

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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Senior Pastor

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Scott's Thoughts

We're at the halfway point in our teaching series on the Fruit of the Spirit. We've already dealt with the upward aspects of the Spirit-led life. This Sunday we'll build on our understanding of the outward, or community aspects of the Holy Spirit's spiritual harvest in our lives. Next we'll look at the inward aspects. These qualities of the Holy Spirit are evidenced more and more as we walk in intimacy with our Lord.

I read a remarkable statistic this week. It seems that 25% of Americans consider themselves to be living in a personal relationship with God through Christ. Far more identify themselves as "Christian," but for our purpose we'll consider the 25% figure.

Jesus said we are the "salt of the earth." As such we are agents of preservation and change. A little salt goes a long way in a pound of meat. Consider the impact if one fourth, 25%, of a pound of meat was actually salt! I believe we would be able to sense a dramatic, dynamic impact!

Why, would you suppose, does the church have such limited impact on the world around us? I believe the problem is that the "salt" has lost its "saltiness." The problem is rooted in the reality that we're not actually living in an intimate, personal relationship with Christ. We live in the flesh rather than the Spirit. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious, as is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is not difficult to determine what guides us through life.

As we return to Galatians 5 this Sunday, may be do so with hearts and minds prepared to ask challenging questions concerning where we are in the journey of transformation. God wants to use each of us in mighty ways to impact our world. He wants to use each of us, individually, to make this happen. Collectively, he wants to use Alsbury in what that we have not yet considered or imagined. Each of us, person by person, must take the necessary steps to live in an intimate, personal relationship with Christ.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday, if not sooner!



KIDS' CELEBRATION

What better way for your family to end Spring Break and the Encounter One Conference than a night of worship and fun with *Keith Coast*? That's right! The original goober-nugget is coming to Alsbury on Friday, March 19. Keith has traveled around the world sharing the gift of laughter with kids and families for over a decade. Keith is one of the most popular family entertainers available today. A comedian at heart, he uses the art of illusions, balloons, escapes, fire-eating, juggling, and backyard science to amuse, amaze, and illustrate the message he delivers. Keith believes that no one should have more fun than Christians. If you would like to help with this evening of family fun, contact Mr. Gene at gene@alsburybaptist.com.

ENCOUNTER ONE SOCCER CAMP

Join our friends from City Church Andernach at the Encounter One Soccer Camp from 9:00-Noon, March 17-19 at the Burleson Soccer Fields. Contact Blaine Williams for more information.

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 will begin rehearsals on Sunday, March 7 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.

ENCOUNTER ONE (SPRING BREAK WEEK)

Thursday, March 18 starting @ 3pm join the youth and the Germans for a day of Kickball, food, and fun. Last year our German friends' soccer skills proved valuable as they handily beat the Americans at kickball. This year we intend to right that wrong. Afterward, we will celebrate together in the parking lot with German food, games and great fellowship.

There are many other opportunities to be involved and serve this week from soccer camps to handing out flyers. Don't be shy. Just jump right in!

Summer Camp

Our dates for camp are secure and this year is going to be awesome. We are going to Carolina Creek Christian Encampment in Huntsville, TX June 6-10. This camp will be unique as we are partnering with a few other Burleson area churches to tailor this camp to the specific needs of our students. The encampment is beautiful. The food is great and the recreation options are a notch above any other camp in the area. We will have a parent meeting to discuss the details on March 7 right after church in the youth building. ***Don't forget- March 21 is Dollar Sunday. Bring your support Sunday morning for Kevin Pincay through Compassion International.

*⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
And by the breath of His mouth all their host.
⁷He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;
He lays up the deeps in storehouses.
⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of
Him.
⁹For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.
Psalms 33:6-9 (NASB)*

While I write this month's article the sky is falling. This sight I have seen only a handful of times. I see the beauty of snow slowly blanketing our community in white, yet again this winter. It's AWESOME! Not awesome in the contemporary vernacular sense, mostly used when something is exciting, intriguing, or fun. Rather, this awesome is astounding, awe-inspiring, and humbling. This is a kind of awesomeness that leads one to glorify and honor the greatness of He who created that sky to fall. What an astounding God we serve, a Father who loves us. Whether it's in the scaly, camouflaging patterns, of your angling catch of choice on a spring day, the changing of leaves around

your home or streets in the fall, or that first green grass that pokes out of our dormant Texas fields during as winter comes to a close, does it amaze you? Does He amaze you?

