



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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Pastor of Worship

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Ministry Assistant

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Mother's Day Out Director

Scott's Thoughts

This Sunday we arrive at the point in our "Fruit of the Spirit" study where we deal with each characteristic of the evidence of a Spirit-led life, one-by-one. I hope we can come away from this teaching series with a very clear understanding of what a life lived under the influence of the Holy Spirit looks like.

Several weeks ago I was challenged by a comment made by Dr. Jimmie Nelson, a longtime professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, as he addressed Paul's teaching on the fruit of the Holy Spirit. In essence he reminded me that a follower of Christ should, in increasing measure over a lifetime, demonstrate each of the qualities Paul listed. If those characteristics are not present it is certainly due to a silencing, or restraining of the Spirit of God.

I was deeply convicted! I know the listing of these evidences of the Spirit's presence. I can recite them, as most believers can, from memory. I was convicted because I can't say that I experience such manifestation of the Spirit's presence on a daily basis.

Honestly, I too often see evidence of the old man rather than the new. Not liking what I see I thought it wise to really dig into what each of these "evidences" are, what the manifestations are, and what my personal life will look like when I truly walk in obedience and surrender to the Holy Spirit.

I hope the teaching series has already been of some benefit to you. I really hope that the next segment of Paul's letter to the Galatians will challenge us all to live a truly surrendered life to the Spirit of God. I believe it can change our lives! I believe it can change our church! I believe it can change our community!

We are so very, very close to completing our expanded church parking lot! We have been able to do this, at a cost of close to \$190,000, because of our faithful and regular contributions to our Unleashing the Vision fund. Last Sunday, working my way through a very crowded hallway, I was reminded of our need for additional space. Every dollar we contribute to Unleashing the Vision takes us one step closer to construction. Please, remember to give whatever you can, above and beyond your church budget support, to Unleashing the Vision. Offering envelopes are located in the racks on the back walls of our worship center.

You are an amazing people. I am a blessed man to be part of such an incredible church family. I thank God daily for the privilege of serving as pastor.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Girls Night Out

Dinner & A Movie,

February 19th, Meet @ the church at 6:30pm

Scrapbook Night

(Bring pictures, scrapbook supplies & snack to share)

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

Do you know how to crochet or knit (or sew)? If you do not, and had always had a desire to learn either, now is your chance and for free. The Women's Ministry has a Crafts for Missions group to make projects, throughout the year, for various supported Alsbury Baptist Church missions, local community, and any others as needed. Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9:00-11:00. Please join us.

You may contact Vera Rogers at 817-715-6777, Vera247@sbcglobal.net.

Keno

(Bring \$10 themed gift and a snack to share)

February 22nd, 6:30pm, March 22nd, 6:30pm and
April 26th, 6:30pm

If you have any questions or you need more information, please contact Lorie Baird.

loriebaird@sbcglobal.net

Bunco

(Bring \$15 gift and a dish to share)

First Monday of the Month (unless a holiday)
February 1st, March 1st, April 5th

If you have any questions or you need more information, please contact Roxie Milsap

at 817-295-1156.

Ladies as you can see this spring is full of opportunities. I hope you are able to join us for some of these activities and get to know other ladies in the church. I pray that through some of these activities that you will be able to build friendships with other women and I encourage you to bring your friends who do not know the Lord to a safe and non-threatening time where they can experience Jesus through the wonderful group of women here at Alsbury.

Alsbury KIDS

EXTENDED SESSION

If you love to hold babies or play with toddlers, this is your dream area of service! You can serve in Alsbury's Preschool Ministry one Sunday every three months as part of the Extended Session Team. The 2010 schedule is being developed right now! You can serve during the 9:15 or 10:30 worship sessions. Sign up during Sunday morning Bible studies or contact Brenda Longley at brenda@alsburybaptist.com or call 817-295-0134 to join the team today!

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.

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.

ALSBURY STUDENTS

A Birthday to Celebrate

Let me tell you about Kevin. He has a birthday coming up and will be eleven years old on the 21st of this month. He lives in Southern Guayaquil, Ecuador. He lives with both of his parents and is one of six siblings. He doesn't play video games but he loves to play marbles and other group activities. His house has a cement floor, bamboo walls, and a tin roof. He is important to us here at Alsbury because he is the child that our youth group sponsors through Compassion International. Our \$38 per month provides Kevin with Bible teaching, medical check-ups, health education, recreational activities, academic reinforcement and vocational training. It also provides educational workshops for Kevin's parents. The impact of our support cannot be measured by Kevin's life alone. The \$38 will have a residual effect that will bless and impact Kevin's children and future generations. Every 3rd Sunday is Dollar Sunday. If every teen in our ministry will give just one or two dollars, it will more than meet our goal every month. Please participate with us and encourage others to do the same.

