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# CLARION



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JULY, 2011

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## Early

I love Psalm 63:1. Actually, I like the whole psalm and benefit from it often.

Now, one of the phrases in Psalm 63 calls me to my King James memory. The newer translations use a different word for one I love in the KJV.

*O God, you are my God, early will I seek thee...*

The new translations use the word “earnestly”, rather than “early.” With these thoughts I want to push for “early.” Next month, I may push for “earnestly”!

*Early* is an important word. Do you know that some young parents are teaching their infants in a crib? They may introduce colors, geometric shapes, or special music. They also buy them little t-shirts from their university of choice, training the baby to love that school and color! Do you know parents will put their young child into competitive sports by 4 years of age? How will they get a good scholarship to college if they don't start early?

Yet, do you know how “late” we can be with our intentional spiritual formation? The same parents may say, “They don't understand yet, so I don't want to push them.” Everywhere else there is push!

All time management plans love “early.” First, they say, that is, *early* in the day, make a list of what needs to be done and then prioritize the list. Pick the toughest job and do it first (*early*). The task will become bigger in your mind if you put it off and you will have less time to complete it. You can be very busy with non-essentials or less essentials, but few of the essentials get completed with the best efforts.

Consider being *early* in seeking God. Do you have 15 minutes that you can give for *early* seeking in the morning? You can go to bed *early* and the next day Google David Letterman's Top Ten List?! One of our most creative members rises *early* every morning just to be quiet and think and pray. He has authored two books; he is respected by his professional peers; he knows music and has been in a band; he knows about technology and how to communicate in creative ways with it; he designs websites and even programs internet radio stations. Insight, guidance, direction, and motivation for these things come to him because he is *early* in planning and implementing. I wonder what the rest of us could do!

Now to the deeper crux of this. This is not a thought about time management. This is about seeking God early in the day and early in life. Will you? He is worth it. You will benefit from him.

Now, of course, you know why *earnestly* is a great translation also.



# Whats happening in July!



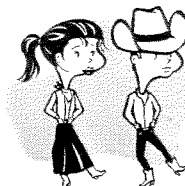
## SQUARE DANCING!

Sunday, July 3

6:00-8:00 PM

Best Dessert Contest,

Prizes & FUN!



Join us as we celebrate the 4th of July on the 3rd!

All ages are welcome - adults, kids, friends and neighbors! Our professional caller will be back with us this year. We'll have KFC and our annual children's best dessert contest with prizes!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FINDING HOPE: A FIELD TRIP OF FAITH

Jeremiah 29:11

July 11-14, 9:00 am - Noon

July 9, 5:00-7:00 pm, in the Gym - VBS Kickoff Night/Parents Night Out! All VBS Children invited - Kindergarten through 6th grade. Reservations required! Food, fun and preparation for the week. Volunteers needed to help serve dinner.

July 11-14, 9:00am-Noon - Vacation Bible School  
We need: Registration Volunteers, 8:30-9:30 am,  
Tues.-Thursday  
Art supplies-old maps, will not be returned  
Cookies for snack time.

## WINGS EVENTS: Women IN Godly Service

Summertime Bible Study - It's not too late to join us! We are studying Beth Moore's video lecture series on the Book of Revelation. Mondays from 6:15-7:45 pm, Room 202. Cost for the book is \$9.

Coming Friday, July 8, at 6:30 pm, Ladies Movie Night at FBC! We will gather together in the Fellowship Hall/Gym to enjoy pizza, popcorn, and other yummy snacks while we watch the movie, "One Night with the King", a very moving story about Esther.

SAVE THE DATE: Brookwood Trip on Saturday, July 30, at 10 am.



Check out our website: [www.fbcrichmond.net](http://www.fbcrichmond.net)

## FBCR Students

Simply Live (Matt 22:37 - 40)

Simply Serve (Matt 28:18 - 20)

Simply Follow (Luke 9:23)

[www.fbcrichmond.net](http://www.fbcrichmond.net)

Sunday Mornings: Bible Study at 9am

Sunday Nights: Meet at the Parkmans' Home at 6pm.

Wednesday nights at 6pm, throughout the summer!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thank you all for your prayers and support as we attended Piney Point Camp. Please continue to keep our group in your prayers for unity, bonding, community, understanding and patience, especially for those of us who were at camp:

Thomas Benning

Christina Clark

Chris Clark

Kevin Clark

Catherine Henderson

Courtney Henderson

Cameron Lewis

T.C. Lewis

Lauren Nowlin

Catherine Rocha

Jennifer Turner

Kiersten Underhill

Sponsors: Wiley Parkman

Meredith Parkman



NEXT UP - Join us for a  
**SWIM PARTY, JULY 6,**  
**6-8 pm,** at the Clarks' home,  
3724 FM 359, Richmond.  
Food, fun and fellowship!

