

WELCOME

to Brookings Wesleyan Church

MESSAGE

Connecting with God, Part 1
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Brookings Wesleyan Church

exists to glorify God

by helping people

know Jesus Christ as

SAVIOR,

teaching them to

follow Him as

LORD

and equipping them

to serve Him as their

MASTER

STEP 1 - ENCOUNTER GRACE

GRACE - *Charis* - it the favorable disposition of God toward sinners on account of Christ, God's unearned and unmerited FAVOR, it is God's empowerment to come to Him by faith and to live by faith.

You are to experience true connection to God through a relationship with Jesus. Acts 4:12

STEP 2 - GROW IN GRACE

As a follower of Jesus you are to think differently and live differently. Romans 12:1-2

STEP 3 - GRACE GIVERS

Whatever situation I am in, I want to serve in a way that pleases and honors Jesus. Ephesians 2:10

OPENING QUESTION

Is some shattering needed in your life to make room for the Lord?

I. Jesus addressed TWO GROUPS with the Parable of the Lost Son. Luke 15:1-2

- A. The WELCOMING GROUP of tax collectors and sinners is represented by the younger son.
- B. The UNWELCOMING GROUP consisting of the Pharisees and teachers of the law is represented by the older brother.

II. Part of the purpose of the Parable of the Lost Son was to SHATTER CATEGORIES (break wrong attachments). Luke 15:11-32

- In Jesus' day both the IRRELIGIOUS AND RELIGIOUS WERE LOST.

III. Religious moralism (trying to be good by observing traditions and rules) is a particularly deadly spiritual condition. Luke 15:11-32

- Both sons are SPIRITUALLY BLIND.
- The Parable of the Lost Son is meant to UNSETTLE all who hear it.

CHALLENGE QUESTION

Are you willing to be unsettled? True connection with Jesus can only happen when you see your true spiritual condition and make a relationship with Jesus your relational priority.

Guests to Brookings Wesleyan, we're so glad you're here!
Today you can expect to hear uplifting music; feel free to join in singing or simply listen.
We will take an offering, but as our guest, please don't feel obligated to give.
You'll hear a message that is derived from biblical truth and tackles real-life issues we are facing today.
As you leave, stop at the Welcome Center or Information Wall for resource and activity information;
both are located in the main foyer. Free coffee is located in the upstairs foyer behind the balcony...

welcome!

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to keep the best **PARKING SPOTS** available for our guests, the elderly and families with small children, if you are able, please park your vehicle in a spot further away from the building. Thanks so much!

END-OF-YEAR TAX INFORMATION: As required by the IRS, all single contributions of \$250, or more, must be reported to the donors. This report from the church should be distributed by Wednesday, January 27, 2010, or before, using the address information you have provided in attendance registers, checks, etc. Tax returns referencing these contributions should not be filed until this acknowledgement is received, or you may lose a deduction for some contributions. If you need this record early in the month, please contact Nancy Stewart, Bookkeeper. A report of all contributions to BWC (including those less than \$250) is available upon request from Nancy Stewart.

ORCHARD DRIVE PRESCHOOL has an opening on MWF in the morning 4-year-old class; there are also limited openings in the TR 3-year-old afternoon class. Please contact Gloria Egeberg (692-7217 or 627-5348) for enrollment information.

Would you be willing to help out with the **DEVASTATION IN HAITI**? If so, here's how you can do it. . . Go to www.worldhope.org and click on the "Donate to Haiti Relief" link. World Hope International is a faith-based relief and development organization and is connected to the Wesleyan Church. Here is a quote from them. . . "While we are not first responders (fire, emergency, rescue) we are preparing to respond with food, water, cooking fuel, tarps, whatever we can to help survivors cope and begin restoring a sense of normalcy to their lives. Most importantly, we want to express the love of Christ and provide comfort and hope." If you would prefer to make your donation to BWC, put "World Hope-Haiti relief" on your check and we'll send a check off to them.

On Sunday, January 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., we will be hosting a **BAKED POTATO FUNDRAISER** for the NYC Missions team, who will be our guests that day. Cost will be a free will donation at the door. If you are willing to donate potatoes, toppings, etc. please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Cindee Siver at csiver@brookingswesleyan.org or 692-6671.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE FAMILY? There will be a mini putt-putt golf course set up in the Volstorff Ballroom in the Student Union on the campus of South Dakota State University. The course is open to the public Monday, February 1 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 2 from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m. All sales made will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network and stay local to the Sioux Falls area. Your very own A2 College Ministry has entered into the competition, so come on out and vote for them! Price is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 10 and under. We have several child-sized putters as well as adult-sized. If you have any questions you can contact Megan at cmnputtputt@gmail.com or 605-430-2714.

