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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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Dear Family and Friends,

Oh my, it's already Fall! It seems like it's been a lightning fast Summer!

This summer has been a blast. It started off with our 13th Wedding Anniversary and Grandma Bear's (Joel's mom's) 60th Birthday. To celebrate Grandma Bear, we all headed down to Galveston for the afternoon. Joel's older brother James even came into town with his family from North Carolina. The kids enjoyed having a campout in the backyard with their cousins and then spending the day playing at the beach.



Jael sparkled at her Dance Recital. She participated in three dances: tap, jazz, and ballet. Ballet is her favorite. In fact, she told us that when she was waiting to go on stage, she watched the ballerinas who danced before her turn, and she thought their dance was so beautiful that it brought tears to her eyes.

Josiah, our ball full of energy, got his favorite day a few weeks later when he turned six years old. We celebrated in style with a Mad Scientist party. The kids were ecstatic to take part in several science experiments/potions (such as: making slime, growing snow, and of course, an explosion)! We had so much fun.



Elijah has been keeping himself quite busy trying to keep up with his older siblings and also spending as much time as possible with his baby Elizabeth. He is learning so much right now, enjoying helping around the house (especially when he is called "big boy"), and loving the fact that he can make Elizabeth giggle!



Elizabeth is not to be outdone, of course. She is doing her best to catch up so that she can join her siblings as they chase each other around the house. In fact, she has her first tooth! She loves giggling, "talking," sitting up, and dancing on Mommy's hip when we have dance parties. She also thinks that her sister and brothers are the funniest people on the planet!

Ministry-wise, Waller Freedom Fest was a tremendous success. If you asked our children, it's almost as good as Christmas, an event they look forward to each year. Joel was, of course, in his element: walking around, talking to everyone, "putting out fires," and eating as much vendor food as he could get his hands on! He's already looking forward to next year.

Save the Date!

Jael's 9th Birthday
September 27

Waller Christmas Festival
December 3

We took time to vacation after Freedom Fest with a week-long family beach trip with Traci's side of the family and a trip to the ranch. Other than that, our summer has been filled with swimming, playing, remodeling our kitchen, and random acts of silliness.

Looking forward into the year, we are planning to begin our homeschool session after Labor Day. It promises to be a pretty amazing year, with Jael in 4th grade, Josiah in 1st, and Elijah in Preschool. We have some fieldtrips in mind and some fun (and educational☺) activities on the schedule. Jael is excited to be dancing again this year, along with joining the dance competition team. Josiah and Elijah are energized to be starting gymnastics classes this year (they might have drawn a little inspiration from the Summer Olympics).

We also have an announcement to make. Joel has been hired part-time at Waller Baptist Church as their Associate Pastor! We will mainly be working with students (brings back memories doesn't it?), but we are also looking forward to helping out in other areas as well. Plus, it's nice to have a church home again☺.

Since this is a part-time position, we will still be going full steam with Mission Waller. In fact, we are adding an event to the roster this year. We will be working with the other churches in the area to gift the community with a Christmas Festival. We are incredibly excited to have been given this opportunity by the City of Waller and the Chamber of Commerce. In fact, Traci is so excited about it, she feels like doing a jig each time we talk about it!

Well, that's it for now. We'll keep you posted as life carries on. We hope and pray that your Fall is filled with love and the grace that is abundant and free.

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler
And Jael, Josiah, Elijah &
Elizabeth



Beach Baby



Best Friends for Life

Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✠ **Praise**...for the success of Freedom Fest!
- ✠ ...for the opportunity to serve Waller as the Associate Pastor at Waller Baptist Church!
- ✠ ...for the overwhelming things God is doing to bless us and the community of Waller.
- ✠ ...that God is constantly showing us the way.

- ✠ **Pray**...that the Christians in our community would be united as "One."
- ✠ ...for wisdom 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 our upcoming school year.
- ✠ ...for our new ministry with Waller Baptist Church.
- ✠ ...for our new opportunity to bless the community through the Waller Christmas Festival.
- ✠ ...for Elizabeth Raines on her missionary journeys.