

The

# Beacon

April 2010

Newsletter

## Important Dates

**Saturday, April 3**

10:00 BCC Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, April 4**

Easter Sunday

**Monday, April 12**

6:30 Board Meeting

7:30 Deacons & Elders  
Meetings

**Saturday, April 17**

11:00 Ladies Luncheon

**Saturday, April 24**

9:00 Loaves Ministry

2:00 Respect Diversity Event

## Gratitude for God's Work



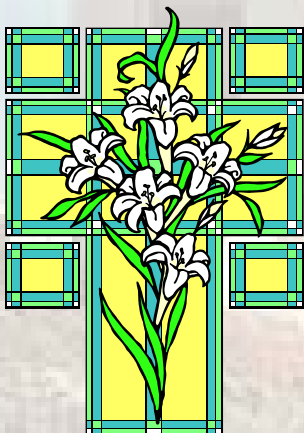
Dear Friends,

We are just back from our annual Spring Break Ski Trip and my heart is so full for the opportunity to witness God's work. I've witnessed His work in many ways. First of all, we all know that our ski trip is an expensive ministry which would never happen if it were not for so many of you who believe in what we are doing. God's has worked through your generosity to help us create so many opportunities for the kids to learn of God's ways and to gain memories that will last them a lifetime. I'm grateful for God's work.

Secondly, I'm grateful for the experiences I had this past week to see God work in the hearts of kids who overcame all kinds of obstacles to make it to the top of the mountain. I wish you could have heard some of the stories I got to hear this past week. Kids whose day-to-day lives are more difficult than most of us can even imagine trusted us enough to follow us where their fears told them to never go. I pray that the next time they experience a "mountain" in their lives that they will remember what they overcame to make it to the top of Monarch Mountain. I'm grateful for God's work.

Third, I'm grateful for the wonderful adults who gave up a week's vacation to go with us. Most of the adults were not even related to any of the kids on the trip, but they went anyway. I want you to know that God used you to make a lasting impression on these young lives. I'm grateful for God's work through each of you.

Last of all, I'm grateful for the work that God did in my own life. I learned so much. I was challenged to "let go of the beam" and live for my King with passion. I don't want to live the way most Christians live. I don't want to settle in, shrink back, or get set in my ways. I want to go where He leads me, do what He has created me to do, and give until I'm give out. I'm grateful for God's work.



HE IS RISEN!

In His Steps, Mike Hays

## What's Going On Committee Happenings



### Couples Fellowship:

We would like to invite all couples to join us Saturday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m. for our next Couples Bible Study. It does not matter if you have been married for one year or 50 years, everyone is invited. This year we are studying "**The Five Love Languages**" by Gary Chapman. Please make plans to join us and remember that childcare is provided. Contact Herman Stevenson for more information.

### Education:

There is a place for everyone in Bible studies. If you are not currently participating in Bible study, we encourage you to sit in on one of these discussions.

On Sunday mornings, adults in the **Agape, Kerusso, Lighthouse, and Seekers** Sunday School classes are studying **1 Corinthians**, discovering the similarities between the church at Corinth and the church of the 21st century.

Adults in the **Pairs & Spares** Sunday School class are studying the **Teachings on Community** as found in Jonah, Ruth, and the New Testament. God designed us to interact with one another. These lessons will show us why and how.

The Sunday evening **Precept Upon Precept** class has begun the study of **Jeremiah Part 2, When God's Judgment Finally Comes**. This 8-week study of Chapters 25-52 continues Precept's Inductive Bible Study of God's Word to His people through the Prophets, as they learn what God's message was to a rebellious Judah as Babylonian exile loomed. Contact Karen Watson for more information.

On April 19th, the Monday morning **Precept Upon Precept** class will begin the new 3-week study, **Your Kinsman Redeemer**. This study focuses on the story of Ruth. Contact Linda Summers for more information about this class.

On Tuesday mornings, the **Promise Keepers** men are discussing "**Being God's Man...by Claiming Your Freedom**". All men are invited to join us as we strive to be God's man in every way—feeling His heart for others, and doing His will obediently and joyfully.