### Summer Reading! Summer Study!

During the summer we are continuing to read and study John's short letter, I, II, and III. This is only seven chapters in all.

You may not enjoy Bible study or be able to attend, but you can read! Read a chapter a day of these letters. John was a great believer in the reality of Jesus. He believed that he lived and lives the best way possible to live and encourages us to join Christ in this journey of discipleship.

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 26 - Jul 2	Jun 26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2
						Youth Camp-Piney Woods Mary Ruby	Alex Pirie Mildred Walker
Jul 3 - 9	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Dee Dee Barr 8:00am Deacons Meeting 6:00pm Family Ministry #4	**Independence Day** OFFICE CLOSED	Jenna Wells Joyce Roe 10:00am Staff Meeting	Aaron Owens Alex Tripp Ann Richards Don Pate Tim Carter 6:00pm Youth-Swim Part 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir F	Janice Ward Karen Childs Kathleen Edmondson 10:15am Ministry at Great	Dustin Stringer 6:30pm Ladies Movie Nig	Hayden Henderson 5:00pm VBS Kickoff Party
Jul 10 - 16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Jayden Robertson Karla Lewis 8:00am Staff Search Com 5:00pm Stewardship Com 6:00pm ADT; Parlor 6:00pm Youth; Wiley's Hc	Catherine Henderson Thomas Giff Mandell 9:00am VBS/MDO 5:30pm Personnel Commi 6:15pm Ladies Bible Stud	Barbara Vick Bobbie Matthes Lily Hickman 9:00am VBS/MDO 1:00pm Staff Meeting	Carol Keffer Owen Jeske 9:00am VBS/MDO 10:15am Ministry at Richm 6:00pm Business Meeting 6:00pm Youth 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir F	Jake Pavlicek Morgan Crawford (18) 9:00am VBS/MDO 10:30am Ministry at Camb	Ben Parker Morgan Mandell	
Jul 17 - 23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Dan Krueger Terry Hugo 8:00am Staff Search Com 5:00pm Worship Committ 5:15pm Evangelism Comr 6:00pm ADT; Parlor 6:00pm Youth; Wiley's Hc	Jaden Russell Kyle Kinsey 6:15pm Ladies Bible Stud	Becky Escobar Holly Henderson Jim Cohn 10:00am Staff Meeting	126 Church Anniversary Lanny Rose Meredith Kersten 1:05pm Youth; Astros Gc 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir F	Ben Haring Cliff Bottoms	Brian Roe	Summer Engel
Jul 24 - 30	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Andrea Huseilton Kimoree Lee Shoels-Adenii 8:00am Staff Search Com 6:00pm ADT; Parlor 6:00pm Youth; Wiley's Hc	Cindy Zwick Joyce Roe 6:15pm Ladies Bible Stud	Joe Parler 1:00pm Staff Meeting	12:00pm Youth; Astros Gc 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir F		Darrell Hobbs Pam Sayko	Nancy Henderson 10:00am WINGS Trip to Br
Jul 31 - Aug 6	31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6
	*LORD'S SUPPER* Bridget Robertson Weber 8:00am Family Ministry C 8:00am Staff Search Com 6:00pm ADT; Parlor 6:00pm Youth; Wiley's Hc						

Sunday mornings:  
9:00 am Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship\*  
\*Childcare Provided

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<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>John Lockhart</b>
<b>Interim Music Minister:</b>	<b>Jonathan Blackmon</b>
<b>Student &amp; Family Minister:</b>	<b>Wiley Parkman</b>
<b>Church Secretary &amp; Children's Ministry:</b>	<b>Sandy Bills</b>
<b>Ministry Assistant:</b>	<b>Linda Pate</b>
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	<b>Thana Mitchell</b>
<b>MDO Director:</b>	<b>Ashley Kennedy</b>
<b>Children's Choir Coordinator:</b>	<b>Joyce Trigger</b>

**Prayer List**

**GRIEF**

Wiley and Meredith Parkman and family, death of his grandfather, Willard Parkman  
 Family and Friends of Dr. Isaac Kleinman, Bill and Mildred Walker's friend  
 Family and Friends of Don Peterson, Shirley Glasscock's extended family  
 Terry and Marilda Hugo and Family, death of her niece  
 Teion Parker and extended Family, death of her 18 yr. old cousin, Rayven Adams

**CELEBRATION**

Marriage of Alicia Boles and Josh Garcia  
 Marriage of Patrick Owens and Amy Thornton  
 Marriage of Corbin and Christl Henderson Lewis

