

WELCOME

to Brookings Wesleyan Church

MESSAGE

FOLLOW ME: Counting the Cost
Luke 14:28-33

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November 8, 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

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:28-33

Questions:

1. Am I truly committed to being a disciple of Jesus Christ no matter what the cost?
2. Have I made the decision now, long before a test or trial comes?
3. Do I really believe that what Jesus offers me is better than anything the world brings my way?

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

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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!

This morning we will be sharing together in the **LORD'S SUPPER**. You do not need to be a member of the Wesleyan Church to partake in communion, any born-again believer is welcome to participate in this important sacrament of remembrance. (BWC uses grape juice in our communion services.)

Today Brookings Wesleyan will join over half a million churches in 150 countries during the **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**. Praying for our Christian brothers and sisters is the least we can do! Sign up in the foyer for 12 hours of continuous prayer (in 15-minute segments) either at home or at the church. Pick up a prayer brochure featuring Shafia's story and a special issue of the Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) newsletter with a prayer map.

On Saturday, November 14 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. BWC will be hosting an **INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**. It will feature hand-crafted jewelry and products created by women and girls rescued from human trafficking. Buying these quality products gives these women a respectable way to support themselves. All proceeds will be returned to the organizations featured. On each half hour, hear stories of hope and stories of reality from representatives working to rescue women and girls from human trafficking in Asia and locally. For more information, call Naomi Sankey at (507) 920-6534.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoeboxes and brochures are available for you to pick up at the Welcome Center or in the KidZone area. For more information contact, Chris Adkins at 627-9905 or go to www.samaritanspurse.org. Please return boxes to the church office on or before Sunday, November 15.

Our next **20s DINER** (a free meal for 18-29 year olds each month) is Sunday, November 15. If you would like to help prepare food on the 14th, serve on the 15th or donate food or money for the meal, please contact the church (info@brookingswesleyan.org or 692-6671).

LEFSE FOR SALE: Dave Rusten's Midweek Discipleship Group will be selling homemade lefse on Sunday, November 15, following each service. This will be a fundraiser for the Elizabeth House, which is a Christian-based pregnancy counseling center that is located here in Brookings. Elizabeth House will provide a place for one-on-one caring and supportive, confidential pregnancy counseling.

Dick and Deb Wilde are coordinating a **THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** that will be held in the Activity Center on Thanksgiving Day. SDSU has approximately 400 international students and most don't have anywhere to go during Thanksgiving break. This is wonderful opportunity to reach out and serve them. If you'd like to help prepare and serve the meal, please contact the church office (info@brookingswesleyan.org or 692-6671) by Wednesday, November 18.

BROWN BAG: Join us as we help provide for people in need during this holiday season. Please take one of the brown paper bags from the Welcome Center or KidZone area, fill it with non-perishable items and bring it back to the church. We will be displaying them on the stage during the month of November. After Sunday, November 22 if you would like you can take a bag to the food pantry or to someone you know who is in need or if you are in need please help yourself as well. This is a great opportunity to serve like Christ taught us to.

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.

PRAYER QUILT WORK PARTIES: Mark your calendars to come help make prayer quilts for Angel Tree children on Friday, November 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 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).

Family of Michele Koenig (bride-to-be of Steve Van Dyke) would like to invite ladies to a **BRIDAL SHOWER** in Michele's honor on Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Room B here at the church. The couple is registered at Target and The Gift Gallery.

Our **33rd ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL** is only 2 weeks from today! There are plenty of places left for volunteers who love to greet, set up tables, help with serving, help clean up and the list goes on. This is a great opportunity to serve others and make friends with those along side of you. You can sign up at the Welcome Center or look for the Thanksgiving bulletin board on the way to the KidZone area or call or email us (692-6671 or info@brookingswesleyan.org).

Brookings Wesleyan will be hosting a **JUNIOR AND TEEN BIBLE QUIZZING COMPETITION** on Saturday, November 14. Junior quizzing will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with an anticipated 40 quizzers. Teen quizzing will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with around 25 participants expected. You are invited to come and watch!

BWC offers many **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING** during this Christmas season. You will find information about the following projects in the foyer today. Angel Tree (Prison Ministry Fellowship), Gift Paks: Hope for Children (World Hope International) and Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse). Please stop by the table today to find out how you can help these ministries.

ANGEL TREE 'Angels' will be available Sundays, November 8 and 15 in the church foyer. Pick a child off the tree, purchase them a gift, and return it to the church by Wednesday, November 25. 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 _munsterman@hotmail.com).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Rehearsals for the **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** are on Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m. in the Children's Activity Center. All KidZone (K-grade 4) and Planet 56 kids are encouraged and welcomed. Those who would like musical solos or speaking parts need to try out. Additional rehearsals will be announced. Contact Connie Hobbie (692-6671 or pastorconnie@brookingswesleyan.org) if you have questions.

STUDENT IMPACT

COLLIDE 2.0 BETA: We are excited to announce that because of how God is growing our youth ministry, we will be **test running** middle school and high school students meeting at two different times. On Wednesday, November 11 and Wednesday, November 18 middle school students will be invited to Collide from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and high school students will be invited to Collide from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Please continue to pray for our students and for God's guidance as we continue to grow!

LOVE MERCY 09 WESLEYAN YOUTH CONVENTION (DENVER, CO): You may be asking "what is this?" - It's three intense days of powerful speakers, artists and community focused on pursuing God's call for their lives and expressing worship for our Savior Jesus Christ. It will begin with an evening rally on Monday, December 28 and end with an evening rally on Wednesday, December 30. Total cost for the convention is \$275, which includes transportation, lodging and cost of the convention. Checks can be made out to Brookings Wesleyan Church. If you have questions or want to register, please email Pastor Tom at pastortom@brookingswesleyan.org.

CHRISTMAS ALREADY?! Student Impact youth ministry will be selling greenery for this holiday season. The youth will have pamphlets with prices that you can order from. Information will also be available in the church office. Orders need to be turned in by Sunday, November 22. If you are interested in purchasing greenery for your family this Christmas, please contact the church office at 692-6671 or Colleen Rogness at 605-832-4511. The money from this fundraiser will be used for the upcoming convention or for youth camps. Thank you for your support of youth fundraisers!

A2 COLLEGE MINISTRY

College students! Next Sunday, November 15 is **20s DINER** (a free meal for 18-29 year olds). We hope you can make it. Invite a friend!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BWC's Connecting Women Ministries invites all women to a **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** at the Cottonwood Bistro (corner of 6th Street and 17th Avenue) on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Bring a favorite Thanksgiving tradition your family celebrates.

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.