

The

Beacon

July 2010

Newsletter

Important Dates

Friday, July 2

KAA Kampers Return Home

Monday, July 5

Church Office Closed

Monday, July 12

6:30 Board Meeting

7:30 Deacons & Elders

Meetings

Monday-Friday, July 12-16

Vacation Bible School

July 19-23

Shiloh Camp

Now What?

Dear Friends,

It was September 19, 2007 when we began our study of Romans in Sunday morning worship. Last Sunday, June 27, 2010 we finished our study—79 lessons and over 600 pages of notes on one book of God's Word. I hope you have benefited from our study as much as I have.

Sunday morning following worship I was asked more than once, "Where will we go now? What are we going to study now?" My answer, "I don't have a clue?" For the next six weeks I will be away on sabbatical. Connie and I are going to go to some tournaments with Annie, but I'm also going to be doing a lot of reading and praying about the Fall. I'm not sure what I will be teaching on Wednesday night or on Sunday morning at this point, but I know from past experience that if I will simply be still, take time, pray with earnestness, and read and study with diligence that God will show me the way. I want to ask you to keep me in your prayers as I spend the next six weeks seeking direction from the Lord about what I will be doing in the Fall.

During my time away I want to encourage you to continue to seek the Lord with all of your heart. Many, during the summer months, let their commitment to corporate worship slide, but I want to encourage you to make every effort to come together on Sunday mornings and lift your voices in praise, bow your heads in prayer, and prepare your hearts for what the Lord has prepared from His Word...and do this "together." The writer of Hebrews wrote these words,

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25 NIV)

There is something special that happens when God's people come together. We should seek the Lord every day in our own "quiet time," but at the beginning of each new week we need to come together to worship our King.

Know that in my absence I will be in prayer for all of you. You are a blessing to Connie and me and the Lord has carved your names in our hearts. Be in prayer for us. I can't wait until we get together in August and worship our King!

In His Steps, Mike Hays



What's Going On Committee Happenings



Education:

Summer Bible studies are underway. We are now beginning to consider the Bible studies to be offered in the fall. Watch for more information next month.

Evangelism:

The Evangelism Committee Needs Your Help! We are asking BCC members to donate a new Christian CD to benefit those participants who attend the Fall Block Party. Boxes are located in the Narthex and all the education rooms. All BCC members have to do is place a new Christian CD in the box on the designated dates listed above. The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone in advance for your participation in this important project. Contact Stephanie or Sherri Smiley for more information.

Outreach:

The Outreach Committee is exploring projects for the fall and is seeking new members. If you are interested in being a part of the Committee please contact Jim Britton at 844-6519.

Recreation

The BCC Bomb Squad softball team is still recruiting players for the season. If you are interested in playing with us, please contact Jimmy Agnello at 401-3277. Games are played on Thursday evenings at the Legacy Sports Complex, at NW 122nd & Western. We would love to have a BCC Cheering Section, and invite everyone to come watch the games.

July 1	6:30 - Field 7 7:30 - Yankee
July 8	6:30 - Yankee 8:30 - Field 11
July 15	8:30 - Field 7 9:30 - Field 7
July 22	6:30 - Field 7 8:30 - Field 11
July 29	6:30 - Field 9 8:30 - Field 9
August 5	6:30 - Field 11 8:30 - Field 11

“Teach me what I cannot see; if I have done wrong, I will not do so again. Should God then reward you on your terms, when you refuse to repent? You must decide, not I; so tell me what you know.” (Job 34:32-33)

How would you define success? A lot of the world considers power, prosperity, and prestige to be the highest of goals. God desires a different outlook in the lives of His children. True, He blesses some people with lofty positions or wealth. But from His standpoint, success means walking in His way.

The Bible asks in Deuteronomy 10:12, “What does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul . . . ?”

As the Holy Spirit reveals God’s heart to us, we have the opportunity to obey and follow our Father. Beyond pleasing Him, there are many benefits to walking in His way.

First, we develop intimacy with Him. When we seek the Lord, He enlarges our ability to understand His ways. Second, we gain a rich prayer life. Third, we begin to operate from His perspective as we see things the way He does. Fourth, we have more patience and find it easier to wait on Him.

Fifth, when we face adversity, we’re increasingly stable and steadfast. We can experience peace in the midst of trials because we know God. We trust that He’s in control. Finally, we impact others. All the benefits will be clear to people around us. As they observe our peace, assurance, and strength during difficult times, they’ll see Jesus is real.

