

ABC NEWSLETTER

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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

Gene Longley
Pastor of Children

Brian Jennings
Pastor of Youth

Brock DeWald
Pastor of Worship

Marty Strayhorn
Pastor of Discipleship

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Summer Garcia
Mother's Day Out Director

Scott's Thoughts

I want to thank you for allowing me the wonderful opportunity of ongoing study at Logsdon Seminary on the Hardin Simmons University campus. The last year of course work has been one of the most rewarding seasons of my ministry. It has been a time of much-needed renewal.

You have graciously allowed me to be away from the church in order to attend seminars. I realize this has caused some inconvenience and has required others to fill in and cover some of my responsibilities. I deeply appreciate your understanding and support.

Many have asked how long I will be in school and what the demands will be. I will attend three week-long seminars between now and the end of the year. These come in June, August and December. In 2011 I will face a similar commitment to time on campus. Otherwise, all work is done locally with papers and projects submitted on-line. Following course work I will complete a project related to ministry in the local church. I anticipate taking a year to complete that project.

Some have expressed concern that this work is for a new area of ministry or a departure from Burluson and Alsbury. Absolutely not! This degree is designed for spiritual renewal in the

life and ministry of a pastor. I decided to go back to school because I found myself ministering on an "empty tank." I have already experienced a great deal of personal renewal and I am excited about the continued benefit of personal study.

Again, I deeply appreciate your willingness to allow me time away in order to participate in the group seminars. I thank you for your understanding as I have focused significant time in research and study for the completion of program assignments. I believe this study benefits the church. I know I receive a direct benefit. It would not be possible without your support.

This Sunday we'll make one more stop in our focus on overcoming fears; the fear of public speaking. Actually, we'll focus on sharing our faith with others. In a few weeks we will observe the Lord's Supper together. In weeks to come we will consider what life "after the comma" looks like. This will be a study of what Jesus meant when he said, "I came that you might have life, and life to the full." Those words that appear after the comma will be our focus!

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

Alsbury Kids Korner

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 \$195. Registration forms are available in the Children's Worship Room (Room 202). A \$50 deposit is due when you turn in your forms. Camp is for students finishing 3rd-6th grades. Questions? Contact Mr. Gene at gene@alsburybaptist.com.

NO MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

There is "NO MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" for those who trust in God's purpose for their lives. This eight week Children's Worship series is based on the theme of going into all the world to tell others about Jesus. We'll follow Craig, Ange, and their team in the country of Kazakhstan and learn the importance of taking a step of faith to reach out to others on an overseas mission trip. This series will help your children understand that, as a Christian, there is "NO MISSION IMPOSSIBLE!" Children's Worship takes place Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Room 202

KIDS FISHING

It's time to catch some fish! Kids and their parents are invited to join the Alsbury Men's Ministry for a day of fishing on Saturday, June 5 at 9:00 am. If you don't have a fishing pole, that's no problem. We'll let you borrow one. We'll even feed you lunch! Contact Mike Sporcic or Bubba Koenig for more details.

HOT STUFF

Help kids go to camp and put some spice in your diet. Back by popular demand, campers are now selling Alsbury Kids Pepper Sauces for \$4 per bottle. Choose from Traditional Pepper Sauce, Pepper Sauce with Chipotle, or our new flavor, Jalepeno Salsa Verde. Catch a camper or stop by Mr. Gene's office to get your bottles before they are gone!

ALL HANDS ON DECK

It's time to set sail for VBS fun! Registration for Alsbury Kids' High Seas Expedition is up and running! Sign your kids and grandkids up for a week they won't forget! VBS is a great way to take part in Alsbury's ministry to children too. Together we will experience the deepness of God's love June 13-18. Don't miss the best week of the summer! Sign up today!

ALSBURY STUDENTS

Summer Camp

"Redefining Normal"

June 5-9

Meet at the church at 6 AM and we will leave by 7 AM on Saturday the 5th.
Return Home around 3 PM on Wednesday the 9th.

**June 13 - 18
VBS High Seas Expedition**

NO REGULAR YOUTH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK!

Register online or with Gene to help!

June 21

Meet for lunch at Chic fil A at Noon. We'll hang out and get my weat half price Monday deal!

**June 27 from 5-8 pm
Sunday Night Live**

Pool Party at Victoria Parkinson's house.
Girls bring food ~ Guys bring drinks

THE WORSHIP CONNECTION

²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

²⁵Let 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 10:23-25(NIV)

The summer promises to be exciting. I sit here and flip through pages of my calendar. (Is it still okay to have a calendar that is not electronic?)

