

The

Beacon

February 2010

Newsletter

Important Dates

Sunday, February 7
NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 8
6:30 Board Meeting
7:30 Deacons & Elders
Meetings

Sunday, February 22
Spaghetti Lunch & Auction

**Friday & Saturday,
February 26-27**
Grief Conference

“Be A Blessing!” Our Mission for 2010

Dear Friends,

We have just had our first Board meeting of 2010. What a way to start a new year! I shared with our leaders that during the month of December we, as a church, were able to bless other ministries to the tune of about \$160,000! That is for one month. Most people would conclude that giving so much to others would radically cut down on the money that folks contributed towards the “General Fund” of the church, the fund from which we function day-in and day-out. I can see how this would be a concern, but do you know that December was the biggest month in the history of BCC? Over \$225,000 was contributed to the General Fund during the month of December!!

How do you explain what happened during the month of December? There is only one explanation—*God blessed us as we sought to be a blessing to others.* When something so unusual, so extraordinary takes place—He alone gets the glory! Go ahead. You can stop reading right now and pause to let Him know how amazed you are at His faithfulness and goodness to us.

Now that we are in the thick of a new year, let’s make being a blessing the focal point of the entire year. Find ways that you can encourage someone, honor God, meet a need, pray for someone who is struggling, share the Good News of Jesus with someone who is lost and can’t find their way, comfort someone who is down-cast...I could go on and on. There are a myriad of ways that you and I can bless others and in turn bless God. He gives us opportunities each and every day but we must have eyes to see and a heart that is open to follow through on the opportunities.

If you and I will make every effort to be a blessing each and every day then there is no doubt in my mind that 2010 will be the greatest year in the history of BCC. Let’s watch Him work!

In His Steps, Mike Hays



GALATIANS 5:13, NIV

What's Going On Committee Happenings



Education:

The "Yes, I Can!" Set My House In Order workshop is underway. We wanted to let everyone know that you can still join the class and learn more about financial peace. The focus of the workshop is to teach people how to remove debt, so that they better utilize their resources to build the Kingdom of God. Here is a schedule of the remaining workshops. Please feel free to sit in on any session as they are independent sessions. Class meets on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

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| February 14 | "Credit: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly" |
| February 21 | "Drive Right!" Transportation |
| February 28 | "Live Right!" Housing |
| March 7 | "Money Babies" Investments |
| March 14 | "My Legacy" Estate Planning |

Outreach:

The Outreach Committee is currently working on the preparation and publication of a devotional/thought booklet for the Lenten holiday. It will be entitled, **"Thoughts and Devotionals in Preparation for Easter."** There will be a separate devotional or thought for each day of Lent, which will be written by members of the congregation. The devotional will be available to the congregation on February 14th, the Sunday before Lent begins.

Singles:

The BCC Singles Ministry presents the **Red & White Banquet on Saturday, February 13th - 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

BCC's first Singles Ministry is off and running! The Singles Ministry will include studies on topics of purpose, prayer, loneliness, fears, relationships, entertainment activities, etc. To celebrate our new Ministry, a **"Red & White Banquet"** (formal to semi-formal) has been planned for February 13, 2010 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the BCC Gym. The theme is **"Order My Steps"**. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex & Church Office, and tickets are \$5 each. For more information please contact Troy Freeman, Tracey Johnson, Willa Waller, or any BCC staff member.



THE SAVIOR'S LOVE

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

I know there are many that will utilize February 14th to tell that special person how much they are loved. I am not against Valentine's Day, I just want people to take the time to share their love throughout the year.

This month I want you to do something different. Take the time to show someone how much you love them. No, I am not talking about your spouse or significant other. **Take the time to show Jesus how much you love Him.** Let us all make an effort to follow the example of Jesus. Jesus was a man of action and He expects action from those of us who claim to love Him.

Show everyone you are around the love of Jesus. Talk to them in a loving way, go out of your way to be nice, tell someone about Jesus. There are so many ways to let someone know they are loved. It all starts with a willingness to see people as Jesus sees them.

