

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.
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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

Thank you for the amazing privilege of representing Alsbury in Andernach, Germany and Morogoro, Tanzania for three weeks in July. We witnessed what can only be described as a "knitting together of hearts and minds" among the three congregations that served together. This reality has the fingerprints of God all over it!

At the same time that ten people from Alsbury served in Morogoro Baptist Church, Morogoro, Tanzania, eleven people served in the orphanage we partner with in Reynosa, Mexico! While in Africa our group was deeply moved by the realization that German, American and Tanzanian believers were praying for Alsbury missionaries serving at that very moment in Mexico. From nine thousand miles away we took our Alsbury Mexico mission team to the Lord, asking for protection and provision. The reality that Alsbury has a significant missions commitment was crystal clear to our group at that moment!

Following our Sunday worship service in Morogoro, Tanzania five people made professions of faith in Christ. Four were adults and one was a teenager. Four come from Muslim backgrounds. One woman who professed faith in Christ is the matron

of the high school our group taught at. One of the men was a co-laborer in our construction team that dug ditches for the foundation of a dormitory at the high school. Relationships were established on earth that resulted in eternal relationships in the Kingdom of God! What an amazing experience! I'm so very grateful for the generosity of the Alsbury family that made it all possible!

I'm also thankful to the three men who accepted the teaching responsibilities for Alsbury worship services while I was away. Sean Walker, Jerrell Elston and R.G. Parkinson were used by God to teach in Texas while our group was used by God to teach in Germany and Tanzania. God has certainly blessed our church family with many gifted, talented and competent individuals!

In October we will provide structured opportunities for significant ministry and mission work right here in Burleson as we focus on a challenge to become a truly multi-generational church family. I look forward to ministering alongside you! Watch for details.

I am one of the most fortunate men around because of the relationship I share with you, my Alsbury family. I thank God daily for you!

Make note of a time change for midweek evening activities effective Wednesday, August 25 - Changing from 6:00 to 6:30!

A FELLOW TRAVELER

Brenda and I received a call from our adoption case worker while we were driving to Missouri letting us know we needed to update paperwork. More money was going to be due very soon. I spent the rest of the drive asking God if we were following his plan for adopting a little one from China. During our trip, I spent time with three children from China who found their forever families in the USA and my doubts melted. When we arrived home, I went through my mail at church. I opened a small envelope and found a card from an anonymous "fellow traveler." In the card was a cashier's check for three times the amount we needed. Did I mention that the card was mailed two days before we learned we needed the funds? It would have arrived in my mailbox at church on the day our case worker called. To our fellow traveler, thank you and know that God has used you to encourage us along the way. To all of our friends, let this story serve as a reminder that when God calls us to do something, he will make it possible. All glory to our God and Savior Jesus Christ! Follow the events surrounding our adoption on our blog at <http://longleyadoption.blogspot.com/>.

KIDS GARDEN

Do you feel led to help young children grow to know and worship Jesus? Alsbury's Kindergarten Sunday School class may be the perfect place for you to serve! Contact Mr. Gene about this and other opportunities to serve in the Alsbury Kids ministry.

NEW C.O.W. TIME

Beginning August 25th, all Wednesday evening activities including "Church On Wednesday" (aka COW) will take place from 6:30-7:30 pm. COW happens in Room 202.

HOT SAUCE CLEARANCE!

Support the Alsbury Kids ministry, clean out Mr. Gene's office, and enjoy a spicy addition to your table! Purchase bottles of Pepper Sauce, Jalepeno Gold Sauce, or Chipotle Sauce for \$2.50 a bottle. Proceeds will support the Alsbury Children's ministry.

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Psalm 139:13-16 (NIV)

Many of you know about the blessing that Jordan and I have received the last few months. We celebrate each day what God is doing in molding and shaping our new little one. We thank Him for the privilege and responsibility of being parents. We get anxious about what is to come, and we prepare our home for the changes.

