

The Beacon

September 2009

Newsletter

Important Dates

Monday, September 7
Labor Day — Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 9
5:15 Family Suppers Resume
6:00 Children's "Crosstrainers"
& Adult Bible Studies Begin

Thursday, September 10
6:00 Middle School Learning
Center Resumes

Sunday, September 13
Evening Schedule Resumes

Monday, September 14
5:30 Children's Council
6:30 Board Meeting
7:30 Deacons & Elders Meetings

Tuesday, September 22
3:00 Study Buddies Resumes



To all our Teachers and Students:
Have a great year at school!

"...and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in his ways, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go..." 1 Kings 2:3

Summer is Over! The Opportunities Have Only Begun...

Dear Friends,

It has been a great summer! We've been blessed beyond our wildest dreams. Now that summer is winding down and the kids are getting back in school I want to invite you to get involved in one of the many opportunities that are available for you at BCC. There are so many opportunities for you and me to make a difference in someone's life, if we will only make ourselves available.

I was sharing with our leaders at our last Board meeting when I invited them to dream with me. I said, "Can you imagine how different our church would be if we have 100% participation by everyone who calls BCC home?" 100% participation? Is that even possible? Sure it is! If each of us would prayerfully commit to choose one ministry opportunity to commit to for the next year then we would have 100% participation and the effectiveness of our church's ministry would skyrocket!

I believe that this is more than a dream. I believe with all of my heart that this is God's will for BCC. God has not called us to be spectators, but participants. Will you commit to praying about what I've just shared with you and then get in touch with me to let me know what God has spoken to your heart? I will be in prayer for you.

In His Steps, Mike Hays

Our Goal is 100%. Have You Signed Up?

Mentors Needed

BCC is gearing up for a new year in both of our after-school programs and we need your help. **Wanting to make a difference in a life is the only requirement.** If you are interested in helping out in one of these programs, please contact either Harriet Weirich or David Jackson.

- ◆ **Study Buddies** is our after school program for elementary kids that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-5:00 p.m. During the first hour we provide the children with a light supper, have a Bible lesson, character development time, and either a craft activity or a game. In the second hour we have one-on-one tutoring/mentoring with the kids. The fall program begins **Tuesday, September 22nd**. If you would like to be part of Study Buddies, contact Harriet Weirich at 751-9165 or weirich@prodigy.net for more information.
- ◆ **Middle School Learning Center** meets from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and provides mentoring for students in grades 6-8. In this program we provide support to students who came through Study Buddies as they continue to grow both academically and spiritually. The MSLC begins its fall program on **Thursday, September 10th**. If this program interests you, please call David Jackson at 973-5901 or email him at djackson@ossaa.com.



September 25-26 at Crossings Church

All **men** and **teenage guys** are encouraged to attend the **MEN AT THE CROSS** conference September 25-26, at Crossings Church here in OKC. Nationally-known speakers and performers will be there, "Empowering Men to Reach Men." Contact Mike Hays or Herman Stevenson to learn more about the conference and to reserve your tickets.

† Called To Serve †

Children's Council

5:30 p.m. Monday, September 14th

Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, September 14th

Deacon & Elder Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, September 14th

Deacons Serving in September

Ken Appleby, Dave & Debi Bentley, Cody Bridwell, Dana Croom, Alyson Geister, Tonda Ivory, Alice Johnson, Stacie Mitchell, Dave Redburn, Richard Sheffield, Dan Smalley, Sherri Smiley, Stephanie Smiley, Liz Swonger, Leona Thomas, Kristin VonFeldt, Willa Waller, Harriet Weirich, Kathy Jo Wicks, Mike Wilson, Amanda Bratcher, Amber Warner

Elder Serving Schedule for September

September 6 – Jan Birsner, Steve Porter
 September 13 – Kimberly Brown, Casey Mooney
 September 20 – Jenny Wood, Len Cason
 September 27 – Lisa Curtis, Mike Curtis

Get in the Word!

Greetings friends!

In the days of modern technology most people have cell phones or some sort of communication device. We expect to be able to use our phones at our convenience, however there are times when we are unable to use them. I cannot think of anything more frustrating than to be on an important call and, then have it dropped for no apparent reason.

There are dead spots that we do not see and unfortunately we only find out when a call is dropped. Maybe that call is not as important as we would like to think. Maybe it is God's way of telling us to call on Him. One thing is for sure, there are no dropped calls in God's network. He has worldwide coverage and you never pay roaming fees! He is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To top it off you get FREE unlimited minutes!!

