

ABC NEWSLETTER

Alsbury Baptist Church - Burleson, Texas

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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

Scott Sharman
Senior Pastor

Gene Longley
Pastor of Children

Brian Jennings
Pastor of Youth

Brock DeWald
Pastor of Worship

Marty Strayhorn
Pastor of Discipleship

Brenda Longley
Ministry Assistant

Kendra Cox
Financial Secretary

Summer Garcia
Mother's Day Out Director

Scott's Thoughts

Many people have expressed a renewed appreciation for the multi-generational family God has blessed us with through the ministry and mission of Alsbury. We are over halfway through our Multi-Generational emphasis. Three more messages, all addressing different aspects of what a truly multi-generational church looks like, are planned. A multi-generational choir is forming to lead worship on Sunday evening, November 14. "Family triplets" are sharing meals over the next three weeks. Small group leaders will continue to lead group discussion as we focus on a deeper appreciation for everyone who calls Alsbury home.

I've also been asked if this is simply a passing emphasis or will this have a lasting impact on the culture of our church family. Only time will tell, but I believe the impact will be long-lasting. There seems to be an enhanced awareness of God's intention for his people to minister to everyone, regardless of their past, their experiences, their culture or their age. I certainly hope and pray for a permanent

impact upon our church family.

On Sunday evening, November 14, we'll share in what our staff has labeled as the "Phenomenal Finale" to our multi-generational emphasis. We'll come together at 5:00 for a celebration service, followed by a "dessert fellowship" with the church family bringing tasty treats to share. Encourage your friends and family to participate!

Let Brock know of your interest to sing in the choir on the evening of November 14. Rehearsals take place Wednesdays at 6:30. You are invited and encouraged to participate.

I am so thankful for our church family. Honestly, I know of no other church like Alsbury! I consider it more than a privilege, but a great honor to be called "pastor" of this amazing congregation of God's people. Thanks for the joy!

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

The time for all midweek evening activities has changed! Remember, Wednesday ministry now takes place at 6:30!

- **Daylight Saving Time ENDS**
- on Saturday Night, November 7.
- Turn your clocks BACK one hour
- when you go to bed that night.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Alsbury participates with Samaritan's Purse in OCC by providing shoe-boxes filled with gifts for children around the world. As a church, we will collect shoe-box gifts on Sunday, November 14th as part of our Multi-generational Celebration.

KIDS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Rehearsals for Alsbury's Kids Christmas Musical happen on Sundays at 5:00 pm. Contact Dawn Beaver, Susan Cloud, or Summer Garcia to learn more about how you and your kids can be part of this celebration of Jesus' birth.

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

There will be no activities at Alsbury on Wednesday, November 24th as families prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations. C.O.W. (Church On Wednesday) will resume on December 1st.

BAPTISM BASICS

The next baptism class will take place on Sunday, November 14th following the 10:30 worship service. Contact Mr. Gene at gene@alsburybaptist.com to sign up.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Help a family in need and make a buddy at Alsbury's Respite Night for parents of children with special needs. Even if you can't help as a buddy, you can help set up, clean up, or serve as a room host or hostess. The next PNO event will take place on November 27th. Contact Keara Kirk if you would like more information.

*¹ I will exalt you, O LORD,
for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
² O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.
³ O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me
from going down into the pit.
⁴ Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.
⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the
morning.
⁶ When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."
⁷ O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand
firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.
⁸ To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:
⁹ "What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the
pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?
¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my
help."
¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
¹² that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my
God, I will give you thanks forever.*

Psalm 30: 1-12 (NIV)

November is almost here. I am not real sure where September and October went. I look into November and see the heartbeat of Texas autumn on it's way with holiday season fast on it's heels. This year I am struck by Thanksgiving; yes the holiday, but more the emotion and action. What is the source of our thanksgiving? About what are

we truly thankful. I have been prompted to dig into a deeper thankfulness recently. Something beyond the thanks that traffic was not too bad today, thanks that the dog is house broken, or thanks the weather is cooling off. Things that are a bit more crucial to my purpose in this life. I am thankful my God is who He says He is, thankful my Creator sought my rebellious heart, thankful I have His provision to care for the family He has entrusted to me, and thankful that I am allowed fellowship in the Church (big "C"), which for me looks like the body at Alsbury.

That place is where worship comes from. When we can see our God in His character and His hand at work, we respond. Psalm 30 is a reminder for me to gaze at what He has done and anticipate what He is going to do. All the while I worship Him in thanksgiving.

