

**Super Bowl Party... February 5th**



It's been a tradition here at Brookside Baptist to celebrate the Super Bowl with the church family. Starting at 5 pm everyone brings their favorite finger food or snack. Those of you that are brave enough to try their hand in the Chili Cook Off or Dessert Contest will be mixing up your "tried and true" recipes hoping yours is the best. Children and Adults alike enter into both categories and have made wonderful tasty dishes. Robert has won the category for "Most Unusual" Chili every year, so who among you will beat him this year?



Not a football fan? No matter, there will be all kinds of board games, dominoes and card games for all ages. If you have a favorite, bring it along with you and teach someone a new game.

And then there is football, viewed on the big screen! Enough said...

So bring your friends, your favorite family member or invite a stranger for a great evening of food, fun and fellowship Brookside style!

**Sundays**  
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 Oxygen (Children's Church)  
 6:00 p.m. C-Group

**Wednesdays**  
 10:00 a.m. - Women of Brookside (2nd Wednesday each month)  
 5:30 p.m. - Dinner  
 6:00 p.m. - Children's Activities  
 6:00 p.m. - Students '612"  
 6:00 p.m. - Prayer/Adult Bible Study  
 7:15 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice

**Calendar of Events**  
 Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. - Dinner in Fellowship Hall.  
 4th - Work Day - 9-2 pm / lunch at 1:30 pm  
 5th - Super Bowl Party / Chili Cook-off / Dessert Contest 5 pm  
 12th - Lord's Supper  
 14th - Vote  
 17th-19th - "Focus Weekend" - Student Ministry Retreat  
 19th - Finance Meeting at 8:30 am  
 20th - President's Day - no school  
 21st - Women of Brookside - 10:00 am in Common Grounds / bring your lunch and a friend, All are welcome

**February Dinner Menu:**  
 1st - Mexican and Cake  
 8th - Fettuccini Alfredo w/grilled chicken strips, mixed veggies, garlic bread, brownies  
 15th - Pork loin w/rice & chipotle sauce, corn on cob, rolls, lemon bars  
 22nd - 3 Way Chili (Chili Mac), salad, cookies  
 29th - Chicken & rice casserole w/crunchy topping, peas, biscuits, chocolate chip bars  
 For those wanting to eat healthier, a salad bar will be available starting in February

*Church office hours: M-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ~ Closed on Friday*



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## Hospitality...

### Inside this issue:

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Have you ever sat on the outside looking in? Maybe it was a baseball or football game, or a neighbors party in which you were not invited and you had to watch over a fence, or maybe it was Prom or a dance and you were sitting against the wall waiting for someone to invite you to dance. The first day in a church is very similar to each of these. Many guests relay to me that they feel like an "outsider" when they visit a church. They are not sure where to sit, are they about to take someone's seat? They do not know when to stand up or when to sit down. They are watching us to see what is appropriate. Because of that they never quite feel like they are part of the service.

Most churches are friendly. They have people to greet you when you walk in the door and they may have special parking spots for first time guests. They have an usher there to help a new visitor find a seat and they give them a coffee cup when you leave. But there is a huge difference between being a friendly church and being a church that will be a friend.

When Jesus encountered people during his ministry we never read where He smiles, shakes hands and walks away. Jesus consistently learned who they were and met their needs. One of the Foundations for a Godly church is not friendliness, we have enough friendly politicians in the world, it is Friendship. Here are some ideas for being a friend:

1. Never let a guest sit alone
2. Don't assume they know what Brookside has to offer
3. Get to know their family
4. Invite them to lunch
5. Offer to meet them for dinner on Wednesday night
6. Follow up with an email or phone call

In the coming weeks, focus on Christ and be a friend. Let the Love of Christ shine through.

Your friend,  
  
danny



# Ministry Highlights



## FOCUS Weekend - February 17th-19th

Brookside Baptist Church will be teaming up with 6 other churches around the area; Southern Hills, First Baptist Tulsa, Liberty, Garnett Road, First Baptist Jenks, Southwood Baptist, and Brookside Baptist, for a life changing weekend for our students and their friends. The weekend will include teaching by Mike Keahbone and worship led by Charlie Hall. Our large group sessions will be hosted by First Baptist Jenks and we'll spend the evening in host homes provided by our church. The theme for the weekend is FOCUSed. We will be teaching our students to be:

- FOCUSed on themselves: Personal Discipleship
- FOCUSed on others: Evangelism
- FOCUSed on God: Worship.

There are a few things that you can do to help:

1. **Pray:** Pray that our students will come to know Christ in a new way. Some maybe for the first time. Pray that our students will gain a desire for evangelism and will witness to friends and family. Pray that our students will grow in their desire to Worship our Father
2. **Food:** Our students will be staying with host families from our church and we will need to feed these hungry teenagers. I will be contacting Sunday School classes soon to sign up for meals and snacks.
3. **Join us:** We will be at the church on that Saturday working in our community to get to know our neighbors. We would love to have you come by and join us as we spread the love of Christ to those around us.

I know this will be a weekend that will impact our students and their friends for years to come. As students begin to know God, they will be drawn to know Him.

Let the little children come to me (and those pesky teenagers as well),

Danny



## The mission statement of Brookside Kids:

**"To reach, teach, and transform a new generation of children through Jesus Christ"**

Are you old enough to remember the opening lines from the original Star Trek series? It is arguably the most famous opening television monologue ever: "Space, the final frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Her five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before."



It turns out that the last line of that memorable speech delivered by Captain James T. Kirk (William Shatner) nearly four decades ago came from a White House document produced in 1958 to help calm post-Sputnik hysteria. At that time the world was locked in the deep freeze of the cold war. The Soviets were the first to put a satellite into orbit and America was worried about being overtaken by the godless dogma of Communism.



