



# BROOKS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Methodist Messages

CONNECT... GROW... SERVE!

**Experience the Power of Easter with us!**

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### Resurrection

*“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”* Mark 16:8

In my ten years of ministry I have seen many different types of resurrection. I have sat with countless brothers and sisters as they have looked into the abyss that was their immediate future and helped them navigate through darkness of the night. Over the course of time I have always been amazed and awed by the power of God’s grace and love transforming not only the situations but his transformation of my brothers and sisters as well.

*This month we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ and His bringing victory over sin and death.*

I have lived the following words of Amy Grant’s latest song, *“The woman holding on for life, the dying man giving up the fight, are better than a Hallelujah sometimes. The tears of shame for what’s been done, the silence when the words won’t come, are better than a hallelujah.”*

However, I have also cried over loved ones who could never accept God’s grace and were continually swallowed up by the temptations and difficulties of this world. I pray for them especially at Easter, and hope that through the proclamation of the angels and saints that Christ is risen indeed, they will feel and know the love that drives the darkness out of our lives.

I pray that they will be resurrected in this world and in the reality in which they struggle. My heart breaks for those who lay trapped in tombs of anger and greed; tombs of selfishness and hatred. People are held prisoner in tombs of many different shapes and sizes made up of varying types of sin and emotions.

This month we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ and His bringing victory over sin and death. This Easter let’s run from the tomb shouting victory over evil and freedom from oppression for all. This Easter let’s commit to running from these tombs of captivity to the living tombs of our loved ones proclaiming, “Life abundantly awaits them, Christ is risen indeed.”

In the hollow of his hand,

*Derek*



Our walking group will take a break over the summer. Our last day to walk together will be on Wednesday, May 26th.



**April 1—Maundy Thursday**  
Service 7:00 pm

**April 2—Good Friday**  
Service 7:00 pm

**April 4—Easter Sunday**

7:00 am—Sunrise Service

at Brooks Cemetery

Breakfast at Hardy Hall

sponsored by

Brooks Christian Church

following Sunrise Service

Easter Worship

at Brooks UMC

9:00 Contemporary Service

11:00 am Traditional Service

*Bring a cutting from a flower, bush or tree for our cross by the front door. This symbolizes resurrection,*

**Easter  
'Egg'stravaganza  
Saturday  
April 3rd,  
3:00—4:30 pm**

Bring your Easter basket and join us for a fun afternoon of egg hunting, crafts, games and Tater the Clown! Tater is a professional clown that does clown magic and appears at all the Georgia Tech Home games.

*Invite your family, friends and neighbors!*





### JOIN OUR TEAM!

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday April 6th at 7:00 pm. Please join us to honor and remember good friends and loved ones and those still fighting the good fight, to either join the team or participate in the walk this year. If you have any questions, call John Kennedy at 770-719-8176.



### Men's Breakfast

The men's group meets each 'first Sunday of the month' for breakfast and a devotion. However, in April there will be a community breakfast at Hardy Hall so we will not have a men's breakfast in April.

Please plan on joining us in May for good food and fellowship at 7:30 am.



## Brooks Methodist Women

### Ladies' Dinner Out—April 8th

Instead of going to lunch in April, we will go to dinner at the Carrabba's in Peachtree City on Thursday, April 8th. Sign up in the narthex. We will meet at the church at 6:30 pm or at the restaurant at 7:00 pm.

### Evening Coffee - April 16th

#### Ladies' Inspirational Speaker, Mary Lou Miller

All ladies are invited to attend our evening coffee on Friday, April 16th, at 7:00 pm. Invite a friend!

### Adult Fellowship

We will be visiting the Oakland Cemetery on April 15. Adult tickets are \$10.00 / seniors \$5.00. We will lunch at the "Six Feet Under" restaurant. Come see the burial site of Margaret Mitchell and others. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Fisher. Meet at the church to leave at 9 am.

## Wednesday Night Suppers

Remember the reservation forms are in the black attendance books, in the Narthex and you call the church office or you can email them to [brookschurch@bellsouth.net](mailto:brookschurch@bellsouth.net) by noon on Monday.

**April 7** Chicken Lasagna, Cooked Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

**April 14** Barbeque Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Cherry Cobbler

**April 21** Chicken in Cream Sauce, Noodles, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Banana Pudding

**April 28** Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Cherry Cobbler

## FINANCIAL SEMINAR APRIL 24TH 1:00—5:00 PM

A Financial Seminar will be held at the church on **Saturday, April 24th**, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The seminar will include valuable information. Topics to be discussed are: wills, final wishes, long-term-care insurance, annuities, tax information, trusts, giving and many other vital topics. There will be something for everyone. The presenters are professionals from the church and the Atlanta area.

