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coun·tri·fied adj (kən-trī-fīd)

*resembling or having characteristics of country or rural life
in the style or manner of rustic country
played or sung in the manner of country music
First known use: 1653*

This week begins our new sermon series: “*Countrified*.” It was inspired by listening to the music on *The Bear 92.5* (listen out for the next time we will be featured on their Thursday Night line up). Country music has won wide appeal throughout the country (*and in towns and cities too!*) It takes its roots from the harmonies of western cowboy and folk music. I believe it has grown in popularity because it gives voice to the nitty gritty of life’s challenges while drawing people back to a simpler time.

Interestingly (there’s my favorite word again) God often used the rural life as a way of teaching some of life’s greatest lessons too. Think about it! Sheep herding, farming, sowing seed, pigs and pearls... But, while country music may leave you feeling that the only hope for surviving life is in finding the bottom of a glass or can, God’s word brings hope and confidence to the promise of abundant life here and now. “Boot Scoot” on in on Sunday mornings and bring others as we line dance through scripture to hear and rely on God’s Word.

JAN 8—“Cost of Living” By Ronnie Dunn
Hebrews 10:22-25
How to survive life’s toughest challenges.

JAN 15—“Here for a Good Time” By George Strait
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11
Life is too short to waste it; live with purpose in your relationship with Christ.

JAN 22—“Camouflage” By Brad Paisley
Romans 12:2
Do not conform to the patterns of this world, blending in, but be transformed.

JAN 29—“Tattoos on this Town” By Jason Aldean
Hebrews 12:1-3
Leaving our “mark” on society, making a difference in our homes, community and church.

FEB 5—“You Belong With Me” By Taylor Swift
Ephesians 2:11-13
You belong to God and he wants you with him.



Service Sunday
January 22, 2012
3PM – 5PM

Stop Hunger Now

Our goal this year is to prepare **20,000** meals. You can be part of this amazing outreach opportunity.

One hundred volunteers are needed. All ages can participate and it is a great family experience. Be sure to sign up in the Narthex because space is limited and we will be inviting our Boy Scouts to participate.

To help defray the cost we are asking for a \$10 per person donation.

Brooks Methodist Women

Brightmoor Party

Brooks Methodist Women are in charge of the January birthday party for all residents at Brightmoor Nursing Home who were born during the month of January. At this time, there are 10 residents whose birthdays we will be celebrating. The party will be at Brightmoor on Tuesday, January 17th, at 2:30 pm. Anyone who would like to join with us in this celebration is asked to meet at the church by 2:00 pm. on the 17th so that we may carpool, or just meet us at Brightmoor.

****We have been asked to advise people if they have a cold, the flu, or any other upper respiratory infection, please do not come to the nursing home until all symptoms are gone.****



Baby Shower for Jenna White Astin

Brooks Methodist Women will be hosting a baby shower for Jenna Astin, daughter of Jill White, on Sunday, January 29th, from 2:00-4:00 pm. Please join us for this wonderful celebration. Jenna is registered at Target and Babies R Us. She is having a baby boy to be named Brody!

February Meeting

We will meet on February 2nd for dessert and coffee at 7:00 pm. The meeting topic will be announced later.

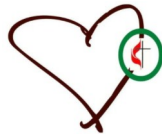
Second Chance Thrift Shop

Come soon to see all the wonderful renovations we've done, thanks to some generous donors. In addition to the new floors and counter, we've made lots of improvements to make your shopping easier and more pleasant. And we've added tons of new merchandise for your bargain hunting side!

Many thanks to everyone who helped in this process, but a special shout out goes to Doug and Pat Hamrick. They spent many hours with their workers over the holidays to get the shop ready for our Grand Re-Opening. They are a huge blessing to this church.

In December, we provided gifts for the 35 Brooks children who didn't get their wishes on the Angel Tree, and also donated to Christian City as well as sent Guideposts to deployed soldiers.

Current needs of the shop are men's clothing and kitchen items. Thanks for your generosity! God has blessed this ministry in countless ways and we are grateful for your continued support.



Second Chance



Join us for Sunday School!

The Skit Guys!

The Seekers Sunday School Class is beginning a new video based study from "Skit Guys" on January 8th. Join us in room 101 at 9:45 am.

Tommy Woodard and Eddie James are The Skit Guys. They have been best friends since high school. Think of them as the wise guys in class who had everyone laughing and made a career out of it. They've been teaching God's word using comedy and drama for over 20 years.