God bless you my friends! Remember if you don't receive a call or a gift from someone special; Jesus loves you and you are at the top of His Valentine's list.

Because He Lives, Herman Stevenson

*Join us in the Parlor every Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. for **Sweet Hour of Prayer**, as we join together to make prayer a vital ministry at Britton Christian Church.*

† Called To Serve †

Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, February 8th

Deacon & Elder Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, February 8th

Deacons Serving in February

Alicia Clark, Tré Clark, Troy Freeman, Charlotte Jackson, Tracy Johnson, James Joyce, Saarah Joyce, Tom Moran, Jane Moran, Leon Pyle, Betty Pyle, Edd Rhoades, Marilyn Rhoades, Jan Ronck, Susan Sampson, Debbie Sullivan, Liz Swonger

Elder Serving Schedule for February

February 7	Brian Geister, David Johnson
February 14	David Jackson, Mike Sullivan
February 21	Jeff Sullins, Steve Porter
February 28	Herman Green, Jenny Wood

Thank You!

To The Britton Christian Church Family,

You have shown God's love towards my grandsons during your **Angel Tree** project. Mrs. Sullivan was the contact person, and she was very kind and patient with me. May God continue to bless and keep you in my prayer.

Sincerely, Pam Ellis
Gonzales Jackson, Jr.'s mother

Dear BCC Family and Friends,

Again we come to you giving thanks for each one of you. The past several weeks have been hard on our family with losing two loved ones so close together. However, during this time while we were hurting, we were also so blessed. We felt your love and support through your cards, calls, visits, smiles, hugs, thoughts, and prayers. Words seem so inadequate for how much we appreciate you and your gestures. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who helped provide the wonderful lunch for our family the day of Mother's Life Celebration. We are so blessed and thankful to be a part of such a wonderful church family. Again...thank you for everything.

Love,
Dave & Bev Redburn & Family
Dennis & Sherry Carter & Family
and the Rest of Audrey's Family

We're Recycling!



Recycling Benefits the Environment and BCC

Thank you to all who bring your paper goods to the green recycling bin in the BCC parking lot. The following items can be placed in the bin: newspaper, magazines, office & school papers, shopping catalogs, junk mail. (No plastic, glass, metal, or trash, please!)

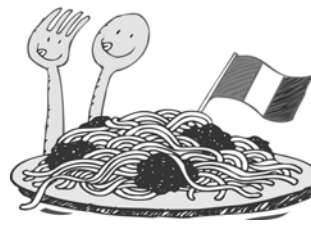
We can also recycle *inkjet cartridges* from your computer printers. The next time you have an empty cartridge, don't throw it away...bring it to the Church Office. (But DON'T put it in the green bin!)

Recycling directly benefits BCC, as we are compensated once our donations reach a certain level, not to mention that it is *great* for the environment.

**Thank you for your ongoing support
of the recycling program!**



The 2009 Contribution Statements were mailed on January 26, 2010. If you do not receive your statement in the mail, please contact Becky Petree at 848-2046 or by email at bccchurchlady@aol.com.



Spaghetti Luncheon February 21st

The folks going on the Ski Trip will be hosting a spaghetti luncheon on February 21st, directly after the second service. This will be the final fund raiser for the 2010 Ski Trip.

Along with spaghetti and all the trimmings, you will have the opportunity to bid on all kinds of spectacular sports memorabilia, including **jerseys** from **Patrick Crayton, Adrian Peterson, Curtis Lofton, and Mark Clayton**. You will even find a **helmet** signed by **Tommy Harris** himself.

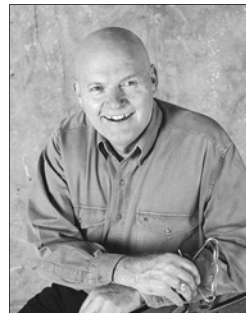
But that's not all...What would a Spaghetti Luncheon be without **Reggie Smith**? That's right! If you attend on February 7th, you will have the opportunity to meet Reggie Smith and you may be lucky enough to win his signed jersey! Mark your calendars!

