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Baptist Church

*To live Life fully for the Time  
God gives us*

LifeTimers

**A Little “Sense” from a Nichols**

Living with an artist makes life . . . what shall I say? . . . Colorful. Splashes of paint are frequently found in places other than the canvas – places like the floor, door frames where the artist walked through with orange paint on his brush, and even the refrigerator door handle. I’m used to it, and I think I’d rather miss those streaks of color if they weren’t there. When there’s paint in those places, it also means that I have witnessed the magic on his palette and the appearance of a human face on the canvas. Bluish cheeks eventually become warm, supple flesh tones, and just a dab of alizarin red with a touch of cobalt blue and a swish of titanium white become that late afternoon lavender sky, surpassed only by God’s paintbrush. It’s really amazing-- one color, unique to itself, but creating an entirely new color when combined with another.



It’s a bit that way in the kitchen with a creative cook – a few ingredients when combined making something quite delicious and decadent. Sure, a spoon full of sugar makes the medicine go down and my tea quite pleasing, but 3 cups of sugar takes on new meaning when mixed with a half a pound of butter, a few eggs, White Lily flour, whole milk and two teaspoons of fine grade vanilla. Bake it for an hour and fifteen minutes and you have my mama’s pound cake.

Come to think of it, this sounds like our Woodland family – a mixture of colorful, sweet folks who come together with their individual personalities and gifts, creating a beautiful tapestry of Kingdom life. As Paul writes in I Corinthians 12, “But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be?”

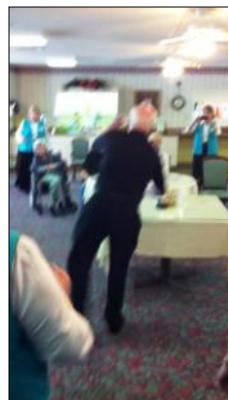
LifeTimers is another picture of a finely-tuned, functioning body of many parts. I think of those incredible women who make their own magic in the kitchen preparing our lunches; others who make the tables festive and inviting, not just for us, but our Wednesday crowd; the team of callers who make contact with us on a monthly basis; others who greet our folks and keep our treasury; a couple of real gentlemen who set up sound equipment and work with our program personalities; the couple who plans fun outings for us; and sweet Marilyn, who creates, prints, folds and mails this newsletter that keeps us connected all throughout the year. All these folks give so graciously and freely of their time, thought, and energy to make our meeting experience come together. And when I look out at the crowd who gathers, I see a large group of folks who have so many other responsibilities in our church family. As we close out another season of LifeTimers with our May meeting, I’m so grateful for all of you who make the idea of LifeTimers work. You’re the best!

*Phyllis Nichols*

**May LifeTimers Gathering — May 17**

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Welcome, SonShine Singers!

There could be no better way to end our LifeTimers’ 2011-2012 season than with a performance by the SonShine Singers. Everyone has a good time when this group is making music. Guaranteed to make you smile, their music has quite an effect on the body – toes start tapping, hands begin clapping, eyes fill with tears and a few heart strings are pulled, and sometimes all that happens at the same time. Don’t miss a great meal and a fantabulous program! Don’t forget to wear your favorite hat.



## Here and There ... Submitted by Annette Butler

Melissa Brown has been on enough cruises to total 1,000 days on board ships! After a 2-1/2 year hiatus, she left March 3 for a 30 day cruise with a friend who especially needed a get-away after the recent loss of her son. They sailed from San Diego for the South Pacific: 4 Hawaiian Islands, Tahiti, Bora Bora, and Nukahiva. Melissa was certain she would return to Texas with a nice tan, but the cooler weather meant “no luck” in the tan department. While in Honolulu, she worshipped at the church her sister attended while living there 15 years. On the cruise ship, they lollod away their time in the piano bar, at parties, enjoying dinners, reading, relaxing, and killing the competition in trivia games. They returned to San Diego on April 3.

Kathy and Les Barnes took a trip in March to Los Angeles to visit friends they knew from their Seattle days who now live in Long Beach. Some of the interesting places they visited included: the Santa Monica area, the Griffith Observatory, the Getty Museum (where they enjoyed dinner in a dining room overlooking LA), the Palos Verdes Peninsula, the Wayfarer Chapel (which was designed by the son of Frank Lloyd Wright), whale watching on the coast, and a picnic lunch at the Korean Friendship Bell. Their friends have 3 orange trees in their yard, and every morning they had delicious, fresh-squeezed orange juice for breakfast. They also went to a HUGE farmer’s market that had many wonderful fresh veggies. If you can believe it, they accomplished all this travel and touring in only 5 days.

