

WELCOME

to Brookings Wesleyan Church

MESSAGE

FOLLOW ME: Take Up Your Cross

Verses to memorize:

“Then he said to them all: ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels. I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.’” Luke 9:23-27

Questions to discuss:

1. Is there any part of you that you need to deny so you can fully embrace Christ?
2. Is there anything you have tried to gain that you need to let go of so you can regain yourself?

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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October 4, 2009

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

Clarence Grebner: Pastoral Care & Senior Adults
 Kyle Marker: Worship & Music Ministries Intern
 Kent White: Adult Discipleship & Administration

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to **THANK YOU** so, so much for ALL of your prayers, hours and hours of help, meals and support during Esther's battle with cancer. We were amazed at how God provided so intricately for our needs using the body of Christ. Words cannot say thank you enough. God is always so faithful. ~Ron Kruse, Amy Collins and Rhonda Weiss

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 is the **10th ANNUAL SIOUX FALLS LIFE CHAIN**. Between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. persons from all faiths will assemble on both sides of 41st Street from Kiwanis Avenue to Sertoma Avenue and pray for an end to abortion in our land and a renewed respect for human life from conception to death. This event is prayerful and silent, all participants are encouraged to spend the hour in prayer.

Sunday, October 18, at 5:00 p.m., in Room B, Pastor Rick will be leading a **BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS**. If you would like to be baptized by immersion during the baptism services on Sunday morning, November 1, please plan to attend the class. There will be a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center on Sundays. You can also contact the church office at 692-6671 or info@brookingswesleyan.org. If you would like to attend the class, please let us know by Wednesday, October 14. If you need childcare, please let us know by October 14 as well.

GUATEMALA MISSIONS TRIP: This January, we'll be returning to Guatemala for our second missions trip serving with Pastor Luis Martinez' Impacto Ministries. (Pastor Luis was here for our missions festival this past April.) We'll be doing children's ministry (VBS), Happy Feet (giving out shoes) and construction. This is an incredible opportunity to serve people in great need and be an encouragement to the Body of Christ. Trip dates are January 2-9 and the cost is \$1500 per person (not including passport). Sign-up deadline is October 31. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Rick (pastorrick@brookingswesleyan.org or 692-6671).

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Have you ever been to the Mall of America? The Mall of America is the top place in the U.S. for recruiting/coercing/forcing young women into the sex trade. Sometimes it's a pimp preying on runaways, or impoverished girls - some as young as 13. Sometimes it's a person posing as a legitimate modeling agency. From Minneapolis they are trafficked all over the U.S. and forced to work in strip clubs or as prostitutes. Or a woman from Eastern Europe is trafficked to Western Europe or the U.S. to work in forced labor or the sex trade.

Slavery still exists in the U.S. and around the world. But you can do something about it. You can participate in the Human Trafficking Awareness week at SDSU October 10-16. This is an awesome opportunity to learn about human trafficking and make a difference in the lives of people held in slavery. For more information, please contact Pastor Rick (692-6671 or pastorrick@brookingswesleyan.org).

Saturday - Invisible Children at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union (Lewis & Clark room)

Tuesday-Friday - Info tables in the Union

Wednesday - "Blood Diamond" at 8:00 p.m. in Dairy Micro

Thursday - Open forum from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Union Marketplace

Friday - Human Trafficking: Why we should care and what we can do about it at 7:00 p.m. in Rotunda D (Featuring Mindy Kalee from World Hope's Cambodia assessment center).

Would you like to receive the **BWC CONNECTION**, our monthly newsletter, by email? If so, please tell us what email address/addresses you'd like it sent to. You can send an email to Amber Hobbie at info@brookingswesleyan.org or write your email address in the friendship register and "Email Newsletter" in the message section.

ADULT CLASSES

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: FPU is a 13-week course designed to teach you and your family how to get out of debt, stay out of debt and build wealth. Cost of course materials is \$90 (scholarships are available). This class begins **TODAY** at 10:30 a.m. in Room D. This is absolutely fantastic material - take advantage of this class! Contact Pastor Kent (pastorkent@brookingswesleyan.org or 692-6671) with questions.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR KIDZONE MINISTRY: To help stop the spread of colds, flu and other viruses this season, all nursery equipment and toys are cleaned and sanitized weekly. If you would be able to help with this weekly project, please contact Connie Hobbie at pastorconnie@brookingswesleyan.org or 692-6671.

HEY PLANET 56ERS!! It's that time of year again, when we get together for our fun, monthly activity. Next month on Wednesday, October 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., we will be going to Sanderson Farms for a hayride and then we'll do some pumpkin painting. This is a **FREE** event!

On Sunday, October 18, at 5:00 p.m., in the KidZone Activity Center, Pastor Connie will be teaching a **BAPTISM CLASS FOR KIDS**. Please let her know if your child would like to learn more about baptism and what a great testimony it can be. You can call the church or send an email to pastorconnie@brookingswesleyan.org.

STUDENT IMPACT

We are looking for **A FEW GOOD MEN!** We are in need of a few more male small group leaders. If you have a passion for students please email Pastor Tom at pastortom@brookingswesleyan.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The **EAST RIVER WOMEN'S RETREAT** will be Friday, October 9 through Saturday, October 10 at Mitchell Wesleyan Church. This year's theme is "We Have This Moment" focusing on Hebrews 10:25. Suzi Swarhout and Jeanette Vermilya will be speaking on encouraging one another. Cost for the retreat is \$60. Registration brochures can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office. There is also a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. If you'd like the church to mail in your reservation, or to make you a reservation at the hotel or to ride with other BWC women, please sign up there.

COFFEE BREAK: On Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Cottonwood Bistro, ladies are invited to come enjoy a cup of coffee, breakfast, good conversation and just relax. It will be a great way to meet others and have some fun!

MEN'S MINISTRY

TRAP SHOOT! Come and join us on Saturday, October 10 to do a little shooting and have a great time with a group of guys! Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the Osbeck's farm, near Oakwood Lake. Cost is \$10; which will cover lunch and clay pigeons. All you need to bring is 2 or 3 boxes of shells and your gun. Sign up by calling Joel Osbeck at 690-0387 or Kendal Baerg at 690-8352.

SENIOR ADULT'S MINISTRY

BEST YEARS FELLOWSHIP will meet **TODAY** at 12:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. See you there!

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)

Parenting-The Early Years (Room 18)

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

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

Men's Bible Study (Room A)

Women's Class - How To Pray (Room B)

Desiring God (Room C)

Financial Peace University (Room D)

The Truth Project (Room 18)

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.