Call on Him today and He will hear you. Here are a few numbers you can call on:

EMERGENCY DIRECTORY

Afraid	Isaiah 41:10
Anger	Ephesians 4:31-32
Assurance	Hebrews 10:22-23
Comfort	Matthew 11:28-30
Courage	Joshua 1:9
Cry for Help	Psalm 28:6
Depressed	Jeremiah 29:11-12
Discouraged	Romans 8:31-34
Doubt	1 John 4:13-16
God Seems Far Away	Psalm 139
Guidance	Proverbs 3:5-6
Guilty of Sin	Psalm 51
Hope	Psalm 33: 20-22
Lonely	Psalm 23
Patience	James 1:2-3
Peace	John 14:27
Protection	Psalm 121:7-8
Sadness	John 14:1
Uncertainty	Isaiah 43:1
Weariness	Isaiah 40:30-31
Worried	Philippians 4:6-7

Because He Lives, Herman



Holy Land Trip Meeting

7:15 p.m., September 13th

This will be an information meeting for all who are planning to go on the 2010 Holy Land trip. Everyone who has already signed up, as well as those who are still considering going, are encouraged to attend.



Oklahoma City, OK

October 30-31, 2009 at OKC Ford Center

Tickets to the Women of Faith event will be available soon. Watch for announcements or contact Deana Basey or the Church Office for more information.

"The Lord's love never ends; his mercies never stop. They are new every morning..." Lamentations 3:22-23

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Sunday School is the place to be on Sunday mornings!

In August, Ryan will lead High School students in a study of the Bible, our handbook for life

Middle Schoolers will be studying the book of John. Heather Meldrum will lead these discussions.

Plan now to be here every Sunday morning!



Crossings Church, Oklahoma City

Sept. 25- 6:30-10:30pm — Sept. 26- 8:15am-12:30pm

Hi Men,

On September 25-26 there is a great opportunity coming our way! "MEN AT THE CROSS" is an event for men of all ages, who want to grow in their relationship with the Lord and make a difference in the lives of other men. The event will be held at Crossings Community Church and **tickets are FREE for youth!** Contact the church if you have any questions.



Ryan's Ramblings...

"Freedom"

Back to school already?!? Didn't you guys just get out of school?!? Well, whether you like it or not...you are back in school and being so, I thought I would give you guys/gals some advice: ***Don't waste your time! Don't be lazy! Be diligent in your studies!***

Proverbs 12:24 tells us that *"diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor."* Now, I don't think you will be sold into slavery if you fail to grow your intellect; however, on the other hand you may be a slave. You see, ***freedom comes through knowledge.*** Consequently, if you don't get an education, you will be limited to what you can do.

Everyone has dreams...it's just that most of the time; those with diligent hands are the only ones that get to live them out.



September Mission Sunday

On Sept. 13th **Middle School** students will meet in the Gym at 9:45. You will be going to visit and work at **The Refuge.**

Youth Mission Sunday

High School kids will return to the **First Indian Church of the Nazarene**, to worship, serve lunch and clean. You will meet in the gym at 9:45. Everyone needs to bring work clothes because you will be cleaning the Youth areas of the Indian church.

Both Middle School & High School kids will be going to Gold Gym after their Mission Sunday events. We will be back at the church by 3:30. Everyone needs to bring \$5 for this event.

TO ALL BACKPACKERS :

Be on alert! Lacey and I will be hosting a backpacking reunion dinner at the Hideaway in September. I will be in contact with you regarding the date and time!



HS & MS Back to School Bash

Saturday, September 19th

1:00-3:30 p.m.

At the Von Feldt's House

Meet at the church at 12:45.

We will be back at the church by 3:30.

Bring swimsuits and a lot of energy!



Wednesday night activities for **Middle Schoolers** resumes with Family Supper at 5:30 on Wednesday, September 9th, then we will dive into Paul's epistles as we do a study on the 13 Letters, with Ryan & Tré.

Sunday night activities start with Youth Supper at 5:30 on Sunday, September 20th. The **MS girls** will continue their Bible Study with Ashley, Kim & Connie while the **MS boys** will continue their studies with Pastor Herman. Then, the **High Schoolers** will continue their study on purity with Ryan & Lacey...It will be "Pure Excitement."



High School Movie & Ice Cream Outing

Monday, September 21st

Come to Sunday School for Details!



9/5/09 vs. Georgia @ 2:30
 9/12/09 vs. Houston @ 2:30
 9/19/09 vs. Rice @ 6:00
 9/26/09 vs. Grambling St. @ 6:00

Go Pokes! 0-0

Kidz Korner



- September 9th** - 5:15 p.m.
Crosstrainers Kickoff
- September 13th** - 5:15 p.m.
Sunday Night LIVE Kickoff
- September 14th** - 5:30 p.m.
Children's Council Meeting

Children's Workers Needed



Wanted:

Folks Who Love KIDZ!

