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Standard Time

Second Worship Service Begins on Sunday, January 29!

Beginning January 29:

- “The Bridge” will be casual, contemporary worship at 8:30 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study will be held from 9:45-10:40 AM
- “The Classic Blend” will be traditional worship with praise songs at 11:00 AM

Twenty-one Days of Prayer started today (January 9). Keep praying with me every day between now and January 29 for God to show us what only He can do. We are praying for revival for ourselves and spiritual impact as we do our best to reach our community for Christ. Remember our theme for the year—“It’s About People Knowing Jesus.”

Congratulations to Ramona Lord on her second anniversary at Briarwood! We are so blessed to have her and her family here. Every Sunday she blesses us with her piano skills. At the same time, she is all about worship and not performance. Her sweet spirit and whole-hearted dedication to God are a constant source of encouragement. When you have the opportunity, let her know how much you appreciate her, too.

Praise the Lord for His blessing on our church finances! From August up until the last Sunday in December (Christmas Day), we had run a budget deficit. We weren’t spending more than we were taking in, but we were almost \$20,000 under budget for the year. But, by January 1 our budget giving was enough to take us to \$15,000 over budget for the year! We are grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of God’s people.

We are in the midst of two renovation projects at church. The two restrooms at the front of the church are both being completely remodeled and expanded. This is something that we have wanted to do for some time. Plus, the basement (after a major plumbing problem) is also being totally renovated. We are expecting to end up with some larger classrooms, a very nice and functional Resource Center, wider hallways, higher ceilings and better and brighter lighting. Insurance should cover part of this expense but not all. If you want to help with getting this done, please mark your check, “Building Expansion and Renovation.”

Please save my new telephone number! Some time ago we did away with our regular land line and went to a discounted phone service that works through the internet. This has not functioned as we had hoped, so I want you to have the other number (besides the church) where you can always reach me - my cell phone. The number is (706) 340-6708.

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Parental guidance Required!

Some things in life are designed to operate on auto-pilot, but parenting is not such an activity.

When I was **just** a youth pastor, I often wondered how parents could have so little involvement with their children. How there are days I leave for the office and return home to find my kids fast asleep. How there are days when I just want to yield to their constant pleading of "Dad, put on a movieeeee, Pleeeessee!" and veg (as we said in the 80's). If you are a parent, no doubt you understand.

Parenting is hard work. Where is the perfect recipe for discipline? Discipleship? If you have two kids, is it the same for each? How much time do they get on the computer? Should we monitor the TV, social networking? Wow, we have a lot do!

We need help! I do not have specific answers today, other than the following encouragement. Pray for your kids and resist the urge to hve up and put them on Auto-pilot! There are mountains and blind spots out there. They desperately need you every day as an active part of their lives.

We must be engaged in our kid's lives, if they are going to reach their potential.

Tools! Links!

1. www.cpyu.org
2. www.superwow.com/impact

I want to give you tools and resources in 2012 to help you be a better parent. This first link is by a man named Walt Mueller. He is a youth culture expert and founded the center for parent youth understanding years ago! The second is for Impact the world's greatest youth camp!

Impact 2012

Impact Camp is built upon 10-12 person family groups that meet after each session to process the teachings on a practical level. This discipleship approach allows for truly uncommon growth in only five days. Sign-up by **March 11** at www.briarwoodbaptist.net.

It's Go Time! January 29

We are growing to reach more people!

The Bridge - is our new contemporary Worship Service beginning at 8:30 a.m.

JumpStart - is our new 8:30 a.m. kids church.

The Classic Blend - is a blended service that has something for everyone!

Kidz Connection - is our 11:00 a.m. kid's church.

#pray21 - Join Briarwood in praying for our church! Follow @rickstandard or on FB to see Pastor Rick's daily prayer thought!

B1n2012 - Join others who commit to serve in one of our two services.



The Mix is an awesome weekend for Grade 6 through 12 students programmed to rock your socks off! The Mix is about God, You, Your community, and Your friends! No joke! The Mix is all that and more! *(insert hip/cool catch phrase here!)* Download a go form here: www.briarwoodbaptist.net.

Mission Trips!

We are sending students to 4 unique places of service this summer:

- Zambia, Africa: May 16 - June 9
- New Orleans, Louisiana: June 24 - 30
- Rice Lake, Wisconsin: July 7 - 14
- Dominican Republic: July 14 - 21

Sign Up for Mission Trips and Retreats!

The sign up sheets for Mission Trips, events, and retreats is located on the bulletin board next to the church office.

MUSIC NOTES



Change! Whether you love or hate it, it is a fact of life. Sometimes we "church types" are a little slow to change when it comes to "church stuff." Of course, there are the non-negotiables of our faith that will never change but sometimes a little change in other areas can do a lot of good.

At BBC we see a significant paradigm shift is upon us. In many ways we can't control outcomes but we can control our approach. Consider these thoughts from Rick Warren:

"Most churches fail to grow beyond a few hundred members because they fail to make the necessary changes to make it possible, not because the Gospel message has lost its appeal. In the same way, sometimes we sabotage our own spiritual development or evangelism efforts because we don't recognize when it's time to make changes:

No, we don't want to make changes where change is not to our advantage, but there are times when we do need to make changes. When it comes to communicating the gospel, while the message itself never changes, our way and means of communicating it have to change in order to communicate effectively to the particular group we are addressing. One size doesn't fit all!

Also, whether we approve or disapprove, many things around us change and if we don't adapt, we get left behind....

A few years back, Moody Monthly, the highly respected Christian magazine, discontinued its publication after its 103-year history. Why? Because of the economy, the proliferation of Christian magazines, and because of technology. Moody Monthly, like so many other ministries, has had to turn from printed hard copy to electronic means of communication, not only to become more effective in their ministry, but also to survive."

I can't wait to see how our unchanging God work through the change at BBC.

Easter is coming! Join the choir and celebrate the resurrection!

Greg

JumpStart

Begins January 29

This is the new 8:30 a.m. Worship event for kids!

There will be so much fun, you will want to come early!

“How to Double Your Class in Two Years or Less” by Josh Hunt

A study for Sunday School teachers of adults, adult Sunday School class officers or those who are considering teaching an adult class.

Begins Sunday night, January 22

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Room #204

No cost for the book

Led by Pastor Rick

The Kidz Buzz!

February 11

Indoor Aquatic Center

Location: Bogan Park

Cost: \$10.00/person

Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m.

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