

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.
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Church Staff

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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Ministry Assistant

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Kendra Cox
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Mother's Day Out Director

Scott's Thoughts

Healthy churches are multi-generational churches! For the next seven weeks we will consider what the Bible has to say about the value of every individual and every generation as we seek to shore up our determination to see that Alsbury is a truly multi-generational church.

Some have asked what prompted this seven week, all-church emphasis. Some have wondered if conflict is the catalyst for our shared study. Not at all! This multi-faceted emphasis simply addresses our overall church health and will challenge us all to develop a deeper appreciation for everyone in our family.

This seven week emphasis will employ all five of the primary areas of our church life:

Worship – Music is being selected to help individuals from every generation blend their hearts and voices in worship and exaltation of our Lord Jesus. Messages are being prepared to help us all more fully realize that God intends for his church to be multi-generational.

Discipleship – Sunday morning small groups will be blended to allow individuals from every generation

to more fully appreciate the views and experiences of others with whom we live in community.

Fellowship – Two all-church fellowship events will take place. Mark your calendars for October 3 and November 14 for table games, Wii tournaments and a general time of simply getting to know one another better. A sign-up sheet at our welcome center will allow you to commit to hosting a meal in your home for two other families and for sharing the evening in their homes as well.

Ministry – Various ministry projects to senior adults in our community will be promoted and our participation will be encouraged.

Mission – As in everything we do, our ultimate goal is to encourage people of every generation to know God through personal faith in Christ.

We will incorporate additional elements into this emphasis as a means for connecting people of every generation. You'll hear the details each Sunday for the next seven weeks.

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

The mission of Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. 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.

CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING

The Alsbury Kids Ministry in cooperation with ABC Mother’s Day Out is hosting a training session on Monday, October 4th at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$20 per person.

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. Contact Keara Kirk if you would like more information.

³⁶Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2: 36-47 (NIV)

It is a true joy to be a part of the fellowship of believers at Alsbury! My observation is that the relationships here are genuine and intentionally driven by a desire to grow into the image of Christ. So many things about our interaction put a smile on my face. Your sacrifice, unity, and humility are clear fruits of heart commitments to the things of God’s word. Are we perfect? By no means! So why do I offer this encouragement? Because when we are

weak we desire to strengthen those areas. One area on which we are placing great emphasis as we end 2010 together is our unity generational lines. As Alsbury has grown strong in following a mission for reaching the community of Burleson our body has grown accustomed to distinguishing generational differences into separation of fellowship. Particularly, the early church worshipped together, served together, learned together, with the model of inter-generational families as it’s example. “The promise is for you and your children and for all...whom the Lord our God will call.” In a time where church trends say that serving all generations within a church is impossible, we are going to seek to strengthen Alsbury with the biblical example in mind. May we all find a love for our fellow believers regardless of differences, just as a healthy family does. This is the example of Christ and I am proud to say that we are being led to run after this goal. As we are asked to stretch how we have done “church” to care for our family, let us be patient and encouraging.

This October holds an opportunity to learn and grow in a way that could impact not only our community but the body of Christ far outside the walls of Alsbury. It is no doubt an exciting time! Pray that we follow our Father’s leading in all that we do.

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.

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**Mission Trip to Mexico:
Dec 27 ~ Jan 1**

**\$25 deposit
due NOW!**

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Nov 6 - Yard Sale

Nov 21 - Take Home Lunch

Wanna stay connected? Get plugged in by signing up for our text messaging service to receive youth ministry related info and updates. Email me (bj@alsburybaptist.com) or text me (817-709-9283) with your name, cell #, and carrier.

Teen Connect Groups

Join us every Sunday night from 5-7pm as we eat, hang out and encourage each other in the Lord!

MIDDLE SCHOOL meets at the Jennings house 1400 Cherokee Rose Ln

HIGH SCHOOL meets at the Teer's house 1013 Linden

HARVEST HOUSE FOOD DRIVE

Each Sunday in October, November and December we will gather non-perishable food items for the Harvest House in Burseson. Basic items for collection include peanut butter, dried beans, rice, canned vegetables, cooking oils, sugar, flour, corn meal and similar items. A collection box will be displayed in the church foyer.

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.

**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.

Taste of Alsbury

Saturday, October 23, 4 to 7

This annual outreach event allows our friends, family and neighbors to get a taste of what Alsbury small groups are all about. Your small group will host a table or booth, serving up delectable tidbits and snacks. Ask your small group leader how you can help!

Strong support of our church budget allows for continued ministry and missions to take place 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.

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 brennda@alsburybaptist.com.



2010 Alsbury Bass Classic!

Only two events remain in the 2010 season.
Monday, October 4, 5:30 on Lake Alvarado.
Saturday, October 16, on Squaw Creek.

MIKE ON MISSION

Please pray for Mike Newton as he heads out on mission in October. To find out more and to learn how you can support, please visit: www.mikesmission.wordpress.com



**Quarterly Church
Conference**

Sunday, October 10, 6:00

Celebrating what God has done through the Alsbury family over the previous three months and planning ahead for even more.

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

Senior Adult Fellowship

Saturday, October 9, 11:00 a.m.

MONTHLY FACTS AND FIGURES

ATTENDANCE:

Ave. Sunday Small Group: 304
Ave. Weekend Worship: 440

BUDGETS:

Support Required: \$39,000
Support Received: \$41,337

Unleashing the Vision: \$18,811
Compassion International: \$221
Mission Support: \$5,538
Blackberry Fellowship: \$1,959
Iglesia Comunidad: \$1,534
Other Financial Support: \$6,808

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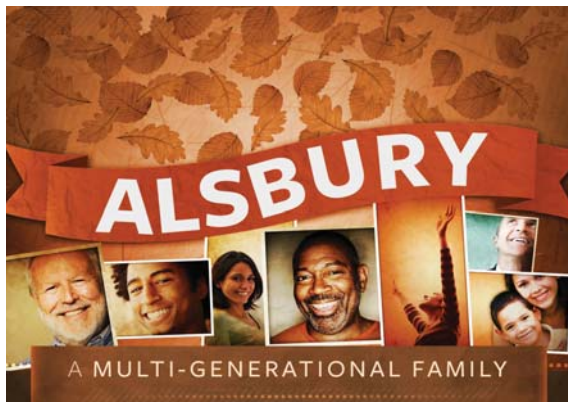
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This church-wide emphasis (October 2 through November 14) will utilize **worship, discipleship, ministry, missions** and **fellowship** opportunities to challenge a "rethinking" of our church culture and practice.

Join us for this exciting time!