

# WELCOME

to Brookings Wesleyan Church

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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

## MESSAGE

### Connecting with God, Part 2 A MESSAGE TO THE DISCONNECTED

#### I. The PROBLEM

The younger son WANTED HIS FATHER'S WEALTH BUT HE DID NOT WANT THE FATHER. Luke 15:11-12

Property - *bias* - manner of life

- The request of the younger son was for his father to TEAR HIS LIFE APART.

#### Question

Do you approach your Heavenly Father with this same kind of disregard?

#### II. The PRODIGAL Lifestyle

The younger son SOUGHT SATISFACTION IN AN EXTRAVAGANT LIFESTYLE. Luke 15:13

#### Question

What have you sought after to satisfy you?

- A LITTLE TIME IN THE MUD WITH THE PIGS was a good thing in that it helped the younger son to see who he really was, repent, and desire to be in a relationship with his father.

#### III. The PLAN

The younger son's time in the mud caused him to REVISE HIS PLANS for his life and to COME TO HIS SENSES. Luke 15:14-20

#### The Process of Salvation

1. BROKENNESS is necessary to experience salvation.
2. REPENTANCE is a key step to connection with Jesus.

#### Conclusion - The Personal Encounter with the Father

Filled with compassion, the father RUNS to meet his wayward son. Luke 15:21-24

- The father robed his son with his IDENTITY, ringed his finger with his AUTHORITY, and sandaled his feet with his PROTECTION.

## A MESSAGE TO THE DISCONNECTED

January 24, 2010

**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!**

## CONTACT INFO

Steve Norby: Senior Pastor  
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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!

TODAY is **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY**. Friday, January 22, marked the 37th anniversary of the monumental Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. Please join with us in celebrating the immeasurable value of life. The enclosed brochure, provided by the Alpha Center, helps us reflect on the millions of lives lost to abortion and offers the encouraging message of faith, hope and love.

**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](http://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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:cmnputtputt@gmail.com) or 605-430-2714.

**A HEARTFELT THANKS** to all those who pray or sent email greetings, cards or boxes of goodies for my birthday while I'm serving in Iraq. I really appreciate that you made my birthday away from home a lot better! I am honored to serve you all and appreciate your support for all our military troops in their efforts to make our citizens' lives better. ~SSgt Lance Wilde

**BROOKINGS AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** is looking for someone with a caring heart. Could this be you? Family Support persons are in need for prospective Habitat homeowners. The role of a Family Support person is to encourage, mentor and teach new homeowners what to expect. This person will also be an advocate for the homeowners when meeting with the media and Board of Directors. A more detailed list of duties is available at the Brookings Area Habitat office. If you think this sounds like a perfect fit for you call Executive Director, Connie Swain, at 692-5601.

## SENIOR ADULT'S MINISTRY

**BEST YEARS FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Sunday, February 7 at noon in the Activity Center. More details to come.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**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](mailto:pastorconnie@brookingswesleyan.org). If you have questions or concerns contact Connie, Katie Bortnem (690-9318 or [katie.bortnem@gmail.com](mailto:katie.bortnem@gmail.com)) or Jessica Hardt (695-9648 or [jesshardt@hotmail.com](mailto:jesshardt@hotmail.com)).

Planet 56 is planning a **WINTER SKATING PARTY** at Larson Skating Arena on Wednesday, February 3 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Meet at the church by 6:30 for a ride to the arena; have your parents pick you up at the skating arena by 8:00. Cost is \$5 per student for ticket and skate rental. Contact Katie Bortnem (690 9318) or Connie Hobbie in the church office with questions or concerns.

## 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. This week at Collide we will be talking about "Community" and doing a few team building activities. Hope to see you there!

## A2 COLLEGE MINISTRY

Hey college students! TODAY we will be having **20s DINER** at noon in the Activity Center. Hope you can come!

## 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, come to the lunch with the Rev. Bill Foster, HFM director, TODAY at noon in Room B. Write "HFM Lunch" in the friendship register or contact the church office ([info@brookingswesleyan.org](mailto:info@brookingswesleyan.org) or 692-6671). For information on the trip, contact Lyle Olson at [olsonlga@yahoo.com](mailto:olsonlga@yahoo.com).

**Tony Dungy's - DARE TO BE UNCOMMON:** In this men's Bible study, you'll explore Scripture, engage in discussion, encounter character-building insights and uncover what it means to live a life of true significance. Join us at 9:15 in Room 14, starting on Sunday, February 7.

## 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) is on Sundays 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.

**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 TODAY 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.