### Evangelism:

The **2010 National Day of Prayer** will be held on Thursday, May 6th. BCC will observe this event with a **24-hour prayer vigil** at the church. Invite your friends to join us as we pray for our city, state, and country. We will have teams of people here at the church during every hour, from 12:00 a.m. on Thursday morning until midnight that night. If you would like to be a part of this exciting opportunity sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office.

The Committee is planning for an awesome evangelism opportunity. We are planning to have a **CD exchange** next Fall, but we need your help now. How can you help? We will be collecting Christian CD's in June and July in an effort to build our inventory. You can help by bringing new CD's to the church and placing them in designated boxes. The plan is to have a CD Exchange, whereby individuals can bring any

## OUR MIGHTY GOD

We know from history and experience that in many ways, life is uncertain. Civilizations that once rose to prominence have fallen. There have been many impressive cities that have fallen, or been ravaged by war and floodwaters. In our own lives, relationships, finances, jobs, and health can change in an instant.

That is why it is imperative that we as believers continue to trust in God. He is the only constant in our lives. He never changes for "He is the same yesterday, today and forever more." (Hebrews 13:8) If we are not thankful for anything else, we should at least thank Him for being the same. No matter what is going on in our lives, He will never change.

WE can be confident of this, because His word stands the test of time. "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." He is 'unshakeable', He is 'loving', He is 'powerful', He is 'absolute' in every aspect of His being. WE ought to say thank you!!! What a Mighty God we serve!!!

*Because He Lives, Herman Stevenson*

## † Called To Serve †

### Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

### Deacon & Elder Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

### Deacons Serving in April

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

### Elder Serving Schedule for April

April 4	David Jackson & Mike Sullivan
April 11	Jeff Sullins & Steve Porter
April 18	Herman Green & Len Cason
April 25	Casey Mooney & Kim Brown

secular CD in and exchange it for a new CD. We hope you will join us in this effort.

### Fellowship:

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday morning for a delicious breakfast. We encourage you to invite your friends to church for a great time of fellowship and worship. Breakfast will be served at 9:30. See you there!

### Recreation:

Dust off your gloves and lace up your cleats! Attention all softball players— it is time to get back on the diamond and show the City what BCC is made of! That's right, we want to join the church softball league this spring and we need your athletic skills. If you have a desire to play please join us, no matter what your skill level is. Co-ed is also an option. Contact Jimmy Agnello at 401-3277 for more information.

# Save the Day!

## Sunday, May 2, 2010

Share in our Celebration of  
20 years of Committed Service to BCC  
with Mike & Connie Hays.  
Lunch will be provided following the  
Worship Service.

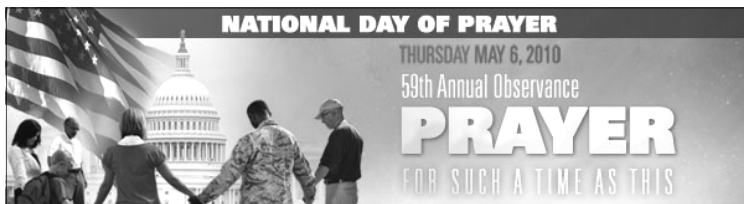
## BCC Ladies Spring Luncheon

### Saturday, April 17, 2010

11:00—1:00

All BCC Ladies are invited to join us for a lovely  
Italian Luncheon full of fun and fellowship  
with the Ladies of Britton Christian Church.  
Sign up now in the Narthex or Church Office.

*"She is more precious than rubies; nothing you  
desire can compare with her." Proverbs 3:15*



## National Day of Prayer

### May 6, 2010

The **2010 National Day of Prayer** is Thursday, May 6th. This year's theme is **Prayer... For Such A Time As This**. Everyone is encouraged to join us as we pray for our nation, military, community, churches, and families. Information is available in the church office if you would like a guideline of what to pray for, along with related scriptures.

This year we are planning to again conduct a **24-hour prayer vigil**, with continual prayer for a full day. Invite your friends to join us as we pray. Teams will be at the church during the entire 24-hour period, beginning at midnight Wednesday evening May 5th, and ending at midnight Thursday.

Contact the Church Office to sign up or for more information about this great event. Even if you do not sign up, you are welcome to visit the church throughout the day to pray, or to pray at your home, school or work.

