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Eisenhauer Road Baptist Church

THE RETURN OF CHRIST

1Jn 3:2 *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that,* ***when he shall appear,*** *we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.* ***3*** *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

This hope of seeing the Savior and being conformed to his image is the hope of every true Christian. It is this understanding of Christ return that is to keep the church, the bride of Christ PURE until Christ returns. By being under the influence of this hope we put forth every effort necessary to keep us pure. There must be a dependence on divine assistance which is seen in Col.1:27b. We are connected with success because we are filled with the Holy Spirit of God. Therefore we are led by Him to fulfill the command found in Phi 2:12: *Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

The thought here is that the hope of being like Christ when He returns will lead His children to **do all that needs to be done** to become holy and acceptable to God, *which is our spiritual act of worship*.

Dr. Tim LaHay stated that understanding prophecy equips the believer to avoid deception perpetrated by the multitudes of false prophets arising in our day. Surely there would be **few** who doubt we are living in times of deception. How tragic when people in the world have so **FEW** sources of truth. From politicians to preachers, truth seems to be a rare commodity. No wonder God warned His children to study His word so we would KNOW truth from error.

As we go through the book of Colossians on Sunday mornings we are reminded that worldly philosophies lead people astray! Only the truth found in Christ will keep us on the right path. I hope you are resting in Christ as Lord and Savior to keep you on the right path & enable you to stand when all else around you is falling apart.

Friends, pay attention to what is going on around you. Never before in the history of mankind have so many world events matched bible prophecy. Things are happening in such rapid fashion that it is hard to grasp. Our own government is moving in directions that few would have believed and it is not in the right direction from a biblical perspective.

How prepared are you for **"last days"** events? **Mat 24:44 Therefore** *be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye* ***think not*** *the Son of man cometh.*

Most people will dismiss messages like this as fantasy. Well in a way it is. It has always been a "fantasy" of mine that Christ would return while I am alive and can be caught up to meet Him in the air.

Thinking **YES:**
Bro. Larry

Home Bible Studies

Connect
Grow
Serve

Tuesdays
7:00 p.m.
Pastor's Home

Wednesdays
6:00 p.m.
ERBC Choir Room

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.
The Cobb's Home

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.
The Willis Home

If interested in having a Home Bible Study in your home, or desire to be a facilitator to a Home Bible Study, call the Church Office (210) 655-4643

"I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

(Philippians 1:20)

Education Ministry

Dear Church,

As you read this month's ECHO, you will notice a variety of ministry opportunities for you

We have...

- VBS Associational Training - April 8-9
- Church Spring Picnic - April 9
- Health Matters - April 10
- Easter Celebration - April 24
- House Church Conference - April 29
- High Attendance Sunday - May 1
- Church Revival - May 1-4
- Missions - Emphasis throughout April
- Connect...Grow...Serve - Weekly Home Bible Studies.

Read carefully each of these announcements and see how you can plug in so the Lord can use you to impact His work!

VBS Associational Training
April 8 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
April 9 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Place of Training - NorthEast Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School
June 20-24
PreK—6th grade

We are **NOW** recruiting Volunteers.
For additional information or questions,
contact Carolyn Cope, VBS Director—653-2619

Health Matters
Sunday, April 10

Make plans to participate in our second Health Matters.
The emphasis will be on Physical Activity.
This event will be offered to the community.
If you are a nurse and have some available time, we could use your service to provide testing for diabetes, and blood pressure.

For additional information, contact Sandra Cisne-

High Attendance Sunday in Sunday School - May 1

May 1st. will not only be High Attendance Sunday in Sunday School but it is the first day of our Church Revival.
We have a month to encourage class members to invite friends, co-workers, and neighbors.
We will enjoy a general session at 9:00 a.m. follow by a great Bible Study time at 9:30 a.m.