Feb 28 - NO YOUTH CONNECT GROUPS!
Youth Workers Meeting @ Teers from 5-7

Feb 12 - Late Nite Broomball!
\$10 per person. Leave @ 9:30 from Church.
Back by 11:45

Feb 21 - Dollar Sunday
for Birthday Boy Kevin Pincay!

THE WORSHIP CORNER

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

~Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

We talk a lot about following God's will for our lives. We make commitments to be ready to go where He says go, and prayerfully petition Him for that guidance and direction. We know that the Holy Spirit lives in us and acts as our conscience on spiritual decisions urging our hearts toward God honoring behavior, and it is then left up to us to follow through or to fall back into the patterns of the flesh. Yet, how do we grow in this area of our spiritual journey, what allows us to hear His leading more clearly? How do we move confidently upon His prompting?

Scripture tells us that it begins with surrender, an offering of our complete self to God, our worship. When our motivations and agendas are out of the way, then His are apparent in much greater fashion. We are called to cast off the influence of the flesh, living a life that is abnormal and contradictory to the standard of the world. If our minds are to turn away from the things of this world, where does our focus go? To the face of our Father. Practically said,

you will think about the things that interest you the most. Desiring to turn our affections to the God that first loved us is our goal. As we grow in our Father and turn our attention to Him, the natural response is to develop an interest in the things He cares about.

Think about this. As you grow a friendship with someone, it is a complex interaction of learning their likes and dislikes, sacrificing personal gain and motivation to see the other person happy, and the time spent with them is mutually enjoyable. We must spend time with our Father to see similar results in that most intimate of relationships.

As we seek to follow God's plan for Alsbury in February and beyond, let us surrender ourselves in worship, turn our attentions to Him, and give God the time he deserves in our relationship with Him. May we hear His voice above all other sounds, even if He chooses to whisper!

Your brother in Christ,
Brock

Songs we worship with:
-Days of Elijah (Robin Mark)
-No Other Gods (David Moffit)
-How He Loves (John Mark McMillan)

The ABC's of ABC

Our next session of the ABC's of ABC will be Sunday, January 31, 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.

January Facts and Figures to Date

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| Ave. Sun. Small Group Attendance – | 304 |
| Ave. Sun. Worship Attendance – | 355 |
| Budget Support Required – | \$36,000 |
| Budget Support Received – | \$32,629 |
| Unleashing the Vision - | \$2,255 |
| Missions Support - | \$710 |
| Compassion International - | \$188 |
| Blackberry Community - | \$4,208 |
| Iglesia Comunidad de Burleson – | \$772 |
| Other Financial Support - | \$5,187 |

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.

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, February 1, after work on Lake Alvarado; Saturday morning, February, 20, on Lake Granbury. Contact David Baird david.baird@appliedehs.com or Scott Sharman scottsharman@sbcglobal.net for information.

Saturday, Feb 6, 8:00. Men's Breakfast Returns! James Guthrie, coordinating.

Wild Game Banquet – Saturday, February 6! Our annual Wild Game Banquet promises to be our best yet! We'll enjoy duck, deer and other delicious meats from the excursions of some of our men, as well as an assortment of side dishes and other meats for those who prefer a little adventure. Scott Whitson, pastor of Cross Timber Baptist Church in Burleson, will bring a challenge. Scott is a gifted communicator and you will be glad you were there! Women are welcome so bring your wife or significant other! It will be a great night!

BLOOD DRIVE! – Sunday, February 7 – Our goal is to exceed the 36 participants who gave 32 pints of blood in December! Alsbury is consistently one of the top donation points among churches for Carter Blood Center! Let's set new records in 2010 and save many, many lives! Eat a good meal before coming to church and visit the Carter collection center on the Alsbury parking lot.

Senior Adult Fellowship

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

Connect Groups

New Connect Groups are forming. Get connected now! Contact Marty Strayhorne for more information!

Young Couples Connect Group meets every Wednesday night at 308 Vera Drive at 6 pm with the Newtons.

Singles Connect Group- Contact: Dan & Kay Shelton at 817-879-4411, Meet on Sunday Evenings at 5:00 pm

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Equipping people to serve God in the Spirit's power.*

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has a new web site for you!

come check it out!

www.alsburybaptist.com

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the upcoming days. Be sure to check back often!

*The goal of the web site is to provide the Alsbury family and guest with useful and up-to-
date information pertaining to ministry, missions, support, events, programs, contacts,
communication and much more!*

see you online!