



# Sound of Shalimar

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## God, Expand Our Borders

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I originally wrote this article for the May 2013 newsletter and have used it several other times. Looks like I'm kind of making this an annual thought as we move from everything Spring into the Summer. I think it is still very appropriate and ask that you join me as we pray this together:

God continues to expand our borders. This is such a blessing and I would like to compare what the Lord is doing with the prayer of Jabez in I Chronicles 4. In that passage, the clans of Judah are being listed and in the middle of that listing we find these very interesting words in verses 9 and 10, "Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request." Please note a couple of things. While the other parts of the clan are only mentioned by name, Jabez is mentioned for his request of God and how God granted that request. Also notice that his mother names him "Pain." The Hebrew word for pain sounds like Jabez. That's pretty interesting! How many times in our lives are we delivered in pain? How many times do we go through pain? How many of us take on the name of "Pain?" My challenge to you, dearest choir, is no matter the pain, hurt or even joy and happiness, let's

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### Church Happenings

**Children's Choir  
Spring Concert**  
5.7

**Worship Ministries  
Banquet**  
5.11

**Senior Recognition**  
5.21

**Memorial Day  
Holiday**  
5.29

**Summer Camp begins**  
5.30

**No Fellowship Dinner**  
5.31

pray this prayer together: "Oh Lord, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory!"

God continues to give us opportunity to enlarge our territory. We need to continue to make that request before the Lord. As we are found faithful in little, He will entrust us with more. Let it be our desire to have more of Him and that the territory He entrusts to us will be for His glory and honor alone.

Thank you for your dedication, sacrifice and desire to lead God's people in worship. We are entrusted with souls every Sunday and we have the privilege of leading this body into the courts of praise. What a great call our God has given to us. It is a blessing to serve with you for God's Kingdom.

Please remember to RSVP for the Worship Ministries Banquet!!!

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!  
~Brad

Please  
RSVP by  
May 7th



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## Psalm 96:1-6

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation w day after day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.  
For great is the Lord and most worthy of  
praise;  
he is to be feared above all gods.  
For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.  
Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

## Thankful for Moms

Marcia WrightReynolds - President

Proverbs 31:26-27 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup>She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.  
<sup>27</sup>She watches over the affairs of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

This passage from Proverbs reminds me of my Mother when I was a child! It seemed she never stopped. She did all the bookkeeping for my parent's photography studio in addition to car pools, PTA, teaching 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school, delivering meals on wheels, Girl Scouts and on and on. I thought it was just what Mom's do. Now I look back and marvel at her talents and am so thankful for her. Happy Mother's Day to all Moms, with biological children or not!

Here's to the lovely month of May with its own busyness! In between all of your other activities don't forget about the Worship Ministries Banquet. It's always a time of fun and fellowship and I hear we have a great speaker this year!

Giving thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior!  
~Marcia



Sing to the LORD,  
praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation  
day after day.

Psalm 96:2 niv

## May Calendar

- May 3 Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, Music Suite  
May 7 "The Splendor of Heaven"  
May 10 Rehearsal, 7:00, music suite (*Introducing our Patriotic Celebration*)  
May 11 Worship Ministries Banquet

May 14

*Happy Mother's Day!*

- May 14 "Untitled Hymn"  
May 16 Rehearsal, 7:00, music suite  
May 21 "Holy Is He"  
May 24 Rehearsal, 7:00, music suite  
May 28 "America the Beautiful"  
8:00 and 11:00 services

## Upcoming Dates of Interest

- May 7 Children's Choirs Musical, 6:00 pm  
May 11 Worship Ministries Banquet  
June 5-9 Vacation Bible School  
June 9-19 Youth Choir Mission Tour (*Commissioning Concert is Wednesday, June 7*)  
July 2 Patriotic Celebration



*Happy  
Birthday!*

5/16 Kevin Wilson

5/20 Mary Jo Horner