"The Road to Healing a Broken Heart" Grief Conference

Friday, February 26 6-9 pm
(Dinner served \$10)

Saturday, February 27 9-12 noon
(Coffee and donuts served)

Special Guest Speaker - Harold Ivan Smith



Harold Ivan Smith is a nationally known popular speaker and grief educator. We are honored to have him travel to BCC once again for this conference.

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one or know of someone who is? "The Road to Healing a Broken Heart" Grief Conference is an opportunity to learn about God's gift of grief and how we can draw comfort and strength from God for our journey through grief. Dr. Smith will share with us from his years of experience in working with those who have suffered the loss of a friend or loved one.

On **Friday night**, Dr. Smith invites all of those from across our city who are grieving to join him in seeking strength and comfort from the Lord.

On **Saturday morning**, Dr. Smith will help **church leaders and teachers** learn some important ways that we can help those around us who are grieving following the loss of a loved one.

The conference is free but there is a \$10 charge for the meal on Friday night. Registration forms are available in the Church Office. Contact Mike Hays, Lisa Curtis, or the Church Office for more information.

Kid's Korner



VBS 2010 Recruitment Drive

I bring you greeting from *Egypt*, where we will follow Joseph as he journeys *from prison to the palace*. I have already starting working on all the fun adventures for this year and want to include each of you in the planning. Be watching for sign up sheets so that you can get involved. The date for this year's VBS is **July 12-16**, be sure to mark your calendar it is going to be a blast! For more information contact Dana Stevenson at 848-2046 or bcckidz@aol.com.

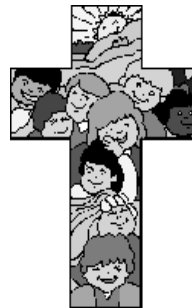
Cajing All Kids!



BCC Kidz Weekly Schedule *

Kids,

Bring your friends and join us this semester for an exciting and fun time of Bible study, crafts, recreation, and worship! Contact Miss Dana at 848-2046 or bcckidz@aol.com for more information!



Sunday Morning

9:45-10:30 Sunday School
10:40-12:00 Worship Service & Children's Church

Wednesday Evening

5:15-6:00 Family Dinner
6:00-7:00 CrossTrainers

* Childcare is available for infants through preschool during all regularly scheduled events, and for infants through 5th grade for all special events.

Celebrate your heritage!



Upcoming Events



February 14th Valentine's Day
February 19th President's Day

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating a birthday this month.

God Bless you!

February 4th Carson Klofkorn
February 26th Gladys Green

About Town February Events:

February 16-21 Wizard of Oz at Civic Center Music Hall



Parks Notes, OKC:

Spring Soccer



Your kids can have a ball this spring when they join one of the city's Youth Soccer Leagues for boys and girls from Kindergarten through fifth grade. The fee is \$45 and includes a 7- or 8-game season, practice time, uniform, and end-of-season award. For more information call the league office at 297-3828. Registration ends March 5th.

Notes From the



Ministry

Rehearsal Schedules for the New Year

- ♪ **LightHouse Choir** – Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please contact Connie Hays (414-3684) for more information.
- ♪ **Children's Choir** is for children grades K-5, and their rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings during the "Cross Trainers" program. For more details contact Cheri Redburn or Dana Stevenson at 848-2046.
- ♪ **Seeds of Praise Band and Ensemble** leads worship in the Early Service, and rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. They are looking for a few singers to come and help lead the singing for the 8:30 Sunday Services. Please contact Jennie Gardner or Karl Wilburn for more information.



Alleluia



May all our alleluias
When spoken and heard
Be heartfelt thanks to Thee, dear Lord
And not just lovely words

And may each passing moment
Till the ending of our days
Be filled to overflowing
With our never-ending praise

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Words and music: Larry Gatlin

"I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High." Psalm 7:17

"When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cries, 'Alleluia!'" – Frederick Pratt Green

It's Not Too Late!

