



BROOKS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Methodist Messages

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Rev. Sheila Crowe will complete the "Back to School / Back to Church" sermon series on Sunday, Sept. 12th.



Covered Dish

Please join us right after the 11:00 a.m. service for a covered dish luncheon that day. Please bring your favorite dish(es) and dessert(s) to share and join in this time of food and fellowship and to celebrate a renewal of our spirit-filled lives in God's service.



You have probably heard me tell the story of when I first learned about the financial struggles here at Brooks. I immediately began praying to God (or should I say I began telling God) about how to fix the problem when God spoke to me: "Prayer and Worship", Prayer and Worship." (Did you notice he had to tell me that more than once?)

Prayer is not something you do when there are no other options. It is not an after thought or an apology: "All I can do is pray." It is the very essence and life breath of the Christian life. It is our link and communication with God. It is the empowerment of God to live the changed life he has called us to live. And it is the greatest thing we can do for each other.

I believe God is calling us to intentional deep prayer. He is calling us to prayer for our church, prayer for our community, prayer for our world and prayer for each other. The prayer team here is wonderful but it is not enough. We all need to be involved in prayer whether you come on Thursday at 10:00 am or whether you pray at home, in your car or where ever you pray. Ephesians 6:18 says "Pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Notice it never said when or where, but always all kinds of prayers and keeping others in mind.

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I want to encourage you to keep a dialogue going with God. Talk to him about life and what is going on including the challenges, struggles and celebrations. He wants to hear from you and is ready to listen. I would like to ask you to make a covenant with the prayer team to pray for others. Each

month we will be praying for a group in our immediate community. In August it was for our teachers, specifically at Brooks Elementary. In September we will be praying for our church leaders. In October the focus will be for the leaders of the Boys and Girl Scouts in our community. In November we will pray for our public safety officials. Check the church calendar each month for our prayer focus. Then, please pray!

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY Intro Class on September 12th

Disciple classes to begin in September! If you have ever thought about taking a Disciple study, now is the time to sign up. We will be having an introductory meeting on Sunday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. If you are considering attending a study or are willing to lead a class, please attend this meeting.

If you are interested in Disciple, but unable to attend the intro class, please contact Linda Stanton or Sandy Hildebrand.

Kingdom Building Offering

We have been so blessed with wonderful buildings. These buildings help us truly to build the kingdom of God. Adults, children and youth come here and learn more about God.

We have just recently completed payment on our 2010 principal mortgage, but we don't want to wait until the last moment next year. So we will be taking up a Kingdom Building Offering each month in addition to our regular offering. Specifically marked envelopes will be placed in the bulletin on the third Sunday of each month. We hope you will take this opportunity each month to contribute to our Kingdom Buildings that we might continue to serve Him through our facilities.





News fromThe Mission Team

We have two exciting opportunities coming up to serve at our church:

1) We have 40 members of our church volunteering to serve 350-400 homeless people and clean up at the Trinity Soup Kitchen in Atlanta on September 5, 2010.

2) Calling all knitters! We are looking for individuals who would like to knit hats and scarves for those in need. We also need those who can crochet lap throws and baby blankets (afghans). We are starting a ministry to provide these items needed for premature babies and homeless people of all ages. Donations of yarn would also be appreciated. Please call Chandra if you are interested in helping with this ministry at 678-777-3084.



CREATION CARE REDUCE ~ REUSE ~ RECYCLE

It is a little thing, but little actions by many can make a difference. Bringing your own washable place settings to Wednesday night dinners or potluck meals saves on purchasing and using paper products. Since number 6 Styrofoam is not recyclable, a truly big environmental savings is at the landfill. So it is a bit of a pain to lug your own dishes, but for a small sacrifice, you can make a difference in our landfill size.

Congratulations Battery Recyclers!
Another 30 lbs of AA, AAA, C, D and other small batteries are on their way to a battery recycling center in Ellwood City, PA.



