Rd, Waller, TX 77484-8013. It is a come and go event, so please feel free to drop by and celebrate with us! We will be selling books, and Traci will be available for signing them if you wish. Mandy Lea Hegemeyer, the artist who created the cover artwork, will be available to sign books as well. If you can't wait until the party to purchase a book, or if you'd just like more information, please visit www.tracikbauer.com.



Now, we'd like to give you an update on the 40 Days of Prayer. As we described in our last newsletter, the 40 Days of Prayer was a prayer initiative that asked for involvement and unity from the churches and ministries of the area. Churches and ministries were each given the opportunity to lead a prayer service that focused specifically on praying for each other. With this initiative, we felt so incredibly blessed that we could say that every church and ministry of the area was covered in prayer for forty consecutive days!

And, of course, you know we can't forget to talk about our kids!

Jael is such a big girl now. She is very excited that this year, she will be able to be a part of her first ballet recital that she gets to dance on an actual stage! She'll get to perform two dances, ballet and tap. It will be on Saturday, June 9th at the Waller High School auditorium, starting at 2 pm. It will be a long, but very exciting day. Check out her pretty costume on the right!



Then on June 21st, guess who's turning 2! Mommy pouts a little bit to see Josiah leaving the baby stage, but it is also quite a bit of fun to watch him as he learns and grows, to see all the things he's interested in and excited about. At this point, he loves Veggie Tales, airplanes and music (especially singing and drums, probably because when he drums, he gets to hit things☺).

Starting in June, we will have Missions every Thursday, starting at 9 am. Basically, just as in years past, we will be getting together with teenagers and adults who are interested in serving the community over the summer. Joel is really looking forward to this annual ministry, and he has already been getting the worksites together for the group. If you know of anyone in the area that needs help with something, please give Joel a call to see if it is something the group would be able to help with.

Unfortunately, we will be cancelling the Arts Academy that we were planning for the summer. We simply didn't have enough interest. We aren't discouraged, however, and we are actually seeing it as a sign that we were probably trying to do too many things – again! It's actually a bit of a relief and a time for us to pray about what plans God has for the Academy in the future. Traci may still be teaching some private lessons over the summer.

And coming up in July, we are excited join with the City of Waller and the Ministerial Alliance in presenting Waller's Annual Freedom Fest! It will be on Wednesday, July 4th. There will be live music, craft booths, food booths, water slides, bumper boats, live music, fireworks and much more. For more information, go to www.wallerfreedomfest.com. We'd love to see you there as we celebrate our freedom!

As we close this letter, we'd love to ask for a specific prayer need. We have been trying to buy the house that we've been living in. Though everything appeared to be going according to schedule, we've come across some pretty big snags. We're still trying to walk by faith, but like I said, we'd certainly appreciate some prayers as we were hoping to be proud homeowners by June's end.

As we hope y'all know, we love y'all lots and appreciate all you do for us! We hope you have an incredible summer!

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler
And Jael & Josiah

Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✠ **Praise**...Traci's book is finished!
- ✠ ...Joel is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary!
- ✠ ...God has an amazing plan!
- ✠ **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.