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From the Pastor,

In modern times we define a host of relationships by contracts. These are usually for goods or service or hard cash. The contract, formal or informal, helps to clarify the relationship, roles and responsibilities. Contracts are broken when one of the parties involved fails to keep her or his promise.

If you have a contract with a carpenter to build cabinets in your kitchen and that carpenter tears out the old cabinets, frames out the area but never finished the cabinets, he will have broken the contract. You are not going to be happy. You are going to call him repeatedly and demand he fulfill his end of the deal. If that doesn't get results you might have to seek legal advice because the contract has been broken. You would never again choose to work with that carpenter! Your relationship with him is over!

Our God is a covenant making God. He did not establish a contract with Israel or with the church. He created a covenant. There is a difference. His covenants are given through His great love for us. From the very beginning God is constantly reaching out to draw his rebellious people back to him. It is God's perfect will that every man, woman and child forever more should be saved. It is not God's will that anyone should perish.

With God's love in mind and his great desire to see all people saved we can begin to understand His covenant. The Lord asks in Isaiah 49:15, "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"

The Bible indicates a Holy Covenant is more like the ties of a parent to his or her child than to a contract. If a child fails to show up for dinner, the ties are not severed. The parent should go out and look for the child and bring the child in making sure she is safe and cared for. The child's failure to do what the parent asks does not end or void the relationship. God calls us into a Holy Covenant with him.

'But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel (with us) after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.'" (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

"The covenant . . . is an act of grace on God's part for reconciling man to Himself, but man's response should not be overlooked" (*Smith's Bible Dictionary*). Our part of covenant is obedience to the law, to love God fully and our neighbor as He loved us. Thankfully God's part of the bargain doesn't depend on our faithfulness to the covenant. He loves us unconditionally, completely!

But what about you? Are you holding up your end of the bargain? Are you as committed to God as He is to you?

EVANGELISM 101

By Wayne Sutton

God has given every Christian a community of believers; our community is Brooks UMC. Each person in this community has a responsibility to each other within as well as outside the local community of believers.

The community confirms God's leading, as it did with Paul and Barnabas. Over and over again in Paul's life, the book of Acts portrays the involvement of the church community in confirming God's leading of Paul and Barnabas. Barnabas introduced Paul to the church in Jerusalem easing their fears (9:26-28). Paul, who was previously known as Saul, was highly feared by the "way" as he had set out to destroy those of the "Way." Barnabas later came to Tarsus and brought Paul to Antioch to help with the church there (11:19-26). Thus began the great missionary journey of Paul throughout the region of Asia Minor and to the East in Greece and eventually to Rome and Spain.

Was Paul "called" to evangelical service by God or by the Church of Antioch? The truth is that God gives *every Christian* the body of Christ as a resource to confirm his or her calling and leading. You say you cannot meet the calling of Christ to evangelistic service? You say evangelism is not for you? Now hear this! God calls **all** Christians into witnessing service for his kingdom!

No one who claims allegiance to Christ escapes the Great Commission! Whoever ignores this tremendous resource does so at his or her own risk! Pat and I will be going door to door in the community and giving out popcorn and brochures in the Neighbor-to-Neighbor mission each Saturday afternoon in the month of October and November. Would you like to join us in this mission? The Gospel calls *all Christians* to evangelistic service.



IT'S TIME FOR SHOE BOXES!!!

The Mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together

with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our churches children's ministry program has set a goal to send 35 shoe boxes filled with Christmas presents to needy children around the world. Won't you please help us make a difference? We have made it very easy to participate this year! Instead of asking for filled shoeboxes we are asking for donated items. Mission Possible Kids will pack all the donated items received and transport them to the drop-off location. Please consider donating some of the following items by October 12th! To make it easier for packing, please donate items for either a boy or girl, ages 5 – 9 years of age. We will have boxes placed near the sanctuary for donations.

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)



Brooks Methodist Women

Brooks Methodist Women will be selling raffle tickets for a quilt that will be auctioned off on Sunday, October 30 at the Fall Festival. Tickets will be available each Sunday until October 30 in the Narthex. You need not be present to win.



Brooks Methodist Women will be hosting a baby shower for Stacy Spaller Steed, daughter of Don and Laura Spaller, on Sunday, October 9 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the double room. She is registered at Babies R Us. Please join us in celebrating this new life.



We are looking for a leader to head up the 2012 *Relay for Life* mission project. 2012 *Relay for Life* takes place May 18-19, 2012 but the planning is already beginning!!!! We also need names of senior adults who are associated with our church who could be provided with a Christmas Care Package. Please call Chandra Smith cell 678-777-3084.



Adult Fellowship

The adults will be gathering at the church on Thursday, October 20th at 6:30 pm for food, fun and fellowship!

We will have a potluck dinner and watch the movie "Flywheel".

