

WELCOME

to Brookings Wesleyan Church

MESSAGE

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November 29, 2009

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

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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

JUST IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD: Pastor Steve Norby has accepted the invitation to be our new senior pastor at BWC. Pastor Steve is an amazingly gifted man who is full of enthusiasm, passion, and a fresh new vision. His first official Sunday with us will be January 3, 2010. Exciting times are ahead for the BWC family!

THANK YOU for helping make our 33rd Annual Thanksgiving Festival a success! We served 510 people a delicious Thanksgiving meal, 1,108 people attended the worship services and several people indicated accepting Christ as personal Savior! It couldn't happen without a church family committed to glorifying God and reaching people. Thank you!

MANY THANKS to all of you who helped and participated with this year's Thanksgiving Festival. Whether it was helping set up, decorating, making centerpieces, serving, or tearing down, it could not have happened without you. A very special thank you to Chad and Trisha Bergjord from The Valley Restaurant (the meal was scrumptious) and to Virginia Sprang for her amazing design work! Thank you again for making my first year as chairperson a success! Cindee Siver - Thanksgiving Festival Chairperson

BWC EXTENDED FAMILY BULLETIN BOARD: In conjunction with the November celebration of sponsored children, we would like to share 'our children' from all over the world that we as individual families have sponsored through World Hope, Compassion International, etc. Please share a copy of their picture and maybe even a drawing your child has sent you. We can make copies in the office if you need us to. Look for this in the hallway on the way to the KidZone area. If you are interested in helping with the display please let us know.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH: The following events in November are being sponsored by the BWC Adoption Support Ministry.

*Information tables will be available in the foyer and by the nursery with material for those interested in adoption or foster care.

*TODAY is a special day of adoption information/interaction with special guest, Claudia Fletcher, adoption specialist. Activities will include an informal potluck lunch today at noon for anyone interested in adopting or who have been touched by adoption. There will also be a presentation and discussion time with Claudia tonight from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the KidZone Activity Center (downstairs by the kitchen).

You are invited to **FAMILY GAME NIGHT** in the BWC Activity Center on Friday, December 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bring your favorite board game and some snacks to share! Drinks will be provided. A children's movie will be played in the Loft for those who are interested. Come and join us!

PRAYER QUILT WORK PARTY: Mark your calendars to come help make prayer quilts for Angel Tree children on Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (potluck at noon). We need help pressing, pinning and sewing. You can bring supplies or just drop in. We will put you to work for as long as you can stay. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Stewart at 693-3800 or at the church (692-6671).

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. Why don't we ever have enough money? What am I doing that makes him so unhappy? Why doesn't she appreciate me like the people at my office do? 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. Join us in Room 18 at 9:00 a.m. starting on Sunday, December 6.

RANDOM ACTS OF CHRISTMAS: This Christmas season, we're encouraging everyone to take the opportunity to share Christ's love with someone in very simple and practical ways. We have put together a list of ideas for "Random Acts of Christmas" that you can pick up at the Welcome Center. We will also have cards with a warm Christmas greeting that you could hand out when you do your "Random Act of Christmas" for someone. We hope you'll join us!

ANGEL TREE PARTY: Volunteers are needed to help with the Angel Tree party at BWC on Sunday, December 6 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the KidZone Activity Center. Angel Tree kids in the Brookings area will come to receive their gifts, participate in activities, and hear the Christmas story and salvation message. Angel Tree is a ministry of Prison Fellowship Ministries, providing gifts to, and sharing Christ with, children who have a parent in prison. If you are interested in helping with Angel Tree, contact Ashley Munsterman (691-9932 or a _munsterman@hotmail.com).

We'll be serving at the **HARVEST TABLE** (a weekly meal served for people in the community at the Methodist Church) on Monday, December 21. We need people to cook and set up (2:00-5:00 p.m.) and people for serving and clean up (5:00-7:00 p.m.). If you can help out, please write "Harvest Table" in the message section of the friendship register, email pastorrick@brookingswesleyan.org or call the church office at 692-6671.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels during the weeks of December 21-24, 2009 (there is no service on Friday, December 25) and January 4-8, 2010. We need drivers and helpers to pick up meals at the Brookings Activity Center by 11:00 a.m. Monday-Friday and deliver to area shut-ins. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office at 692-6671 or info@brookingswesleyan.org if you can help.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HEY PLANET 56ERS!! It's that time of year again, when we get together for our fun, monthly activity. On Wednesday, December 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., we will be going to the Larson Rec Center for a swimming party! Please have your parents drop you off and pick you up there. Pizza will be provided. See you there!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL rehearsals for children in grades K-4 are on Sundays from 10:00-10:30 a.m. and Wednesday nights at 6:15-7:00 p.m. in the KidZone Activity Center. Also Planet 56 kids who have special speaking parts should come to the rehearsals. The performance of "Christmas in Reverse" will be at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 13. Contact Connie Hobbie (692-6671 or pastorconnie@brookingswesleyan.org) if you have questions.

The **NOVEMBER PARENT LINK NEWSLETTER** is now available at the Welcome Center or at our website at www.brookingswesleyan.org/children.

STUDENT IMPACT

COLLIDE continues this week with Middle School and High School meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Our current series is 3 Lies of the Devil. The week's lie, "It's Just Sex". See you there!

MEN'S MINISTRY

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S BASKETBALL: Every Monday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., beginning on December 7, we'll be playing basketball in the BWC Activity Center. Come and join us! If you have questions, contact Pastor Kent at 692-6671 or pastorkent@brookingswesleyan.org.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

BEST YEARS FELLOWSHIP will meet next Sunday, December 6 at 12:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. If you would like to attend please contact Pastor Clarence (627-9145 or 692-6671) by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 4.

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)

Through the New Testament (Room D)

Seven Seasons Men's Class (Room 14)

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

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 Class - How To Pray (Room C)

Financial Peace University (Room D)

5:00 PM: Celebration Choir (Worship Center)

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

7:00 PM: KidZone - Nursery-Grade 6 (Children's Ministry Area)

7:00 PM: Seekers Prayer Group & Bible Study (Senior Pastor's Office)

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.