

The Beacon

September 2010

Newsletter

Important Dates

Monday, September 6

Labor Day — Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 8

5:15 Family Suppers Resume

6:00 Children's "Crosstrainers"

& Adult Bible Studies Begin

Sunday, September 12

Adult Bible Studies Begin

Monday, September 13

6:30 Board Meeting

7:30 Deacons & Elders Meetings

Tuesday, September 14

6:00 Grief Share Resumes

Tuesday, September 21

3:00 Study Buddies Resumes

6:00 Middle School Learning

Center Resumes



To all our Teachers and Students:
Have a great year at school!

"...and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in his ways, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go..." 1 Kings 2:3

Minor Prophets? Major Message!

Dear Friends,

I got to spend so much time this summer reading the last twelve books of the Hebrew Bible known as the Minor Prophets. I got to read them again and again. I read them slowly. I read all of the background information on them I could find. I thought about each and every one and I thought about all of them together. Here are some of the lessons I've learned.

- ◆ **God is Sovereign.** If you struggle with the sovereignty of God, the absolute control of Almighty God, then reading through the Minor Prophets will challenge you at every turn. The sovereignty of God has become for me the warmest blanket on the coldest night. It is so comforting to know that nothing happens outside of His watchful gaze.
- ◆ **We are accountable.** There is this beautiful tension found throughout Scripture—God is Sovereign and we are accountable for the choices we make in life. When we choose to walk outside of God's will for our lives, when we choose to go against God's purpose for our lives, then there are consequences for those choices.
- ◆ **God loves His people.** I've heard over and over again throughout my life that the God of the Old Testament is a God of wrath and the God of the New Testament is a God of love. Nothing could be further from the truth. God's love is on full display throughout the Minor Prophets.
- ◆ **God disciplines His people.** When we choose to disregard God's counsel and go against His will then one of the consequences of our choices is that God will discipline us. When God comes to discipline us, it is not to destroy us, but it is to turn us away from destroying ourselves and those around us.
- ◆ **God wants us to love people in the way He loves them.** This lesson was so apparent to me as I spent time with the prophets. We are not to return evil for evil, but we are to love others with His undying love.

I hope you have been able to join us as we have begun a study of the Minor Prophets. We will work our way through eleven of the Minor Prophets and then we will spend an extended time taking a look at the prophet Amos in the coming weeks.

In His Steps, Mike Hays



Committee Activities

Education:

We encourage you to join us in Bible Study this fall. Descriptions of the new classes are on the next page. 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.

Evangelism/Fellowship/Outreach:

The committees all worked together to plan the BCC Block Party, and want to thank everyone who helped make this event a great success.

Recreation:

Come bowl with us on Thursday nights, beginning September 16th. All ages are welcome. Men, women and families are encouraged to participate. Sign up now if you would like to join the fun. The cost is \$11 per person per week. Contact Jimmy Agnello at 401-3277 for more information.



Family Suppers Resume Wednesday September 8th

Beginning September 8th, Ms. Bettye will once again be serving the best supper in town to those attending the Wednesday evening Bible Studies. Supper will be served from 5:15-6:00 each week.

The price for the meal is "whatever you want to pay," but since we do need to cover expenses each week, we ask that individuals pay at least \$3, and families pay a maximum of \$10. Donations above these amounts are also accepted.

Plan now to join us each week for this great time of fellowship around the supper table before we get "dessert" from God's Word.

Can You Help Us?

One of the great opportunities the Lord has provided for us at BCC is to help the young people of our community pursue their education. Sadly, 50% of the kids in our community WILL NOT graduate from high school. Think about that. It is unacceptable. In response to this devastating reality we have two incredible ministries:

- ◆ **Study Buddies**, directed by Harriet Weirich, is for elementary school age children from Britton Elementary School.
- ◆ **Middle School Learning Center** is for middle school kids from our community, and is directed by Tami Bramel and David Jackson.

These two after school programs have helped tons of kids stay in school by providing help with their homework on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We are in need of tutors for both of these programs. Study Buddies meets from 4-5 pm and the Middle School Learning Center meets from 6-8 pm.

Wanting to make a difference in a life is the only requirement. If you would like to learn more about either of these powerful ministries then please contact Harriet, Tami or David. Also, please spread this word to your friends. Helpers don't have to attend BCC.

Get in the Word!

Greetings friends!

In the days of modern technology most people have cell phones or some sort of communication device. We expect to be able to use our phones at our convenience, however there are times when we are unable to use them. I cannot think of anything more frustrating than to be on an important call and, then have it dropped for no apparent reason.