BCC's Children's Ministry is looking for you! **Teachers and Helpers are needed** for various kid's programs! If you have a desire to help, please look below for opportunities to serve the KIDZ of BCC! We would love to have you join the team!

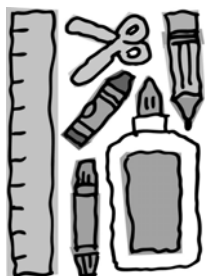
Fall Festival is Coming!!!

BCC's annual fall festival is a big hit with children of all ages. If you would like to donate candy and/or sign up to help, contact Dana Stevenson at 848-2046 or email at bcckidz@aol.com.



Save The Date
October 30th
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

FALL FESTIVAL



Thank you to everyone who donated supplies to the Children's Ministry.

Your gifts are a great help!

Sunday School

Sunday Mornings, 9:45-10:45 a.m., beginning Sept. 13

Pre-School Teacher Needed

Children's Church - 2 out of 8 weeks rotation

Sunday Mornings, 11:40-12:05 p.m., beginning Sept. 13

Kindergarten Teacher Needed

1st/2nd Grade Teacher Needed

Sunday Night LIVE

Sunday Evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 13

Kindergarten Helper Needed

Crosstrainers

Wednesday Evenings from 5:45-7:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 9

Kindergarten Helper Needed

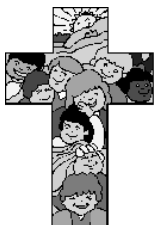
If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas, please contact the Children's Ministry office at 848-2046 or bcckidz@aol.com.

Sunday Night LIVE is Back!

Focused on worship, Sunday Night LIVE is a fantastic program where kids are given the opportunity to praise God through songs and fun! The **Kids Own Worship** curriculum is designed to reinforce what the children have learned in Sunday School by adding songs of praise and a short Bible application time. Children will meet in the gym for dinner at 5:15 p.m., and the program concludes in the Children's Church room at 7:00 p.m.

Crosstrainers is Coming!

Wednesday Nights are full of fun! Children begin in the gymnasium with dinner at 5:15 p.m., then they rotate through Games & Bible Study. Our **Faith Weaver Friends** curriculum helps reinforce what the children are learning in Sunday School and on Sunday Evenings. Wednesday nights are designed to reach out to all children...so tell your kids to bring their friends! Crosstrainers will conclude at 7:00 p.m. this semester.



This Month's Birthdays



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| September 2 | Ty Bergerson |
| September 3 | Sidney Sullins |
| September 6 | Reagan Fowler |
| September 8 | Zak Keksi |
| September 10 | Kerry Bruner |
| September 10 | Jack Dunning |
| September 11 | Sophia Worthy |
| September 19 | Chloe Agnello |
| September 26 | Reagan Retherford |
| September 26 | Malya Vasquez |

Happy Birthday
to all BCC children who have birthdays in September!

Notes From the *Music* Ministry

HERE'S THE "SCOOP" FOR SEPTEMBER...

- ♪ The *LightHouse Choir* is now back in full force for the Fall '09 "Season of Singing!" If you feel that the Lord is leading you to sing with the Choir, please come and join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 in the Sanctuary. There are no prerequisites for singing in the Choir; you do not need to be able to read music and/or you do not have to have a great voice. You simply need to have a God-given desire to lift your voice in praise! Please call me for more information if you are interested.
- ♪ The *Seeds of Praise Band & Singers* continue to rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Vocalists who would like to help lead worship for the 8:30 Service are welcome to come and sing. *Please contact Karl Wilburn or Jenny Gardner for more information.*
- ♪ The *Children's Choir* starts back on Sunday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. is now back from their Summer break for regular rehearsals every Sunday evening during the "Sunday Night Live" program. For any questions, please contact Cheri Redburn or Dana Stevenson.
- ♪ The *Women's Ensemble* did such a wonderful job providing special music for the summer services! All of my thanks, ladies, for your time, commitment and hard work - what a blessing!!!

"Live in such a way, that those who know you but don't know God, will want to come to know God, because they know you." - Author Unknown

Movie Anyone?

As the weather becomes cooler and outside activities slow down, most of us tend to watch more movies. Dr. Craig Detweiler from "Worship Magazine" has come up with a list of the "Best 10 Faith-Fueled" films for Christians to consider.

The Faces of Jesus in Art (2001) – forms the perfect backdrop for timeless worship. It blends church history, art history, and the compelling face of Jesus across cultures and eras. Consider it essential "edutainment".