May this November find you worshiping in thanks fresh and renewed! If you need a reminder Psalm 30 is a great place to go.

Your brother in Christ,
Brock

Songs we worship with:
-Exalted/Yahweh (Chris Tomlin)
-Lead Me to the Cross (Brooke Fraser/Hillsong)
-Majesty (Charlie Hall)

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

Blood Drive - Sunday, November 14

Our final blood drive of 2010 is scheduled! When we donate, we provide life-saving blood to Baylor University Medical Center, Cooks Children's Hospital, HCA of McKinney, Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, Centennial Medical Center, Eastland Memorial Hospital, JPS Health System and St. Paul Medical Center. We had 26 donors in September. Our goal for November 14 is 30! Eat a good breakfast before coming to church and plan to join folks from every generation as we save lives in North Texas!

Mission Trip Yard Sale Saturday, November 6


Clear out closets and the garage of stuff you really don't need or want and help send a team of folks to Reynosa, Mexico in December. Contact bj@alsburybaptist.com to arrange for pick-up of items you donate.

Newsletter On the Church Website

In an effort to reduce costs, Alsbury's newsletter will be available via email or on the church website (alsburybaptist.com) beginning January 2011. If you prefer to receive the newsletter by US mail, please contact Brenda Longley at the church office at 817-295-0134 or at brenda@alsburybaptist.com.

Parents' Night Out Saturday, October 30, 5 to 8

This month our ministry to families with special-needs children takes place on the last Saturday of October (Halloween) from 5 to 8. Parents get much-needed respite while their children enjoy three hours of recreation and playtime with new friends. This is a great place for meaningful ministry! Contact Keara Kirk at kearakirk@sbcglobal.net for information. You can enroll your children or you can commit to serve! You'll be glad you did!



2010 Alsbury Bass Classic!

Congratulations to Marty Strayhorn, champion of our after-work division, and to David Baird, 2010 Angler of the Year! Fishing events will resume in the spring. This winter, our annual men's overnight duck hunt will take place in early December. Men, we would love to have you involved!

2011 Church Budget Preparations

Committees and councils needs to begin discussion of their budgetary needs for the coming year. Scott Sharman will gladly help your team develop a reasonable and productive budget if needed!

ALSBURY EYES AND EARS

Every Sunday a team of watchmen keep an eye on the church property, keeping our people safe as they gather for worship and discipleship. Jim Francisco is looking for a few new team members. You can serve on a rotation basis. Your job is simply to be the eyes and ears of the Alsbury family. Contact Jim at shooting40@hotmail.com

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, November 14, 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.

Senior Adult Fellowship

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

Our consistent support of our church budget allows for continued ministry and missions through Alsbury Baptist Church. As we give to the Lord through the Alsbury budget we make a difference both today and for generations to come.

MONTHLY FACTS AND FIGURES

ATTENDANCE:

Ave. Sunday Small Group: 282
Ave. Weekend Worship: 381

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BUDGETS:

Support Required: \$39,000
Support Received: \$36,507

Unleashing the Vision:	\$8,468
Compassion International:	\$123
Mission Support:	\$4,219
Blackberry Fellowship:	\$5,346
Iglesia Comunidad:	\$1,278
Other Financial Support:	\$6,524

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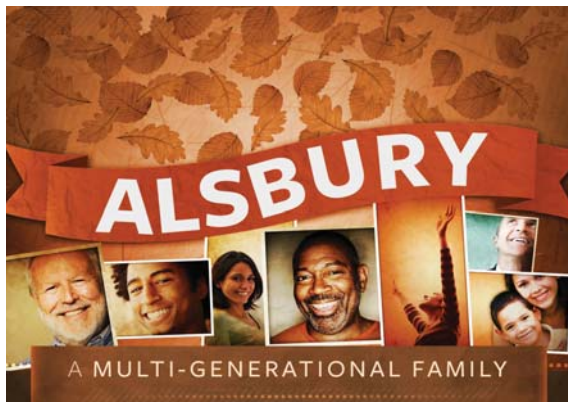
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**"A TRULY
MULTI-GENERATIONAL
CHURCH!"**



We are approaching the end of our church-wide emphasis of exploring what it means to have a truly multi-generational church. We will have an evening celebration on Sunday, November 14 that you will not want to miss!

Join us for this exciting time!