

The

Beacon

October 2010

Newsletter

Important Dates

Sunday, October 3

Noon Black History Program
Planning

Monday, October 11

6:30 Board Meeting
7:30 Deacons & Elders Meetings

Friday, October 29

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, Oct. 31

YOUTH SUNDAY
Noon Spaghetti Dinner

Coming in November

Sunday, November 7

FRIEND DAY

*“Then the land will
yield its harvest,
and God, our God,
will bless us.”*

Psalm 67:6 (NIV)



We're Going Public

Dear Friends,

Some of God's most amazing work at BCC is work that most people in our church are totally unaware of. I can't tell you the times that I've heard, "I didn't know the church had a medical and dental clinic?" or "I heard about some after-school work that the church does with kids. Can you tell me about it?" I hate that this has been the case for too many years, but I'm really excited about a project that we have going on right now. There is a wonderful lady named Tina, who is a professional photographer, that has been hanging out at BCC and taking pictures of the wonderful ministries that take place through your efforts. Once Tina has gathered all of the pictures and video she needs then we are going to begin an effort to raise the awareness of what we do and how you can get involved.

**It is my prayer that everyone who calls BCC home
would be involved in one ministry.**

If all of us committed to pour our hearts and souls into one ministry that takes place through BCC each week... can you imagine what that would look like! It would truly be amazing! Our goal over the next several months is to do just that—to get everyone involved. If you aren't involved now then I want to urge you to begin praying how you might get involved. I will assure you that those who are involved are blessed far beyond anything they could have ever imagined.

In His Steps, Mike Hays



Committee Activities

Recreation

Everyone is invited to bowl with us on Thursday nights at Heritage Lanes, 11917 N. Penn. We start at 6:30p.m. each week. All ages are welcome. The cost is \$11 per person per week. Contact Jimmy Agnello at 401-3277 for more information.

BCC Blood Drive Sunday, October 24th 8:30-11:30am

The Oklahoma Blood Institute Bloodmobile will be set up in the BCC Gym Sunday morning, October 24th.

At the time of donation, it will take less than an hour for you to register, donate, enjoy the cookies & juice, and get a Bedlam t-shirt!



Watch for sign up sheets in the Narthex or call the church office to sign up. Visit OBI's website at www.obl.org for more information about donating whole blood.

23 BLOOD DONORS SAVED
KAYLEE'S LIFE



Whose Life Can You Save Today?



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 6th. You don't want to miss Friend Day!

† Called To Serve †

Children's Council

5:30 p.m. Monday, October 11^h

Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, October 11th

Deacon & Elder Meetings

7:30 p.m. Monday, October 11th

Deacons Serving in October

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

Elder Serving Schedule for October

October 3	Lisa Curtis & Mike Curtis
October 10	Brian Geister & David Johnson
October 17	David Jackson & Mike Sullivan
October 24	Jeff Sullins & Steve Porter
October 31	Herman Green & David Johnson

I want to share with you an encouraging devotional I read this past week.

Because He Lives, Herman

Completing the Work

By Os Hillman, September 17

"I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do." (John 17:4)

Have you ever had a big project to do and felt great when you'd finished the job and it was a big success? Angie worked on a big project in the 1996 Olympics which involved placing 2000 family members of foreign athletes into Christian homes. It was a massive project, but it was a rewarding experience to see the job completed.

The Lord has revealed to us that the number one thing we are to do is love the Lord our God with all our heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves. His desire is for us to know Him and the power of His resurrection. These mandates deal with our relationship with Him. The fruit of this relationship must then result in our glorifying Him by completing the work He has given each of us to do. It will become a by-product of this relationship, not an end in itself.

What is the work God has called you to do? Jesus never did anything the Father had not instructed Him to do. He lived in such communion with the Father that He knew when to turn left and when to turn to the right. Is it possible to have such a relationship with our heavenly Father? I think that if it weren't, He would not have given us such an example.

"Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (Jer. 33:3). What has He called you to do? Perhaps you are called to be the best lawyer in your city or the best advertising executive or the best office worker or assembly line person in your company. Whatever work He has called you to, He will use you as His instrument to accomplish something that He has uniquely prepared you to do.

When our life is complete, what a glorious day it will be if we can each say, "I have completed the work You gave me to do." This will have brought great glory to Him.

Black Heritage Program Planning Lunch Sunday, October 3rd

You are invited to attend the 2011 Black Heritage Program Planning lunch on Sunday, October 3 after the second service in the Lighthouse Sunday School room. We will need a tentative lunch count so please RSVP to Freeta Porter by September 28th, by text at 255-7967 or by email to msfreet@att.blackberry.net.