Mission trips, camps for kids and youth, Vacation Bible School, small group meetings, fishing events, band practices for adults and students, conferences, and fellowships dot the pages creating a seamless diagram color coded by ministry and importance. I can barely decipher my own priority system and coding which categorized all these entries. I gaze at the mountain of possibilities for Alsbury to impact this community, places around the nation, and countries across the world and when I am done rejoicing in those opportunities a new feeling sets in. I already start to feel tired...

Without fail we clutter our summer months with great things, many of which honor God and are a part of his calling to serve Him. So, how do we avoid getting "burned-out" in the "busyness?"

First of all, our rest is found in the arms of our Father. In all of the going and doing we cannot sacrifice any time we should be spending sitting with Him and growing toward Him. I would challenge you to make sure a program or event is not higher priority to your day than your quiet moments with Him. May our service be from an overflow of love, only grown by being in a relationship with the Father. Second, we all need time to refuel with each other. Let us continue fellowshiping and worshiping together even when the hours in the day seem too short to cover all the responsibilities. Encouraging one another by listening to the testimonies of what God is doing through all of these events will revitalize us all. Pray for each other, love on each other when we meet together, and seek ways to carry each other's loads.

Let us grow together in encouragement, prayerful intercession, and love. As we support one another, may this June strengthen God's kingdom!

Your brother in Christ,
Brock

Songs we worship with:
-Everything Falls (Fee)
-You Are Holy (Micheal W. Smith)
-Until the Whole World Hears (Casting Crowns)

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

Tanzania Missions Yard Sale: Saturday, June 12

This is a great way to support Alsbury's mission trip to Morogoro, Tanzania without a significant hit to your personal finances. **Donate your "stuff" for this yard sale on the Alsbury parking lot!** Most of us want to clear out clutter. Living lighter is liberating! This is a great way to accomplish that personal goal while helping ten people from Alsbury in two weeks of partnership ministry alongside CityChurch in Andernach, Germany and Morogoro Baptist Church in Tanzania.

The ten people making the trip (in alphabetical order) are: Mike and Jessica Crain; Steve and Carolyn Hanke; Amy Russell; Scott and Phyllis Sharman; Kay Shelton; Shawn and Kim Thomas



MEN'S MINISTRY 2010 Alsbury Bass Classic!

Summer is approaching and time on the water for fellowship and fishing with the men of Alsbury continues! We'll fish Monday, June 7, after work on Lake Alvarado, and Saturday, June 19, on Lake Aquilla. Contact David Baird (fishing@alsburybaptist.com) or Scott Sharman (sharman@alsburybaptist.com) for information.

The ABC's of ABC

The next ABC's of ABC, a brief presentation of the basics of Alsbury church membership, will be offered on Sunday, June 6, following morning activities. A complimentary lunch will be served and Scott Sharman will share the history, mission, and vision of Alsbury. Reserve a place for your family by completing a tear-a-way slip from Sunday's worship bulletin.

Blood Drive – Sunday, May 30

Carter Blood Center will have their mobile donation bus on our church parking lot at the end of the month. Our goal is to raise 30 or more pints of life-saving blood! Recent months have reminded us of just how precious our donations of blood are! Eat a hearty breakfast and donate a pint! Only the Lord knows whose life you will save!

Senior Adult Fellowship

Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.

Tanzania Partnership Coffee Mugs

Can you make a direct contribution to the Tanzania mission trip? If so, we want to put a coffee mug with our partnership logo in your hand as a daily prayer reminder. Your donation is appreciated and your prayers are essential and desired! Swing by the Tanzania Table this Sunday!

New Wednesday Evening Connect Group is now meeting!

Parents of Teenagers – Parenting teens in today's culture is difficult. The waters are treacherous and the dangers are many. Walking alongside others is both valuable and wise! Andy & Kellie Beasley host this Connect Group, meeting in their home. Parents of teens will find support and fellowship, providing it for others as well. If you are interested in attending contact Andy at abeasley@fwcds.org

Support of our church budget has been strong in recent weeks, allowing significant ministry and missions to take place. Our contributions to Unleashing the Vision have also increased as we press forward toward building much-needed worship and discipleship space.

MONTHLY FACTS AND FIGURES

ATTENDANCE:

Ave. Sunday Small Group: 274
Ave. Weekend Worship: 357

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BUDGETS:

Support Required: \$36,000
Support Received: \$44,665

Unleashing the Vision: \$3,672
Compassion International: \$178
Mission Support: \$11,383
Blackberry Fellowship: \$3,255
Iglesia Comunidad: \$1,804
Other Financial Support: \$15,812

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in the Spirit's power.

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Believe it or not, the school year is almost over! ABC Mother's Day Out has had a wonderful first year of operation. We are already busy at work planning for the fall semester. Registration has begun for the fall semester. Spaces are available for children ages 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. We are filling up fast, so to ensure your spot, contact Summer Garcia at mothersdayout@alsburybaptist.com or 817-295-0134.