Thrift Shop News

In addition to our clothing and all the usual and unusual items we offer, we have some special items:

Piano—Very nice upright Grinnell Brothers Piano. You can see pictures on the bulletin board at the shop. Please call 770-631-0569 to arrange a time to see this outstanding buy at only \$250.00.

Oak Desk/Vanity—Unique piece for sale - only \$150.00

Glass—We have a large variety of glass pieces which would be fun to have or to give as gifts.

Amigo Scooter—This is an older model which runs, but needs a new battery.

Computer Desks—Basic—there are pictures on the bulletin

RETHINK SUNDAY SCHOOL



Think Sunday School is just for kids? Think again. Adult Sunday School provides an excellent opportunity to develop a deep relationship with God as well as with other Christians. Learn how to explore the Word of God deeper, how to apply it to everyday life, and how to develop the disciplines needed for spiritual growth, all in the context of a loving community. Come check out one or all of the following classes at 9:45 on Sunday mornings.

The Wesley Class is taught by Ron Shields and uses the Adult Bible Studies from Cokesbury. This curriculum has been used worldwide in the Methodist church for many years. There is no preparation required to attend this study although a student book is provided which provides further reading for each lesson as well as daily devotional readings. Each class stands alone and new members are welcome at any time. This class meets in the double room.

The Seekers Stress-Free Sunday School invites you to come learn, serve and grow Sundays at 9:45 am with our merry group of mid-lifers! No homework or preparation is required. Just be ready to enjoy lively discussions on scripture-based topics with a diverse group of caring folks. We pray together, serve together and socialize together at church and in the community. Join us on Sunday in the room just off the Narthex or contact Nancy Legg at 404-433-2621 / nrlegg@bellsouth.net to learn more.

The Friendship Class is about to embark on a new study, 'The Book of Mark', from the Cokesbury 'Journey Through the Bible' Series. This 13 week study is facilitated by several teachers who rotate through the schedule and involves much group discussion. The student workbook provides further opportunity for a 10-15 minute daily devotional. No preparation is needed for this class and new members are welcome at any time. This class meets in the bride's room.

College & Career is a discussion class comprised of young adults (ages approximately 18 to mid-twenties) who are currently enrolled in college or graduate school as well as young adults with careers. We are on a faith journey exploring our beliefs about current social issues. Currently, we are using the United Methodist Church's Social Principles as our source for discussion topics. Please join us each Sunday morning from 10:00 - 10:50. For more information, contact Sandy Hillenbrand.

Adult Fellowship

We will be going to Zoo Atlanta on Thursday, September 16th. We have 30 free adult tickets for entry to the zoo. The only cost for each person will be donating to put gas in the bus, the driver's lunch and your lunch.

Please sign up early to get your free ticket. Details about time, etc. will follow. The sign up sheet will be in the narthex. The church bus will only carry 32 people.





Sundays @ The L.O.F.T.
September 12th, 19th
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Join us at the L.O.F.T. for food, fellowship, fun, and a teaching moment. This month we will be exploring the "Core Truths" of our Christian faith.

After our teaching time, students have the choice of games in the gym, games in the L.O.F.T., or drama team.

Wednesdays @ The L.O.F.T.
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

During the month of September, we will finish our series on "A Well-Rounded Faith" and begin a new series called, "Did Jesus Really Say That?" On September the 8th, students will combine with the children from 7:00pm – 8:00pm for a presentation by a Zoologist. He will bring different creatures for us to look at and hold and talk about how we can be good stewards of creation.



Youth Bowling/Glow Golf Outing
September 26th

We will meet at the church at 3:00 pm. Turn in \$15.00 by September 19th to cover bowling, golf, and a meal at Steak 'N' Shake.

Friends are welcome and must have an activity release form signed by their parents.

Youth Fall Retreat
October 15 – 17

Deposit of \$37.50 due by Sept. 5th
Mark your calendars!

