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TESTIMONY COVENANT 2012

ANNUAL Barbeque, Bake Sale And Thrift Shop Gym Sale

November 12th
BBQ: 11:00 am—3:00 pm
Thrift Shop Sale:
8:00 am—3:00 pm

The men will serve up their delicious barbeque, brunswick stew and all the trimmings on November 12th from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Barbeque plates will be available as well as sandwiches and stew. *Anyone who wants to order meat by the pound or stew by the quart needs to place your order by November 6th.* Get your order in to Don Britt, Cony Mason or the church office. Order forms are in the narthex.

The ladies will be selling desserts to compliment your Thanksgiving meal at the event also. Anyone who would like to bring a dessert will be appreciated. The proceeds help support our missionaries. Come eat and take home a delicious pie or cake!

The Second Chance Thrift Shop will have lots of great treasures for you to discover at the sale in the gym. Don't forget to donate any small furniture and other items that you have that someone else might need! We support missions with the proceeds from our sales.

Second Chance Thrift Shop is on Facebook! "Like" us today to get up-to-date info on new arrivals and

Having been led, as I believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior, and on the profession of my faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. I do now in the presence of God and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as in one body of Christ.

I pledge to contribute my financial support to sustain a vibrant, mission focused church that changes lives.

I pledge to embrace at least one church-sponsored mission project and to devote the necessary time to enable excellence for that mission.

I pledge to use my God-given talents to grow our church family by lifting up Christ, so that others might be lifted up.

I pledge my service to support church missions and ministries through my actions and words of encouragement.

I pledge to grow in my faith through study and transforming prayer as a way of life.

I pledge to celebrate my love for God with my faithful presence at Worship Services.

I am confident that through my pledge to be obedient to God, through the missions of this church. I will be personally blessed and lifted up.

I do. Do you?

In His service,
Rev. Sheila

*Offer Thanks unto the Lord.
2 Timothy 2:15*

From Nazareth to Bethlehem

The Journey

Advent Sermon Series

November 27 Mary from Nazareth: Willingness
 December 4 Joseph of Bethlehem: Mercy
 December 11 Elizabeth in Judea: Encouragement
December 18 From Nazareth to Bethlehem: Perseverance
 Christmas Eve 5PM Candlelight: The Manger
 Christmas Day 11 AM—Come Let Us Adore Him
 January 1, 2012 - Born to Give Us Second Birth

Moving Forward
Together!

DON'T FORGET !
 Turn in your
 Uplifting Ministries Opportunities
 AND
 Your PLEDGE CARDS by November 13
Just drop them in the offering plate!

Second Chance Thrift Shop
 Christmas has come to the Thrift Shop!
 Be sure to visit the shop in the coming weeks and pick up some Christmas spirit! We are planning to have the 'Children's Shopping Day' on December 4th!

ADVENT BEGINS
 November 27

HANGING
 of the Greens

Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly!
 November 27 ~ 5:00 pm

The most striking and the most universal feature of Christmas is the use of evergreens in churches and homes. The early Christians placed them in their windows to indicate that Christ had entered the home. Holly and ivy, along with pine, and fir are called evergreens because they never change color. They are ever - green, ever - alive, even in the midst of winter. They symbolize the unchanging nature of our God, and they remind us of the everlasting life that is ours through Christ Jesus.

In Isaiah 60:13 we find these words: "**The Glory of Lebanon shall come unto you, the fir tree, the pine tree and the box together, to beautify the place of your sanctuary.**"

It's time to deck the halls! The Worship Committee is once again sponsoring our annual family "Hanging of the Greens." Mark your calendars and reserve the time: November 27 starting at 5:00 pm. Bring your favorite, soup or chili to share. If you want to bring a bread or desert, great! Last year we had approximately 80 people in attendance and we had a jolly time. Let's do it again. Those in attendance will begin, at 5:00 pm, by decorating the sanctuary and surrounding areas. Supper will follow at 6:00pm.

Bring a family ornament to hang on the family tree in the education building foyer. If you have brought one before, bring another for this year. Ornaments are saved each year and reused the next. We need people to: Decorate the Chrismon Tree (adults preferred), Decorate the family tree in the foyer of the education building, hang wreaths inside and out, set up the manger scene.



BROOKS METHODIST WOMEN



The ladies' plan to go to lunch on Thursday, November 10th to Frank's. Meet at the church at 11:30 am. Please make reservations with Shirley Garrard or Patsy Culler or by signing up in the narthex.

Secret Pal

The membership and the officers of Brooks Methodist Women would like to invite all ladies of the church to join its "SECRET PAL" program. The 2012 "SECRET PAL" program will begin in January. During the month of November, a gift wrapped box and forms will be set up in the hallway of the church. Just complete the form and drop it in the box. The sign up deadline is November 27.

