

# 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*

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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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Marty Strayhorn  
*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

Throughout the pages of the Bible we can find direct challenges to our personal fears. It could be said that fear is universal to all people. While some fears are completely rational others are not.

Daniel Will-Harris, dealing with his own fears and phobias, writes:

"I have an irrational fear of the serrated metal cutting edge on boxes of plastic wrap. I have this notion that somehow I'll be trying to tear off a sheet of plastic to wrap a piece of cheese and I'll have a spasm, or there'll be an earthquake or maybe just a strong breeze will blow the box into my face where it will slide down, creating a long scar."

"While facial scars can be quite dashing on certain people, I am not one of them. I would just look like some idiot who had a run in with a box of plastic wrap."

"Any time my wife goes to wrap something I have to sprint to the opposite end of the kitchen. I have similar but lesser fears about scissors and carving knives--in those cases it's not clear if it's the implements I'm afraid of, or some ire I might have

raised in my wife. Either way, I steer clear while she's brandishing anything remotely sharp."

Beginning this Sunday, May 2, we'll take a look at five areas of fear that are a bit more common than a fear of the serrated edge of a plastic wrap box. We will consider each from the vantage point of scripture. The schedule will be:

- May 2 – "What am I Afraid of?"
- May 9 – "A Matter of Life and Death!"
- May 16 – "Listen to all the Lonely People!"
- May 23 – "What Purpose is there to Life?"
- May 30 – "I'd Rather Die than Speak in Public"

Hopefully we'll come away with a stronger appreciation of the Lord's complete provision and care and will be better prepared to live our lives with a little less fear. If interest is sufficient we may deal with a fear of clowns, which is completely rational, in early June!

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

Unleashing  
the VISION



**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.

**FEAR KNOT**

What are children afraid of and what does God's Word teach about how to over-come a "fear knot" inside? Our current 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. Children's Worship takes place at 9:15 in Room 202.

**VBS WORSHIP TEAM**

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

**ALL HANDS ON DECK**

This summer, 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!

**TAKE-HOME-A-LUNCH**

Help Alsbury's Kids go to camp and enjoy a delicious meal at the same time! Give the family chef a break and plan to take lunch home after church on Sunday, May 23. Cost is \$5 per plate with proceeds going to kids' camp scholarships.

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**Summer  
Camp**

**"Redefining Normal"**

Coming June 5-9  
ONLY: \$200

At Carolina Creek Christian  
Camp in Huntsville, TX  
\*\*\*\$50 Deposit due NOW\*\*\*

**CAMP FUND  
RAISERS**

**FLEA MARKET STYLE  
GARAGE SALE  
MAY 15TH**

**GDX Lock-In**

Cost: \$40  
Sunday, May 30 High ropes, video  
games, laser tag  
and more!

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**THE WORSHIP CONNECTION**

*<sup>22</sup>Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--*

*<sup>23</sup>this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.*

*<sup>24</sup>But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.*

*Acts 2:22-24(NASB)*

Shortly after these words were spoken by Peter three thousand people declared their desire to follow Christ and repent of their old perversions. It is astonishing to read the story of Pentecost and see people respond to the Holy Spirit in such large number. Would we not be completely blown away to see one percent of that number accept Christ in one of our worship gatherings? God was clearly moving in those people.

I am struck by the simplicity of Peter's presentation. Basically he said five things: Jesus was a man, Jesus was also divine, Jesus knew that you would kill Him, God raised Him from the dead, and His death was payment for penalty of sin. Peter's message continues on a bit, as Luke accounts,

as he reiterates those points and claims that what he says is true because they are all witnesses to it. Does our worship parallel the heart of the apostles on Pentecost? Do we carry the simple truth without wavering? Do we declare that folks should take notice of this truth by the testimony of our lives, our witness?

Recently we were challenged by God through Scott to look at how the resurrection changes everything. Particularly we are to live in such a way that folks see Christ. Our testimony to others is our life of change. This is how we worship! As we offer God a changing life each moment of each day, we glorify Him to others as well.

Let our lives be carriers of the simple truths. Let the change of the resurrection within us be an offering of simplicity. Let us worship our Father focused on giving ourselves...perhaps God seeks to have three thousand come to know Him through our simple testimonies, this May!

Your brother in Christ,  
Brock

Songs we worship with:  
-Everything Falls (Fee)  
-You Are Holy (Micheal W. Smith)  
-Wonderful Cross (Robby Seay Band)

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

# The Alsbury Follies

Sunday, May 23, 6:00

It's an annual event that is unmatched by anything else we do!  
Laughter and entertainment extraordinaire! Plan to participate.  
Cami Mitchell and Juan Cadena are coordinators!



## 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 this Monday, May 3, after work on Lake Alvarado, and Saturday, May 15, on Lake Fork, one of America's premier bass lakes. Contact David Baird (fishing@alsburybaptist.com) or Scott Sharman (sharman@alsburybaptist.com) for information.

## The ABC's of ABC

Consideration is being given to a weekly ABC's of ABC reception following morning worship services in place of the monthly meals that have been our practice to date. Our purpose remains the same; to provide a snapshot of the basics of church membership for new members and our guests. Watch for details!

## 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!

Our financial support of our church budget allows ministry and missions to take place. Contributions to Unleashing the Vision will allow us to build much-needed worship and discipleship space. 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:	285
Ave. Weekend Worship:	420

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#### BUDGETS:

Support Required:	\$36,000
Support Received:	\$45,052

## Senior Adult Fellowship

Saturday, May 8, 11:00 a.m.

## Parents' Night Out Returns to Alsbury

5 to 8 on Saturday, May 22

Parents of "special-needs" children enjoy three hours of respite while their kids and siblings enjoy an evening of age and skill appropriate recreation plus a pizza dinner! Keara Kirk will coordinate. This is a great place of meaningful service. You can be a "buddy" to a wonderful child. The only requirement is the ability to laugh and play! Complete a worship-bulletin tear-a-way slip on Sunday to serve!

## New Wednesday Evening Connect Group is now meeting!

*Parents of Teenagers* – Andy & Kellie Beasley host this Connect Group, meeting in their home. If you are interested in attending contact Andy at abeasley@fwcds.org

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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](mailto:mothersdayout@alsburybaptist.com) or 817-295-0134.