Because He Lives, Herman Stevenson

† Called To Serve †

Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, July 12th

Deacon & Elder Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, July 12th

Deacons Serving in July

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 July

July 6	Herman Green & Lisa Curtis
July 13	Casey Mooney & Kim Brown
July 20	Jenny Wood & Len Cason
July 27	Lisa Curtis & Mike Curtis

God Bless America



YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Sunday School is the place to be on Sunday mornings!

In July, Ryan will lead High School students as they study Romans.

Heather Meldrum and Kim Luther will lead the Middle Schoolers in a study called "The Church Grows."

Plan now to be here every Sunday morning!



Don't Take a Vacation from Church

High School Mission Trip Meeting

There will be a short Mission Trip meeting from 5:30–6:00 on Wednesday, July 14th for all those students who plan on going to New Mexico. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.



I would like to thank everyone for their support of the kids who attended KAA, whether it was through prayer or finances. Our kids had an absolute blast and so many lives were changed for the better. Now that we're back, let's all link arms and let's show these kids that their "camp high" doesn't need to be left at camp.



Mission Sunday

On July 11th, all are invited to join us as we serve at the local Indian Mission. We will meet in the kitchen (gym) at 9:45 and we will then proceed to the church around 10:30. After lunch both High School and Middle School students will head to Celebration Station from 1:00 to 3:00. Each student must bring \$5 or they can't go to Celebration Station.

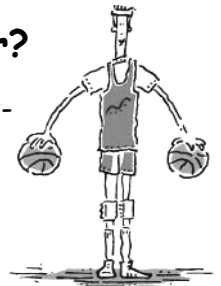
Middle School Leadership Meeting

We will be meeting to discuss the fall curriculum for the middle school on Monday, July 12th at 5:30. The meeting will last about an hour. Dinner will be provided.



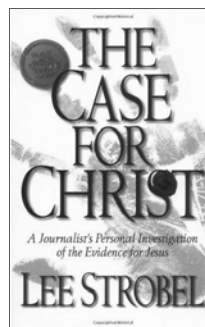
Need A Confidence Booster?

Come and dominate Ryan in basketball on Sunday, July 18th & 25th. All High School students are welcome to play with him from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on those Sunday afternoons.



The Case for Christ

All High School students are welcome to join Ryan as he leads the youth group through Lee Strobel's book, A Case for Christ. The study will take place at Mazzio's Pizza from 12:30 to 1:30 on Thursday July 15, 22, & 29th. Please call Ryan for further details.



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VBS 2010



July 12th-16th

The new VBS adventure is about to begin! This summer's Holy Land Adventure with Joseph takes us on a journey from Prison to Palace. This fun-filled vacation bible school program takes place daily from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on July 13th-17th at Britton Christian Church! Lunch will be served daily.

Your children won't want to miss a minute of the fun! Sign up in the Narthex or call Dana

Stevenson at 848-2046 to have a registration form sent to you.

Parents: Please make sure to be prompt during VBS! Kids don't want to miss out on the fun in the mornings! Also, please make sure you have made arrangements for your child to be picked up BY 12:00 NOON in the church sanctuary each day. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Stevenson.

We Need Your Help!

VBS is quickly approaching and we are in need of some supplies. Our fabulous Egyptian Food Shop keeper has planned some wonderful lunches for the kids and volunteers. If you would like to help with VBS, but cannot be directly involved, feel free purchase gift cards for Sam's Club or Wal-Mart to help us off-set the cost of our meals.

THANK YOU for making VBS a success!

Happy Birthday!

If we missed your July birthday, please let us know!

July 1 Jackson Fowler
July 9 Javon Jackson
July 10 Kendale Kessee
July 14 Chris Barrette
July 22 Summer Bergerson
July 26 Amaya Stevenson
July 29 Andrew Graves



Update Your Child's Information

We want to make sure the Children's Ministry has the most current information on your family. You help us do that by completing a child's information form located upstairs on our bulletin board.



Upcoming Events

July 12th-16th Vacation Bible School
June 19th-23rd Shiloh Summer Camp



Happy 4th of July

Notes From the *Music* Ministry

WEEKLY REHEARSAL SCHEDULES:

- ♪ **LightHouse Choir** — The Choir is now on a well-deserved Summer Break and will resume their Choir rehearsals on Wednesday, August 25th. Hope to see you then!
- ♪ **Children's Choir** — The Children's Choir will be presenting their VBS Program on July 18th.... This is definitely a service you won't want to miss! Please contact Dana Stevenson or Cheri Redburn for more VBS information.
- ♪ **The Seeds of Praise Band & Singers** are still in session for the Summer and I am so amazed at the commitment and dedication of each one of them! They rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 and are looking for a few singers to come and help lead the music for the 8:30 Sunday Services. Please contact Jennie Gardner or Karl Wilburn for more information.



