



**MAY
2011**

NEW BRIGHTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH BROADCASTER

A Note From the Senior Minister

Taking God's Love for Granted



*New
Brighton
Christian
Church ...*
strives to be

**a healthy, growing church
that has a great passion to
live the Great
Commandment and the
Great Commission by
loving God, loving people,
and sharing the Good
News.**

**As a congregation we will
focus on growing warmer
through fellowship,
stronger through worship,
deeper through
discipleship,
broader through ministry,
and larger through
evangelism.**

**Sunday Schedule
8:30 am
Coffee & Donuts
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Sunday School
9:00 am
.....
10:00 am
Blended Worship
.....
1:00 pm
Korean Grace
Church**

A man was walking along a California beach, deep in prayer, when he said aloud, "Lord, please grant me just one wish". The sky clouded over and a booming voice said, "Because you have tried to be faithful I will grant you one wish." The man said, "I've always felt like Hawaii is the place I'm supposed to be, but I'm afraid to fly on planes and I get seasick on boats. My wish is for you to build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over anytime I want to."

The Lord answered, "Have you really considered this? Your request is very materialistic. Think of the logistics of that kind of undertaking; the supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific Ocean; the concrete and steel it would take. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time to think of another wish, a wish you think would better honor and glorify me".

The man thought for a long time and finally said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand women. I want to know what they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing', and how I can make a woman truly happy?"

And God replied, "How many lanes did you want on that bridge?"

There are a lot of things in life we don't understand; but beyond that, there are some things that are just plain beyond our understanding. For instance, we talk about love, we sing about love, we profess our love, but what we call love is only a shadow of the love God has for us.

Listen to what King David wrote about God in Psalm 36:7-9: *How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. ⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.*

It all starts with a proper relationship with God through his son Jesus Christ. If you don't have that, you need to get it. If God was going to grant you one wish, it should be to live in perfect obedience in the kingdom of God.

And then we can begin to truly appreciate what God's love has done, and is doing, for us. Think about how much more we have than what we need to survive from day to day. And even around the world, where people are hungry it's not because God hasn't put enough food on the earth, it's because some people are so sinful and so self-centered that they use food as a weapon or a tool instead of a blessing. God has given us so much, and blessed us so richly, that we tend to take it for granted.

And you know what happens? When I take God's love for granted, I don't show God's love to others. I sometimes get peeved when the kids ask me to do something or go somewhere, and all I want to do is plant myself in a recliner. I sometimes get peeved at something as simple as Judy asking me to get her a glass of water.

The problem isn't wanting to go somewhere or wanting a glass of water; the problem is my own selfishness and self-centeredness.

Jesus loved me so much that he went to the cross and died for my sins, but sometimes my love doesn't extend as far as Rosedale. God's love extends from the highest heavens to the deepest seas, and sometimes my love doesn't even extend from my chair to the couch. Jesus rose from the grave, and sometimes we can't even get out of bed. When we take God's love for granted, we don't show God's love to others.

Ron

From the Children's Minister



Everyday Miracles

We often wish for miracles in our daily lives. We pray...we hope...we cry...we groan...we wait. And yet, when they show up, we are often unprepared to witness those miracles.

I find that I'm always hoping that God will send a miracle in my life that looks like something straight out of the Old Testament: a pillar of fire, manna from heaven, the sun that stops in the sky. Perhaps our culture's mantra of "impress-me-in-a-big-flashy-way," is causing us to miss the point. We're too busy looking for a message from God written in the sky like the trail of a sky-writer. Maybe there are everyday miracles all around us, and we're just not paying attention.

When I think of everyday miracles, the first thought in my mind is our daughters. How often have I taken for granted their uncomplicated birth, their good health, their quick minds, and their joyful personalities? Yet miraculous, these are the faces I look into every day. For now, God has entrusted them to me.

When I think of all the times I've heard the perfect song or a perfect verse or talked to just the right person at the perfect moment, I know that God's been at work. Those are everyday miracles. His hand is over me, around me, and guiding me in ways I will never truly understand.