**HELP SUPPORT
BRITVIL COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



BCC will hold a **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** to benefit BritVil Food Pantry at the Fall Festival and Youth Sunday on **October 29th** and **October 31st**. Brown paper sacks are available throughout the church, for you to use. Fill these bags with non-perishable items and canned goods and bring them with you when you attend either event. There will be collection sites in the Gym and Narthex. The donations will be collected by Brit-Vil volunteers.

THANKSGIVING TURKEYS

It's time for our annual **Turkeys for BritVil Thanksgiving** project. You can provide a turkey for a needy family in our neighborhood for just \$10. If you would like to help please make your check payable to: **BritVil**, and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the Church Office. Every dollar given will go for the purchase of Thanksgiving turkeys. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to help BritVil distribute 500 turkeys again this year.



**It's Time for the
All-New
BCC Fall Festival**
Friday, October 29, 2010
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Bring your Friends & Family
to join in the fun!

Hot dog, Chips & Drink - \$1
Cake Walk ★ Toddler Games ★ Prizes
Plus new games & activities, including:

**"Dunk
Tank"**

Yep, that's
right! Your
favorite Pastor
will be in the
"hot seat"
waiting his
turn to be
dunked!



"Trunk or Treat"

After eating hot dogs and playing games in the gym, we will all go outside to the west parking lot to "Trunk or Treat". Church members are invited to dress in fun costumes and decorate the backs of their trucks or car trunks, then stand by for all the kids to visit and get some goodies.



Friend Day 2010

Sunday, November 7th

Something for Everyone!

Invite your friends to share a wonderful breakfast and enjoy the morning worship services!

Information about BCC ministries will be available during the breakfast.

Come as a guest...leave as a friend!

Featuring...

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



Youth News



Sunday School is the Place to Be on Sunday Morning!

In October, Ryan will lead High School students in a study of Job.

Heather Meldrum and Kim Luther will lead the Middle Schoolers in the study, "Sin Enters the World."

Plan now to be here every Sunday morning!



On October 20th, students, churches, and families will join together in the act of sacrifice by giving up something they love for something they

love even more. By **skipping just one meal on one day** and donating the money we would have spent to Compassion's Global Food Crisis Fund, we can provide hope and show the love of Christ to "the least of these" all over the world.

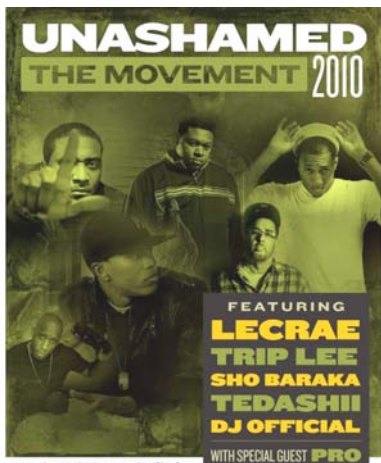
Every day, millions of children worldwide will go to bed hungry:

- 1 of 4 children are overweight & at risk of malnourishment
- \$13 will feed one child for one month
- \$156 will feed one child for one entire year



While this crisis feels overwhelming to most of us, **there is something we can do to make a difference: One Meal One Day.**

Contact Ryan for more information about this worthwhile event, or visit www.onemealoneday.com for more information.



Ashley Henderson and Kenny Long are interested in taking some youth to Fort Worth for this concert on October 23rd.

Please contact Ryan for more information.

Location: Will Rogers Auditorium
3401 W. Lancaster Ave.
Fort Worth, TX. 76107
Date: October 23, 2010
Time: 7:00pm
Presale \$15, Door \$18

Contact Info
Gman Ministries
www.gmanpraise.com
info@gmanpraise.com
504-606-6117



Mission Sunday

On October 10th 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 will proceed to the church around 10:30.

After lunch everyone will go to the OKC Zoo from 1:00-3:00. Each student must bring \$5 for the zoo.

Middle School Bible Study Continues

Wednesday night activities for **Middle Schoolers** are in full swing. The gym is open for basketball and games from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 5:15 and a Bible Study goes from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saul Paul Returns for Youth Sunday October 31st

On Sunday, October 31st, the Youth will be fulfilling all the roles of the pastors during both worship services, except for preaching. We are privileged to welcome **SaulPaul** back to our church on that day and he will bring the sermon.