House Church Conference

Friday, April 29 - 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 30 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tri-Point Facility
3233 N. Saint Mary's St.
San Antonio, TX 78212

Workshop speakers will include:
Gathering the Church - *Lee Price*
Launching a New Church - *Brett Horvath*
Connecting with the Community - *Olber Roblero*
Networking - *Paul Gonzales*
Disciple Development - *Ben Hanna*
Gospel Sharing - *Gene Loflin*
Church Planting Movement - *Richard Gregory*

Registration fee of $50.00 includes meals and materials.
Contact Gail at 525-995
or gailb@sanantoniobaptist.org
Deadline: April 25, 2011

North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Special video segments will be presented during the morning worship

- Sunday, April 3 – Theme "Start here"
- Sunday, April 10 – "One Laredo Family"
- Sunday, April 17 – "Making a Difference"
- Sunday, April 24 – "Pennies from Heaven

Eisenhauer Baptist School

ERB School is having early registration this spring for the 2011-12 school year. The majority of our students will be returning next year and we have many new students registered.

We appreciate the work the men did for the school over the weekend. It is so nice to have such great support from the church membership. A Big Thank you to Mr. Campbell for coming on the Church work day to stain our rocker chair for the baby room. We got the best price for a rocker at an unpainted furniture store but we had to get it stained.

April 4th, our Kinder through six grade students will be doing their educational field trip. They will be visiting three missions along the San Antonio River and see the movie, "What Price Freedom." Fourth grade is the grade that studies Texas history but we want all of our students to learn the history of San Antonio.

Beginning that same week our Bible classes from Pre K-3 through Sixth grade will study the events that took place the last week Christ was on earth before his crucifixion. They will learn of all the witnesses of Christ after his overcoming death and the grave. Our students in Kinder through Sixth grade are graded on Bible class as they are in Spelling or Math. Continue to pray for us as we teach these precious ones.

June Richards

Church Spring Picnic
At ERBC Grounds
Saturday, April 9 - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Coordinating BBQ - Jim Cope

We ask families to select one of the items provided in this list, and contact the church office to let us know which side dish you will be providing.

Side items by church families:

Rice, beans, potato salads, onions, pickles. BBQ Sauce, bread, dessert and soft drink.

MAKE A NOTE

If you have a Tent let us know, or bring any type of shade. Bring your lawn chairs, table games and let's have fun!

DEACON OF THE WEEK

	Date	Deacon	Phone Number
APRIL	3	Jonathan Maxey	219-8697
	10	Dan McDonald	653-0337
	17	Lonnie Reece	494-0867
	24	Lanny Smith	656-2436
May	3	Gene Day	657-7969
	10	Dan Gulley	830-980-4872
	17	Richard Hard	657-6332
	24	Jonathan Maxey	219-8697

MONTHLY STATISTICS

2011	S.S. Attendance	Worship Attendance	Weekly Given	Weekly Needed (Required)	Year-To-Date Given	Year-To-Date Budget Needed	Designated Given this Month
3/6	109	138	12,786.05	7,594.36	$87,633.89	$98,726.68	$3,020
3/13	98	141	5,643.61	7,594.36			$50.00
3/20	96	145	4,251.75	7,594.36			N/A
3/27	114	147	3,502.51	7,594.36			$32.00
Total			**$26,183.92**	**$30,377.34**			**$3102.00**
			86.20% of required		**88.77% of Required**		

Annual Church Budget
$394.906.82

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Dear Church Family,
How precious and important you are to me and my Mom. Thank you so much for taking such good care of her while I was on vacation and she was at Heartland. The cards, flowers, ice cream and visits are appreciated by both of us. Your love and concern showed Christ's love to her and to me.

Jesus said, *"Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me"* Matt. 25:40.

God bless you all,
Jeanie Loomis and Kay Stout

Easter Sunday
April 24

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Combine Adult Bible Study Sanctuary
Bible study will be led by Jacob Flores

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration

Church Wide Revival
May 1-4

As we make spiritual preparations for Revival, let pray specifically and with purpose.

1. Pray that we desire and long for revival in our personal lives and in our congregation.
2. Pray that we desire to align our hearts with the heartbeat of God.
3. Pray that we desire to hear from God.
4. Pray that we are brokenhearted over the state of lost humanity.
5. Pray that we desire to be the church God desires us to be.
6. Pray that we desire to be a congregation with one heart, mind, passion, and one accord.
7. Pray that we desire to be useful to God.

Evangelist
Sammy Lopez