

WELCOME

to Brookings Wesleyan Church

MESSAGE

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December 27, 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

INTRODUCTION: REFLECTION & RESPONSE

Why should I REFLECT on my life?

- To evaluate my RELATIONSHIP with GOD.
- To evaluate my RELATIONSHIPS with OTHERS.
- To clarify God's BIG PICTURE PLAN for my life.
- To measure past GOALS and refocus my life for GOALS in the future.

How do I reflect on my life?

- Be STILL.
- Write down how you've SPENT your TIME in the past month.
- Ask yourself "What would my DASH look like?"

How should I respond?

- PRAYER
- Take ACTION - Set GOALS
- Have ACCOUNTABILITY for your GOALS.

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 next Sunday, January 3, 2010 on which Rev. Isaac Smith will be here to conduct an installation service for Steve. Exciting times are ahead for the BWC family!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Pastor Steve's email address is pastorsteve@brookingswesleyan.org.

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!

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!

There will be **NO ADULT MID-WEEK SMALL GROUPS** on Wednesday, December 30, or January 6 (unless otherwise scheduled by your group). Starting on Wednesday, January 13, adult small groups will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. to coincide with the children's ministry program times.

END-OF-YEAR TAX INFORMATION: For contributions to Brookings Wesleyan Church to be deductible for the 2009 tax year, they must be received or post marked on or before Thursday, December 31, 2009. 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 both the morning and afternoon 4-year-old class; there are also three openings in the TR 3-year-old afternoon class. Please contact Gloria Egeberg (692-7217 or 627-5348) for enrollment information.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES (400 S Sycamore Avenue Suite 105-2, Sioux Falls, SD) is holding an Adoption Information Meeting for families considering adoption on Thursday, January 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We are in need of families for both our Domestic and Intercountry Adoption programs. This is a place to come and learn the basics about adoption and to ask questions in a safe and inviting environment. Please RSVP to Joyce Hurley at 605-336-6999 or bcssiouxfalls@bethany.org.

You are invited to a **BABY SHOWER** honoring Jennifer Berndt on Friday, January 15 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the White Community Center. Come help welcome Brendan Douglas Sherman into the world! Please bring a small unwrapped baby item for decoration. (Jenn loves Winnie-the-Pooh.) Please RSVP to Jenn (691-4115) by Friday, January 8.

WANTED: A team of 6 to 9 men with skills in carpentry, wiring, plumbing, etc. for a work trip to Marion, Indiana, March 6-11 with Habitat for Missionaries. This organization buys run-down houses, fixes and sells them, and gives the proceeds to missions (over \$100,000 in the last four years). The men's ministry and missions committee is sponsoring this trip. For more information, contact Lyle Olson at olsonlgaa@yahoo.com.

4-H ARCHERY CLASS: If you are between the ages of 8 and 18 and would like to take an archery class, you can sign up at the Brookings County Extension Building beginning Saturday, January 2 at 10:00 a.m. If you have questions, contact Randy Hanson (690-1624) or Allen Pickard (690-7308).

BECAUSE OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS to us as a church body, BWC members were able to give the following to outreach ministries during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons: 103 Operation Christmas Child boxes, a dozen Gift Paks for Children through World Hope International, gifts for 19 angels through Prison Ministry Fellowship Angel Tree project, \$100 and Thanksgiving meals to the Domestic Abuse Shelter, \$6,351 to the HeSapa Wesleyan Church (Outreach Ministry) for Christmas gifts for the Native American children in the Rapid City community, Thanksgiving Dinner for a multitude of SDSU international students and others who had no place to go for the holiday, 35 bags of groceries for church families, 75 bags of groceries for the Food Pantry, and Christmas gifts and benevolent help for several families through Open Hands and BWC's benevolent program. In addition Bible Fellowship Groups were given \$50 to invest in outreach ministries. As a result of creative group members, the Elizabeth House received over \$350, the Food Pantry received 296 items and 5 families received Thanksgiving meals. Thank you to everyone who participated in any of these projects. We report this to God's glory and we thank Him for the privilege of reaching out to His children.

NEW ADULT CLASS

The class **READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR** will begin a new class on Sunday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the library/Room 17. Read through the Bible covers the entire Bible in chronological order starting in January 2010 at the beginning of time as we know it (Genesis) and ending at the end of time (Revelation) in December 2010. The goal of the class is to review the entire Bible focusing on what we believe (God's Word in the Bible) and why we believe it. Even those that find reading the Bible difficult, will benefit by listening as the class discusses the entire Bible in one year.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

There will be **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDZONE OR PLANET 56** on December 30 and January 6. Our regular KidZone/Planet 56 activities will resume on Wednesday, January 13.

STUDENT IMPACT

We will **NOT** have Collide on Wednesdays, December 30 and January 6. We will kick off again Wednesday, January 13. Have a great break!

For those of you going to the Wesleyan Youth Convention **LOVE MERCY**, you need to be ready to leave the church at 2:00 a.m. on Monday, December 28.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The **PATRIARCH BIBLE STUDY** will not meet this Tuesday, December 29 but will resume again on January 5.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

BEST YEARS FELLOWSHIP will meet at noon on Sunday, January 10. Pastor Steve Norby will be our guest.

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)

*Marriage Built to Last (Room 18) *will resume on January 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)

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

6:30 PM: Seekers Prayer Group & Bible Study (Senior Pastor's Office)

6:30 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.