There are dead spots that we do not see and unfortunately we only find out when a call is dropped. Maybe that call is not as important as we would like to think. Maybe it is God's way of telling us to call on Him. One thing is for sure, there are no dropped calls in God's network. He has worldwide coverage and you never pay roaming fees! He is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To top it off you get FREE unlimited minutes!!

Call on Him today and He will hear you. Here are a few numbers you can call on:

EMERGENCY DIRECTORY

Afraid	Isaiah 41:10
Anger	Ephesians 4:31-32
Assurance.....	Hebrews 10:22-23
Comfort.....	Hebrews 11:28-30
Courage.....	Joshua 1:9
Cry for Help	Psalm 28:6
Depressed	Jeremiah 29:11-12
Discouraged	Romans 8:31-34
Doubt.....	1 John 4:13-16
God Seems Far Away.....	Psalm 139
Guidance	Proverbs 3:5-6
Guilty of Sin	Psalm 51
Hope.....	Psalm 33: 20-22
Lonely	Psalm 23
Patience.....	James 1:2-3
Peace	John 14:27
Protection	Psalm 121:7-8
Sadness.....	John 14:1
Uncertainty	Isaiah 43:1
Weariness.....	Isaiah 40:30-31
Worried.....	Philippians 4:6-7

Because He Lives, Herman

† Called To Serve †

Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, September 13th

Deacon & Elder Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, September 13th

Deacons Serving in September

Ken Appleby, Dave Bentley, Cody Bridwell, Doug Hall, Alice Johnson, Heather Meldrum, Stacie Mitchell, Dave Redburn, Jennie Rosch, Richard Sheffield, Dan Smalley, Leona Thomas, Kristin VonFeldt, Willa Waller, Harriet Weirich, Cathy Jo Wicks, Mike Wilson

Elders Serving in September

September 5 – Jeff Sullins & Steve Porter
September 12 – Herman Green & Brian Geister
September 19 – Kimberly Brown, Casey Mooney
September 26 – Jenny Wood & Len Cason

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Adult Sunday School Classes

Each of these classes offer an in-depth study of the Scriptures. This semester we will study the Book of Hebrews.

Agape - Teacher: Herman Stevenson

LightHouse - Teacher: Cathy Jo Wicks

Word Seekers - Teachers: Bob & Melinda Edwards,
David & Charlotte Jackson

Kerusso (Young Adults) - Teacher: Mike Hays

Additional classes meet at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, and are following unique courses of study:

Pairs & Spares - Teacher: Len Cason

Builders - Teachers: Robert Bradford & Jo Fischer

Covenant - Teacher: Karen Watson

Adult Bible Studies

All New Classes Beginning in September

Precept Upon Precept
Facilitator: Karen Watson

Sunday, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Lamentations - Hope and Healing in the Aftermath of Rebellion Against God (Ends August 29)

Ezra/Haggai - Rebuilding the Temple (Begins September 12)

Nehemiah - Rebuilding, Revival and Restoration of the People of God (Begins October 17)

Esther - A Man, A Woman, Who Lives For The Good of God's People (Begins in January)

The Mysteries of God
Facilitator: Cathy Jo Wicks

Sunday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Begins September 12th

We will be searching the deep and secret mysteries revealed to Paul for the Church. Come study with us as we investigate these 12 mysteries: The Mystery of the Wisdom of God, The Mystery of His Will, The Mystery of Christ's Body, The Mystery of Christ in You, The Mystery of Christ, The Mystery of the Faith, The Mystery of Godliness, The Mystery of Israel's Blinding, The Mystery of the Rapture of the Church, The Mystery of Iniquity, The Mystery of the Bride of Christ, The Mystery of the Gospel.

Searching the Sermons
Facilitator: Mike Hays

Sunday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Begins September 12th

This study is designed to dig further into each Sunday morning message, and mine out invaluable insights while they are still "fresh on the brain".

The Miracles of Jesus
Facilitator: Herman Stevenson
Workbook: \$10

Sunday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Begins September 12th

Jesus not only preached the kingdom of God in word, but he demonstrated it in power through his miraculous deeds. This study gives you a unique, in-depth look at the miracles of Jesus that will open your eyes to their impact on the lives he touched, what they reveal about God's heart, and their significance for us today.

