

## “Loving a Good Book”

Do you love a good book? Martin Luther sure did. Luther once said, "The Epistle to the Galatians is my epistle. To it I am as it were in wedlock. It is my Katherine (the name of Luther's wife)." What is so special about Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia that Martin Luther would feel for it the same love he had for his wife?

To understand the depth of love Luther had for the book of Galatians we must understand Luther's greatest problem—guilt. Luther was eaten up with guilt because he was deeply aware of the sin in his life. Try as he might, he just couldn't live a perfect life (who can!). Like a fugitive always on the run from “the law” (e.g., police, courts, state) Luther saw himself as continually guilty before God and always living in fear. That was until he learned of the doctrine of justification by grace through faith.

This doctrine says that the way a person is made right with God (“justified”) is not by obeying a system of moral rules and religious practices, but by God granting righteousness as an undeserved gift (“grace”). This granting of righteousness comes completely through faith in Jesus Christ. So a person is declared innocent not by living an innocent life, but by God declaring innocent the person who puts her trust in Jesus Christ. To Luther that was good news (“gospel”), so much so that he fell in love with Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia, since justification by grace through faith is a dominant theme throughout the letter.

Do you wrestle with guilt? Are you afraid to face God? If you have put your trust in Jesus Christ (which is expressed through baptism) then according to Galatians, you have nothing to fear because God has declared you innocent. Granted, we sometimes do and say things for which we are ashamed and feel regret. But we don't have to live in fear of God because through the grace made available by Christ, we have been set free from the tyrant of guilt.

*Curtis Williams*

### This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Monday, 3/31	James 1	Numbers 11-12 Psalms 128-129
Tuesday, 4/01	James 2	Numbers 13-14 Psalms 130-131
Wednesday, 4/02	James 3	Numbers 15-16 Psalms 132-133
Thursday, 4/03	James 4	Numbers 17-18 Psalms 134-135
Friday, 4/04	James 5	Numbers 19-20 Psalms 136-137
Saturday, 4/05	<b>Reflection*</b>	<b>Reflection</b>
Sunday, 4/06	<b>Reflection</b>	<b>Reflection</b>

\*Saturdays and Sundays are reserved as days to re-read and reflect upon previous readings, or catch up on readings missed during the week.

## Prayer List

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**Sunday morning schedule**  
Bible classes.....9:30 am  
Worship service.....10:30 am



March 30, 2008

### Order of Worship

Song Medley

#### Welcome & Call to Worship

Song: *He Has Made Me Glad*

Song: *The Joy of the Lord*

Song: *Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You*

#### Shepherds' Prayer

#### Communion

Song: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

#### Offering

(Children's Offering\* and kids dismissed to Children's Worship\*\*)

Song: *Thank You, Lord*

Song: *As the Deer*

Song: *Listen to Our Hearts*

#### Lectio Divina-Psalm 63:1-8

#### Message

Song: *Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

#### “Face-to-Face”\*\*\*

#### Family News

Song: *There's a Stirring*

#### New to North Pointe and have children?

Children are an important part of the North Pointe church. For this reason we offer the following opportunities for children during our worship service:

**Nursery:** A staffed nursery with pagers for parents, is provided during the worship service. The nursery for babies, toddlers and two year olds is located in E Hall past the restrooms. A separate, non-staffed nursery is also available for parents to use as needed.

**\*Children's Offering:** To teach our children the discipline of giving we provide them an opportunity to contribute in a visible way. This money is used for various ministries.

**\*\*Children's Worship:** Because children have their own unique level of learning and expression we offer a special worship period for children 3 years of age through 4th grade. Children are dismissed to Children's Worship following the Children's offering.

#### \*\*\*What is “Face to Face with God”?

This time during our worship service allows three opportunities for personal prayer. Your may: 1) remain in your seat and spend time privately praying to God, 2) go to the back of the cafeteria where a member of our prayer team will pray for you or with you, privately and in confidentiality concerning your prayer request, or 3) come to the front row of seats with your public prayer request where the prayer leader will include your request in his prayer concluding this period.

## North Pointe News

### This Week

#### **Ladies Bible Class**

**Wednesday, April 2**

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Home of **Deanna Priebe**

316 Love Bird Land, Murphy

972-423-1470

#### **Men's Backpacking Trip**

**Thursday, April 3 – Sunday, April 6**

See **Mark Schoonover** for details.

### Future Events

#### **Grandparent/Grandchildren Rocket Blast**

**Saturday, May 3**

4:30 p.m.

Backyard of **Richard** and **Linda Knox**

235 Green Acres Drive, Murphy

The **Knox's** are having an additional Rocket Blast evening for North Pointe grandparents and their grandchildren. If you don't have any grandkids you can borrow some North Pointe kids. Wear shorts and shirts that are appropriate for getting wet (no swim suits please). Cost is \$3 per person to cover the cost of pizza, drinks and cookies. Bring an empty two-liter plastic pop bottle for the rocket blast.

*"... so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe ..."*  
*Philippians 2:15*



#### **Mother/Daughter Spring Fling**

**Friday, April 11**

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

3401 S. Glenbrook, Garland (**Omer's** house)

Cost is \$12 per family (covers the cost of pizza and supplies). Daughters ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to enjoy this evening of fashion fun with their moms. Girls bring your favorite outfit to model for our fashion show. Don't forget the accessories, purses, shoes, hats and any props you want to use. You can bring up to three outfits to model. Mother/daughter pictures will be taken. Mother/daughter teams will make their own fashion frame together. You will enjoy this night of girl fun! Sign up begin today!

#### **God's Girls**

**Sunday, April 13**

2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

1718 Vicksburg, Sachse (**Traugher's** house)

#### **God's Soldiers**

**Sunday, April 20**

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

1013 Cowboy Court, Murphy (**Sharber's** house)

#### **Mother/Son Night Out**

**Friday, April 25**

Sons ages 4 through 5th grade will enjoy a night out with their moms at **Adventure Landing** (on Coit off of Hwy. 190) to play a game of miniature golf and arcade games. Cost is \$5.50 per person. Money is due on Sunday, April 20. (Cash only).

#### **Family Rocket Blast**

**Friday, May 16**

Backyard of **Richard** and **Linda Knox**

For kids ages 4 through 5th grade and their families

#### **Kid's Kamp in God's Big Back Yard**

**June 9, 10, 11**

*Beverly Ritz*

## North Pointe Youth Ministry

### This Week

#### **Teen Pointe Group**

**Wednesday, April 2**

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Home of **Mike** and **Frances Campbell**

6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

### Future Events

#### **Parent/Teen Meeting**

**Sunday, April 27**

12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

#### **Father Son Canoe Trip**

**Friday, May 2 – Saturday May 3**

#### **Camp Zenith for High School**

**Sunday, June 15 – Friday, June 20**

#### **Camp Cornerstone for Middle School**

**Sunday, July 6 – Thursday, July 10**

#### **Summer Mission Trip**

**Wednesday, July 16 – Sunday, July 20**

Foster's Home for Children in Stephenville, Texas

Sign up before April 1.

Cost is \$65.

#### **Wilderness Trek**

**Friday, August 1 – Saturday, August 9**

#### **Record for Sunday, March 23, 2008**

Worship Attendance: 170

General Offering: \$3,257.25

Children's Offering: \$19.37

Building Fund: \$410.00