

# El Chaiyai

*The God of my life*

## Giving

I read of a man who was involved in a tragic accident. He lost both legs and his left arm, and only a finger and thumb remained on the right hand. There was only enough left of the man that had been, to suffer and..... remember.

But he still possessed a brilliant mind, enriched with a good education and broadened with world travel. At first he thought there was nothing he could do but remain a helpless sufferer.

But then a thought came to him. It was always nice to receive letters, but why not write them? He could still use his right hand with some difficulty. But to whom could he write? Was there anyone shut in and incapacitated like he was who could be encouraged by his letters? He thought of men in prison. They did have some hope of release whereas he had none, but it was worth a try.

He wrote to a Christian organization concerned with prison ministry. He was told that his letters could not be answered as it was against prison rules, but he commenced this one sided correspondence. He wrote twice a week and it taxed his strength to the limit. But into those letters he put his whole soul, all his experience, all his faith, all his wit, and all his Christian optimism. It must have been hard writing those letters, often in pain, and particularly when there was no reply. Frequently he felt discouraged and was tempted to give it up. But it was his one remaining activity and he resolved to continue as long as he could.

At last he got a letter. It was very short, written on prison stationery by the officer whose duty it was to censor the mail. All it said was: "Please write on the best paper you can afford. Your letters are passed from cell to cell until they literally fall to pieces."

No matter what our personal situation is, we still have God-given gifts and talents, experience, and encouragement that we can share with others. Let all you do be done in love. 1Cor 16:14

~ Ron Clark of Tasmania, Australia



## A Few Verses on Talents and Abilities

It's amazing to me how each and everyone of us has some talent or ability that we are really good at and that can be used to the glory of God. I am reminded of the The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-28) in which 3 servants were given 5 talents, 2 talents and 1 talent respectively. In those days talents were equivalent to money, however, nowadays when someone speaks of talents, we think of the A+ student in class, famous actors and athletes or even the so called gurus of web design/development.

As the parable states, the first two men used their talents and gained double what they had started out with. The third, however, buried it in the ground and thus his master was very displeased with him. He was called "wicked" and "lazy". Sounds kind of harsh doesn't it? But what can we learn from this story? We can learn that God has given us each different talents and abilities that he expects us to put to good use. We shouldn't hide these talents and bury them in the sand as the third servant did but instead we should use our talents and abilities for the glory of God.

It's also important to note that we are all in this together. Just as each part of our body contributes to the whole, so too does the talents and abilities of each of us contribute to the well-being of each other, the world as we know it and the kingdom of God.

### Here are a few verses from the Bible on Talents and Abilities.

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24**

**Since we are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church. 1 Corinthians 14:12**

**We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. Romans 12:6-8**

**Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17**

**Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11**

Lord, I thank you for the talents you have given each and everyone of us. Help us Lord, not to bury it in the ground as the third servant did, but instead let us follow the example of the first two servants and use our talents to bring glory and honor to your name and build up your kingdom. Help us to be humble and realize that we all need each other. Remind us that the talents we each have can be beneficial to others in some way. Lord, once again we thank you and we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

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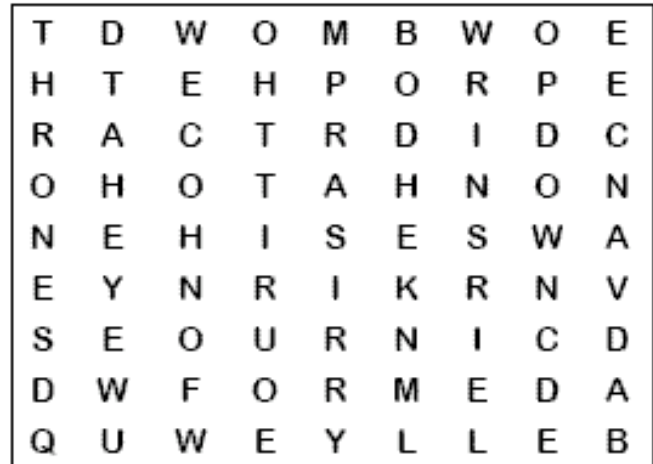
**Thoughts From the Editor:**

As we end our summer and begin the journey into Fall, I look back over the last few months and realize that the world is in a constant state of change. We have seen some new single friends join the small core group that we have here at church. We saw Brad and Lisa Hyde leave teaching us as God's journey for their lives moved them to Big Spring, Texas. Next month we will open our new El Chaiyai Sunday School class expressly for Singles. Doyle Banks will be our new teacher and his wife Debbie will join him. Doyle and Debbie have been long time members of our church and even met each other in the Memorial Single's group. I hope that you will join us in welcoming them to the Single's Department in September.

As the scripture page reminds us, we each have been given gifts and talents to further God's Kingdom. Please consider helping us do that by serving in the Single's ministry. I am so blessed to be in the Music Ministry at Church, but I still offer my gifts of serving and Administration by volunteering to work with children in Extended Service once a month and writing this newsletter and hosting social events for the Single's Department.

If each one of us helped in just one way with the Single's ministry it could flourish and grow and we could reach so many singles in our area. We already have a Single's group at a sister church who want to join us for our social events. We will have a meeting in September for anyone who is interested in serving in the Single's ministry in some capacity. Please pray about how you can help. Look for the date in the upcoming issue of El Chaiyai, in the Church bulletin and online.

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**AUGUST EVENTS**

**Friday, August 21 6-8 PM**



**Killeen Bowlerama**

**922 N 38th St**

**\$3.75 per game or \$19.50 per hour**

**Shoe Rental \$2.50**

**Adults Only**

**Cinergy Cinema**

**402 Constitution Dr. Copperas Cove**

**(Behind Walmart)**

**Saturday, August 29**

**1st Show (You can eat there!)**

**Movie: *Shorts* (or your choice)**

**Children Welcome**

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## RETURN TO SENDER

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH SINGLES

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### Sunday Morning

8:00 AM Sunday School  
8:15 AM Church-wide prayer  
9:30 AM **Praise and Worship Service**  
9:30 AM Sunday School (Adults and Children)  
9:30 AM Middle School Sunday School (MAC)/High School in Praise and Worship Service  
11:00 AM Praise and Worship Service  
10:45 AM **Sunday School (Rm 2208)**  
10:45 AM Children's Church  
10:45 AM High School Sunday School (MAC)/Middle School in Praise and Worship Service

### Sunday Evening

4:30 PM Discipleship Training  
5:45 PM AWANA (Children's Discipleship)  
5:15 PM Adult Choir Practice  
5:30 PM **Discipleship Training**  
6:00 PM **Praise and Worship Service**

### Monday Evening

6:00 PM **Memorial Bible Institute**

### Tuesday Evening

9:30 AM Shut-in Visitation  
6:30 PM **Church Visitation**

### Wednesday Evening

9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study  
5:50 PM Children's Choir (Sept-May)  
5:50 PM Kid's Club Bible Study (May-Sept)  
5:45 PM Teacher's Meeting  
6:00 PM **Praise and Worship Service**  
6:00 PM Youth Fusion (6th - 8th Grade)  
6:00 PM Home Bible Study (9th - 12th Grade)  
7:15 PM **Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**\*\*Single's Plug-In\*\***