Precept Upon Precept
Facilitator: Linda Summers

Monday, 10:00-12:00 a.m.
Begins September 20th

Hebrews Part 1 - Consider Jesus, Your Merciful High Priest

In these last days, God has spoken to us in His Son. What does He say about Jesus, angels, and our great salvation? Learn about Jesus' superiority to all in this exciting study of Hebrews 1- 4 that enlightens and enlivens Old Testament law and prophecy.

A Mother's Heart
Facilitator: Alyson Geister

Monday, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Begins September 20th

This study will be encouraging, realistic, funny, and practical all at the same time. Most importantly, it will point young moms to God as the source of their strength. In this study, along with prayer and fellowship, our young moms will grow in their walk with the Lord and learn to thank God for the challenges of life. **Nursery is provided.**

Promise Keepers
Facilitator: Herman Stevenson

Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 a.m.

Men, join us each Tuesday morning as we discover more applicable truths for our lives through Bible study, prayer and fellowship.

Grief Share: Shattered Dreams
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Begins September 14th
Facilitator: Lisa Curtis

Join us on an adventure of encountering God in the midst of life's most difficult times. You will see how God moves you from shattered dreams to better dreams to the highest dream— and the joy that comes from dreaming it.

Doctrine: "What Christians Should Believe"
Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Begins September 8th
Facilitator: Mike Hays
Textbook: \$16

If you would like to not only know, but be able to share the most important truths of the Christian faith, then this class is for you.

Psalms/Proverbs
Facilitator: Herman Stevenson
Textbook: \$10
Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Begins September 8th

This study will launch you into the depths of God's heart. Discern His voice and allow His words to deepen your relationship with Him and others. Pursue truth, and learn to trust God's nature. He is faithful, just, and loving. Such is the Way of Wisdom.

Women's Bible Study: The Truth Project
Facilitator: Deana Basey
Workbook: \$14
Wednesday, 6:00-7:15 p.m.
Begins September 8th

Focus on the Family's The Truth Project practically and personally introduces viewers to the truth claims of God.



SaulPaul blessed us with his music and testimony!



Exodus sounded great!



Everyone had a good time at the BCC Block Party!

Thank you to Ryan, Pastor Herman, the Evangelism, Fellowship and Outreach Committees, and all the volunteers, for making this such a great day. We are already planning next year's Block Party with SaulPaul!



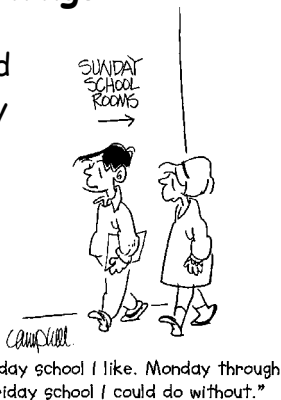
Youth News

Fall Programs Are Here!

Sunday School is the Place to Be On Sunday Mornings!

In September, Ryan will lead High School students in a study on True Friendship.

Heather Meldrum and Kim Luther will lead the Middle Schoolers in a study called "God Makes the World."



Plan now to be here every Sunday morning!

Silver Ring Thing Presents...

The High Stakes Tour Purity Conference Saturday, September 18th from 3:00-5:00 pm

Silver Ring Thing is a ministry seeking to create a culture-shift where purity and abstinence are the norm rather than the exception. The live concert-style event is designed to encourage and challenge students to seek a life of sexual integrity centered in a relationship with Christ.

The event will be held at Heaston Community Church, 7501 South Heaston Rd., El Reno, OK 73036. If you're interested in attending, you will need to contact Ryan for tickets. The tickets are \$8 at the door. Check out www.silverringthing.com for more information.

High School Bible Study Begins Sunday, September 19th Sundays at 5pm in the Youth Room

The High School Youth will start a new study on Sunday, September 19th based on the movie, "To Save a Life."

***A movie can't change the world,
but the people watching it can.***



Mission Sunday

On September 12th 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 OKC Science Museum from 1:00-3:00. Each student must bring \$5 or they can't go to the museum.

Middle School Bible Study Begins Wednesday, September 8th

Wednesday night activities for Middle Schoolers will start back on Wednesday, September 8th. The gym will be open for basketball and games from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:15 and the program will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

BCC Block Party

Thank you BCC... thank you SaulPaul and Exodus... thank you Youth... and most importantly thank you God for making the BCC Block Party a hit! Young lives were changed because this community came together to share the love of God through music and truth. **God is Good!**



Need A Confidence Booster?

Come and dominate Ryan in basketball every Sunday in September *except* September 12th. All High School students are welcome to play with him from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on those Sunday afternoons.