Sunday Mornings @ KidStreet
Elementary (K – 5th Grade)
Sunday School: 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Children's Church: during 11:00 am service
October 9, 16, 23, 30

POWER UP!



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!



Sunday Morning Childcare
(6 weeks – 4 years)
9:00 am – Noon

We provide a safe, loving, and nurturing environment for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers on Sunday morning during worship services and Sunday

School. We strive for excellence in our care of these Precious gifts so they all know that they are loved by God. Parents can relax and enjoy their own classes and worship, knowing that their little one is in good hands. Toddlers and preschoolers will be introduced to Bible Stories appropriate for their developmental level. Childcare is available during evening Bible studies and special church events by reservation only



October 16
3:00- 4:30 pm

If you're in **Grades k-5** and you want to make a difference in the world, **YOU** can become a Special Agent with *Mission Possible Kids*. MPK is an organization that was started through Christ United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas and now there are several chapters in the United States. In the last few years, MPKids "agents" have helped over 200,000 people worldwide—WOW!!

The Brooks UMC MPKids lifetime membership is paid for by Second Chance Thrift Shop for every child who desires to join the group. Join us and help us make a difference in our community and the world! This month we will be packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child!

FALL FESTIVAL
October 30th
5:00pm - 7:00pm



Come on out and enjoy a fun night of trunk o' treating and carnival games.

There will be trunk o' treating in the first hour, and carnival games in the second hour. Be sure and bring your Halloween bag to collect candy!

The Brooks Methodist Women's group will be serving soup, cornbread and hotdogs for donations. Proceeds will be used to help sponsor our missionaries based in



Fall Festival Volunteers Needed on October 30th!

Please help us reach out to children and their families in the community by decorating your vehicle and passing out candy for trunk or treating. (It gives adults a great excuse to dress up in a costume!) Sign up in the narthex or call or email Rev. Lesley. Vehicles should be in the parking lot by 4:15 pm so that we will have time to organize their placement and to block off the area for the children to walk around safely.



Preschool News

We are busy little pumpkins! Peter Pumpkin came to visit us! He hid our pumpkins and gave us clues to find them! That was fun and very exciting for everyone!!

Our friends are learning all about David and his trust in God. Our love for God is ever growing!

With Christ's Love, Ms Lynn



Sunday Morning
@ The L.O.F.T.
10:00 am – 10:25 am
L.O.F.T. Large Group Room

Come join us for Sunday Morning Java Talk, an informal topical discussion group that focuses on issues teens face and how to live our Christian faith in today's world.

Sunday Evenings @ The L.O.F.T.
6:00 pm – 8:00pm



6:00 pm- 6:30 pm – Snack Bar open
 6:30 pm -7:15 pm Teaching Moment;
 7:15 pm – 8:00 pm- Choose an elective –
 gym, praise team, or games in the game room

October 2, 9, 23, November 6

Our Sunday evening teaching series for October, is "Play it- Strategies for the Game of Life." We will use popular board games to help us look at our language, our personal lives, and our understanding of forgiveness.

- Week 1: Scrabble: The Power of Words
- Week 2: Operation: How to Perform Surgery on Yourself
- Week 3: Perfection: How to be Perfect
- Week 4: Rock 'em Sock'em Robots: How to deal with anger



Wednesday Evenings
@ The L.O.F.T.
6:45pm – 8:00pm

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. As an extra incentive to participate in this Bible Study, students who attend at least 75% of the 31 sessions will enjoy a special activity that will be decided on by the group to celebrate the study's completion.



Youth Drama Team Practice

The Youth Drama Team meets on Sunday afternoons from 4:45pm – 6:00pm prior to the Sunday evening Youth fellowship. Additional practices may also be called as performance times draw closer. We will be working all fall on a Christmas play that will be presented on Wednesday, December 7th. New actors and actresses are always welcome!

Upward Basketball—Volunteers Needed

Upward Basketball is right around the corner! Practice begins on Monday November 14th and the first game will be on Saturday December 3rd. Volunteers will be needed each Saturday beginning on December 3rd. These volunteers will be needed for various duties during the games which include: devotionals, concession stand, scorekeeper, and even coaching. The Upward program is one of the best ministries there is to promote our Lord and on top of that the kids have a great time playing basketball!

Our church plays a very important role in allowing the Upward program to function in that we have offered the use of our gym. If you are able to volunteer for this great program, please call or email Chuck Trimble at 770 461-4264 or trimblechuck@gmail.com.



Second Chance Thrift Shop



You are invited to visit the shop to check out our fall decorations and clothing. Please begin saving large items including furniture for our next big clearance sale in the gym which will be on Saturday, November 20th. However please continue donating small items until then.

If you can find a few hours (or many) to help us with the various tasks up operating the Thrift shop it would be such a blessing. Talk with any team member or leave your name and number with the church office. We would be delighted to have you as part of our team!