All adults are encouraged to come and enjoy this series. Each lesson is "stand alone" in case you can only attend occasionally.

Making Sense of God's Will

On January 15th, the Friendship Class will begin a new video series by Adam Hamilton titled "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will." Class time starts at 9:45 am and will consist of a short video followed by open discussion so no preparation is required. However, a book will be provided for those who desire a more in depth study of the lesson.

All adults are welcome so please come join us. We meet in the Room 100B. (1/2 double room furthest from Kitchen).



Melba's Manor

Please remember to bring in non-perishable items for Melba's Manor. This is a continuing ministry that we support. There are 4 girls living in the home at this time and they are always in need of food and cleaning products. Thank you for your support.

A heartfelt thank you ...

As the staff of Brooks UMC, we are overwhelmed by the love shown to us through your gifts, prayers, cards, and care for us. We feel blessed to be a part of God's mission here in Brooks and would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May 2012 bring God's blessings to everyone.

With love, Your Staff

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil. 1:3-6





Special agents, K – 5th grade, will meet on January 22nd and February 12th to help make an impact for God and our community!

On January 22nd, we will participate with the entire congregation in the Stop Hunger Now Project from 3pm – 5pm.

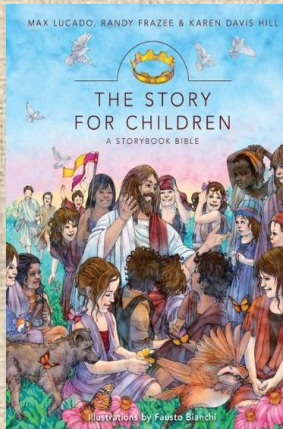
You will receive our February Top Secret Mission from Headquarters in the Mail! New Recruits welcome!



**Sunday Mornings
@ KidStreet
Sunday School
10:00 – 11:00
Children's Church
11:00 Worship Service**

Children leave after the children's sermon.

Punches! Kicks! Breaking boards with bare hands! Join us at the dojo where we'll follow Felicia Gutters as she competes in her very first tournament. With the Sensei's guidance and help she'll remember the importance of discipline, self-respect, confidence, respect for others, endurance, integrity, loyalty, and leadership! As the Sensei reminds Felicia of these qualities, we'll be learning how to put them into practice as followers of God. Hiyaa!



**Wednesday Evenings
@ KidStreet
NEW!!! Preschool Class
6:00 – 7:00 pm
with an optional hour from
7:00 – 8:00 pm
for interactive play.**

**K – 5th Grades
6:45 – 8:00 pm**

Inviting all children ages 3 and up to join us for "The Story for Children" on Wednesday evenings. We learn a new Bible Story each week and participate in other fun activities like crafts and games!

**Church Family Game Night
Friday Jan. 27th 7:00 pm**

Are you a Scrabble fan? Know your stuff in Trivial Pursuit? Can't get enough of Farkle? Then come on out for some fun and fellowship with your church family. Bring your family's favorite game and a snack to share. All ages are welcome...we'll have tables set up for you to play the game(s) that interests you.

Drinks will be provided...you bring the smiles!



Dear Brooks UMC Family,
We are very excited to announce that Nikki Rajahn has joined our staff as the Director of KidStreet beginning January 8th! She will be coordinating and leading children's Sunday School, Children's Church, and our Wednesday evening children's ministry for children in grades K through 5th grade.



Nikki and Khalil

Nikki graduated with her Bachelor's degree from Emory University in Psychology and Educational Studies in May 2011. She is currently working on her Master of Divinity degree from Liberty University. Her father, Craig Hembree, is the Minister of Music here at Brooks UMC. She is recently married (June 2011) to Khalil, a police officer for Clayton County PD. She has worked with children at other churches as well as in daycare settings and can't wait to get started with Brooks UMC's Children's Ministry!

Please join us in welcoming Nikki and we look forward to her sharing her many gifts and graces with our children ministry programs.



News from the Preschool

Our "Hats Off" campaign was a great success! The children enjoyed watching all the hats and gloves arrive on the tree. The words of caring and sharing mean a lot to this age child. All children and the staff of our preschool say "Thank you" for keeping those in need warm, while warming our hearts with your generosity.

We are starting the new year out baking cookies! January is always a fun month and this will make it extra yummy! You are always welcome to stop in and get a hug or a big smiley hello because we have lots of smiles!

