

WELCOME

to Brookings Wesleyan Church

MESSAGE

COME & SEE: Joy
Luke 1:39-45 & John 3:27-30

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December 6, 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

Quote:

We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

~C.S. Lewis

Questions:

1. Are you trying to find joy in anyone, or anything, other than Jesus Christ? What person, or what thing, are you trying to find joy in?
2. What steps can you take this week to begin finding your joy in Christ alone?

Meditate on these verses:

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11 (NIV)

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God. Psalm 43:4 (ESV)

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
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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!

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!

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.

ANGEL TREE PARTY: Volunteers are needed to help with the Angel Tree party at BWC on TODAY 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 a __munsterman@hotmail.com).

On Thursday, December 10, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the BWC Activity Center, there will be a **CHILDREN'S WINTER CARNIVAL**, sponsored by the University Program Council on the campus of SDSU. Children of all ages are welcome, along with their families. There is no cost to enter and games are just 25 cents to play. All proceeds go to the Children's Miracle Network.

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 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.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who donated to, and participated in, planning, setting up, cooking, serving and sharing Thanksgiving with international students and others who came to experience a traditional Thanksgiving meal. We served approximately 120 guests and had an amazing time, thanks to all of you! Let's pray that God has only just begun to touch these hearts for Him! Hope to see you next year!

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 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.

PANS AND BOWLS LOOKING FOR HOMES: Thank you to everyone who provided for this last month's funeral and 20s Diner. Please find your pan or bowl near the south hall outside the Worship Center.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL rehearsals for children in grades K-4 are on Sundays from 10:00-10:30 a.m. and Wednesday nights at 6:15-7:00 p.m. in the KidZone Activity Center. Also Planet 56 kids who have special speaking parts should come to the rehearsals. The performance of "Christmas in Reverse" will be at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 13. Contact Connie Hobbie (692-6671 or pastorconnie@brookingswesleyan.org) if you have questions.

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

STUDENT IMPACT

COLLIDE continues this week with Middle School and High School meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Our current series is 3 Lies of the Devil. The week's lie, "You Don't Need God". See you there!

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.

A2 COLLEGE MINISTRY

College students! Next Sunday, December 13 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!

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, December 12 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Invite a friend!

MEN'S MINISTRY

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S BASKETBALL: Every Monday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., beginning TOMORROW, we'll be playing basketball in the BWC Activity Center. Come and join us! If you have questions, contact Pastor Kent at 692-6671 or pastorkent@brookingswesleyan.org.

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.