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE



Remind yourself and others to GO GREEN when you use the U.S. Mail. A set of 16 Go GREEN stamps provides a simple things we can do to reduce our environmental footprint. (example—buy local produce) They are just basic behaviors which make good practical sense. This colorful set could be a thoughtful gift too! Brooks Post office has these forever stamps on order. They will be available

Charge Conference
November 13th, 3:30 pm

Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 13th at 3:30 pm. Reports are being assigned now and will be due in the office by October 31st. Thank you for helping us in this important part of our ministry here at Brooks UMC.



ON THE MENU WEDNESDAY NIGHT

OCTOBER 5: Chicken Parmigiana

with Spaghetti,
Broccoli, Salad, Garlic Bread, Million Dollar Cake

OCTOBER 12: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Pinto Beans,
Salad, Corn Muffins, S'mores Pie

OCTOBER 19: Barbecued Chicken, Pasta Salad, Green
Beans, Rolls, Apple Spice Cake

OCTOBER 26: Sage and Rosemary Pork Chops, Rice,
Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Pumpkin Pie



**Wednesday Evenings
@ KIDSTREET
6:45pm – 8:00pm
October 5,12,19,26**

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!

PUMPKIN PRAYER

- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)
- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)
- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)
- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)
- While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)



OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Goddard	10/2	Drew Leach	10/16
Sarah Faith Leedy	10/2	Mitch Cooke	10/17
Noah Michael Leedy	10/2	Dee Lane	10/18
Mark Clay	10/4	Linda Chaffin	10/19
Erica Spencer	10/4	Jon Langford	10/19
Lane Tibbetts	10/6	Mary Piper	10/19
Bo Cummings	10/6	Lynn Quinnell	10/22
David Hildebrand	10/6	Ryan Simmons	10/22
Steve Tibbetts	10/6	Jan Meyers	10/23
Makayla Cummings	10/7	Sarah Read	10/23
Andy Meyers	10/7	Michael Warren	10/23
Donna New	10/9	Jeff Matthews	10/24
Nicole Tibbetts	10/10	Christi L. Nelson	10/25
Joel Leedy	10/12	Wayne Sutton	10/26
Olivia Shields	10/14	Ed Price	10/26
Chandra Smith	10/14	Perry Knight	10/29
Andy Waits	10/14	Chris Stapleton	10/29
Joan Messer	10/16		
Mildred Spradlin	10/16		

HATS

Ladies -- If anyone is interested in wearing a hat to church, please feel free to do so. However, please be considerate of those around you, and if the hat is large, remove it during the service or sit toward the back of the sanctuary.

All Saints Sunday—November 6th

We will remember those who have passed away since last All Saints Sunday (11/7/2010) on November 6th this year. If you have lost a loved one during that time period, please get their name to the church office by November 1st.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Churchwide Celebration after 11:00 Service Youth Drama Team 4:45 Youth LOFT 6:00-8:00 pm	3 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm SPR 7:00 pm	4 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Study of John 9:30 am	5 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	6 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 10 am BMW Meeting 12:00 Noon	7 Scouts in Craft Room 6:30 pm	1/8 Narcotics Anon 7 pm 8th Eagle Scout Ceremony 4-6
9 Clergy Appreciation Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth Drama Team 4:45 Youth LOFT 6:00-8:00 pm <i>Christan Shadle Baptism</i>	10 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm	11 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Study of John 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Cub Scout Leader Mtg 6:30 pm Lay Leadership Mtg 7:00	12 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 5:45-6:30 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm	13 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 10 am Ladies' Lunch 11:30 pm	14 Dessert with the Pastor at the Parsonage 7:00 pm	15 Narcotics Anon 7 pm
16 National Boss's Day Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am DEADLINE for bringing Operation Christmas Child Gifts for Shoeboxes Mission Possible Kids 3:00— 4:30 pm Youth to Concert 5:45 pm	17 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Missions Committee 7:00 pm	18 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Study of John 9:30 am	19 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 5:45-6:30 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm	20 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 10 am Adult Fellowship "Pot Luck Dinner and A Movie Night" 6:30pm The movie " <u>Flywheel</u> "	21 Scouts in Craft Room 6:30 pm Need Ministry Uplift Teacher Workday No School	22 District Meeting for Small Churches at Cornerstone UMC Narcotics Anon 7 pm
Family Membership Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth Drama Team 4:45 Youth LOFT 6:00-8:00 pm	24 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Nov. Newsletter Deadline Scouts 7:00 pm Worship Team Mtg 7:00 pm	25 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Study of John 9:30 am Cub Scout Ldr Mtg 6:30 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Lay Leadership Mtg 7:00	26 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 5:45-6:30 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm	27 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 10 am Upward Basketball Try outs in gym 4:00—8:00 pm	28	29 Narcotics Anon 7 pm Upward Basketball Try outs in gym 7:00—9:30 am
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