



# 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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Dear Family and Friends,

Summer is upon us! We are wrapping up another year of homeschool (hard to believe Jael is promoting to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Josiah to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade already), and looking forward to some sunny activities for the next few months.

We have to begin by announcing what a tremendous success our May 5<sup>th</sup> National Day of Prayer Drive-Thru event was! As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we decided to try something new this year, and so we set up two prayer stations (one in Waller and one in Prairie View) where people could drive up in their cars and have us pray for them. Well, between the two locations, we had over 10 churches working together, and over 60 people



stopped by and let us pray for them! Now that's what I call "serving and blessing our community." We even had a city council member, who has a weekly column in *The Waller Times*, stop for prayer and then write her column about our event the next week! We are already looking forward to 2017 – we are planning to add more churches, more stations, and live music to the event as we continue to come together to serve as the Church of Waller.

One of the major prayer needs we focused on was the Great Flood of April 2016! On Monday, April 18, some parts of our community received over 17 inches of rain in just one night – the experts said this was a 2500 year event! Unfortunately, for us, our house flooded for the third year in a row. The whole house did not flood, just our master bath and bedroom, guest bath, and the boys' room. So, we had to rip out and replace carpet and pad again, but it wasn't too bad. We also had flooding in our office and church building, but it only took us a month or so to fully recover. Others in the Houston/Waller area suffered much more than we did.

If that wasn't bad enough, it flooded AGAIN on Memorial Day weekend. However, one blessing that came from the storms was that Joel was able to replace a hail-damaged roof for a friend of ours in Cypress. He continues to enjoy doing the contract work, and the LORD continues to provide for us by keeping him busy with new jobs.

We do have some kind of sad news to report. After 2 ½ years of worshipping together as the Refuge Church of Waller, we believe the LORD directed us to close our doors, so we had our last service together in March. Our fellowship has been a tremendous blessing and source of strength/healing for us, but we also know that we cannot remain in "refuge" forever – we don't know exactly what's in store for us next, but we are praying and seeking the LORD's will earnestly. Please pray with us, as we've never really been "church homeless" before.



### Save the Date!

Waller Baptist VBS  
**June 6-10**

Jael's Dance Recital  
**June 11**

Josiah's 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
**June 21**

Waller Freedom Fest  
**July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

Not all is sad around here, though. Freedom Fest continues to draw nearer, and we will be blessed once again to have KSBJ's "On the Street" team come out, with DJ Johnny B agreeing to M.C. our Worship Night on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. All of the planning leading up to Freedom fest is going smoothly, and Joel can hardly wait for the festivities to begin.

In addition to Freedom Fest, Joel and Traci have both been asked to help with Waller Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School from June 6-10. VBS has always been a major emphasis for our family, and Joel is looking forward to leading the Worship Rallies each morning, while Traci does music and helps with the Pre-K class. Of course, we will also have three of our own kids participating, and Elizabeth will get to hang out in the nursery while it is all going on. We love VBS, and we love serving the churches in our community, so we are definitely excited about this opportunity!



Meanwhile, with all the craziness in the ministry and with the weather, our kids have continued to grow as well! (Joel tries to tell them to stop, but they don't listen one bit.) Elijah celebrated his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 28<sup>th</sup>, and we decided to go to the zoo as a family that day. The following Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had his "Lion Guard" themed party, and his cousins and friends joined us to help him celebrate in style!

Elizabeth has been growing like crazy, herself. She has become quite the chunky little baby, and she loves to smile when her big brothers and sister play with her.

Josiah and Jael both have big events coming up, as Josiah will turn 6 on June 21<sup>st</sup>, and Jael has her dance recital on June 11<sup>th</sup> – she will be receiving her 6 yr dancer medal this year! We continue to be blessed by a beautiful and growing family, and we'll close this letter out with a family pic taken on Easter Sunday at Grandma Bear's house:



With Love,

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



Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✠ **Praise**...for success at our National Day of Prayer Drive-Thru!
- ✠ ...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 the upcoming VBS, Freedom Fest, and other events taking place this summer.
- ✠ ...for Elizabeth Raines on her missionary journeys.