The 21<sup>st</sup> century, fifty years after Sputnik, is still an uncertain and dangerous world. College graduates in 2012 will enter a world with nearly double-digit unemployment, a sagging worldwide economy, trillions of dollars in debt, oil spills, a nuclear Iran, terrorism, threats to marriage, Twitter, iPads and Lady Gaga. What a mix!

God has called Brookside Baptist Church to take the gospel to a new generation and "boldly go where no man has gone before."

This spring and summer bring many opportunities of ministry to the next generation and their families: Wright Family Fun Day, Community Easter Egg Hunt, Backyard VBS, Karate and Crafts, KMAK, Karate Camp, Vacation Bible School, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade day camp, and Brookside Blast. I ask you to join me in praying over this next chapter in Brookside's history. The next generation awaits!

*"I will bring honor to Your name in every generation. Therefore, the nations will praise You forever and*

ever." Psalm 45:17

**Camp Reservations** - Yes, it's early, but summer will soon be here! **Kid's Mission Adventure Kamp** is June 18-21, for children who have finished 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost is \$160 and \$20 will reserve your child's spot. **Space is limited!** You may make monthly "lay-away" payments until the fee is paid in full. **Do NOT Wait** to make your reservation; once the beds are filled I cannot get any more. Scholarships are available and we will be doing several fundraising projects to help with the tuition. (See Cheryl for Ruby Tuesday's discount cards. Good place to eat!).

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** day camp is July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> with a fee of \$75 and a \$20 deposit will hold your child's spot.

**VBS** - This year our theme for Vacation Bible School is "SKY: Everything is Possible with God". Please be in prayer about jumping in with both feet, who you can invite to glide with and join us for Vacation Bible School - July 16th-20th.



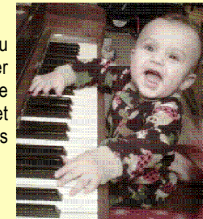
## Extended Care Schedule:

### February

- 5th Mike & Cindy Williams
- 12th Doug & JoAnn Stall
- 19th Jerry & Susan McCaskill
- 26th Helen Merritt & Sarah Stockstill

We need more ETC teams! If you would like to teach our younger children about Jesus during the morning worship hour, please let Cheryl know. Our current rotation is once every month.

Logan - son of Amanda Pales



## Tulsa Ministry Center

Cereal is the feature item during the month of February. See Delores Boone for more information.

# Brookside Family News

## What's Happening at Brookside?

**Thank you** - Jean Watts, Vicki Moore and Helen Merritt for inventorying and logging all the books in the Library.

Jenny Burgman for doing a wonderful job in mending our US Flag - she is the new and modern day Betsy Ross!!!

**Help wanted:** help is needed in the kitchen on Wednesday evenings following dinner, clearing tables, washing and drying dishes. Thank you to Dacia Brittenham week 2 and Julie Andersen for filling 2 of the 5 slots.

**Work Day - 70th Anniversary** - September will be here before we know it. Plans are being made, work days are being scheduled, and invitations will be going out. Come join us in the fun and excitement!! See February 4th at 9 am !!

## Choir and Praise Team Rehearsal

**Wednesday nights,  
7:15 pm in the Sanctuary**

**Anyone interested in singing in a group or singing solos, please be there!**



## Missions/Ministries:

**DaySpring Villa** - Oklahoma's only faith based Women's Shelter that equips women and their children for an independent future

**John 3:16 Mission** - 1 of Tulsa's homeless shelter

**Tulsa Ministry Center** - Providing food, clothing and other services

**Tulakogee Camp** - Retreats, Conferences and Children's Summer Camps

**Meals on Wheels** - delivering food to the area home-bound

**Tulsa Food Bank** - providing food for the less fortunate in our area

**Lottie Moon** - Southern Baptist International Missions, **Annie Armstrong** State Missions, and **Edna McMillian** North American Missions.

These are just a few area ministries in need of volunteers. Volunteers are a very vital part of any ministry and the ministries are very grateful for the time and effort volunteers contribute.

Happy Birthday!



Don't see your name!  
Contact the church office.

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Financial UPDATE

Ministries & Operations Budget	Month:
	\$30,396
Received January	\$24,765
	YTD
Missions Giving	\$665
	YTD:
Sound System	\$2,675.00

## Meet the Family....

Each month, the Connection highlights new and "established" members of our church family.



## Chris Hans

I am so excited about Sunday (1/8/12) as we had 3 people come down and want (I said WANT) to join Brookside Baptist to help us in our responsibility to go out and talk to anyone about Jesus. Besides that this past Sunday (1/15/11) we had a baptism - Praise GOD!

The first one we are going to learn about is Chris Hans; he was baptized November 6, 2011 and joined the church on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January. When asked what brought him to Brookside, he stated he needed to find God and the church was right down the road from where he lived. He says this church is filled with knowledge and to him he is surrounded by older people and they have a lot of wisdom. His hobbies include reading, working out and watching movies. He is pretty clever when asked about different committees he would be interested in he said that he is not sure at the moment. Just get him to a meeting and have him sign the attendance sheet and then he will be on a committee (HAHA). Chris accepted Christ when he was involved in a prayer group and the pastor asked if anyone wanted to accept God in their heart and Chris did. I was told when I asked him, what he would like to tell his Church Family, he replied that he had made a lot of mistakes, but he learned from every one he made and just needed to find a better way and it was found through GOD (what a testimony!). I asked if there was anything else he wanted to share and he said that's it for now, thank you and God Bless.

Chris also arrived early for the church wide breakfast and helped with the preparations and has volunteered to help on the work day as well. It blesses my heart to know that there are still young adults out there that are looking for a relationship with God and willing to pitch in where they are needed.

Cindy Williams