

WELCOME

to Brookings Wesleyan Church

MESSAGE

COME & SEE: Love
John 3:16

How would you describe love?

Read John 3:16 slowly. What kind of love is described in this verse? Think about how much God loves you and offer a prayer of thanks to Him for His extraordinary love for you.

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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December 13, 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
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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 on which Rev. Isaac Smith will be here to conduct an installation service for Steve. Exciting times are ahead for the BWC family!

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!

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 TODAY.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is looking for volunteers to help on Thursday, December 17, to clean out a house after completion and also on Saturday, December 19, to help the family move in to their new home. If you would be willing to help, please call 692-5601.

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.

END-OF-YEAR TAX INFORMATION: For contributions to Brookings Wesleyan Church to 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.

We are collecting **SHOES** (childrens, teens or adults) **AND SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS** for our missions trip to Guatemala January 2-9. The shoes and stuffed animals must be in good condition. Please drop them off in the church office by Friday, December 18.

CHRISTMAS GOODIES AND MORE! Please help us support our Missions Team traveling to Guatemala in January by stopping by the Bake Sale table on the upper level near the balcony. In addition, We still need people to bring baked goods to our sale. If you are interested, please feel free to add goodies to the table. You will also find the names of those going on the trip as well as items to pray for as they prepare to go to Guatemala. The bake sale will continue through Sunday, December 27.

BWC will host a **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** on Thursday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m. Join us as we reflect upon the Light that came into the world when Jesus Christ was born. Be sure to invite family and friends to join you for this special service. Childcare will not be available during the candlelight service.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

WKFM meets on Sunday, December 20, 2009 during the 10:30 KidZone hour in the Children's Activity Center.

The **PLANET 56 GIRLS** will be helping out with Harvest Table on Monday, December 21 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Parents, please drop off your daughters at the North entrance of the United Methodist church and pick them up there also.

There will be **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDZONE OR PLANET 56** on December 23, 30 and January 6. Our regular KidZone/Planet 56 activities will resume on Wednesday, January 13.

STUDENT IMPACT

COLLIDE CHRISTMAS MORNING PARTY: On Wednesday, December 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., we will have Christmas games, movies, food and fun. You can even wear your (modest) pajamas! We will also have a gift exchange so please bring a \$1 to \$3 gift.

We will **NOT** have Collide on Wednesdays, December 23, 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.

A2 COLLEGE MINISTRY

College students! **TODAY** is the last 20s **DINER** (a free meal for 18-29 year olds) of the semester. We hope you can make it. Invite a friend!

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)

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.