SEE YOU AT THE POLE

It's coming on Wednesday, September 22nd....a time for Christian students to unite as they lift up their prayers to the Lord around their school flag poles. Be sure to check with your student body to get further details. Visit www.syatp.com for more information.



Kid's Korner

Fall Festival is Coming!!!

BCC's annual fall festival is a big hit with children of all ages. If you would like to help with the planning of this fun-filled event, come to a meeting on September 12th at 12:30 in the Lighthouse room.

Save The Date!

October 29th
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Nursery Update

The BCC nursery has expanded! Please help us welcome these new babies, born in the spring and summer:

Elijah Rand Atterberry

Temple Price Bridwell

Alexa Grace Brown

Nathaniel Taylor Graves

Cadyn James Daniel Harding

Spencer Paige Mollet

Claire Danay O'Brien

Lilly Rosemarie Richerson



Crosstrainers is Coming!

Wednesday Nights are full of fun!

Children will begin with dinner in the Gym at 5:15 p.m., then beginning at 6:00, they will rotate through Games & Bible Study. Our **Faith Weaver Friends** curriculum helps reinforce what the children are learning in Sunday School.

Crosstrainers is designed to reach out to all children...so tell your kids to bring their friends! We will conclude at 7:00 p.m. each week.



Children's Workers Needed



Wanted:

Folks Who Love KIDZ!

BCC's Children's Ministry is looking for you! **Teachers and Helpers are needed** for various kid's programs! If you have a desire to help, please look below for opportunities to serve the KIDZ of BCC! We would love to have you join the team!

Sunday School

Sunday Mornings, 9:45-10:45 a.m., beginning Sept. 5

Pre-School Teacher Needed

Children's Church Rotation - 2 out of 8 weeks rotation

Sunday Mornings, 11:40-12:05 p.m., beginning Sept. 5

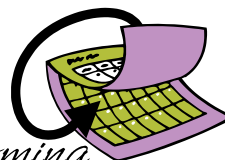
Kindergarten Teacher Needed

Crosstrainers

Wednesday Evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 8

Kindergarten Helper Needed

If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas, please contact the Children's Ministry at 848-2046 or bcckidz@aol.com.



Coming Next Month

September 8th - 5:15 p.m.

Family Dinner Resumes

September 8th - 6:00 p.m.

Crosstrainers Kickoff

September 12th - 12:30 p.m.

Fall Festival Planning Meeting

This Month's Birthdays



September 2	Ty Bergerson
September 3	Sidney Sullins
September 6	Reagan Fowler
September 8	Zak Keksi
September 10	Kerry Bruner
September 10	Jack Dunning
September 11	Sophia Worthy
September 19	Chloe Agnello
September 26	Reagan Retherford
September 26	Malya Vasquez

Happy Birthday

to all BCC children who have birthdays in September! If we missed your September birthday please let us know.

Notes From the *Music* Ministry

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

- ♪ The *LightHouse Choir* The Choir just began their rehearsals for the Fall Season and would love to have you come and try us out! Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights in the BCC Sanctuary at 7:15 through 8:45 (Nursery is provided). If you have any questions, please contact Connie Hays.
- ♪ The *Seeds of Praise Band & Singers* 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.
- ♪ The *Children's Choir* will begin their choir rehearsal during Crosstrainers on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:00. Please contact Cheri Redburn or Dana Stevenson for more information.

Prayer Requests:

Please be in prayer for Jennie Gardner as she has been receiving Chemotherapy and Radiation treatments, and for Marsha Green as she is just beginning her Chemotherapy sessions.

Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;
By His Power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
By His mercy, He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice; Great is the Lord!



Great are You, Lord and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice; Great are You, Lord!

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Is Choir for You???

- ◆ Must be willing to sacrifice approximately 2 hours on Wednesday evenings to rehearse and learn music and a few hours on Sunday mornings to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" in worship.
- ◆ Perfect people with perfect voices and the ability to read music are not required, but, a heart of service and a love for a perfect God are of the greatest importance.
- ◆ Desire to impress with stunning performances and show-stopping tunes *not* wanted, but, a desire to bless and glorify the Lord through the humble offering of a song is the ultimate aim.
- ◆ The salary is low (absolutely nothing) but, the spiritual rewards for "making a sacrifice of praise unto the Lord" are many!

If you are in agreement with the above terms, maybe the Light House Choir is for you. I encourage you to come and try us out on any Wednesday evening if you believe that God is calling you into the BCC Music Ministry.

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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In Remembrance of
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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, 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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