

## Birdsong

The glory and splendor of another morning tide  
As light and warmth fill the world spread wide  
Mesmerizing my mind with longing inside  
To rest and in this dreamworld abide.



Just then a shattering of my euphoric dream,  
A call to reality as it would seem,  
And yet a call that holds me spell-bound  
The birdsong filling creation with sound.

Birds singing beautifully in choruses raised.  
Birds singing wildly crisscrossing refrains.  
Birds singing shrilly piercing the skies.  
Birds singing persistently; their song never dies.

How mesmerizing indeed is the song that they sing,  
But it causes me to ponder on one puzzling thing:  
What keeps them singing so faithfully on?  
What is the creative genius behind birdsong?

Is it truly because they are so glad?  
Is it possible to never have a morning gone bad?  
Are their hearts always filled with joy,  
Or have I believed a well-spun ploy?

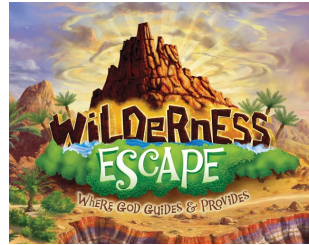
Surely a bird must know the pain  
Of losing a birdling, of feeling the rain,  
Of bearing the cold of winter each year,  
Of being so small, of hunger and fear.

So maybe they sing for another cause  
Their song of praise to God without pause.  
Perhaps the birdsong rings true with each day  
Because God has created birds to sing in this way.

And in this I find a likeness to me  
For just like the bird I was created to sing.  
Yet scarred as I am by sin, guilt, and shame,  
My song is at times silenced by pain.

But what if I were as the birds of the air  
Who sing not for joy or live with no cares,  
But sing because they were made so to do  
And therefore, they sing no matter what they go through.  
O Lord, help my song to rise always to you  
Just as the birdsong rises each morning anew.

- Rusty Thomas, 2021



## VBS/MUSIC CAMP PLANNING MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 13

6:00 PM

DINNER AND PLANNING

CHILDCARE PROVIDED



*School of the Arts  
Spring Recital  
Sunday, May 16  
2:30 pm  
Everyone Invited*



**Wilderness Wednesdays**  
Begins June 9  
Age 4—Grade 5  
6:00 pm

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God is Good! As I look back at April and look ahead to the month of May I realize how good God has been to us. Let me say thank you for adjusting with us as we had to shift and change plans due to Covid. I praise the Lord that most of our people who were sick are slowly regaining strength back. We pray for others for whom it has been a slower recovery. We pray for Linda Sones and family and are grieved at the passing of Brother Don Sones. We will miss him dearly, but we rejoice at his healing! Yes, even in all of this the LORD is GOOD.

The plan is to press on for the Kingdom. We are planning to celebrate our graduates in just a few short weeks. Congratulations to all of our graduates. I am especially fond of one of them. I am proud of my Ella as she will be graduating from Fannin County High School this year. We will celebrate this with them all on Sunday May 23. We have our mission team set to go to Puerto Rico to work with Send Relief as a part of our North American Mission Board. We will be in Puerto Rico from May 29 – June 4. Pray for our safety and the ministry that will take place down there.

Please be in prayer for our Southern Baptist Convention that will be held on June 14-16 in Nashville, Tennessee. There will be a lot of important matters discussed that will have a major impact on the future of the SBC. Finally, let me encourage you to help where you can with VBS and Music Camp. Our dates for this year are June 21-25. May God use this to help us connect with families and reach children with the gospel. It is a privilege and an honor to serve as your pastor. Please call if I can be of help to you in any way.

Serving our King together,

Pastor Bob

# MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		<b>THURSDAY, MAY 6—NOON—FBC PAVILION PARKING LOT—A/Y CENTER in CASE of RAIN</b> Seating will be provided for those who need it. 2021 THEME: LORD POUR OUT YOUR LOVE, LIFE, AND LIBERTY				01
02 Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Worship 6:00 Business Meeting	03 Aerobics 5:30 pm Deacons' Meeting 6 pm	04 Quilting B's 9 am College Bible Study 7 pm	05 Home School Awards Day Spring Weekly Schedule	06 Precept 9-Noon A/Y Center National Day of Prayer Aerobics 5:30 pm	07 SECRET CHURCH A/Y Center (\$5.00 Fee) 5:30 pm - Pizza 6:00 pm - Study Sign up in F'ship Hall	08 Church Work Day
9 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> Morning Worship 10:45 No PM service	10 Aerobics 5:30 pm Prophecy Class Rm. 211 6:30 pm	11 WMU Heart to Hands Fellowship Hall 10 am College Bible Study 7 pm	12 Spring Weekly Schedule	13 Precept 9-Noon A/Y Center Aerobics 5:30 pm VBS/Music Camp Planning Meeting 6 pm	14	15
16 Morning Worship 10:45 Spring Recital 2:30 Evening Worship 6:00	17 Aerobics 5:30 pm Prophecy Class Rm. 211 6:30 pm	18 Men's Prayer Time 6:30 am Quilting B's 9 am College Bible Study 7 pm	19 Spring Weekly Schedule	20 Precept 9-Noon A/Y Center Aerobics 5:30 pm	21 Last day of school Fannin Graduation (Decorate Fellowship Hall for Saturday)	22 S.A.L.T. 10 am - Noon A/Y Center F'ship Hall reserved 9:00—4:00
23 FBC Graduates Recognition/Lunch Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Worship 6:00	24 Aerobics 5:30 pm Prophecy Class Rm. 211 6:30 pm	25 College Bible Study 7 pm	26 Spring Weekly Schedule	27 Precept 9-Noon A/Y Center Aerobics 5:30 pm	28	29 FBC Mission Team leaves for Puerto Rico Pray for their safety.
30 Morning Worship 10:45 No pm service	31  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	 Welcome June	02 No Evening Activities Summer Schedule begins June 9	03 Aerobics 5:30 pm	04 Pray for our Mission Team as they return from Puerto Rico.	05

## SPRING WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun.	10:45 am 6:00 pm	Morning Worship Evening Worship
Mon.	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Aerobics Prophecy Class Room 211
Tues.	7:00 pm	College Bible Study- <i>Life of Christ</i>
Wed.	5:00 pm 5:45 pm	Dinner is served Grades 1-6 Fight the Good Fight (Bible) Children's Choir Age 3—Kindergarten Art/Preschool Choir Youth Bible Study—A/Y Center Prayer Meeting/Adult Bible Study
Thurs.	5:45-7 pm 9:00 am 5:30 pm	ESL Class Precepts - A/Y Center Aerobics

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1	Joel Kinser	
3	Garrett Prather	Patti Martin
4	Diana Neveils	
6	Norma Wiethop	Bonita Moss
9	Lesley Salas	
13	Nelda Bailey	Betty Wilson
14	Hollis & Jeannie Hope (A)	Matt & Christine Hinman (A)
15	Freddie Corbett	Sarah Carroll
16	Hugh Gibson	
17	Roddy Williams	
18	Darrell Goebel	
19	Christine Hinman	
21	Ella Richardson	
24	Howard Tilley	
25	Cindy Stone	
26	William Stone	
30	Caroline Godfrey	
31	Ray Golden	

