

ABC NEWSLETTER

Alsbury Baptist Church - Burleson, Texas

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April, 2010

Sunday Schedule:

8:00 - Early Worship
9:15 - Midmorning Worship
10:30 - Late Worship

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Children's Church is offered during the 9:15 hour.
Children small groups meet at the 9:15 and 10:30 hours.
Youth small groups meet during the 10:30 hour.
Adult small group bible studies are offered during the 9:15 and 10:30 hours.

Church Staff

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Scott Sharman
Senior Pastor

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Gene Longley
Pastor of Children

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Brian Jennings
Pastor of Youth

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Brock DeWald
Pastor of Worship

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Pastor of Discipleship

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Brenda Longley
Ministry Assistant

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Kendra Cox
Financial Secretary

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Summer Garcia
Mother's Day Out Director

Scott's Thoughts

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Last Tuesday morning I was informed that Jerry Burnett had been shot in the head and the shoulder during an armed robbery of a convenience store. Additional injuries were sustained in this violent and senseless act. For almost ten days Jerry has struggled for life in the intensive care unit of John Peter Smith Hospital. His family and friends have been by his side around the clock, praying and hoping for a miraculous recovery.

As I write this it is unknown what Jerry's long term condition will be. His general condition has stabilized but he has not improved. He is unresponsive and a ventilator assists his breathing. In the days ahead, unless the Lord brings about a dramatic change to his condition, the family will face decisions that nobody would ever wish to make.

Over the last week four men have been arrested in connection with this brutal assault upon Jerry, who happened to be at the store stocking bread as he has done most mornings for several years. The store clerk was killed and the assailants certainly intended to take the life of Jerry. Whatever their motivation may have been, it is impossible to justify what was done to these two men and their families. The cost was huge and the impact is eternal.

It is important to guard our hearts as we continue to pray for Jerry, his family, and for the family of the young man murdered in the robbery. It is very natural to slip

into a deep pit of anger, bitterness and rage. It is reasonable to ask questions that have no answers and to develop doubts that challenge your faith. I have experienced what I might call a "spiritual bankruptcy" in recent days as our church walks with the Burnett family as well as several others facing difficult and draining circumstances.

I spent this morning in Scripture and prayer, asking the Lord to restore the joy of his salvation to my heart and mind. He faithfully did just that. I encourage you to remember that our God is always faithful. He has yet to fail to deliver on his promises. His mercies are renewed each and every morning and he remains an ever present help in times of trial. He still causes all things to work together for good and he knows the plans and purposes he has for each of us.

Pray for the lost souls who committed this heinous act. Phyllis reminded me last night that God can still raise a Carla Faye Tucker out of the worst of sinners, serving the Lord with power and purpose in the Texas prison system just as Paul served among the Gentiles. Their evil is indefensible but our God remains firmly sovereign over the ages. While we grieve we do so, not as those who have no hope, but as beloved children of the living God!

Every Sunday is a celebration of God's love, salvation and indwelling presence. I look forward to celebrating with you!

Unleashing
the VISION



FEAR KNOT

What are children afraid of and what does God's Word teach about how to over-come a "fear knot" inside? This upcoming children's worship series covers the eight most common fears of children including fear of heights, snakes, drowning, scary movies, spiders, the dark, bullies and strangers, and will show them how God can help them to loosen the fear knot based on Joshua 1:9.

BAPTISM BASICS

Join Mr. Gene for lunch and a presentation on the basics of baptism on Sunday, April 25 following the 10:30 service. Please reserve your place by calling 817-295-0134 or contact Mr. Gene at gene@alsburybaptist.com.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Mark your calendars for Next Level Kids Camp, Tuesday, July 20 - Saturday, July 24, 2010 at Latham Springs Baptist Camp. This year's worship leader is Brent Weber. The camp speaker is Steve Winger. Cost is \$180. Camp is for students finishing 3rd-6th grades.

ALL HANDS ON DECK

This summer, set sail for VBS fun! Feel sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead at Alsbury Kids' High Seas Expedition! You and your crew will experience the deepness of God's love. Don't miss the best week of the summer with Alsbury Kids, June 13-18, 2010.

VBS WORSHIP TEAM

The VBS Worship Team is rehearsing on Sundays at 4:00 pm. Students in 3rd-6th grade may be part of the team. Contact Mr. Gene if you are interested in leading worship during Vacation Bible School.

Summer Camp

"Redefining Normal"

Coming June 5-9

ONLY: \$200

At Carolina Creek Christian Camp in Huntsville, TX

\$50 Deposit due April 25

APRIL 18 - DOLLAR SUNDAY

Bring your support for
Kevin Pincay during Sunday School

FUND RAISERS

BUTTER BRAIDS SALE

MONEY AND ORDERS DUE APRIL 14TH
(FORMS IN THE YOUTH ROOM OR FROM BJ)

DESSERT AUCTION

APRIL 18 - (DURING AM SERVICE)

FLEA MARKET STYLE GARAGE SALE

MAY 15TH-

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'⁸Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.
Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)

When you hear this truth or read these words, how do you react? Does your heart still jump for joy? Are you moved to emotion? Imagine yourself in the place of those women and men. They were going to perform the traditional burial practices for someone

that was gone. From their perspective he was someone they had a relationship with and did not have the opportunity for it to continue. Their friend, mentor, and teacher had been killed because he spoke the truth. Not because he hurt others, lied, stole, or murdered. Jesus was blameless, and still accused.

