

*Sunday Morning
Schedule:*

8:00 Early Worship
9:15 ... Midmorning Worship
10:30 Late Worship

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

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Pastor of Discipleship

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Scott's Thoughts

Another year of ministry is drawing to a close and a new year is set to unfold. Allow me to challenge you in three ways as we peer into 2010.

First, give something to God. It takes almost \$10,000 a week to fund the ministry and missions of our church. Staff salaries, mission support, plus ongoing and seasonal ministry efforts are all funded by our weekly budget contributions. Like all families and businesses, we have electric and water bills to pay. If you have not been a regular contributor to the work of the Lord through Alsbury, please begin to prayerfully support our ministry. One of the most troubling things I see as a minister is the reality that some people enjoy the opportunities afforded by the church but don't share in making it possible through their financial support. Said another way, some of us expect an air-conditioned worship center but don't help to make that possible! Give regularly to the budget of the church.

Second, try something for God. Every person should have a personal place of meaningful ministry. Some places of service are very formal while others are informal. This year we will need

teachers, Vacation Bible School workers, committee members, plus a number of additional leaders and workers to make this ministry function. Here is an example of an informal place of service. Have you ever considered making it your responsibility to replace a trashcan liner when you notice the can is full, taking the trash to the dumpster? Have you ever considered working in a church flower bed, providing the community with a beautiful sight as they drive by our facilities? I can help you find a meaningful, productive place of personal ministry!

Third, expect something from God. Our ministry depends upon the presence and power of God. Frankly, I am not very interested in accomplishing what we can do in our own strength! I want to see what can only be explained as the supernatural presence of the Lord! When we put out hands to ministries and missions that demand more than we can collectively give, we trust the Lord to provide. That is exactly what He intends to do! As 2010 unfolds, I am trusting God to show up in power. I believe he wants to do the indescribable and unimaginable through the people known as Alsbury Baptist Church!

No Midweek
Activities on
Wednesday,
December 30

*We Welcome Our Newest
Members to the Alsbury Family!*

By Letter ~Kevin, Alicia, Sheldon, Reese and Lucas McConnell

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.

Worship & Music Update

17Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NIV)

Happy New Year! It is January and the first month of 2010. Yet, I assume that is not particularly "new" news to you. This time of the year is called New Years, because our calendar starts fresh for another cycle. But, what makes something new? New might otherwise be defined as novel, a recent purchase, unused, something unfamiliar or strange, the opposite of former or old, and even occurring afresh. My favorite explanation for the meaning of new is "of recent origin." "Of recent origin..." I like to call that a beginning.

We are embarking on a journey, right now, that has the opportunity to be your most profound, exciting, impacting, adventure of all the years that have come before it. Why wouldn't we take the opportunity to place all of our direction, motivations, goals, wishes, hopes, dreams, failures

and successes in God's hands and make 2010 a year where we truly become the righteousness of God? Things unfamiliar and strange will cross our paths, as is normal on a new journey, but those things will not be strange for God. We will be called to truly carry the message and ministry of reconciliation, which requires a great sacrifice of self in order to love and forgive as God does. Let us remember how we are called to live! After all we just celebrated the birth of our Savior here on earth, who came to die, that we may have a new life in Him. As brothers and sisters in Christ we know that we are not chained to sin, but freed to walk in communion with God. Let 2010 be a year where we live as the new creation of God through His grace and the sacrifice of our Savior King.

Father, let us desire to surrender to you ownership of our lives as we adventure into January and a new year in You!

Your brother in Christ,
Brock

Songs we worship with:

-Days of Elijah (Robin Mark)

-No Other Gods (David Moffitt)

-Joy to the World *Unspeakable Joy*(Chris Tomlin)

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

Alsbury Kids

Thanks, Partner

Thank you to everyone who expressed kindness and generosity for my tenth anniversary as Alsbury's children's pastor. Even more importantly, I want to thank the parents, grandparents, teachers, nursery workers, prayer warriors, custodians, video "guest stars," camp sponsors, VBS workers, etc. who make the Alsbury Kids ministry possible. I am truly blessed to have worked alongside such an amazing group of servants for over a decade. God uses each of you to impact future generations for his kingdom. May God continue to bless our ministry and the families we serve.

-Mr. Gene

CAMP KAOTIK 2010

It's almost time for Camp Kaotik! An informational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 10 following the 10:30 worship service. We will meet in the Children's Worship Room (room 202). Camp Kaotik, featuring Keith Coast, Uncle Charlie, Brandon Rushin, and Brent Weber will take place at Mt. Lebanon Encampment in Cedar Hill, TX on January 15-16. The cost is \$90. Price includes lodging, transportation, and two meals. Camp Kaotik is for 3rd-6th graders. See Mr. Gene for details.

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!

ALSBRURY STUDENTS

Youth Connect Groups
5-7 Sunday Nights
 Come and join us!

Here is where our groups meet...

Jr High- 849 Beaver Creek (Smiths' House)

High School- 1013 Linden (Teers' House)

***No Youth Connect Groups on Jan 3

STORM

(Students Taking On a Radical Mission)

Discipleship Weekend
JAN 29-31

more info coming soon...



No Midweek Activities on Wednesday, December 30

Has Alsbury had an Impact on Your Life?

We want to include written testimonials about how Alsbury has impacted lives in our monthly newsletter. If you would like to write a brief testimonial of your personal experience, e-mail scottsharman@sbcglobal.net.

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.

December Facts and Figures

Average Sunday Small Group Attendance	256
Average Weekend Worship Attendance	325
Budget Support Required	\$28,017
Budget Support Received	\$30,633
<i>Unleashing the Vision</i>	\$3,020
<i>Compassion International</i>	\$111
Missions Support	\$9,060
Blackberry Community Fellowship	\$4,970
Iglesia Comunidad de Burluson	\$1,482
Southside City Church	\$965
Other Financial Support	\$6,078

Senior Adult Fellowship; Saturday, January 9, 11:00 a.m.

Quarterly Church Conference - Sunday, January 10 at 6:00 pm. A fellowship meal will be part of our evening together!

A New Semester of Financial Peace University begins in January! Many Alsbury families have benefited from this proven approach to the rapid elimination of debt and the purposed use of personal income. A new session of FPU begins January 24! Free preview sessions will be provided at 7:00 on Wednesday, January 6, and 5:00 on Sunday, January 10. The thirteen-week session of Financial Peace University will begin Sunday, January 31 at 5:00.

Personal financial counseling is available through Rick Maynard. Rick has been trained in financial counseling through Dave Ramsey's organization. To investigate this opportunity you may contact Rick directly at rick_maynard@sbcglobal.net.

December Blood Drive Results! – 36 participants gave 32 pints of blood, providing for the emergency needs of 96 people! Well done, Alsbury!

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