# Easter Brunch

## Sunday, April 4th

### 9:45 a.m. - BCC Gym

Breakfast prepared and served by BCC's Promise Keepers.

## Easter Egg Hunt

### Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10:00 a.m.

All children are invited to join us for a fun-filled morning on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, for the best Egg Hunt in Oklahoma City!

The event is for children ages one through 12. Please bring an Easter basket for each child (a grocery sack will do!). And don't forget your cameras!



The annual **Easter Egg Stuffing** event will be held on Thursday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m. Join us for this fun, laugh-filled evening when we will fill *thousands* of plastic eggs with all the goodies.

Please contact Dana Stevenson at [bcckidz@aol.com](mailto:bcckidz@aol.com) or at 848-2046 for more information.



Due to the limited number of parking spaces around the church, we encourage everyone who is able to park in one of the lots just north of the church on the corner of NW 92nd and Olie, on Easter Sunday morning. This will allow more room for our visitors to park closer to the church. *Thank you!*

## BCC "Loaves Ministry"

The Outreach Committee is again sponsoring the Loaves Ministry, which is an opportunity on Saturday, April 24, for us to pray with the families at their houses in our surrounding neighborhood. You will not need any training to participate. We will meet at the church at 9:00, and coffee, juice and donuts will be available. We will divide into teams of at least three (3) each and will probably start our prayers with our neighbors around 9:30. Loaves of bread will be passed out to each team after they have been blessed. The loaves will be left at each house visited by the teams.

We believe, based on last year's experience, everyone who participates will be blessed far more than the neighbors for whom they pray. Please join us. If you would like more information please call Jim Britton at 844-6519.



# YOUTH GROUP NEWS



*Sunday School is the place to be on Sunday mornings!*

In March, Ryan will lead High School students as they look at *studies in John*

Heather Meldrum and Kim Luther will lead the Middle Schoolers in a study of *Jesus' Teachings*.

Plan now to be here every Sunday morning!

## SHILOH SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUTH

June 7-11 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Kids ages 12 to 16 (at time of camp)  
Cost: \$20 per camper

Shiloh Camp applications are available for pickup in the church office. The deadline for submitting the applications along with the \$20 per camper fee is May 10th. Please come by the church office or contact Ryan Fisher at [bccyouthguy@aol.com](mailto:bccyouthguy@aol.com).

## Crazy Love Schedule

The **High School** students will be meeting on the 18th & 25th of April at 6:00 p.m. to continue through the **CRAZY LOVE** study.

**Do you want to play some basketball?** On April 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, **high**

**school boys and girls** are welcome to come up to the gym and play from 3-5:30 p.m. Pizza will be served at 5:30, before we begin our study.



## 2010 Ski Trip A Success!

I want to thank the church, the leaders, and the students for being a part of the body of Christ in regard to the 2010 BCC Ski Trip. The church supported us through prayer and donations, the leaders served those on the trip by being Godly leaders, and the students served the church by stepping out of their comfort zones!

For those of you who went on the trip, be on the lookout for a 5 x 7 picture of our group on Monarch mountain. I will get them to you as soon as they come in.



## April Mission Sunday

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, the Middle School and High School students will meet up in the church gym at 9:45 a.m. to begin preparing lunch for the Indian Mission.

At 10:30 a.m., the Middle School students will head to The Refuge to serve and the High School students will serve and worship at the Indian Mission.

After serving, all the students will head to AMF Bowling Centers from 1:00-3:00. We will be back at the church at 3:30. Bring \$5 each if you want to bowl.



*Calling all teens!*

## Respect Diversity Event Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm BCC Gym

All adults and youth are invited to attend a **Respect Diversity Holocaust Art and Education event** to be held in the gymnasium at Britton Christian Church. **Speaker Michael Korenblit** will discuss tolerance, acceptance and the dangers of nurturing hatred. He will present on the Holocaust and share his vast knowledge as the author of **Until We Meet Again**, the true story of his family's struggle to survive the Holocaust.

Come join us as we learn to understand each other together. Refreshments will be provided and family and friends are welcome guests.

Please contact Ryan Fisher at 848-2046 or Jalea Shuff at 405-420-6475 for more details.

