

**THE SUNDAY PAPER — March 7, 2010**  
**Brooks Avenue Church of Christ**  
**2010 Theme - “More Joy In HIS Service”**  
**(Living Holy Lives, Making Disciples, Doing Good)**

*“Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.”*  
1 Peter 2:11 (NIV)

**FAMILY CALENDAR**

March 12.....ESL Refreshment  
March 12-20.....College Mission Trip to Ukraine  
March 13.....Food Pantry & Clothes Closet  
March 14.....Agape I Can Sunday  
March 21-22.....Ultimate Escape Seminar  
March 27.....Food Pantry & Clothes Closet  
April 4.....Easter Sunrise Service  
April 10.....Spring Carnival  
May 22.....Vacation Bible School

**MINISTRY GROUPS MEET TODAY**

Check the Ministry Group flyer for times and locations of the Ministry Group meetings. Our ministries are built around our God-given skills and abilities, referred to in Scripture as "spiritual gifts." We have ministry groups that are actively exercising the many diverse gifts of the members at Brooks.

**REMINDERS**

- Please turn OFF cell phones or put on vibrate.
- Parents, please pick up your children at **11:45 am** from the following pick up locations:
  - six months - two years: **nursery room 102**
  - two - three years: **Bear room 1/3**
  - three years - KG: **Kingdom Kids room 9**
- Visit [www.brooks.org](http://www.brooks.org) to hear sermons online.
- Handouts for songs not in the hymnal are available on the visitor desks in the lobbies.



**REMINDER!**

**SPRING FORWARD  
NEXT SUNDAY!**

**Order of Worship**

**Song Leader** - David Mills

**Welcome, Announcements & Prayer**  
Kent Massey

**Song** - “Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing” (#121)

**Song** - “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (#538)

**Song** - “I Gave My Life for Thee” (#354)

**Communion** - Jess Hines

**Song** - “God Is the Fountain Whence” (#117)

**Offering** - Jess Hines

**Song** - “I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger” (#979)

**Song** - “This World Is Not My Home” (#957)

**Lesson: “Resident Aliens”**  
Dennis Conner

**Songs** - “Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims” (#537)

**Shepherd’s Prayer**

**Closing Song** - “When We All Get to Heaven” (#853)

**Contact Elder for March is  
John Greenwood**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:



Judy Bagley, Steve Bragg, Nancy Gardner, Carol James, Jack Jeffers, Nakeshia Jones, Evelyn King, Mac McCachren, Daniel McCallum, Dana Mills, Chris Mondragon, and Bob Murray.

## WELCOME FRIENDS!



If this is your first time to Brooks Avenue, please fill out a pink visitor card and take it to the visitor information desk in the auditorium lobby to receive a gift bag from our church family.

## AGAPE I CAN COLLECTION



Just a reminder that Agape I Can Sunday is next week so please remember to bring your coins for the collection. This money goes to support Agape's efforts to serve foster children and foster families in North Carolina. Agape also provides birth parent and general family counseling services. There will be the traditional Agape "CAN" on the stage next week and everyone, including our children's classes, will have an opportunity to contribute. The opening to the bucket is large enough to accept cash and checks in addition to the coins! Thanks so much for your help.

## WELCOME FRIENDS!

We all were new, at one time, and we remember what it's like. So we've provided the information below, knowing that it's easier to venture into a new place when you know what to expect.

### About Us

Brooks Avenue church of Christ exists to encourage all people to pursue a lifelong, joyous relationship with Jesus Christ. Our history in Raleigh dates back to 1947, when a small group of Christians met at the YMCA on the campus of North Carolina State University. We are a nondenominational, autonomous church. That means that we are governed by our own elders and not an outside organization.

### Sunday Mornings

About 500 people attend Brooks Avenue each Sunday, and we have dozens of volunteers working hard to make sure all visitors are welcomed and encouraged, and ensure that your experience with the Lord's church is one that you will remember.

The congregation spans a range of ages and backgrounds. You'll see people in the pews dressed in all styles—from jeans to business suits. Brooks Avenue offers worship that is designed to draw us closer to God, singing that reflects the music of our hearts and sermons from God's word that are relevant and application driven.

