

The

# Beacon

August 2010

Newsletter



*Thank you, Ms. Dana, for another great year of VBS! 73 kids were enrolled & countless volunteers helped make it a memorable week.*



*Everyone had a great time at Kids Across America. Thank you all for your support, donations, and prayers.*





## Committee Activities in the Coming Month

## Christmas in the Summertime Through Gabriel's Eyes Luke 1:26-38

### Education:

On Sunday, August 29 the committee will have its annual sign up for Fall Bible studies. It is our prayer that you will sign up for a study on Sunday or Wednesday night. As you know time spent in the Word is definitely time well spent. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 8 and Sunday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m.

### Sunday School Each Week, 9:45 a.m.

*Classes are available for all ages, so that you can grow in your relationship with the Lord, in your knowledge of His Word, and in your fellowship with one another.*

### Sunday Classes

**begin Sunday, September 12th, 6:00 p.m.**

*"Searching the Sermons"* - Mike Hays

*"The Miracles of Jesus"* - Herman Stevenson

*"Precept Upon Precept—Ezra, Haggai, Lamentations"* - Karen Watson - *begins August 15th, at 5:00 p.m.*

### Monday Classes

*"Precept Upon Precept—Hebrews Part 1"* -

Linda Summers - *begins September 13th, at 9:00 a.m.*

*"A Mother's Heart"* - Alyson Geister

*begins September 20th, at 10:00 a.m. - Nursery Provided*

### Tuesday Class 6:30-7:30 a.m. each week

*Promise Keepers* - Men's Bible Study - Herman Stevenson

### Wednesday Classes

**begin Wednesday, September 8th, 6:00 p.m.**

*"Doctrine 'What Christians Should Believe'"* - Mike Hays

*"Psalms/Proverbs"* - Herman Stevenson

*"The Truth Project"* - Deana Basey

### Evangelism/Fellowship:

The committees are working together to plan the BCC Block Party scheduled for Saturday, August 28 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The event will feature Christian rap artist SaulPaul as well as Oklahoma City's own Exodus. We are collecting school supplies to pass out to the children in our neighborhood.

Also, you can still donate new Christian CD's that will be given out at the Block Party. We hope you will take the time to join us as we celebrate with our youth.

### Outreach:

See the information on the next page about our current project of collecting new and used books, magazines and reading glasses to put in the reception of King's Clinic for the use of its patients and families.

### Recreation:

The BCC Bomb Squad has had a good time playing together this summer. We have just two games left, so come on out to the Legacy Sports Complex at NW 122<sup>nd</sup> & Western and cheer us on.

August 5      6:30 - Field 11  
                    8:30 - Field 11

Imagine what Gabriel must have thought when God gave him this mission. Not that Gabriel was one to question God; after all he had completed countless missions for God in the past. But this one was a little bit different. Gabriel was excited that God was going to become man. What he did not expect was to be delivering the news to Nazareth. Nazareth was considered the ghetto of its time. Not only that, but God was going to become a baby.

The mere thought of that was okay for humans, but for God. The heavens can't contain Him; how could a body? But Gabriel being true to the task was going to complete the mission. He still had to question why Nazareth? Even beyond that Gabriel must have thought there was a very special girl in this town considered by most as the low life. So on to Mary he went with the message from the Lord.

One peek at Mary told Gabriel she was no beauty queen. As a matter of fact there was nothing regal about her at all. She was a Jewish peasant just barely out of adolescent acne; with a crush on a guy name Joe. Joseph was but a common man. How was he going to handle the rearing of God?

So here Gabriel is about to make the most important announcement in history. Can you imagine him sitting there wondering how God was going to do this one? Just think about it God in the flesh dwelling in the hood they called Nazareth. God you could have chosen anyplace you wanted. Why Nazareth? Surely there are more regal women in the world. But you have chosen this peasant in Nazareth.