A2 COLLEGE MINISTRY

Hey college students! We hope you enjoyed your time off, but we are so glad you're back! Next Sunday, January 24 we will be having 20s **DINER** at noon in the Activity Center. We hope you can join us!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The **JANUARY PARENT LINK NEWSLETTER** is now available at the Welcome Center or at our website at www.brookingswesleyan.org/children. This month's edition features articles such as How to Handle Doubt and Questions, Media Madness and What Games Are Out.

Our **REGULAR KIDZONE/PLANET 56 ACTIVITIES** will now begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.

PLANET 56 GIRLS will begin a new program on Wednesday nights beginning on January 20. Please meet in Room 15, as usual, for opening activities; following that each grade will be separated for their curriculum. Fifth grade girls will continue their Life Skills course. Sixth grade girls will begin their new 12 week curriculum called *Passport 2 Purity*. Parents, please note that your sixth grade daughters will need an adult mentor (dad, mom, grandparent, friend) to attend this class with them. If you need us to provide a mentor for you, please contact Connie Hobbie at 692-6671 or pastorconnie@brookingswesleyan.org. If you have questions or concerns contact Connie, Katie Bortnem (690-9318 or katie.bortnem@gmail.com) or Jessica Hardt (695-9648 or jesshardt@hotmail.com).

STUDENT IMPACT

Remember that from now on Middle School students will begin at 6:30 p.m. and High Schoolers will start at 8:00 p.m. Our current series is "Making an Impact". We hope you can join us!

MEN'S MINISTRY

ATTENTION MEN: If you're interested in learning more about the Habitat for Missionaries (HFM) work trip to Marion, IN, March 7-13, sign up for lunch with the Rev. Bill Foster, HFM director, at noon Sunday, January 24. Write "HFM Lunch" in the friendship register or contact the church office (info@brookingswesleyan.org or 692-6671). For information on the trip, contact Lyle Olson at olsonlgaa@yahoo.com.

NEW ADULT CLASSES

MARRIAGE BUILT TO LAST: We all want a healthy, loving marriage, but there are so many real issues that can stand in the way. In this 6 session DVD based series, we'll hear 24 couples share real-life stories about their honest questions and struggles as they seek to build a marriage that will last a lifetime. Whether you're newly married, remarried, or wanting to improve your relationship, you'll hear Biblical and practical teaching to give you tools to live intentionally and love Biblically. There are 3 opportunities to join this class: the first group, targeted at young couples, is on Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room, another group (open to everyone) will start TODAY at 9:00 a.m. in Room 18, and the final class (open to everyone) will start on Sunday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m. in Room D.

Are you interested into digging into and studying the **BOOK OF REVELATION**? We'll marvel with John the apostle at the wondrous panorama of God's revealed plan for the future. This class begins TODAY at 9:00 a.m. in Room D. We would love to have you join us!

CHRISTIANITY AND THE CONSTITUTION - THE FAITH OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS: In this book, author John Eidsmoe refutes popular misconceptions about Jefferson's "wall of separation between church and state" and describes the passionately held Christian beliefs that shaped our nation. Join us for this class starting on Sunday, January 24 at 10:30 in Room B.

SUNDAYS

9:00 AM: KidZone (nursery-6th grade), Adult Discipleship Classes as follows:

Moses: A Man of Selfless Dedication (Room A)

Esther: It's Tough Being A Woman (Room B)

Everyone's Normal Till You Get to Know Them (Room C)

Revelation (Room D)

Men's Study (Room 14)

Through the Bible in a Year (Library/Room 17)

Marriage Built to Last (Room 18)

9:00 AM: illuminate (7th-12th grade) in the Loft

10:30 AM: KidZone (nursery-age 4), and Adult Discipleship Classes as follows:

Men's Bible Study (Room A)

Desiring God (Room B)

Women's Bible Study (Room C)

Marriage Built to Last (Room D) *begins February 7

5:00 PM: Celebration Choir (Worship Center)

8:00 PM: Oasis - College/Young Adults (Activity Center)

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM: KidZone - Nursery-Grade 6 (Children's Ministry Area)

6:30 PM: Collide - Grades 7-12 (Activity Center)

6:30 PM & 7:00 PM: Various Adult Small Groups - Visit the Welcome Center for more information

7:15 PM: Post College/Career Fellowship (Erick & Joni Weber's home)

For more information regarding
Midweek Discipleship Groups - Please visit the
Welcome Center.