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY**

Kelsey & Rachel McCarrson, preparing for adoption!  
 Marriage of Jamison Edmondson and Luiz Garcia, August 20  
 Steve and Kristen Pate Fraley, baby girl due September 4  
 Steven and Laura Farnsworth, baby due in January

**PRAYING AROUND THE WORLD FOR OUR WORLD**

Jim Patterson, preparing for China Mission Trip  
 Jeremie and Irene Ndoumbe, Grace Bishop's student, Nigeria  
 Erik Brown, Jim & Nancy's son, working in Afghanistan  
 Ray Davis, Amber Pirie Davis' husband, Korea  
 Lita Fraley, Pates' extended family, Justin Nowak, Afghanistan  
 Brian Roe, China, teaching English, returning soon!  
 Dustin & Kelly Windham, Azerbaijan  
 Bubba Howard, Corbin Lewis, Klayton Lowrey, Sean Hart, Stateside  
 Ashley Weber, Linda Weber's niece, Navy

**MINISTER OF MUSIC STAFF SEARCH COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERS**

VBS, July 11-14  
 Mary Anderson, medication adjustments  
 Dru Warn, fell, broken leg, recovering from surgery, home  
 Sherry King, recovering from surgery  
 Janice Ward, recovering from second surgery, home  
 Linda Winchester, recovering from second knee surgery  
 Charleen Watson, recovering from foot surgery  
 Sean Parker, waiting for test results on knee, possible surgery  
 Donna Krueger, just diagnosed with diabetes, trying to get it under control  
 Marilyn Hitt, recovering from carotid artery surgery, moved to Cambridge  
 Chelsey Love, Mercy Ministries; 15328 Old Hickory Blvd, Nashville, 37211  
 Linda Weber, ankle problems, adjusting to brace; financial concerns  
 Jake Weber, job search  
 Rebecca Rocha, transitions  
 Alyona Watson, ongoing injection treatments  
 D. Ann Criswell, breast cancer, halfway through chemo  
 J.R. Hardin, cancer, treatment, home  
 Ruby Mikeska, cancer, more tests soon  
 LaVerne Stephenson, continued blood pressure adjustments

**LONG TERM MEMBERS**

Patricia Blackmon, Richmond Healthcare Center  
 John Howard, MS, Ruth E. Smith, interstitial cystitis  
 Lori and Suzanne Massoth, Suzanne at Gracewood in Houston  
 Dee Dee Barr, The Solana At Cinco Ranch, Katy.  
 Polly Carter, Reba Wade, Mary K. White, Greatwood Retirement Center  
 Georgia Doggett, The Oasis, Selma Meadows, Atria Senior Living,  
 Marilyn Hitt, Nita Rosett, Cambridge Health & Rehab  
 Charles McConaughy, Robert & Clara McConnell, Martha Hay, Tamie Pucek, home

**FRIENDS**

Jordann Parker, Joe and Mary Ann's granddaughter, hand surgery on July 1  
 Phillip Brodnax, Carole Anhalt's nephew, hospitalized after nervous breakdown  
 Susanne Mikeska, Ruby's granddaughter, loss of job  
 Kenneth Perales, Tony Dunbar's brother, pneumonia, New Braunfels  
 Paula Roe's mother, Triumph Hospital, Town & Country  
 John Zenkner's father, congestive heart failure, moved to nursing home, Dallas  
 Karen Loftin, Linda Winchester's friend, recovering from eye surgery  
 Betty Scott's mother, hospice  
 Vicki Winston, Margaret Murray's friend, broken vertebrae  
 Tina Miller, J.R. Mitchell's friend, aneurysm, home  
 Dannie Jean Ross, Morgan Mandell's mother, recovering from neck surgery  
 Bob and Helen Holland, Barbara Robbins' (MDO) friends, Alzheimer's  
 Martha Powell, Annie Pitts' sister-in-law, recovering from heart surgery  
 Marshall Tracy, Helping Hands volunteer, multiple surgeries  
 Andy Smith, Ron Smith's son, motorcycle accident, foot injury, surgery  
 Barry Pitts, Annie's son, transitions

Leonard Voyles, Clark's friend's father, recovering from heart transplant  
 Helen Longshore, Sydney and Zachary's grandmother, legally blind  
 Ed Jerge, Heidemans' extended family, home health care, slowly progressing  
 Austin White, Pattersons' 5 yr. old grandson, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis  
 Annette Almazan, JoAnn Murray's sister, recovering well from jaw surgery  
 Sara Hall, Jerry's mother, recovering from a fall, home, MS  
 Alyssa Thompson, Gael's daughter, spiritual and emotional healing  
 Ellie Reece, Nancy Brown's mother, nursing home, NY  
 Audie Watson, Annie Pitts' sister-in-law, stroke, home, Jennings, LA  
 Clarkson Family, Cara Longshore's family, transitions, AL  
 Dylan James Brown, Claire Clark's friend, coma, home  
 James Martin, Ashmores' friend, improving slowly, home  
 Matt Lukas, Tanna's son, diabetic foot problems, recovery from foot surgery

