

WELCOME

to Brookings Wesleyan Church

MESSAGE

COME & SEE: Salvation
Luke 2:21-35

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December 20, 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

Questions to discuss:

1. Can you think of something you really wanted for Christmas? Was it hard to wait for Christmas Day to open it?
2. When you finally got to open the gift, what was your reaction? Did it meet your expectations? Were you disappointed?
3. Thinking of today's text, how have you seen salvation at work in your life?

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

Connie Hobbie: Children's & Women's Ministries
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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!

CHRISTMAS GOODIES AND MORE! Please help us support our Missions Team traveling to Guatemala in January by stopping by the Bake Sale table in the foyer. 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. TODAY will be the last day of the bake sale.

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 still 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.

There will be **NO ADULT MID-WEEK SMALL GROUPS** on Wednesday, December 23, 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.

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.



A NEW FACE AT BWC...

Cael Thomas John Delaney was born on December 9, 2009 to Michelle and Tristan Delaney. He weighed 6 pounds 15 ½ ounces and was 19 ½ inches long. Cael is the grandson of Tom and Deb Delaney and nephew to Keely, Colin, Liam and Haley Delaney.

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.

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.

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 this morning during the 10:30 a.m. 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

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.

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.