²²"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!" ²³"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Their sadness was great, their hope shaken, and they probably were struggling with understanding all that Jesus has taught and lived.

BUT, what a beautiful moment... "He is not here, he is risen!" Do we still echo that amazement? Do we cherish each Sunday for the memory of that Sunday of Sundays? Let this Easter be another moment you are overwhelmed by your Savior!

Let this April be dedicated to the only truth worth telling.

Your brother in Christ,
Brock

Songs we worship with:
-Christ is Risen (Jeremy Riddle)
-No Other Gods (David Moffit)
-Happy Day (Tim Hughes)

These songs can be found at Christian bookstores, your favorite mp3 source, and heard on 94.9 KLTY.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length.

To register or for more information you can call or email me or email Brenda brenda@alsburybaptist.com

WWW.RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/BURLESONTX

The Women's Ministry and the Children's Ministry are working together to form a team to walk at Relay For Life this April 16th & 17th. Relay For Life starts at 6:00pm on Friday and goes until 6:00am on Saturday. You are not required to stay the whole time.

We are asking for team members to come and join our team and pay a \$10.00 donation if you can to help pay for our team registration cost. 100% of the money goes to the American Cancer Society.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Beth Moore Simulcast Event

Saturday April 24th 9:00am-3:00pm Tickets are \$25 in advance and can be purchased at Alsbury. Tickets are \$35.00 if purchased at the door. Lunch is included.

"So Long, Insecurity"

Kiss your insecurities good-bye and discover the joy of living with confidence! www.ccn.tv/bethmoore2010

Hosted by: Cana Baptist Church
2309 E. Renfro Burluson

There will be a table set up outside of the worship services for the next few Sundays.

Canton Trade Days

We will be going to Canton Saturday May 1st. We will meet at the church at 7:00am

This is an all day event so make sure you wear comfortable shoes and bring a friend. This is a great time to come and get to know some of the women that you go to church with.

As always if you have any questions or you need further information please call or email me. Have a wonderful week and enjoy your Spring!!!!

Blessings,

Lorie Baird

817-475-5709

Women's Ministry Coordinator loriebaird@sbcglobal.net

Senior Adult Fellowship

Saturday, April 10, 11:00 a.m.

New Connect Groups

Parents of Teens

Meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM

Contact Andy Beasley: abeasley@fwcds.org

Parents of Children

Contact Holly Gonzalez: Hollysplace@mac.com

Singles (AIM)

Meet at 605 Sydney, Sundays at 5 PM

Contact Dan or Kay Shelton (817) 447-4586



MEN'S MINISTRY

2010 Alsbury Bass Classic!

Spring is in the air and a new season of fellowship and fishing for the men of Alsbury begins! We'll fish Monday, April 5, after work on Lake Cleburne, Saturday, April 17, on Eagle Mountain Lake, and Saturday, April 24 with a make-up of the March event on Lake Aquilla. Contact David Baird (fishing@alsburybaptist.com) or Scott Sharman (sharman@alsburybaptist.com) for information.

The ABC's of ABC

Our next session of the ABC's of ABC will be Sunday, April 25, giving new and prospective church members a snapshot of the basics of church membership. Lunch will be provided by a Sunday small group. Reserve a spot with a tear-a-way slip this Sunday.

Our regular financial support of our church budget allows ministry and missions to take place. Worshipping with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength includes worshipping with financial contributions to the Lord's ministry through Alsbury.

MONTHLY FACTS AND FIGURES

ATTENDANCE:

Ave. Sunday Small Group: 273
Ave. Weekend Worship: 358

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BUDGETS:

Support Required: \$36,000
Support Received: \$41,143

Unleashing the Vision: \$3,779
Compassion International: \$220
Mission Support: \$1,650
Blackberry Fellowship: \$4,531
Iglesia Comunidad: \$1,853
Other Financial Support: \$1,154

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in the Spirit's power.

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Dear Alsbury Baptist Church,

Thank you for supporting our mission to help those who are suffering due to the devastating earthquake in Haiti. 100% of your contribution of \$1,011 will go toward our mission to Haiti. Whether care is delivered through BCFS's robust medical emergency response capabilities or our expertise in long-term recovery efforts for orphaned children, our agency will have a hand in efforts that lift these poor souls up from beyond the ruins.

I thank you again for your contribution, and as that you continue to pray for those in Haiti who are struggling to overcome this disaster.

Yours in Christ,

Kevin C. Dinnin, President and CEO of Baptist Child and Family Services