We are thankful that you are with us at Brooks Avenue and are an honored guest. We will not single you out as a visitor. Also, we don't expect our guests to give. So feel free to let the offering plate pass by when it comes down your row. We would ask that you fill out a Guest Card (found on the pew) so we can have a record of your visit with us.

Children are welcome to attend worship services; we also offer a fully staffed nursery for children ages 6 months to 2 years old. We also have a Kingdom Kids worship service especially for children (ages 2 years through kindergarten) on Sunday morning.

### Getting Connected

Getting connected at Brooks Avenue is about relationships that get beneath the surface. Those kinds of relationships won't come simply by attending worship services. They take time.

One way to get connected is to join a Bible study on Sunday morning or Wednesday night. These classes are available for all ages—children, teens and adults. Smaller groups—called Common Bonds—meet on the second and fourth Sunday nights all around the Raleigh metro area. We also have Bible study groups that meet at different times during the week.

Serving others also deepens your relationship with God and people. We offer a variety of service opportunities that will connect you with a team of people who work together in serving others and God.

Thank you for being our guest. If we can ever serve you, please let us know. We look forward to getting to know you!

## MEN



The BBA (Brooks Basketball Association) will meet tonight at 7 pm in Fails Hall.

## WOMEN

### COLLEGE CARES

Attention mothers of College Students: The next meeting of College Cares, our support group, will be held Monday March 15th at 7 PM at the home of Susan Weaver. Please bring Easter type snacks. See Susan, Holly Watkins, or Ruthann Smith with questions. Email Susan at [weaver@nc.rr.com](mailto:weaver@nc.rr.com) if you plan to attend.

## SPRING CARNIVAL



Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Carnival for Children with Special Needs and their families is April 10<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2pm. We need volunteers to help with games, rides, crafts, face painting, set up, clean up, parking and more. Please sign up on the Special Needs bulletin board (in the hallway near the mailboxes.) Contact Carol Jacobson if you have any questions. Thanks for your help with this fun and rewarding event. Be in prayer for a successful day!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Emily Bradley, Coordinator

[emily@brooks.org](mailto:emily@brooks.org)

624-2591



Don't miss the Bible Studies that are posted on the Brooks Avenue Kids blog under Family Bible Study at [www.brooksavenuekids.wordpress.com](http://www.brooksavenuekids.wordpress.com). Each week a new link will be posted that corresponds to the weekly lessons for children ages 2-4th graders.

### ◆ Kids on a Mission Tonight

We need LOTS of help at **6 PM tonight** stuffing 350 bags for our spring carnival guests. Kids of all ages (adults too) are invited to help assemble guest bags in Fails Hall.

### ◆ Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a community wide Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 3rd** at **Isabella Cannon Park** from **10am-noon**. Come out to find Easter eggs, take a picture with the Easter Bunny, and build your own Resurrection Egg set!

Please donate empty **dozen egg cartons** and **filled** or **unfilled plastic Easter Eggs** to the labeled bucket in the Lorren Lobby.

### ◆ VBS 2010 — Family Vacation!

Our VBS this year will be May 22 from 10am-4pm (lunch provided). We will be doing things family style, so make sure to bring the whole family as we take a journey to Egypt to take a look at the life of Joseph. Want to help make VBS happen? Please come to a planning meeting **tonight at 5 PM** in the Fails Hall.

## Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) 3rd—12th grade

Parents, if you are interested in learning more about LTC and becoming involved in this exciting program for developing your child's spiritual gifts and leadership skills, plan to attend an introductory meeting Sunday, March 21st at 2:30 pm in the Youth Room. Rhonda Gould is on the board of the Eastern Region Leadership Training for Christ (ERLTC) and will be here from Friendly Avenue Church of Christ to provide us with information about how to get LTC up and running at Brooks Avenue. This is a great opportunity for everyone to grow together with each other, with our kids and in Christ. Refreshments will be provided. Please call Stan Bennett at 554-1534 and let him know if you can attend. Thank you.