As I look at the work of God in this passage, I see a story not too different than that of the believer. Before accepting Jesus as Lord our bodies were comparable to the town of Nazareth. Nothing good could come out of Nazareth. Nothing good could come out of our bodies. Through the work of the Holy Spirit Mary was impregnated and something good came out of this poor little town. God has the same plan in mind for us in our lives today. We must submit to the will of God and allow the Spirit to dwell in us. Then we can be molded to be more like Jesus. Isn't it great to know that God had us in mind way back in Nazareth?

Take some time to reflect back to your roots. It all started for you in the little town of Nazareth. It was brought to completion on Calvary. Glory to God the Father!!!

Suggested reading: Luke 1:5-20

Because He Lives, Herman

## † Called To Serve †

**Children's Council** - 5:30 p.m. Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

**Board Meeting** - 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

**Deacon & Elder Meeting** - 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

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

**Elders Serving in August** -

August 2 – Kimberly Brown, Casey Mooney

August 9 – Jenny Wood, Len Cason

August 16 – Lisa Curtis, Mike Curtis

August 23 – Brian Geister, David Johnson

August 30 – David Jackson, Mike Sullivan

# 2010 BCC Ministry Fair

9:45 a.m. Sunday, August 29th

## Something for Everyone!

### Featuring...

- ◆ Fall Bible Studies
- ◆ BritVil Community Food Pantry
- ◆ Kings Clinic
- ◆ Study Buddies
- ◆ Middle School Learning Center
- ◆ BCC Children's Ministry
- ◆ BCC Couples Ministry
- ◆ BCC Music Ministry
- ◆ BCC Women's Ministry
- ◆ BCC Youth Ministry

We will officially kick off our fall focus with Brunch in the BCC Gym on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Information will be available about all the new Bible Studies and the BCC ministries.

You don't want to miss this opportunity to plug in to *service* and *study* this fall!



### Got Any Old Books, Magazines, or Reading Glasses?



The Outreach Committee is collecting new and used books, magazines and reading glasses to put in the reception of King's Clinic for the use of its patients and families.

This is an ongoing project that will continue as long as items are donated. There are boxes available to collect these items in the hall between the Sanctuary and Education wing and in the Narthex of the church.



Please bring these items to the church and help fill these boxes. There are many families in the Britton community who don't have access to these items.

Contact Jim Britton or members of the Outreach Committee for more information about this project.



## BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, August 28th, 10:00-2:00

A fun time is being planned that will include free refreshments, live entertainment, door prizes, and much more. **You don't want to miss this party!**

Entertainment will be provided by:

OKC's very own Christian Rap Group Exodus, and SaulPaul, "A Musician With A Message," who we met at KAA.

**Door Prizes** will be given throughout the party.

**Cold beverages and refreshments** will be available.

**And much more!**

We are collecting Christian CD's, School Supplies and items for Door Prizes, for distribution at the party. Please bring your donations to the Church Office. Cash and Volunteers are also needed to help make this a great event. Please contact Herman Stevenson if you would like to help.

# Youth News

## Mission Sunday

On August 8<sup>th</sup> all students 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 Harkins Theater from 1:00-3:00. Each student must bring \$5 or they can't go to the movies.



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



In August, Ryan will lead High School students in a study of the Bible and Science.

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

Plan now to be here every Sunday morning!

## Need A Confidence Booster?

Come and dominate Ryan in basketball every Sunday in August *except August 8th*. All **High School students** are welcome to play with him from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on those Sunday afternoons.



## High School Mission Trip

We head out for Farmington, NM on August 2<sup>nd</sup>! We will leave at 8:00 a.m. on Monday morning, and we will return on Friday around 9:00 p.m. In between those times, we will serve the people of **Navajo United Methodist Center** and we will hopefully *learn what it means to be a GOOD SAMARITAN*.



## Fall Programs Are Coming Soon!

Wednesday night activities for Middle School Youth will start back on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The gym will be open for basketball and games from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:15 and the lessons will go from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

The High School Youth will start up a new study on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> called "To Save a Life."



## Middle School Leadership Meeting

We will be meeting to discuss the fall curriculum for the middle school on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. The meeting will last about an hour. Dinner will be provided.