Be on the lookout, youth! It is our time to set an example "in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." I Timothy 4:12

Spaghetti Luncheon October 31st



That's right, it's **Ski Trip fundraiser time already!** For our first fundraiser for next year, as part of Youth Sunday we will be hosting a spaghetti luncheon after church on October 31st from 12:00-1:00.

All students and adults going on the 2011 Ski Trip are required to be there to serve. If you are interesting in going on the ski trip, you need to contact Ryan ASAP.

High School Kids:

Do you want to meet Kevin Durant?

If so, you should probably go to a Thunder game(!), but if you want to see some guys/girls that play like him then join us in the gym on Sundays from 3:00 – 5:00.



High School Bible Study Sundays at 5pm in the Youth Room

High School Bible Study continues every Sunday this month (except October 10th) at 5pm in the Youth Room.



Kid's Korner

BCC's Annual Fall Festival
 Friday, Oct. 29th – 6:00-8:00 p.m.



BCC Children's Ministry, along with the Fellowship Committee, cordially invite your family to come out for food and fun at our annual Fall Festival.

Hot dog, Chips & Drink - \$1

Cake Walk ★ Toddler Games ★ Prizes

All new games & activities, including:
 "Dunk Tank" and "Trunk or Treat"

We hope to see you there!

Volunteers Needed

We need lots and lots of volunteers to assist with making this year's Fall Festival a huge success. If you are interested in helping, contact Dana Stevenson at 848-2046 or by email at bckkidz@aol.com. Also watch for sign up sheets in the Narthex.





Are You an Expectant Mother?
 We want to know! Please call Kelly Sullins or e-mail her at BCCBabies@aol.com with your expected due date!



Craft Supplies Needed

Do you have any supplies that you would be willing to donate to the Children's Ministry? We are looking for items such as:

- | | |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Fabric | Zip Lock Baggies |
| Beads | Flashlights |
| Stickers | Hole Punches |
| Wire | Various Craft Supplies |
| Balloons | |
| Crepe Paper | We are also always in need |
| Poster Boards | of Sunday morning snacks, |
| Tissue Paper | like: |
| Craft Foam | Granola bars |
| Cotton Balls | Fruit Roll Ups |
| Magazines | Graham crackers |
| Paper Plates | Juice Boxes |
| Plastic Bowls | |

We will appreciate your help in collecting these supplies. Look for collection boxes on the stair landing in the Education Building.

October 11th - 5:30 p.m.

Children's Council Meeting -

Child care is provided. If you are interested in more information about how you can become a part of the council, contact Dana Stevenson at bckkidz@aol.com.



October 29th - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
BCC Fall Festival

October Birthdays:

October 8 James Stevenson
 October 17 Justin Sheffield



Happy Birthday!

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

Notes From the *Music* Ministry

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

- ♪ The **LightHouse Choir**— It's never too late to join, and the Choir would love to have you come and try us out! Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights in the BCC Sanctuary, 7:15- 8:45 p.m. (Nursery is provided.)
- ♪ The **Children's Choir** will soon be starting their Christmas rehearsals which will take place during the Cross Trainer's Program on Wednesday evenings and during Children's Church on Sunday mornings. If you want your child to participate please contact Cheri Redburn or Dana Stevenson for more information.



Heaven Came Down

O what a wonderful, wonderful day, day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Savior I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend, He met the need of
my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling, He made all the
darkness depart.

Born of the Spirit with life from above into God's family divine,
Justified fully thru Calvary's love, O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made, when as a sinner
I came,
Took of the offer, of grace He did proffer, He saved me, O
praise His dear name!

Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing
of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure there in those mansions
sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day, when at the cross
I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal, from His precious hand
I received.



Chorus
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;
My sins were washed away and my night was
turned to day,
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!

Words and music by John W. Peterson © 1961

Is Choir for You???

The Light House Choir has been back in session for over a month now and it has been such a blast!! Many of our seasoned Choir Members have returned to lend their voices to "Make a Joyful Noise" for our worship services. And if you have been in church lately, you have surely noticed that there are some new faces in the Choir as well – Sopranos **Lisa Curtis, Marilyn Rhoades & Tomea Williams**, and Altos **Sondra Allen & Amy Vincent**. I am SO appreciative to these ladies as well as all the veteran Choir Members for their commitment to serve the Lord in the BCC Music Ministry!