Our fall retreat will be held at the Whitewater Express Ocoee Camp in Copper Hill, Tennessee. The trip will include many exciting adventures including whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River, ropes course, paintball or horseback riding (to be decided by the group).

We will also use this opportunity to spend time in Scripture and grow closer in our walk with Christ. All adventure activities are led by trained and certified Whitewater express staff who are known for their high safety standards. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Lesley Langford.



Our preschool days are busy! We have welcomed new teachers and friends this year. The children enjoyed making "circle" brownies and eating "circle" doughnuts.

We have painted our hands, feet and we even used paint brushes.

We are blessed with these great children and their energy! We are having a super fun year earning.

With Christ's Love, Ms. Lynn

Children's Sunday School

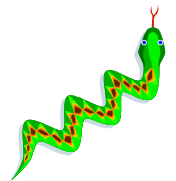
If your children love VBS, they will love our new Sunday School program for ages Pre-K - 5th grade that starts September 5th! Each month, we will have an exciting new theme with engaging activities that will encourage a strong biblical foundation in children. Our theme for September will be "God's Game Plan" which will focus on the role and function of the church. Each child will be given an exciting "Memory Maker" with the Scripture of the month printed on it to take home with them at the end of the month.



Wednesday Evenings @ KidStreet
6:30pm-8:00pm
(Ages K -5th gr.)

Join us for our Wednesday evening B.L.A.S.T. (Bible Learning And Sharing Together) as we dig deeper into the stories of the Bible. During the fall, we will be looking at some key stories from the Book of Genesis. We will gather together from 6:30 - 7:00 for opening activities and a Bible Story with Rev. Lesley and then for the remaining hour, rotate through two activity learning centers per week. Our activity centers will include drama, science, music, missions, crafts, games, cooking, and video! We will begin in Room 106 in the Mission and Ministry Center.

As part of our Creation unit, on Sept 8th, Party Animals of Atlanta, owned by a zoologist, will provide an experience that teaches children about the ecosystem and our responsibility as God's stewards. Touch an African Spurred Tortoise. What's that? Come find out! Pet a Chinchilla straight from the Andes Mountains of South America, with some of the softest fur in the entire animal kingdom! Watch a king snake slither or pet a rough-skinned Bearded Dragon from the outback of Australia! Kids will not want to miss this exciting opportunity to encounter some of God's creatures up close!





September Birthdays

O'Kasidee Thomas	9/1
Alex Bartlett	9/2
Diane Kennedy	9/3
Imogene Allen	9/4
Stacy Payne	9/5
Earnie Messina	9/6
Bob DeMine	9/6
Lesley Langford	9/8
Sam Shimshick	9/10
Tiffani Haun	9/12
Randy Kanipe	9/12
John III Sellers	9/12
Carmela Giacobello	9/14
John M. Felbinger	9/15
Chuck Kelley	9/16
Ardie Dempsey	9/17
Amy Daughtry	9/18
Freda Mason	9/21
Israel Warren	9/21
Tammie Haun	9/22
David Brown	9/23
Greg Peterson	9/23
Marge Price	9/23
Taylor Beeland	9/25
Emma Fulton	9/25
Nancy Legg	9/25
Mark Wallace	9/25
Elizabeth Hardy	9/26
Leland Hardy	9/26
Audrey New	9/26
Caleb Shadle	9/28
Martin Smith	9/28
Michaela Spencer	9/28
Carol Hammett	9/29
Lee Ann Trimble	9/30

Wednesday
On the Menu in
September...