As happened with the growth and birth of our first child, Joshua, I have become increasingly

aware of God's sovereignty and detail. This passage from Psalms speaks with a renewed meaning to my heart. What a great God we serve that before the physical form of our new baby ever started to grow, He had begun a plan for his or her life. We are not guaranteed perfect health, long life, or any of our expectations to be met with this little one on the way. But we will rejoice that God's works are wonderful; my child is His creation meticulously and fearfully crafted to meet every standard He has for the plan He makes. So, now we wait and we worship! Glory to God our Creator for His matchless grace. Do you see it all around you?

This August, be open to the hand of our Creator in your everyday!

Your brother in Christ,
Brock

- Songs we worship with:
- You Hold Me Now (Hillsong United)
 - Lead Me to the Cross (Brooke Fraser/Hillsong)
 - New Doxology (Gateway)
 - Our God Saves (Paul Baloche)

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

ALSBURY
STUDENTS

Mission Trip Mexico

We're going back again! Casa Hogar Benito Juarez is a wonderful ministry in Reynosa, Mexico. Their ministry to the children of single mothers is a breath of fresh air in a poverty stricken community. This will be our church's 4th trip and we anticipate many more in the future.

Trip Dates: Dec 27 ~ Jan 1

We will have a pre-trip meeting for all who are interested in going on Aug 15th after the 3rd service in the youth room.

Lunch will be provided.

Comedian
Tim Hawkins

Funny man Tim Hawkins is coming live Sep. 17th at FBC Lewisville. If you haven't heard him before, he is hilarious. You don't want to miss this and it will likely sell out quickly...

Cost: \$10
(due Aug 15th)

International Missions Work

Following our all-church fellowship Sunday night several people expressed an interest in participating in future international mission trips. A trip to Reynosa, Mexico is being coordinated for late December, 2010. A return to Morogoro, Tanzania, Africa is currently planned for July, 2011. Pray about joining others from Alsbury in international missions.

Senior Adult Fellowship

Saturday, August 14, 11:00 a.m.

Financial Peace University (FPU)

New Semester Begins Sunday, August 15

Several Alsbury families have been transformed because of FPU! You can experience the same as you learn and apply the proven principles of Christ-honoring financial discipline. Register for this 13 week small group this Sunday. Scholarships are available for any family for whom the registration fee makes participation impossible. We want to help you to experience financial freedom!



MEN'S MINISTRY 2010 Alsbury Bass Classic!

Summer is here and time on the water for fellowship and fishing with the men of Alsbury has certainly "heated up!" We'll fish Saturday, August 21. Contact David Baird (fishing@alsburybaptist.com) for information.

2:2:2 Connect Group

Scott Sharman leads this Sunday evening Connect Group, built upon the discipleship principle of 2 Timothy 2:2. This Sunday, August 8, we'll meet at 5:00 at the home of Charlie and Lisa Mitchell in the Itasca/Covington area. Following group discussion we'll enjoy bratwurst, hotdogs and a trap shoot! Clay pigeons will be provided. Bring side dishes or desserts as well as your shotgun and a few boxes of shells. With dove season just a month away this is a great chance to clear some wingshooting cobwebs!

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, September 19, 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.

Because of strong support of our church budget we were able to make several modifications to our 2010 ministry budget. One significant adjustment was a doubling of budgetary contributions to our Unleashing the Vision fund, from \$1,500 a month to \$3,000. Our continued financial support allows us to minister today and prepare for an even greater impact tomorrow.

MONTHLY FACTS AND FIGURES

ATTENDANCE:

Ave. Sunday Small Group: 278
Ave. Weekend Worship: 357

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BUDGETS:

Support Required: \$39,000
Support Received: \$39,826

Unleashing the Vision: \$1,900
Compassion International: \$320
Mission Support: \$3,125
Blackberry Fellowship: \$4,581
Iglesia Comunidad: \$2,346
Other Financial Support: \$5,216

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**"A TRULY
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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.

Watch for Details!