Betty and Prentess Ferrell are off again soon, this time it is Destination Hawaii. After driving to Dallas on May 10, they take off on the 11th for the Big Island of Hawaii. Their “home away from home” will be the Hilton Waikoloa Village, near Kona and the black sand beach. There is a canal around the resort with boating options to different areas. The Ferrells will rent a car and tour sights like the Orchard Farm, the Volcano Coffee Mill and other local places of interest. While travelling, they always like to try out-of-the-way restaurants and native foods. They will return to Dallas on May 18th, spend the weekend with their son Stephen and his family (celebrating Stephen’s birthday), and make their way back to San Antonio on May 21st.

## Shutterbug Moments—April Gathering



If this is a stick-up, you are targeting the wrong man!

## Meet Charlie Walker



The world was first blessed with the presence of Charlie Walker on July 2, 1919, in St. Joseph, Missouri. He was born to Fayette Hugh Walker and Theo Flowers Walker. His father was a machinist for the railroad, and the family moved to Texas when Charlie was about 7. His father's brother was in Smithville, and they felt there was less likelihood of railroad strikes here. Charlie grew up in Denison and graduated from Denison High School in 1936. After a year working on the railroad and in a dry goods store, Charlie enrolled at Texas A&M. He graduated in 1942 with a degree in civil engineering, and since he had been a part of the Aggie Corps of Cadets, he immediately went in to the Army.

While a student at Texas A&M, he met the lady who would become his wife, Marian Wieting. Marian was attending Sam Houston State at the time. Charlie's first Army assignment was in anti-aircraft defense of Puget Sound Navy Yard in Bremerton, Washington. He summoned Marian to join him, and they were married there on November 8, 1942. Charlie and Marian had two children, Charlotte Franklin, now of San Antonio, and Bob Walker, who lives in Neptune Beach, Florida. They also had 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

As World War II was in full force at the time, Charlie was quickly sent to the European theater as a staff officer. In fact, he travelled overseas on the exact day of the D-Day invasion, June 6, 1944. After training in England, his unit was sent to help defend Paris after its liberation and then to Holland during the Battle of the Bulge. In early 1945, his group went to southern France, and from there they moved pretty easily into Germany. He was in Stuttgart when Victory in Europe was announced. While our pilgrimage group was touring the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem last March, Charlie was reminded of his time at the Dachau concentration camp. He was not part of the liberation forces, but he did arrive there shortly afterwards. Many former prisoners were still there, and he remembers the process of cleaning, disinfecting and providing fresh clothing for them.

After the war, he returned home and remained in the Army Reserves for 15 years. Having worked for the highway department while a student at Texas A&M, he took a job there again and moved to Paris, Texas. He continued with them for 15 years before starting a private construction business with a partner. They built some residential properties but focused mostly on commercial construction. While in Paris, he also served his community as city councilman, mayor and city manager.

Following his retirement, he and Marian travelled and just enjoyed themselves. As health issues began to crop up for Marian, they decided to look for a permanent retirement home. Charlotte found a place for them at Independence Village in Stone Oak, and they moved to San Antonio. Sadly, after 69 years of marriage, Marian died on January 31, 2011.

Today, Charlie enjoys golf and bridge (including weekly duplicate bridge matches) and has become a student of the piano. He says his teacher is very patient and easy-going. If he sticks with it for a few more years, he thinks he might progress to kindergarten levels.

Charlie made his way to Woodland via the LifeTimers retreat at the Franklin Family Ranch. He already was acquainted with Bill & Phyllis, and all the LifeTimers made him feel right at home. He visited Woodland, still felt welcomed and comfortable, and decided to join us officially as a member. He recently agreed to serve as LifeTimers photographer, and we are really grateful for that. Thank you, Charlie, for the joy of life that you bring to us.



## Got a Crazy Hat?



Wear your favorite hat to LifeTimers on May 17. Maybe it's a lovely bonnet, or a crazy hat, or your favorite team's ball cap. And if you don't have a favorite hat, come anyway. We'll have a few party hats available, but that means somebody else gets to choose the hat you wear!

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### LIFETIMERS PROGRAMS

May 17 —

Musical Extravaganza  
Presented by the SonShine Singers

### Upcoming Events

Have a Great Summer!

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