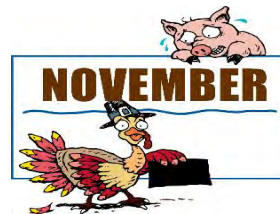
If you become a 'SECRET PAL', it does not take a lot of commitment. Just purchase a small gift and bring it to the church with a card signed "From your secret pal." Brooks Methodist Women will have a small table set up in the hallway of the church for you to place the item on. The suggested times for gifts are:

- v Your Pal's Birthday
- v Valentine's Day
- v St. Patrick's Day
- v Whenever you are thinking of your secret pal, or if they are not well or are having a really rough time
- v Easter
- v Mother's Day
- v Halloween
- v Thanksgiving
- v Christmas -- At our 2011 Christmas Party, each of us will find out who our Secret Pal is when we receive a gift stating who they are.

Secret pals will be assigned at our annual BMW Christmas party on December 2. All ladies are invited to come and be a part of the fun during 2012.

Brooks Methodist Women's Annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the double room. Please bring a finger food to share and a gift, valued at \$10-\$15, for our dirty Santa gift swap, and also bring a Christmas gift addressed to your "Secret Pal", revealing your identity to them. We will also need some ladies to meet on Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. to decorate the room for our party.

Wednesday Night Menu



November 2: Buttermilk Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, Salad, Black Forest Cake

November 9: Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Corn Muffins, Salad, Banana Marshmallow Pie

November 16: Chicken and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Cranberry Sauce, Cherry Almond Poundcake

November 23: (No Dinner)

November 30: Barbecued Pork, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Garlic Bread, Brownies

Remember to reserve by noon on Monday!

Adult Fellowship

The Adult Fellowship will be going to the Dekalb County Farmers Market on November 17th.



Sign up in the Narthex if you want to join us!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Nancy Currier, Arleen Sellers, Mike Jenkins, Joy Butler, Bob Rucker, Sheryl Gable, Bob Peterson, Rhonda Stapleton, Family of Mary Shoaf, Elijah Kimaru (Nephew of Shimshicks), Family of Wade LeVan (Father In Law of Jill White), Family of Ron Schubert (Stepfather of Kimbo Daniel) Gina Durden (Friend of Gina Cooper), Mark Clay, Chris Brown, Larry Thomas, Gary Cooper, Rondah Hardy Rev. Sheila and Gene Crowe, Rev. Lesley and Dan Langford, Rev. Carol Cook (D.S.), Michael Watson (Bishop) The Sims Family (Missionaries)

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16



Children's Ministry Christmas Party



**Wednesday , November 30th
6:45 pm- 8:00pm**

After our Story lesson for the evening, we will spend the rest of the time enjoying fun Christmas activities.

Sunday Mornings @ KidStreet (K - 5th)

**Sunday School : 10:00 – 10:45
Children's Church: During 11:00 am Service**

**POWER UP!
November 6,13,20,27**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to actually play inside a video game? Then join Rom, Ram and the Game Boss in this series, Power Up! We'll play games, decode puzzles, and learn from Psalm 101 how to live a life completely powered up!



**Wednesday Evenings @ KidStreet
6:45pm - 8:00pm
November 2,9,16,30**



Children will learn the big picture of God's enormous love for his children in our Wednesday night Bible Study just for kids!. Each child will receive their very own copy of "The Story for Children" by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee, written in a beautiful child friendly language that they can understand. Fun activities and crafts will also help bring the Bible to life!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

November is a great time to teach the children all about the gift of giving. We will have our annual canned food drive. This is a great way for the children to learn to help others. Also, this year we will be starting our *Hats Off* drive. We are going to gather hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for children that are in need of these items during the winter months. These are just two of the mission projects that the preschool will be doing this year.

Children learn by observing adults. That is one way we like to show the community and this church how thankful we are. You have supported us so much. The children and the teachers appreciate all the help and are very thankful for all the opportunities you have given us. This is one reason why our program is growing!

You are always welcome to come by and see our smiling faces and get a free hug!



With Christ's Love,

Ms. Lynn
Director of Early Childhood Ministries

November Birthdays

Ken Spaller	11/1
Sheryl Gable	11/4
Gary Daniel	11/5
Jill White	11/5
Nancy Currier	11/8
Jeremy Leigh	11/9
Kara Cooper	11/10
Beth Goddard	11/11
LeAnne Kennedy	11/11
Crystal Craver	11/12
John Felbinger	11/12
Dallas Randolph	11/13
John Kennedy	11/15
Betty Hardy	11/16
Sandra Hildebrand	11/17
Lindsay Peterson	11/18
Anita Fitz	11/22
Al Hardy	11/23
Jake Meyers	11/25
Nicholas Leigh	11/29
Michael Hammett	11/30



**GIRLS RETREAT
6TH GRADE – COLLEGE**



FAYETTEVILLE FIRST UMC

**Friday, NOVEMBER 11TH 6:00 pm
– Noon, Sunday, November 13TH**

Cost - \$20.00 (Second Chance Thrift Shop is contributing the other \$30.00 per student)

A fun weekend retreat for girls focused on identity in Christ that will include a Youth Speaker and the Band Bellarive (www.bellarive.com). We will be staying at Fayetteville First UMC the entire weekend. Each girl will receive a bag, t-shirt, and program materials.