If you have been in worship, you have also noticed that **Lacey Fisher** is now helping to lead worship on Sunday mornings. Lacey is the K-5 Children's Music Teacher at Crossings Christian School, and not only knows a lot about music, but, plays the Piano, the Oboe and has an absolutely beautiful singing voice -- We are so blessed and excited to have Lacey on the Worship Team!

The BCC Music Ministry has been hit hard this past year with illness, so please keep these people in your prayers: **Jennie Gardner** and **Marsha Green** are both undergoing treatment for cancer and **Tamara Atterberry** has been experiencing a deluge of health issues and is trying to find the source of her problems. Also, our Pianist, **Kathy Hicks** will be having gall bladder surgery in the very near future. So please lift these ladies up to the Lord as they are surely ready to experience good health!

In closing - there is still room up in the Choir Loft for some more singers if you feel the Lord is leading you to participate. We will be having our annual Christmas Concert on Sunday Evening, December 5th if you would like to be a part of this exciting and fun event!

Please feel free to call me if you are interested in joining any part of the Music Ministry.

Blessings and Peace, Connie



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

October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 3:00 High School Basketball 5:00 Sweet Hour of Prayer 5:00 Precepts - Ezra/Nehemiah 6:00 Adult & High School Bible Studies	4 9:30 Precepts 10:00 A Mother's Heart	5 6:30am Promise Keepers 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 Middle School Learning Center 8:00 Seeds of Praise	6 4:00 Middle School Recreation 5:15-6:00 Family Supper 6:00 Cross trainers 6:00 Middle School Bible Study 6:00 Adult Bible Studies 7:15 LightHouse Choir	7 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 MS LC	8 1	9 2
10 9:30 Youth Mission Sunday & Fun Sunday 5:00 Sweet Hour of Prayer 5:00 Precepts - Ezra/Nehemiah 6:00 Adult Bible Studies	11 9:30 Precepts 10:00 A Mother's Heart 5:30 Children's Council 6:30 Board Meeting 7:30 Deacons & Elders	12 6:30am Promise Keepers 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 Grief Share 6:00 Middle School Learning Center 8:00 Seeds of Praise	13 4:00 Middle School Recreation 5:15-6:00 Family Supper 6:00 Cross trainers 6:00 Middle School Bible Study 6:00 Adult Bible Studies 7:15 LightHouse Choir	14 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 MS LC	15	16 5:00 Eye to Eye Couples Fellowship
17 3:00 High School Basketball 5:00 Sweet Hour of Prayer 5:00 Precepts - Ezra/Nehemiah 6:00 Adult & High School Bible Studies	18 9:30 Precepts 10:00 A Mother's Heart	19 6:30am Promise Keepers 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 Middle School Learning Center 8:00 Seeds of Praise	20 4:00 Middle School Recreation 5:15-6:00 Family Supper 6:00 Cross trainers 6:00 Middle School Bible Study 6:00 Adult Bible Studies 7:15 LightHouse Choir	21 5:00 Outreach Committee	22	23
24 BLOOD DRIVE 3:00 High School Basketball 5:00 Sweet Hour of Prayer 5:00 Precepts - Ezra/Nehemiah 6:00 Adult & High School Bible Studies	25 9:30 Precepts 10:00 A Mother's Heart	26 6:30am Promise Keepers 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 Grief Share 6:00 Middle School Learning Center 8:00 Seeds of Praise	27 4:00 Middle School Recreation 5:15-6:00 Family Supper 6:00 Cross trainers 6:00 Middle School Bible Study 6:00 Adult Bible Studies 7:15 LightHouse Choir	28 3:00 Study Buddies 6:00 MS LC 6:00 Set up Fall Festival	29 6:00-8:00 Fall Festival	30
31 YOUTH SUNDAY Noon Spaghetti Lunch 3:00 High School Basketball 5:00 Sweet Hour of Prayer 5:00 Precepts - Ezra/Nehemiah 6:00 Adult & High School Bible Studies						

BRITTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The

Beacon

October 2010

Newsletter

922 N.W. 91st Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73114

Address Service Requested

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
Phone: (405) 848-2046
Fax: (405) 843-7160

Church Staff

Mike Hays, Pastor

BCCPreacher@aol.com

Connie Hays, Music Minister

BCCMusicmomma@aol.com

Herman Stevenson, Associate Pastor

BCCReverend@aol.com

Dana Stevenson, Children's Minister

BCCKidz@aol.com

Kelly Sullins, Nursery Coordinator

BCCBabies@aol.com

Ryan Fisher, Youth Minister

BCCYouthguy@aol.com

Becky Petree, Office Manager

BCCChurchlady@aol.com



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).