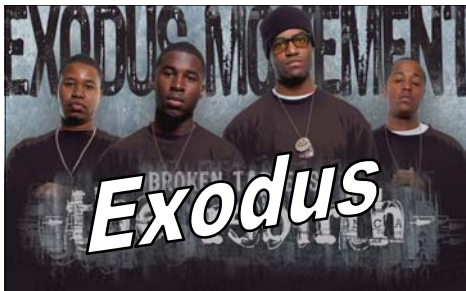
Saturday  
August 28th



10:00-2:00

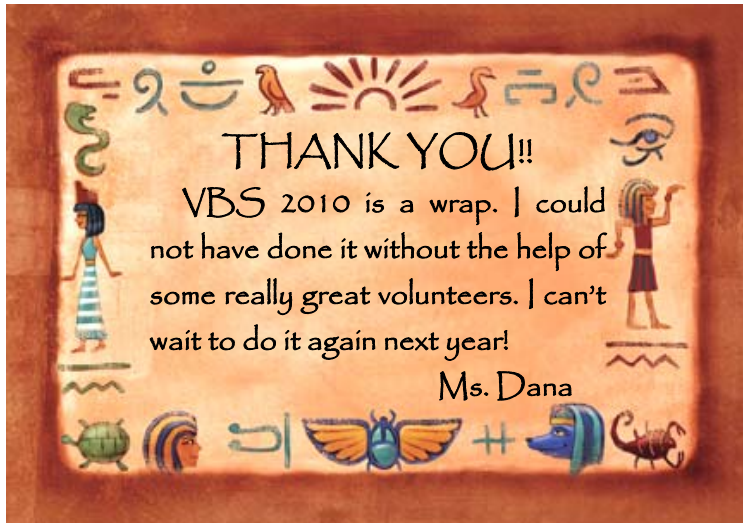
Get PUMPED! SaulPaul and Exodus will be here on August 28<sup>th</sup> to show us what it means to make a joyful noise. We will have school supplies, food, games, and plenty of music.

The OKC rap group Exodus will go on at 10:30 a.m., followed by SaulPaul with his testimony and some Christian rap at 11:00 a.m.



Be sure to bring your secular CD's to the concert; you can swap them out for Christian artist like the 116 Clique, Sho Baraka, LaCrae, KJ-52, and many more. The block party will run from about 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., so be sure to mark your calendar.

# Kid's Korner



HEY KIDS!  
 IT'S ALMOST  
 TIME FOR  
 CROSSTRAINERS!



Crosstrainers begins on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Supper begins at 5:15pm in the Gym. Crosstrainers starts at 6:00pm and we will be finished at 7:00pm each week.



**August 9<sup>th</sup>** - 5:30 p.m.  
 Quarterly Children's Council Meeting

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** - 9:45 a.m.  
 BCC Ministry Fair & Brunch

## Community Calendar:

**August 11<sup>th</sup>** Henderson Hills Baptist Church  
 (For Edmond Residents Only)  
 ■ Back to School giveaway at 6:30 p.m.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>** Urban League "Back to School Bash" — 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 ■ Free school supplies (limit 4 backpacks per family)  
 ■ Free Health Screening and Immunizations  
 ■ Free hair cuts

**August 14<sup>th</sup>** Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church  
 Back to School Event  
 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 ■ Uniforms  
 ■ Free Health Screenings  
 ■ School Supplies

Contact Ms. Dana for more information about these events.



## SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Children's Ministry needs the following items. We will appreciate your help in collecting these supplies. Look for collection boxes in the Narthex and Education Building.

- Crayola Crayons 24ct boxes
- Crayola Crayon Markers Classic Colors (WASHABLE please)
- Crayola Crayon Colored Pencils 12ct boxes
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Construction Paper (Black, Red, Green, Blue, Brown)
- Pink Erasers
- No. 2 Pencils
- Hand-Held Hole Punches

This Month's Birthdays



August 7 Taylor Roberts  
 August 10 Jamison Joyce  
 August 14 Madison Roberts  
 August 15 JaVareon Colbert  
 August 19 Aaron Graves  
 August 27 Madyson Cagle