September 1
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce,
Garlic Bread, Salad, Choco-
late Pie

September 8
Barbecued Chicken, Pasta
Salad, Green Beans, Salad,
Cheese Biscuits, Blueberry
Pound Cake

September 15
Ham, Rolls, Sweet Potatoes,
Green Beans, Salad, Garlic
Bread, Chocolate Cake

September 22
Chicken Parmigiana with
Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic
Bread, Chocolate Cake

September 29
Pot Roast, Potatoes, Green
Beans, Salad, Biscuits,
Banana Pudding

Dinner
6:00
to
6:45



Prayer Concerns

SEPTEMBER FOCUS Church Leaders

Deborah Ivie
Mary Ann Smith (*Friend of Crystal Cooper*)
Teresa Brannon (*Friend of Sheryl Gable*)
Angie Wisdom (*Sister of Gina Cooper*)
Edith Gable
Rhonda Stapleton
Burt Robbins
Luke McEuen (*Friend of Heather Pearson*)
Ken Page (*Knows Tiffany Blount/Sheryl Gable*)
Joe Garrard
Bob Peterson
Larry Thomas
Kathy Palmer (*Friend of Curriers*)
O'Kasidee Thomas
Gary Cooper
Mike Jenkins
Rondah Hardy
Rev. Sheila and Gene Crowe
Rev. Lesley and Dan Langford
Rev. Carol Cook (*D.S.*)
Michael Watson (*Bishop*)
The Sims Family, (*Missionaries*)

RETURN TO CHURCH

Don't miss the opportunities offered for Bible study on Wednesday nights! Fill the belly with some good food at Wednesday night supper and then fill the spirit with some Good News!



Rev. Sheila is currently leading a study on the Miracles of Jesus. As each week stands alone, feel free to drop in as you can! We meet in the double room from 6:45 to 8:00.

If you desire a more structured study, it is not too late to join the Living Prayer study. This study does utilize a workbook with daily assignments. Don't let it scare you, though. There are no wrong answers! This is an experiential study designed to help one grow his or her prayer life, both individually and corporately. This class meets in the bride's room.

If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please leave a note on Jill's desk or email, brookschurch@bellsouth.net. They will be left on for 6 weeks unless renewed.

We appreciate your sharing your concerns with us in worship, but please be brief with your announcement.

September 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Walk 9 am Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Thrift Shop Mgt 1:00 pm Dinner 6:00-6:45 pm Classes 6:45—8:00	2 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 10 am Choir 7:30 pm	3 Walk 9 am	4 Narcotics Anon 8 pm
PRAYER FOCUS CHURCH LEADERS						
5 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am And Ministry to Missionaries Breakfast Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Trinity Soup Kitchen Outreach after 9:00 Service	6 Labor Day No School (Office closed)	7 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm	8 Walk 9 am Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 6:00-6:45 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 Kids Zoologist	9 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 10 am Ladies' Lunch 11:30 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	10 Walk 9 am Staff Dinner At Parsonage 6:30 pm	11 Abundant Stewardship Conference—Finance Narcotics Anon 8 pm
12 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Covered Dish Lunch after 11:00 Service Lay Leadership Meeting 5:00 pm Disciple Study Intro Class 6:00 pm Youth LOFT 6:00—8:00 pm	13 Walk 9 am Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Staff 1:00 am Finance 7:00 pm Scouts 7 pm	14 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm	15 Walk 9 am Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 6:00-6:45 pm Classes 6:45—8:00	16 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 10 am Adult Fellowship visit Atlanta Zoo Choir 7:30 pm	17 Walk 9 am	18 Narcotics Anon 8 pm
19 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Youth LOFT 6:00—8:00 pm	20 Walk 9 am Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm October News Deadline 10 AM Missions Committee 7:00 pm Scouts 7 pm	21 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Administrative Council 7:00 pm	22 Walk 9 am Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 6:00-6:45 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Pastors out—Bishop Day Apart</div>	23 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 10 am Choir 7:30 pm	24 Walk 9 am	25 <i>Boy Scouts Have reserved entire facility including the gym from 8:00 am—4:00 pm</i> Narcotics Anon 8 pm
26 Worship 9:37 & 11:00 am Youth LOFT 6:00—8:00 pm	27 Walk 9 am Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Scouts 7 pm	28 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm	29 Walk 9 am Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 6:00-6:45 pm Classes 6:45—8:00	30 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 10 am Choir 7:30 pm		