What to bring...

- A bible, journal, and pen
- Comfortable clothes for the weather (we will be inside most of the weekend) everyone will get a t-shirt that they will wear to worship on Sunday morning.
- Tennis shoes (for an optional Zumba session)
- Sleeping bag and/or air mattress
- Toiletries (including shower shoes, towel, and anything else you need for showers)



**Father/Son FISHING
EVENT**
November 13th
4:00pm – 7:00pm
167 McIntosh Rd.
Brooks, GA 30205

Meet at Rev. Lesley's house to carpool down to the pond. Pizza, Drinks, and snacks will be provided at the pond.



**Sunday evening @
The L.O.F.T.**

November 6th 6:00 – 8:00 pm

We will be finishing up our *Play It* Series with a message relating to the board game, Rock'em Sock'em Robots, or, "How to Deal with Your Anger without Knocking somebody's block off".



**Youth Night
Out!**

November 19th

**Brandon Heath
in Concert with
Britt Nicole**

**New Hope Baptist Church North
Meet at Brooks UMC at 6:00pm**

Tickets are \$5.00

(Thanks to Second Chance Thrift Shop)

Bring extra money to eat out afterwards.



**Youth Appalachian Service
Project
July 15th – 21st, 2012**

Inviting all Youth, ages 14 years old and older, to spend a week of your summer serving families in need in a region of Appalachia. The mission of the Appalachia Service Project is to provide families places to live that are warmer, safer, and drier. Our goal is to take at least 21 youth and adults to serve in this very worthwhile ministry. *Please sign up by November 30th to indicate your interest in going on this trip.* The Second Chance Thrift Shop supplements the cost of the trip, making in very affordable for everyone to participate. For more information, contact Rev. Lesley Langford.

Wednesdays @ The L.O.F.T

**Youth Small Groups
6:45 – 8:00pm
November 2,9,16,30**

Join us on Wednesday evenings as we see the big picture of God's great Story and how we are to live our own lives in light of God's Story.



November 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm	2 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Thrift Shop Team 1 pm Dinner 5:45-6:30 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm	3 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 10 am 7:00 pm Spot on 'The Bear' Men's Issues	4 Scouts in Craft Room 6:30—8:00 pm	5	
All Saints Day 6 <i>Don't Forget to Fall Back!</i> Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth Drama Team 4:45 Youth Loft 6—8 pm	7 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm	8 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Administrative Council 7:00 pm	9 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 5:45-6:30 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm	10 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Ladies' Lunch 11:30 am Prayer Meeting 10 am Worship Com 7:00 pm	Veteran's Day 11 Youth Girl's Retreat "Rooted" Thrift Shop Sale 8:00 am—3:00 pm	12 Barbeque 11:00 —1:00 Bake Sale and Thrift Shop Sale 8:00 am—3:00 pm	
<i>Thrift Shop has gym this week</i>							
Honor Veterans 13 Commitment Sunday Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Charge Conference 3:30 pm Youth Father and Son Fishing Outing 4:00—7:00 pm	14 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm December News Due Upward / Gym 4:00-8:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm	15 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Upward / Gym 4:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts Den Mtg 6:30 pm Next Gen Mtg 7:00 pm	16 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 5:45-6:30 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 Choir 8:00 pm	17 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Preschool Feast! Prayer Meeting 10 am Upward / Gym 4:00-8:00 pm Adult Fellowship to Dakalb Farmer's Market	18 Upward / Gym 4:00 -8:00 pm Scouts in Craft Room 6:30—8:00 pm	19 Youth to Concert at New Hope 6:00 pm	
20 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am	21 Upward / Gym 4:00-8:00 pm Missions 7:00 pm	22 Upward / Gym 4:00-8:00 pm	23 Upward / Gym 4:00-8:00 pm	24 Thanksgiving Day Office closed	25 Upward / Gym 4:00 -8:00 pm	26 Upward / Gym 8:00 am -5:00 pm	
<i>Thanksgiving Holiday for schools 11/21-11/25</i>							
First Sunday of Advent 27 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Hanging of the Greens 5:00 pm	28 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Upward in Gym 4:00—9 pm	29 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Upward in Gym 4:00—9 pm	30 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 5:45-6:30 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 Children's Christmas Party Choir 8:00 pm	