Don't miss this valuable seminar. It is free to everyone but we do need you to make reservations so that we will know how many people to set up for. **Please call Nancy Currier at 404-702-5741 to make your reservation.** Please feel free to bring guests with you...we just need a reservation for them too.

Don't miss this opportunity to ask those important questions you always wanted to but never got around to asking.

### APRIL

Prayer Concerns



**Bob Peterson, Family of Candice Smith, Family of Michael Shadle John Watson** (*Cousin of Sandra Hildebrand*), **Dan Nuckles** (*Cousin of Sandra Hildebrand*), **Marsha Mayfield** (*Friend of Gail Hayes*), **Amanda Riley** (*Niece of Lori Cummings*), **Family of Mike Sweeney** (*Friend of Petersons*), **Patsy Yarbrough** (*Cousin of Dan Langford*) **Mary Goss** (*Grandmother of Kirk Goss*), **Shirley Cooper** (*Sister of Susie Wiggin*), **Jason Roberts** (*Friend of Mask Family*), **Elizabeth Grace Cooke** (*Friend of Tibbetts Family*), **Family of Karen Gable** (*Cousin of Rick Gable*), **Sandy and Roy Collins** (*Friend of Richard Currier*), **Larry Thomas, Carole McLaughlin, O'Kasidee Thomas Gary Cooper, Rhonda Stapleton, Mike Jenkins, Earl and Georgia Rogers, Rondah Hardy, Rev. Lesley and Dan Langford, Rev. Derek Porter, Dr. Howard Wright (D.S.), Michael Watson (Bishop) The Sims Family,** (*Missionaries*)

## Welcome to Generation E

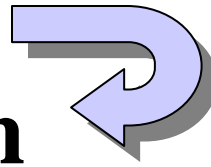
"Generation E" stands for the three E's of sustainability; ecology, sustainable economies and social equity. It also stands for a tremendous amount of energy and excitement on college campuses as students unite in working on sustainability issues. They are discovering the connection between human practices and sustainability.



It is terrific that college students are focusing on sustainability! We all need to be in "Generation E". One way is to "think outside of the bottle". Reject bottled water. Tap water in most communities is safe and provided essentially free compared to expensive and unregulated bottled water. Many mayors and governors are eliminating the cost of providing bottled water and directing the savings toward maintaining public water systems. An audit revealed San Francisco was spending \$500,000 on bottled water.



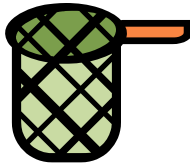
# A Word from



Vacation Bible School  
June 28—July 2  
Save the Date!!!

Kids  
Let Down Your Nets.....

## La Grange District Children's Day



LaGrange First UMC  
Saturday, April 17th, 10:00 am—1:00 pm  
(Meet at Brooks UMC at 8:45 am to board the bus!)  
Grades K—5th

Big Room Worship  
Skits  
Fun and Games... it will get messy

Registration: \$5.00 per child, includes lunch and a goodie bag.

Mission Focus: Haiti Relief Efforts!

Please also bring a monetary donation for the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. Sign up in the narthex or call Rev. Lesley to register by April 11th.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS @ KIDSTREET

**Sunday School:** Kidstreet Live! (9:45—10:45 am)

**Kidstreet Children's Worship:** (Children ages 3 through 3rd grade leave after the children's sermon during the 11:00 Service)

*During the month of April, our theme will be "Friendship".*

Many kids have figured out on their own that "friends come and friends go," but they need someone to teach them "a true friend sticks by you like family". (Proverbs 18:24) Through the lens of Easter, the children will learn that there is no better friend than Jesus.

**A true friend will love you no matter what.** Jesus explains His crucifixion and resurrection to a couple of mates on the trek to Emmaus (Luke 24).

**A true friend will help you believe.** Jesus makes a surprise appearance to help Thomas defeat his doubts. (John 20)

**A true friend will always make time for you.** Jesus makes breakfast on the beach for His fishing companions. (John 21)

**A true friend will always be your friend.** Jesus returns to heaven but will always be with us. ( Acts 1; Matthew 28)

Join us for  
**Kid KMotion**

Wednesdays  
6:45—8:00 pm

We will have fun, fellowship,  
games and Bible Stories



We are ready for spring. Ms. Amanda helped us plant radishes, carrots, and onions! Our radishes are up and growing now. Thank you Ms. Amanda Mowery!



We are learning our numbers and adding!  
The children are finding that numbers are fun!

**Our Preschool /PMO are now registering!**  
Call Lynn Lee for details!



Spring is a great time to learn all about nature, renewal of life and our love for the great outdoors!

Have a safe and super spring break!