With Christ's Love,
Lynn Lee



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
Soup and Sandwich Luncheon
*Immediately following the 11 o'clock
 worship service*

On Sunday February 5th, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join the Brooks UMC Youth and young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you enjoy a wonderful Soup and Sandwich Luncheon immediately following the 11 o'clock worship service. Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

United Methodist Confirmation Classes

Middle School Class—Sunday @ 4:30 pm
**High School Confirmation/Reaffirmation Class—
 Sunday @ 10:00 am**

Dates: Jan 8, 15, 22, Feb 5, 12,
 and February 24-26 (Confirmation Retreat –Glisson)
 March 4, 18, March 25- Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation is a time when a young person who is in the sixth through 12th grades has the opportunity to make a firm decision whether or not they will claim the name "Christian" for his or herself. The word confirmation literally means "with firm-ness" and means to make firm or solid what has gone before—what parents, families, church, and God have done on the young person's behalf up to this point of the faith journey. If we were baptized as babies, we didn't choose it. Our parents or our sponsors accepted the gift of God's grace on our behalf and pledged to raise us in the faith and the church pledged to help them. Baptism is a means of God's grace and reminds us that God accepts us and loves us even before we can respond. Now, having reached "the age of accountability", a young person can participate in a formalized process in which he or she can make the personal decision to accept the gift of God's grace through Jesus Christ on his or her own behalf and profess his or her own personal faith.

We will meet for 7 weeks (High School on Sunday mornings and Middle School on Sunday afternoons) and discuss the meaning of the Christian faith, the history and teachings of the United Methodist Church, and what it means to commit to becoming a member of the church. We will also participate in a Confirmation Retreat at Camp Glisson the weekend of February 24th – 26th. Also, High Schoolers who have already been through confirmation but would like to take the class as a refresher/ reaffirmation time are welcome. Contact Rev. Lesley Langford to sign up. (678-491-6721 or email - lela9194@gmail.com)

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 January 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



Youth Super Bowl Party
6:00 – 8:00pm

Come on out and watch a portion of the Super Bowl Game with us on the big screen during our Youth Time. Bring your favorite snack to share!



**Wednesday evenings @
 the L.O.F.T.**
6:45 – 8:00pm

Join us for youth small groups 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.



Sunday Evenings
@ The L.O.F.T.

*Jan 8th (kick-off), 15th,
 Feb 12th, 26th*

Special Service Sundays –
 Jan 22 – Stop Hunger Now
 Feb 5 - Souper Bowl Mission

During January and February, we will explore the biblical teachings on social justice and God's desire to have Christians be his hands and feet in the community and the world.

We will be welcoming our former Youth Worship Leader, Jacob Winslett, back for our winter kick off night on the 8th! He will be singing and giving the message that evening. We will also be putting this teaching series into action by participating in the Stop Hunger Now Service Sunday and the Souper Bowl Mission Sunday.

Suppers

WEDNESDAY NIGHT



- January 11:** Sage and Rosemary Pork Chops, Rice and Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Rolls, Salad, Banana Pudding
- January 18:** Barbecued Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Brown Sugar Cake
- January 25:** Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Salad, Corn Muffins, Peach Pie
- February 1:** Chicken Pot Pie, Baked Apples, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Cake
- February 8:** Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Salad, Corn Muffins, Cherry Pie
- February 15:** Oven Fried Chicken, Corn Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Red Velvet Cake
- February 22:** Barbecued Pork, Garlic Bread, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Blueberry Tarts
- February 29:** Rosemary Ranch Chicken, Rice and Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Biscuits, Cheesecake Brownies

Please make your reservations before noon on Monday by filling out a form which can be found in the bulletin or in the narthex. You can also leave a message on the church answering machine or email us: brookschurch@bellsouth.net.