**Cancer**

Debbie Hundl, Vicki McCall's friend, bone cancer has returned, chemo  
 Henri Childers, Mitchells' friend, breast cancer, chemo  
 Marge Adair, former member, multiple myeloma, tests, Brenham  
 Carole Clarkson, Cara Longshore's mother, breast cancer, recovering from surgery, home  
 Carolyn Kingsmill, Oleta Thompson's family, stage 4 lung cancer, more chemo  
 Leonard Nawara, Brenda White's uncle, cancer, chemo  
 Mary Ann Goffinet, Margaret Murray's friend, brain/lung cancer, radiation  
 Jean Anderson, former member, stage 4 kidney cancer, LA  
 Cheryl Wright Zwahr, Dru Warn's cousin, brain tumor  
 Mike Smith, Doug Thorpe's coworker's husband, esophageal cancer  
 Fran Stanton, Michele Boles' aunt, stage 4 lung cancer, chemo, CA  
 Kelli Bevans, Sharla Crawford's friend, astrocytoma tumor, Bryan  
 Patty Robinson, Justine Huselton's friend, cancer, treatment  
 Joe Cruse, Pastor of Fort Bend Fellowship, prostate cancer  
 Clare Davis, Heidemans' cousin, invasive malignant breast cancer, chemo  
 Sherry Schneider, Huseltons' and Grayless' friend, brain tumor, treatment  
 Mary Sue James, Clayton Bland's sister, treatment decisions  
 Greg Purvis (13), Jerry Hall's friend's son, Hodgkin's lymphoma, radiation, NC  
 Joy Denton, Betty Kelly's mom, lung cancer, pneumonia, hospice, Carthage  
 Sue McKenny, Ashmores' friend, ovarian cancer  
 Terri Aloian, Nancy Brown's cousin, breast cancer treatment, NY  
 Pete Daniels, Tiffany Koterak's friend, stage 3 colon cancer  
 Andru Ainsworth, Bridgette Matheny's friend, terminal lung/throat cancer  
 Sarah Fox Fitzgerald, Huseltons' friend, breast cancer, chemo  
 Steve Bridges, Julie Pinnell Bridges' father-in-law, cancer returned  
 Zane Espesito (6 yrs. old), John and Suzann Hugo's friend, leukemia  
 Bob Tyson, Sharla Crawford's friend, stage 3 lymphoma  
 Carol Welcome, Jackie Atkinson's friend, pancreatic cancer  
 Cathy Lantis, Annette Tripp's sister, uterine cancer, more testing  
 Sharon Sellers, Huseltons' friend, brain tumor, continuing chemo  
 Allison Hendrikson, Suzann Hugo's friend, cancer, treatment decisions, Dallas  
 Carol Bland, Jerry Hall's co-worker, breast cancer, chemo  
 Edna Huselton, Huseltons' sister-in-law, colon cancer, treatment  
 Christine Alaniz-Saenz, JoAnn Murray's cousin, stage 4 leukemia  
 Richard Hokett, Huseltons' friend, cancer, continuing chemo  
 Bonnie Gordon, Vicki McCall's sister-in-law, brain tumor, hospice  
 Cindy Elledge, J.R. Mitchell's cousin  
 Addison Marshall, Morgan Crawford's friend, leukemia, continued treatment  
 Lindsey Kane, Suzann Hugo's friend, waiting for treatment  
 Phillip Bittle, Danes' son, multiple myeloma, chemo, home  
 Martha Brennan, Sedgwicks' friend, chemo  
 Paul Stephenson, Jim's brother, colon cancer  
 Adrienne Gros, Barrons' 5 yr. old great-nephew, Hodgkin's lymphoma  
 Jack Kemper, Escobars' grandson, leukemia

**LONG TERM FRIENDS**

Elizabeth Carlson, Ruth Smith's mother  
 Joy Carpenter, Fred and Nancy's adult daughter, chronic Lyme Disease  
 Pearl Crispell, Sherri Pirie's mom, congestive heart failure  
 Andrew Davis, going to A&M! Caregiver found!  
 Lyla Kelly, Betty's 2 year old granddaughter, tuberous sclerosis, new meds, CA  
 Greta Lyon, Barbara Vick's sister, inoperable brain tumor, Conway, AR  
 Cotton Morgan, Pam Bland's father  
 Wayne and Trudy Peveto, Coleen Owen's parents, home, Mauriceville  
 Jim Wise, Pattersons' friend, Miller Fisher Syndrome