We just started our rehearsals on Wednesday, January 27th, so you still have time to come and join the Choir for the 2010 Spring "Season of Singing!" – We will sing our first anthem on February 7th and will be singing to the end of May, so you really have not missed that much.

I am excited about the line-up of songs that we are going to sing, but, we could always use a few more voices -- and maybe that voice is YOURS! We are looking for a few good men and a few good women dedicated to the cause of Christ; here are the responsibilities and some expectations of a BCC Choir Member:

- ♪ Must be willing to sacrifice approximately 1½ hours on Wednesday evenings to rehearse and learn music (while having tons of fun) and a few hours at the 10:40 Worship Service on Sunday mornings. How much he or she practices throughout the week is up to the individual.
- ♪ Perfect people with perfect voices are *not* allowed, and the ability to read music is not required. Rather, we are looking for sinners saved by grace with a heart of service, a love for a perfect God and the desire to "make a joyful noise" unto Him.
- ♪ Desire to impress with stunning performances and show-stopping tunes NOT wanted, rather, a desire to bless and glorify the Lord through the offering of song is the ultimate aim.
- ♪ The salary is low (zero dollars per week) but, the spiritual rewards for "making a sacrifice of praise unto the Lord" are many.

If you fit the above description, maybe the Light House Choir is for you. I encourage you to come and try us out at our Wednesday Rehearsal if you believe that God is calling you into this ministry.

Blessings and Peace, Connie

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


Blessings and Peace, Connie Hays

BRITTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday Schedule

8:30 am *Sunday Morning Celebration*
 9:45 am *Sunday School*
 10:45 am *Sunday Morning Celebration*
 11:15 am *Children's Church*
 5:00 pm *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Britton Christian Church

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 9:30 Precepts - Covenant 10:00 A Mother's Heart	2 6:30am Promise Keepers 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 MSJC 8:00 Seeds of Praise	3 5:15-6:00 Family Supper 6:00 Cross trainers 6:00 MS Bible Study 6:00 Adult Bible Studies 7-15 LightHouse Choir	4 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 Middle School Learning Center	5	6
7 4:00 Youth Super Bowl Party No Other Evening Activities	8 9:30 Precepts - Covenant 10:00 A Mother's Heart 5:30 Children's Council 6:30 Board Meeting 7:30 Deacons & Elders	9 6:30am Promise Keepers 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 MSJC 8:00 Seeds of Praise	10 5:15-6:00 Family Supper 6:00 Cross trainers 6:00 MS Bible Study 6:00 Adult Bible Studies 7-15 LightHouse Choir	11 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 Middle School Learning Center	12	13 7:00 Singles Banquet 
14 9:30 Youth Mission Sunday 5:00 Precepts - Jeremiah Part I 6:00 Adult Bible Studies	15 9:30 Precepts - Covenant 10:00 A Mother's Heart	16 6:30am Promise Keepers 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 MSJC 8:00 Seeds of Praise	17 5:15-6:00 Family Supper 6:00 Cross trainers 6:00 MS Bible Study 6:00 Adult Bible Studies 7-15 LightHouse Choir	18 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 Middle School Learning Center	19	20
21 SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION 5:00 Precepts - Jeremiah Part I 6:00 High School Bible Study 6:00 Adult Bible Studies	22 9:30 Precepts - Covenant 10:00 A Mother's Heart	23 6:30am Promise Keepers 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 MSJC 8:00 Seeds of Praise	24 5:15-6:00 Family Supper 6:00 Cross trainers 6:00 MS Bible Study 6:00 Adult Bible Studies 7-15 LightHouse Choir	25 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 Middle School Learning Center	26 6:00 Grief Conference	27 9:00 Grief Conference
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Colossians 3:14



And **over all** these virtues put on **LOVE**, which binds them all together in **perfect unity**.

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

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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).