With Christ's love,  
Ms. Lynn



*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6*



## Sundays @ the L.O.F.T.

### Fired Up!

April 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (6:00pm – 8:00pm)  
 April 25<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm – 8:00pm) Service Day



## BIRTHDAYS

Lance Thomas	4/1
Rachel Madrid	4/4
Bo Richbourg	4/5
Toni Cooper	4/8
Niel Langford	4/8
Jerry Stapleton	4/8
Kathy Robinson	4/9
Vicky Alexander	4/13
Nicholas Shadle	4/15
Mike Strickland	4/15
Joe Garrard	4/16
Hannah Gibbs	4/16
Jason Cutts	4/17
Mary Jo Leedy	4/17
Marge Counts	4/18
Marleigh Cummings	4/19
Hannah Shadle	4/19
Luke Shadle	4/19
Sarah Mason	4/20
Keli Compton	4/24
Marilyn McLaughlin	4/25
Tiffany Blount	4/28
Kelsey Dempsey	4/28
Jennifer Shadle	4/29

In April we will begin a new series called *Fired Up* during our teaching time!! Throughout the Christian journey, there are highs and lows, questioning and excitement. God must have known all that we would encounter, because Scripture provides us with resources to live a life on fire, to keep the flame burning, to make it through the fire, and to fan the flames into something even greater. After the teaching time, we will have our usual choices of games in the gym or hanging out in the L.O.F.T. to play games or participate in drama.

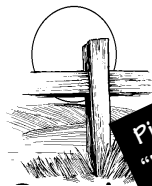
To put living a life on fire into action, we will be doing a Youth Service Project at the church parsonage on April 25th. We will be helping with landscaping and doing some clean-up jobs there. Meet at the church at 2:00pm to ride the bus together over to the parsonage. Later, we will come back to the church for a fellowship meal and a movie night with movie theater popcorn!!! No charge for food on the 25<sup>th</sup> if you participate in the Service Project! See you at the L.O.F.T. and let's get fired up!



## Wednesdays @ The L.O.F.T.

6:45 - 8:00pm  
 April 14th, 21st, 28th

Americans are growing up in a culture that places high emphasis on entertainment, politics and self. It's increasingly difficult for scriptural Truth to cut through the noise and sink into our hearts and minds. In these four video sessions, David Nasser uses the life of Paul to highlight how followers of Christ can stand up to cultural "norms" and stand firm in Christ.



2010 Confirmation  
 Rev. Porter, Otis Smith, Rev. Langford  
 Lydia Powell and Meredith Trimble

Pictures of Youth Drama  
 "Easter in Cricket County"



## D NOW 2010



# APRIL 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>Maudy Thursday 1</b> Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am Maudy Thursday Service 7:00 pm	<b>Good Friday 2</b> Good Friday Service 7:00 pm	3 Narcotics Anon 8 pm Easter 'Egg'stravaganza 3:00—4:30 pm
<b>EASTER SUNDAY 4</b> Sunrise Svc 7:00 am Breakfast at Hardy Hall Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am	5 Walk Group 9 am SPR 7:00 pm	6 Relay for Life Meeting 7:00 pm	7 Walk Group 9 am Thrift Shop Team 1:00 pm at Shop Dinner 6:00 – 6:45 pm Classes 6:45-8:00 pm	8 Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am Ladies' Dinner 6:30 pm Trustees 7 pm	9 Walk Group 9 am	10 Narcotics Anon 8 pm
Fayette County Spring Break 5th—9th						
11 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth LOFT 6:00-8:00 p Disciple 1 5:30-7:30 pm Disciple 2 6:00-8:00 pm	12 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am Scouts 7:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm	13 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm	14 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am Dinner 6:00 – 6:45 pm Classes 6:45-8:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	15 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am Adult Fellowship Tour Oakland Cemetery 9:00 am	16 Walk Group 9 am Ladies' Evening Coffee 7:00 pm	17 Brooks Day Brooks Day Activities in Community 1:00—6:00 pm Narcotics Anon 8 pm
Census Training at the Church April 12—16						
18 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am ASP Meeting 3:00 pm Youth LOFT 6:00-8:00 p Disciple 1 5:30-7:30 pm Disciple 2 6:00-8:00 pm	19 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am Scouts 7 pm Have double room and sanctuary.	20 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm	21 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am Dinner 6:00 – 6:45 pm Classes 6:45-8:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	22 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am	23 Walk Group 9 am	24 Narcotics Anon 8 pm Finance Seminar 1:00—5:00 pm
25 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth LOFT 2:00-8:00 p Disciple 1 5:30-7:30 pm Disciple 2 6:00-8:00 pm	26 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am MAY News Deadline Scouts 7 pm	27 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm	28 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am Dinner 6:00 – 6:45 pm Classes 6:45-8:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	29 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am Jenny Spradlin decorating includes Gym	30 Relay for Life at Fairgrounds Jenny Spradlin-Rehearsal and decorating includes Gym	