I so often have taken for granted the spectacular detail of God's creation. The rain that refreshes and soothes plants and animals alike, can often be a nuisance when that hall closet umbrella is missing. The snow falling right now, may be a danger to travelers making their way home tonight after dark. Do my circumstances control how AWESOME God's creation is? As we continue on this journey toward a deeper relationship with our Father in heaven, let us recognize more and more who He is. Our God "spoke, and it was done!"

May we look all around us this March and give God the glory, honor, and praise for the AWESOME things He has made!

Your brother in Christ,
Brock

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Friday Morning Bible Study:

On March 5th the Friday morning Bible study will begin a new book: *Victoriously Frazzled* By Cindi Wood

This study is from 9:00am-11:00am The study is 6 weeks long.

If you would like a copy of this book, or need further information please contact Brenda Longley by email - brenda@alsburybaptist.com or by calling the church at 295-0134.

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

On March 24th the Wednesday night Bible study will begin a new study: *Discerning The Voice Of God* By Priscilla Shirer

They meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00pm-7:30pm. This study is 6 weeks long.

If you would like a copy of this book, or need further information please contact Karen Kelso by email - karkelso@aol.com or by calling 817-689-4343.

Scrapbook Night

(Bring pictures, scrapbook supplies & snack to share)

March 26th, 7pm-12am, At the church

Come and join us for a night of creativity and being with the girls.

We will have a lot of fun games and door prizes.

As I am sitting here writing this article the snow is falling like crazy. God reminded me that no two snowflakes are the same. They are all different and unique in there own way. Just like He designed and made His children. I encourage you to come and use your special gifts and talents in the Women's Ministry at Alsbury we have a place for you!!!!!!!

Blessings,
Lorie Baird

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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! Monday, March 1, after work on Lake Alvarado; Saturday, March 20, early morning on Lake Grapevine. Contact David Baird fishing@alsburybaptist.com or Scott Sharman sharman@alsburybaptist.com for information.

Men's Breakfast! Saturday, March 6, 8:00. Contact James Guthrie for information mensministry@alsburybaptist.com.

Blood Drive Results! – 29 participants gave 23 pints of blood in February! Alsbury is consistently one of the top donation points among churches for Carter Blood Center! Our next blood drive will be Easter Sunday, April 4. Eat a good meal before coming to church and visit the Carter collection center on the Alsbury parking lot.

New Connect Groups

Parents of Kids Connect Group - Ron & Holly Gonzalez will host this group. An informational meeting will be Friday, March 5 at 6:00 pm at 908 Brighton Way. Contact Holly at hollysplace@me.com for more information.

Parents of Teenagers – Andy & Kellie Beasley will host this connect group, meeting in their home at 946 Yucca Court. If you are interested in attending contact Andy at abeasley@fwcds.org. Official start will be Sunday, March 7.

The ABC's of ABC

Our next session of the ABC's of ABC will be Sunday, March 14, 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.

Senior Adult Fellowship

Saturday, March 13, 11:00 a.m.

Daylight Saving Time Returns Soon – Sunday morning, March 14, we'll turn our clocks forward one hour. Remember to make the change or you'll be late for small group and worship!

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: 297
Ave. Weekend Worship: 342

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BUDGETS:

Support Required: \$27,000
Support Received: \$27,735

Unleashing the Vision: \$2,840
Compassion International: \$111
Mission Support: \$1,731
Blackberry Fellowship: \$2,817
Iglesia Comunidad: \$1,127
Other Financial Support: \$2,854

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Are you part of a Connect Group?

Why should you join a Connect Group?

Connect groups are a great way to get to know others in the church. Connect groups introduce you to people in similar places of life to yourself. There are Connect Groups for teenagers, young adults, women, men, singles, and senior adults. There are Connect Groups for those experiencing divorce or addictions, and even groups for those wanting help with finances. Do you want to meet other people navigating parenthood - there are groups for Parents of Children and Parents of Teenagers. Maybe you want to dig deeper into God's Word, there is a group for that, too. No matter what stage of life you are currently in, there is a Connect Group waiting for you!

Get involved in a Connect Group this week!