January Birthdays

Lewellyn Williford	1/1
David Shadle	1/3
Allison Legg	1/9
Hunter Campbell	1/10
Stephanie Speer	1/10
Phillip Legg	1/11
Hank Meyers	1/11
Sharon Simmons	1/13
Susanne Goss	1/14
Melba Brown	1/15
Dwight Harness	1/15
Gina Cooper	1/17
Reid Piper	1/17
Lydia Waits	1/17
Anna Maria Giacobello	1/18
Haskell Shoaf	1/18
Jane Mask	1/20
Julie Leach	1/21
Danny Cooper	1/22
Pat Jenkins	1/30



February Birthdays

Joy Butler	2/4
Tony Giacobello	2/5
Carol Shaw	2/8
Jason Smith	2/10
Eddie Williford	2/10
Laura Harness	2/14
Robby Mask	2/17
Lisa Shadle	2/18
Jonathon Roy Betsill	2/20
Horace Dempsey	2/21
Katie Payne	2/27
Arleen Sellers	2/27
Betty Harness	2/28
Alan McLaughlin	2/28



Gary Cooper
Shirley Fisher
Bobby and Joy Butler
Arleen Sellers
Mike Jenkins
Bob Rucker
Bob Peterson
Rhonda Stapleton
Glodie Robinson (*Richard Currier*)
Kasi (*Friend of Gina Cooper*)
Family of Karen Knell (*Friend of Dan Langford*)
Tom Sellers (*Brother of John Sellers*)
Tom Giacobello (*Father of Tony*)
Elijah Kimaru (*Nephew of Shimshicks*)
Chris Brown
Larry Thomas
Rondah Hardy
Rev. Sheila and Gene Crowe
Rev. Lesley and Dan Langford
Rev. Carol Cook (*D.S.*)
Michael Watson (*Bishop*)
The Sims Family (*Missionaries*)



All requests are left on for 6 weeks unless otherwise instructed or renewed.

2012 Flower Calendar

Please sign up on the flower calendar to honor or remember a loved one in 2012. The flower calendar is in the hall on the bulletin board. Flowers are only \$30 for a nice arrangement that you can take home after the 11:00 service. Make your check out to David Brown.



**Ash Wednesday is
February 22nd**

Join us for a short, but meaningful service at 7:00 pm as we prepare our hearts for the season of Lent.

January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
New Year's Day 1 Worship 11:00 am No Sunday School	2 Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	3 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm School back in session Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm Cub Scout Den Mtg 6:30 pm	4 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm	5 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am BMW Meeting 12:00 noon Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	6 Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm Scouts in Craft Room 6:30—8:00 pm	7 Upward/Gym 8:00—5:00 pm
Epiphany 8 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am HS Conf/Reaff 10:00 am Confirmation 4:30 pm Youth LOFT 6:00-8:00 pm	9 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Finance Mtg 7:00 pm Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	10 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm Cub Scout Leader Meeting	11 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 5:45-6:30 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 p Choir 8:00 pm	12 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	13 Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:00 Sanctuary	14 Upward/Gym 8:00—5:00 pm
15 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am HS Conf/Reaff 10:00 am Confirmation 4:30 pm	Martin Luther King Holiday 16 No School Scouts 7:00 pm Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	17 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Brightmoor Party 2:00 pm Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm Cub Scouts Den Mtg 6:30 pm Administrative Council 7:00 pm	18 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 5:45-6:30 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 p Choir 8:00 pm	19 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	20 Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm Scouts in Craft Room 6:30—8:00 pm	21 Upward/Gym 8:00—5:00 pm
22 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am HS Conf/Reaff 10:00 am Mission Service Sunday <i>Stop Hunger 3:00—5:00 pm</i> Confirmation 4:30 pm	23 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm Missions Mtg	24 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	25 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 5:45-6:30 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 p Choir 8:00 pm	26 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	27 Family Game Night! 7:00 pm Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	28 Upward/Gym 8:00—5:00 pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby in the Sanctuary
29 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am District Training Event for Leadership 3—6 Baby Shower –Jenna White Astin 2:00—4:00 pm	30 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	31 Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm				

February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Souper Bowl Sunday 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am HS Conf/Reaff 10:00 am Soup and Sandwich Lunch after the 11:00 Service four Souper Bowl Confirmation 4:30 pm Youth 6:00-8:00 pm	Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm Cub Scout Leader Meeting Finance 7:00 pm	Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Dinner 5:45-6:30 pm Classes 6:45—8:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm	Preschool 9:00 am—1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am Ladies' Lunch 11:30 pm Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	Cub Scout Blue and Gold Carnival in Sanctuary Upward/Gym 4:00—9:00 pm	Upward/Gym 8:00—5:00 pm
Boy Scout Sunday 12	13	Valentine's Day 14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am	President's Day No School March and April News due!		Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm	Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am	Teacher Workday No School	
			Winter Break 2/20—2/24			Confirmation Retreat Camp Glisson 24—26
26	27	28	29			
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