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

# Notes From the *Music* Ministry

## HERE'S THE "SCOOP" FOR AUGUST...

- ♪ **LightHouse Choir** — The Lighthouse Choir will resume their rehearsals on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. As Kathy says in her article, you don't need "perfect pitch" to sing in the choir. All you need is a desire to serve the Lord through music. We have a wonderful time on Wednesday evenings, and would love for you to join us!
- ♪ **Children's Choir** — The Children's Choir did a great job presenting their VBS Program. Cheri Redburn always brings out the best in the kids. They will be learning more new songs when their regular activities resume in September.
- ♪ **The Seeds of Praise Band & Singers** continue to practice every Tuesday evening, and lead us in Worship each week. These dedicated musicians always welcome new members. They are looking for singers to come and help lead the music for the 8:30 Sunday Services. If you are interested in being part of this group, join them on Tuesday evenings at 8:00. Please contact Karl Wilburn for more information.

## ♪ NOTES ABOUT MUSIC ♪

WOW!! Although there was only one service on July 18th, it was POWERFUL!! Cheri Redburn, as always, not only leads the music—she *lives* the music. If you missed hearing the children sing on VBS Sunday, you really missed a blessing. The message in the song lyrics made me think of how Jesus loved to have children around him, because of their energy and child-like faith.

I see that there are only a few weeks left until Connie and Mike return from their sabbatical, choir resumes, and the BCC music programs will again burst into full bloom. If you have not already given thought to singing in the choir, please begin to pray about it. You don't have to have "perfect pitch"—God only asks that we "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." Contact Tamara Atterberry, Jennie Gardner, or me for more information.

God bless you all, Kathy Hicks

## Jesus is All the World to Me

Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;  
He is my strength from day to day, without Him I would fall.  
When I am sad, to Him I go, no other one can cheer me so;  
When I am sad, He makes me glad, He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, my Friend in trials sore;  
I go to Him for blessings, and He gives them over and o'er.  
He sends the sunshine and the rain, He sends the harvest's golden grain;  
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain, He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, and true to Him I'll be;  
O how could I this Friend deny, when He's so true to me?  
Following Him I know I'm right, He watches o'er me day and night;  
Following Him by day and night, He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better Friend;  
I trust Him now, I'll trust Him when life's fleeting days shall end.  
Beautiful life with such a Friend, beautiful life that has no end;  
Eternal life, eternal joy, He's my Friend.



### Special Prayer Request

Please join us in prayer  
for our friend and sister,  
Jennie Gardner, as she  
prepares for surgery.

## 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 August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6:30 <i>Promise Keepers</i>  8:00 <i>Seeds of Praise</i>	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Youth Mission Sunday</i>  5:00 <i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	9  5:30 <i>Children's Council</i> 6:30 <i>Board Meeting</i> 7:30 <i>Deacons &amp; Elders</i>	10 6:30 <i>Promise Keepers</i>  5:30 <i>Grief Share</i> <i>Meet at Johnnie's</i> 8:00 <i>Seeds of Praise</i>	11	12	13 2:00 <i>Vivian Davis Memorial Service</i>	14
15	16	17 6:30 <i>Promise Keepers</i>  8:00 <i>Seeds of Praise</i>	18	19	20	21
3-5:00 <i>HS Basketball</i> 5:00 <i>Precepts</i>					6:00-8:00 <i>Couples Fellowship</i>	
22	23	24 6:30 <i>Promise Keepers</i>  8:00 <i>Seeds of Praise</i>	25  7:15 <i>LightHouse Choir</i>	26	27	28 10:00-2:00 <i>BCC Block Party</i>
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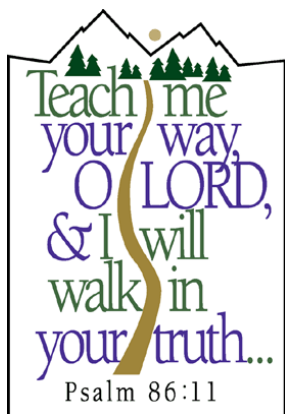
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## Britton Christian Church

### Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Early Celebration — 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for All Ages — 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Celebration — 10:40 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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