## KAA - June 25-July 2

Spaces are filling up fast for KAA on June 25-July 2. Students entering grades 6-12 in the fall need to contact the church ASAP if you're interested in going!



*The cost per Kamper is only \$25, and the remaining fees are paid by donations. If you would like to sponsor a youth or contribute to the total cost of going to Kamp, please contact Ryan Fisher.*



High School Movie Night on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Ryan will contact everyone with more details.

# Kidz Korner



## VBS 2010 Recruitment Drive

I bring you greetings from **Egypt!** Follow Joseph on his journey 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<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to mark your calendar. It is going to be a blast! For more information contact Dana Stevenson at 848-2046 or [bckkidz@aol.com](mailto:bckkidz@aol.com).

## Children's Information Request

Parents,

The BCC Children's Ministry is growing and we are so excited to have such a blessed opportunity to serve your children. We feel honored that we have the chance to share God's love with all the children here at BCC.

With that said, we want to make sure that we keep in touch with your children during his/her birthdays, graduations and other special events as they occur. That is why Ms. Kelly and I are asking each family to update your children's information forms. I don't want to miss anyone, so would you please keep an eye out for our little blue sheets and get those completed and returned. Special attention is given to any and all food allergies and special needs your child or children have.

You can drop off your completed forms in any of our three nurseries as well as the church office.

God Bless you and thank you for your cooperation.

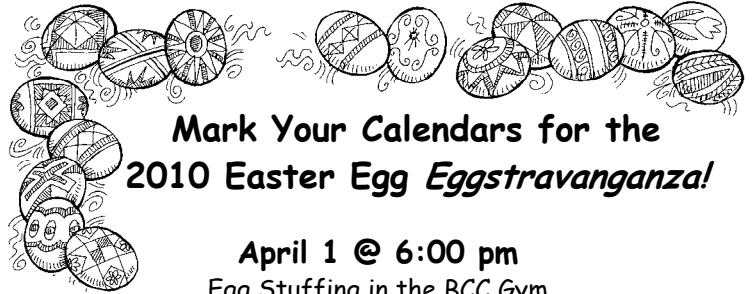
Ms. Dana

### April Events:

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Egg Stuffing
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 9:00am	Easter Egg Hiding
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 10:00am	Easter Egg Hunting
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Shiloh Application Deadline

### Summer Schedule:

June 14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Shiloh Summer Camp
July 12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Vacation Bible School



## Mark Your Calendars for the 2010 Easter Egg Eggstravaganza!

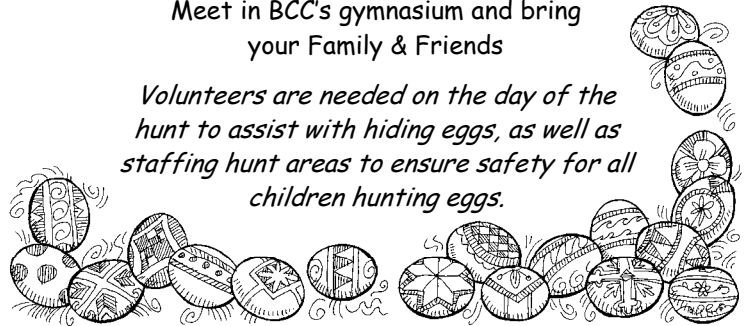
**April 1 @ 6:00 pm**  
Egg Stuffing in the BCC Gym

**April 3 @ 9:00 am**  
Egg Hiding around BCC Property

**April 3 @ 10:00 am**  
**Easter Egg Hunt!**

Meet in BCC's gymnasium and bring your Family & Friends

*Volunteers are needed on the day of the hunt to assist with hiding eggs, as well as staffing hunt areas to ensure safety for all children hunting eggs.*



## April Birthdays

April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carson Gump
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Logan Pendleton
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Elijah Manley

**Happy Birthday** Have a Happy Birthday  
to all the April kiddos!



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# Notes From the *Music* Ministry

## WEEKLY REHEARSAL SCHEDULES:

- ♪ **LightHouse Choir** — Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. It is still not too late to sing with the Choir this Spring if you feel the Lord is leading you to come and “make a joyful noise” with us! 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 “CrossTrainers” program. For more details please contact Cheri Redburn or Dana Stevenson at 848-2046.
- ♪ **The Seeds of Praise Band & Ensemble** lead worship in the Early Service and rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 8:00. 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!*  
HE IS ALIVE!

### JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say,  
“Thy strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all.”

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy power and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper’s spots,  
And melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim,  
I’ll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calvary’s lamb

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete,  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat.

Chorus: Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.



Lyrics: Elvina M. Hall, 1865  
Music: John T. Grape

*“Use what talent you possess:  
the woods would be very silent if no birds sang  
except those that sang best.”*

— Henry Van Dyke

### *“Created to Sing”*

Music is such an integral part of our lives and God created us not only with a desire to *hear* music, but, to *sing*, it. It is a desire that God has innately placed in His children and can be witnessed in very young babies when they “find” their voices and began cooing and babbling little songs. Since I am keeping my eight-month-old grandbabies every day, I am currently witnessing this on a daily basis!

However, we quickly learn that all singers “were not created equal” and at a young age can discriminate the difference between *good* singers and *not-so-good* singers. And if we can’t sing well according to the world’s standards, we soon get the message that we should only let those with better voices sing in public.

Unfortunately, this attitude spills over into the church. During our time of singing on Sunday mornings, there are some people who never join in the songs. There may be a few of them who simply do not enjoy singing, but, I believe that the greater majority of them do not participate because they do not think that their voice is good enough for others to hear.

What a shame! It is such an awesome experience to join together in worship and sing praises to honor and glorify the Lord and I am saddened that anyone would be dissuaded from lifting his or her voice, *especially* in the House of the Lord!

Maybe you are one of the people who do not feel your voice is good enough to sing out in front of others. Maybe if you did sing out, you believe it would only be “joyful” to the Lord, but, a “noise” to others. But, who knows? If you lift your voice in worship you may encourage others to sing out as well. And for certain, if you sing out in purest praise and thanksgiving, you WILL bless the Lord, no matter what you sound like!

If anyone doubts that God desires for us all to sing His praises in worship, I urge you to read the Book of Psalms. It is full of countless commendations for God’s children to **Sing! Sing! Sing! Unto the Lord!**

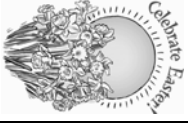
*Blessings and Peace, Connie*

**BRITTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Schedule**

8:30 am Sunday Morning Celebration  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 10:40 am Sunday Morning Celebration  
 11:00 am Children's Church  
 5:00 pm Sweet Hour of Prayer

**Britton Christian Church**  
**April 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>4 Easter Sunday</b></p> <p>5:00 Precepts - Jeremiah Part II                      No Other Evenings Activities</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10:00 A Mother's Heart</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6:30am Promise Keepers                      3:00 Study Buddies                      6:00 MSLC                      8:00 Seeds of Praise</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>5:30 Family Supper                      6:00 Crossrunners                      6:00 Middle School Bible Study                      6:00 Adult Bible Studies                      7:15 LightHouse Choir</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>3:00 Study Buddies                      6:00 Middle School Learning Center                      6:00 Easter Egg Stuffing</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00 BCC Easter Egg Hunt</p>
<p><b>11 Youth Mission Sunday</b></p> <p>5:00 Precepts - Jeremiah Part II                      6:00 High School Bible Study                      6:00 Adult Bible Studies</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:30 Precepts - Covenant                      10:00 A Mother's Heart                      6:30 Board Meeting                      7:30 Deacons &amp; Elders Meetings</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:30am Promise Keepers                      3:00 Study Buddies                      6:00 MSLC                      8:00 Seeds of Praise</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>5:30 Family Supper                      6:00 Crossrunners                      6:00 Middle School Bible Study                      6:00 Adult Bible Studies                      7:15 LightHouse Choir</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>3:00 Study Buddies                      6:00 Middle School Learning Center</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>11:00 - 1:00 Ladies Spring Luncheon                      5:00 Couples Fellowship</p>
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Song of Solomon 2:12

## 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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You can get a printed copy of Pastor Mike Hays' Sunday sermons on the church's website. Log on to [www.brittonchurch.com](http://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.



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