## ULTIMATE ESCAPE @ BROOKS AVENUE



Please mark your calendars for March 21-22! Steve Holladay, Director of Ministry for Ultimate Escape, will be leading a FREE workshop for **teens, parents, and adults**. The theme of the workshop is "Ultimate Expose"--God's Plan for Sexuality." In a culture that glorifies sex, we must learn what God says about sex, how to deal with sexual addictive behaviors, how to overcome them and God's plan for reclamation. To learn more about Ultimate Escape, visit their website at [www.ultimateescape.org](http://www.ultimateescape.org)

**"Salvation is in Jesus Christ!"** A renewed relationship with God is a gift of His grace (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9), calling for an accepting response of faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God who has been resurrected from the dead (John 3:16; Romans 4:25), expressed in one's willingness to confess that faith (Romans 10:9), repent of his or her sins (Acts 3:19) and be united with Christ in baptism (an immersion in water) as God pronounces us forgiven and raises us to a new life of obedience and commitment to Jesus as Lord (Romans 6:1-7; Acts 2:37-41; 1 Peter 3:21; John 3:3-5).

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**March Contact Deacon is  
Lonnie Watkins**

There are 9 spots available for the mission trip to Cozumel, Mexico August 5—9. It is **not too late** to sign up and get registered for this life-changing trip! Contact Brad Forrest, Lonnie Watkins, or Kent Massey for more information.



The following people were baptized last Sunday:

**Taylor Ross**

108 Gables Point Way  
Cary, NC 27513

**Michael David Rowe**

9805 Chambersbury Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27613

**Jacqueline Shanahan**

**Brittany Whistle**

12313 Kendall Ridge Ct  
Durham, NC 27703

**Melvin Worthington**

2060 Winston Road, Lot 42  
Clayton, NC 27520

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**PHYSICAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Willie Bradley**, 93, severe pneumonia, mother of Peggy Green  
**Cathleen Bragg**, recovering from surgery  
**Hal Peyton**, brother of Claire McElvaney  
**Kevin Mather**, recovery from surgery

**ENCOURAGEMENT PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Dianne Sturdivant**, strength and courage during trial for person accused of killing her husband, Ronnie, in August 2008.

**PALMETTO BIBLE CAMP**

Now accepting applications for summer 2010. Kent Massey directs week 4, July 4-10, ages 9-18.

**CAROLINA BIBLE CAMP**

Now accepting applications for summer 2010. Dennis Conner directs week 6, July 18-24th, ages 13-18.

**UNDERAGE DRINKING & EMERGING ISSUES**

March 19, 8:30 am—3:30 pm at the South Central church of Christ, Raleigh, 231-2174.

**THE ACAPPELLA CHORUS**

March 19, 7 PM at the Southside Church of Christ, Durham, 688-3535.

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES**

**Open Wide Your Hearts**

Auditorium

**Take Your Faith Home (Parents)**

Room 306

**Marriage Class - Room 304**

**New Christian Study - Room 215**

**The Quest for Christ (College) Room**

13/15

**WEDDING PICTURES**

**Yes, we want yours!**

As part of our series "Wholly, Wholly, Holy", we will be exploring in a few weeks how holiness impacts a marriage. To reinforce the theme, we invite families to bring a framed wedding picture on Sunday, March 14. There will be a display set up at the stage where you can leave your picture until after the service on March 21.

THANKS for being part of the lessons on March 14 & 21. It will be fun!!!

**CONTRIBUTION AND ATTENDANCE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sun Classes</u>	<u>Sun Worship</u>	<u>Wed Classes</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>YTD</u>
02/21	281	451	205	\$12,000	\$98,323
02/28	295	490		\$14,462	\$112,518
<b>Budget</b>				\$14,789	\$133,101

**Brooks Avenue Church of Christ**

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Sunday:	Fellowship Time	8:15 - 9:15 A.M.
	Bible Study	9:30 A.M.
	Worship Assembly	10:30 A.M.
Wednesday:	Fellowship Dinner	6:00 P.M.
	Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

Our Web Site.....	www.brooks.org
Campus Ministries .....	www.brooks campusministry.com
Youth Activities.....	www.brooks.org/youth
Elder E-mail.....	elders@brooks.org
The Sunday Paper . . . Contact the church office (must be in by noon Friday) .....	SundayPaper@brooks.org