



## “Feeling Crazy?”

I begin this column this week with a question designed to elicit careful reflection and spiritual appraisal: are you crazy? No, I really mean it. Are you crazy? Before you answer too quickly, let me give you a little background to make a decision. The English word crazy comes from the French word *ecrase* which means broken or shattered. While you may not be completely broken, judging from some of your schedules many of you are at least a little rattled, a little crazy.

I am at my worst when I have lost the center of my life in Christ. My schedule then tugs and pulls me in too many directions. I seem to spin uncontrollably, feel tired, confused, ineffective. I'm a little crazy. There. You have my confession.

We're all at least a little crazy, and the results are predictable. If you're crazy for too long then you become prey for all manner of contentious thoughts and feelings. You may imagine or multiply controversies, magnify disputes, rehearse or create angry conversations, or become unreasonably impatient with only the slightest provocation. On the other end of the emotional

spectrum you feel apathetic, dull, tired or alienated.

Being crazy means basically having lost the central matter of life, the guiding principle. You flit after one ambition or another in a search for significance, but the one thing you lack is a sense of integration or wholeness.

The solution lies in maintaining or recovering a love-filled faith in God. Even Jesus when he was pulled and tugged by the crowds retreated to “a lonely place” to pray and recover. Without a vital connection to God that comes through prayer, reflection, worship, and service you will continue to spin your wheels. God wants very much to restore a sense of wholeness to your life. That is the meaning of the Biblical word for peace, both in the Old and New Testaments.

So if you are feeling a little bit crazy, slow down, pray and celebrate the presence of God in your life. You may discover you're not quite as crazy as you thought.

Grace,  
*Terry Ellis*

## ADULTS

### Vacation Bible School



July 14-18  
9 a.m.—12 noon

We are in URGENT NEED of classroom volunteers for this year's VBS. Simply call Bobby for information so you can be a part of this annual summer event.

### First Place 4 Health Tuesdays, 5 p.m.

Come join us as *First Place 4 Health* begins a new summer study. It will start June 17 at 5:00 p.m. and continue for six weeks. Come, bring your friends, and join us for a time of Bible study and encouragement. Contact Laura Boord, 925-5264, for more information.

### Shalom Academy

Begins Thursday, June 12  
7:00 p.m. —8:30 p.m. (registration begins at 6:30)  
Cost: \$20 (one-time registration fee)  
Details: [www.ifedgbr.com](http://www.ifedgbr.com)  
Choose one topic for all three weeks:  
*Peace through Prayer, Peace through Music, Peace through Food,  
Peace through Words, Peace through Partners*

### Summer Wednesday Nights

Please mark your calendars! There will be 4 more Wednesdays this summer that we WILL NOT have dinner or activities. Those dates are:  
June 18 July 16  
June 25 August 6

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, June 14  
8 a.m.  
Speaker: Jeff Day

### Women's Book Study

Monday, June 16  
6:30 p.m.

### Coming Soon! “No Tie July” Sundays

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### BRG Mid City Sylvia Middlebrook

### Home From the Hospital John Davis Art Theis Charles Steele

### Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to:

**Marsha Beadle** on the death of her mother.  
**Terry Crifasi** on the death of her father-in-law.

**Thank You**  
Words of sincere appreciation have been received from  
**Tom Averett**  
**Joseph Fishburn**

## GRACEWORKS

# Project Uniform

We are gearing up for the 2nd annual school uniform drive for the children at Broadmoor Elementary School. Distribution Day will be Friday, August 15th, so be on the lookout for more information regarding the needs and sizes of uniforms to be collected.

### Help Wanted!

Broadmoor Baptist Quilters have made 220 quilts since 2010 for such organizations as Braveheart, Parker House, and Battered Women's Shelter. They are looking for willing hands to help make quilts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, or you can work on the quilt at home. If you need instruction, they will be happy to provide that also! For more information contact Dot Flory at 272-0394.

**To Reach an  
On Call Minister  
call  
328-3474**

**NO WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT DINNER  
OR  
ACTIVITIES  
June 18**

## CALENDAR

**Thursday, June 12**

10:00 A BBQ

**Saturday, June 14**

8:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

5:00 P Youth Swim Party

**Sunday, June 15**

FATHER'S DAY

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Bible Study

10:30 A Worship

*Extended Teaching Care*

Carolyn Cate, Jessica, Jennifer, & Matt Robinson, Donna & Sarah Patterson

6:00 P Youth Bible Study

**Monday, June 16**

9:00 A Youth Music Camp

6:30 P Women's Book Study

**Tuesday, June 17**

9:00 A Youth Music Camp

9:30 A Yoga

5:00 P First Place CCR

**Wednesday, June 18**

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:00 A Youth Music Camp

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT

DINNER OR ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, June 19**

9:00 A Youth Music Camp

10:00 A BBQ

**Friday, June 20**

9:00 A Youth Music Camp

7:00 P Music Camp Performance

**Saturday, June 21**

2:00 P Music Camp Performance

## CHILDREN

### Vacation Bible School

July 14-18, 9a.m.-12p.m.

Register in the church office.

## YOUTH

### Youth Swim Party

June 14

5-7 p.m.

At the Lake Sherwood Acres pool. Dinner will be provided.

### Youth Passport

June 29-July 4

### Poverty Simulation Mission Trip

July 25-27, Waco, TX

Cost: \$25

Must have completed 8th grade. Call Dave for details and to sign up. Chaperones needed.

### Children's Music Camp

(Grades K-5)

June 23-27, 9a-5p

Performance:

Friday, June 27

7p.m.

Register in church office

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## Youth Music Camp

(Grades 6-12)

June 16-20

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

2 Performances

Friday, June 20, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 21, 2 p.m.

Register in church office