SUMMER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The **Adoration Ensemble** is continuing to meet at the Warr Acres Nursing Home at 7:15 on Wednesday evenings to provide music, a short lesson or devotional and some fun activities for the residents there. What a great blessing this has been as we have seen God's Spirit moving and working in the beautiful residents there! ***This Outreach opportunity is open to everyone in the church and all are encouraged to attend as many Wednesdays as they are able – please contact Melissa Huffman for details.***



SUNSHINE IN MY SOUL

There is sunshine in my soul today,
More glorious and bright
Than glows in any earthly sky,
For Jesus is my Light.

There is music in my soul today,
A carol to my King,
And Jesus, listening, can hear
The songs I cannot sing.

There is springtime in my soul today,
For, when the Lord is near,
The dove of peace sings in my heart,
The flowers of grace appear.

There is gladness in my soul today,
And hope and praise and love,
For blessings which He gives me now,
For joys "laid up" above.

Refrain: *O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine,
When the peaceful, happy moments roll;
When Jesus shows His smiling face,
There is sunshine in the soul.*

Words: Eliza E. Hewitt (1851-1920) Music: John R. Sweney



Who is Your Enemy?

One of my favorite books of the Bible is the Psalms and I find myself reading from it about every day. This summer, I decided to read the book of Psalms from the first to the last, reading one per day and really intensely studying them in search of finding even greater and more significant meaning.

If you have ever read the Psalms, you know that the Psalmists spoke a lot about their "enemies". King David, for example, wrote many Psalms about his enemies - Saul and Saul's mighty army were aggressively assailing him in the hopes of killing him.

Now, I don't know about you, but, I don't really have any enemies like that; as far as I know, no one is "after" me or I can't think of anyone who is trying to destroy me... I know that there are some people who don't like me, but, kill me? I don't think so. And you probably don't have enemies like that either; otherwise, you would probably be in hiding, just as David was when he wrote many of his Psalms.

Since the great majority of us don't have anyone trying to kill us, we could logically assume that these particular Psalms don't apply to us. But, if you read and believe God's Word, we are told that we as believers do indeed share a common enemy.... And this enemy's name is Satan. (*I realize that whenever I mention Satan, I open a "can of worms" for many believers. But, this is not my opinion, I am merely stating what the Bible says about him. And the Bible clearly tells us that Satan, the devil, Lucifer, whatever you want to call him, is our enemy.*)

God's Word tells us that Satan is indeed in pursuit of believers; there is nothing he would rather do than wound, maim, cripple, weaken and ultimately ruin our walk with God. And the way that he does this is by putting other adversaries into our lives... to name a few: addictions, worry, anxiety, self-sufficiency, busyness, idolatry (putting other interests, things or people above our relationship with the Lord) doubt, envy, fear, greed, pride, apathy and unbelief. Unfortunately, I have struggled with every one of these issues at some point in my life (along with many others).

I want to challenge anyone who is reading this to join me in doing something this summer –let's identify our "enemy" or "enemies". If we will faithfully read the Word, God will begin to reveal Himself to us, and when He reveals Himself, He will start to show us the areas of our lives where we are lacking and begin to reveal those "enemies" or "adversaries" that the evil one is trying to weaken or destroy our spiritual walks.

If we as believers don't really believe that we do indeed have an enemy who is trying to spiritually sabotage us, how can we possibly defend ourselves?

1 Peter 5:8 says, *"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy, the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."*


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
11:30 am Children's Church
5:00 pm Sweet Hour of Prayer

Britton Christian Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
4  No Evening Activities	5 Church Office Closed	6 6:30am Promise Keepers 8:00 Seeds of Praise	7 6:00 Adult Bible Studies	8	9	10	
11 9:30 Youth Mission Sunday 1-3:00 Youth to Celebration Station 5:00 Sweet Hour of Prayer	12 5:30 Middle School Leadership 6:30 Board Meeting 7:30 Deacons/Elders	13 6:30am Promise Keepers	14	15 Vacation Bible School - July 12-16 - 9:00-12:00 daily	16	17 11:00 Couples Cookout (Contact Herman Stevenson for details.)	
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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.



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