The King of Kings (1927) - Episcopalian Cecil B. DeMille produced the first big Jesus epic. The primitive special effects somehow make them more believable. In a world of bigger, louder, and faster, "King of Kings" humanizes the Gospels, giving us new ways of seeing ancient accounts.

Jesus of Montreal (1989) - follows a theater troupe as they prepare to stage an Easter production. "Jesus of Montreal" reinforces Christ's solidarity with those on the margins of society – artists, outcasts and street people.

Dead Man Walking (1995) – Demonstrates how gracious God remains, even with a murderer. Director Tim Robbins contrasts the wages of sin with the possibility of forgiveness in this beautiful, haunting story.

The Apostle (1997) – Robert Duvall portrays a portrait of a broken, yet undaunted Pentecostal preacher. Memorable scenes include his midnight rants, his gracious fishing partner and a Bible that stops a bulldozer in its tracks. (This is one of my personal "favs" and has an amazing soundtrack as well!)

The Iron Giant (1999) - This animated story of a gentle giant was set during the Cold War in the 1950s and follows a boy who befriends an alien robot amidst a paranoia era. This poignant story contains surprising parallels to the Christ story.

Chocolat (2000) - In a French village, the rigors of lent are contrasted with the lure of chocolate. How do we access God? Is it by how much we give up or how much we embrace? Vienne, a chocolate artisan, creates a safe place for wives who have been abused and gypsies who have been excluded. In the end, grace conquers all on a memorable Easter Sunday.

The Passion of Joan of Arc (1928) - One of the greatest silent films focuses upon the trials of France's favorite saint. The claustrophobic cinematography forces viewers to consider the suffering of countless Christian martyrs, from Jesus through persecuted Christians today. It is best experienced with the music off, as a slow, meditative encounter with sacrifices unto death.

Lars and the Real Girl (2007) - What a strange and sweet story. A young man filled with severe social and anxiety issues falls in love with a custom-created, life-size doll, but retains his innocence throughout. A doctor and the local church community rally around Lars, welcoming "Bianca" as a member of their community.

Lord, Save Us From Your Followers (2008) - After two decades of rancor, pockets of the Christian community have started to question the effectiveness of our culture war. How did a way of love come to be defined by what we are against rather than who we're for? This documentary arrived in an election year (2008) pleading for change. Depending on humor to counteract the seriousness of the subject, "Lord Save Us" asks if we can find a way to build bridges rather than burning them? Check out Dan Merchant's film at lordsavesusthemovie.com

Some other movies mentioned, but, not reviewed, include "Chariots of Fire", "The Shawshank Redemption", "The Passion of the Christ", "Ben Hur", "The Ten Commandments", "The Chronicles of Narnia" and "Lord of the Rings" movies.

Blessings and Peace, Connie


For more information about any of the Choirs or Music Ministries at BCC, please call Connie Hays at 341-7087.

BRITTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Sunday Morning Celebration
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Sunday Morning Celebration
 11:30 am Children's Church
 5:00 pm Sweet Hour of Prayer

Britton Christian Church

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 No Evening Activities	7  Church Office Closed	1 6:30am Promise Keepers	2 7:15 Lighthouse Choir	3	4	5
13 9:30 Youth Mission Sunday 5:00 Precepts - Matthew Part I 5:30 Children & Youth Supper 6:00 Children's Choirs & Activities 6:00 Youth Bible Study 6:00 Adult Bible Studies 7:15 Holy Land Trip Meeting	14 9:30 Precepts - Matthew Part I	8 6:30am Promise Keepers 8:00 Seeds of Praise	9 5:15-6:00 Family Supper 6:00 Crossrainers 6:00 Middle School Bible Study 6:00 Adult Bible Studies 7:15 LightHouse Choir	10 6:00 Middle School Learning Center	11	12 1:00-3:00 HS & MS Back to School Bash Swin Party 4:00 Couples Fellowship
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In Remembrance of
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Britton Christian Church

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Early Celebration — 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages — 9:45 a.m.
Morning Celebration — 10:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
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If you have email, and would like to be on The Pastor's online mailing list, send a note to Mike Hays at bccpreacher@aol.com.

You can get a printed copy of Pastor Mike Hays' Sunday sermons on the church's website. Log on to www.brittonchurch.com, where you will find the sermon archives. You can then read or print out the sermons. If you would rather *listen* to the sermon, click on the audio link next to the sermon you wish to hear.



Please be sure to keep the Church Office informed of any changes in your home mailing address and home, office, or cell phone number(s).