When I've observed friends and family who have battled the mighty foe of cancer and have come through victorious, I'm amazed. And I'm even more in awe as I watch their strength along the way and their unwavering faith in God. Miracles...no doubt.

More and more, I am discovering that if I wait for a voice from heaven to proclaim, "Here is your miraculous sign," I am missing out on so many everyday miracles that God is placing in my path.

*"I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds."
Psalm 44:12*

Kristie

from the **YOUTH PASTOR**

A Father's Love

As we leave the Easter season behind I find that its impact on me is becoming greater and greater. One of the things that I had looked forward to in fatherhood was to experience a relationship where I would be wholly responsible. No other relationship other than parent to child displays such a deep and natural unconditional love. Of course, not every parent and child's relationship is the same but I really cannot imagine a deeper love.

The reason that Easter's impact on me is growing more and more is because of the relationship that I have with my own son. When I begin to think about the magnitude of God's sacrifice and to try to put it into terms that I can relate to I get a small glimpse of the measure of God's love.

Romans 5:8, *"But God demonstrates his love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"*

Not only is it hard to imagine making the sort of sacrifice that God made with His Son's blood but, to do so for those who would believe that they didn't need it.

God's compassion and grace is truly amazing. One of my favorite passages about Jesus' work is in Philippians 2:5-11:

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Reggie

New Brighton Christian Church Calendar of Activities

~ May 2011 ~

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Service 1p Korean Grace Church 3p Hymn Sing 6p Brownies | 2 6p– Brownies 7p Choir Practice Mary Ellen Klang | 3 7p YAG Lee & Barb Bliss | 4 6p- Family Potluck Grill out Night 7p BOLD Kids & pre-school friends; student Discipleship, adults 7p– Eastside Bible Study Ron & Judy Hanson | 5 10a Ladies Bible Study 5-7p- National Day of Prayer 7p Elders meeting Norval & Mary Tolle Barb Bliss Pat Fox Shane & Natalie Cocking Dorine Wozniak | 6 5:30p– Dream Banquet-Crossroads Betty Fredericks | 7 8a– Men's Breakfast Elaine Dickie |
| 8 Mother's Day 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Service 1p Korean Grace Church | 9 7p Choir Practice Dale & Linda Brothanek | 10 7p YAG | 11 6:30p Youth Volunteer Huddle 7p BOLD Kids & pre-school friends; student Discipleship, adults Ernie & Joan Goodrich | 12 10a Ladies Bible Study 7p Deacons Meeting Abbi Reber | 13 7p God Sightings Bible Study Adell Pope | 14 Connie Cormany |
| 15 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Service Recognition of Graduates 11:15a Worship & Ministry Meeting 1p Korean Grace Church 2:15p Worship at NB Care Center 7:30p– Bethel Vespers Dave Stevens | 16 Prime Timers on Campus-Crossroads 7p Choir Practice | 17 Prime Timers on Campus-Crossroads 11a Metro Area Seniors 7p YAG Jim & Bobbi Craig | 18 Prime Timers on Campus-Crossroads 7p BOLD Kids & pre-school friends; student Discipleship, adults 7p Eastside Bible Study Eric Zins | 19 Prime Timers on Campus-Crossroads 10a Ladies Bible Study 6:30p Elders meeting Becky Lane | 20 6p Teen Skyzone Edition 7p God Sightings Bible Study Hank Wozniak | 21 9:30a– Ladies Spring Fling |
| 22 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Service 1p Korean Grace Church 12p– Teacher Appreciation picnic 2:30p Piano Recital | 23 7p Choir Practice | 24 7p YAG JoAnne Kurkowski Reggie & Miriam Camarse | 25 | 26 7p Joint Ministry Meeting Jordan McNaull | 27 Pine Haven Fishing Camp 7p God Sightings Bible Study | 28 Pine Haven Fishing Camp Paul Stone |
| 29 Pine Haven Fishing Camp 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Service 1p Korean Grace Church 6p– Teen Bonfire Bob Noeker | 30 Memorial Day Jerry Leary | 31 7p YAG Sean Nelson Terry Mens | Reminders: May 4– Last Family Dinner Night of the year May 5– National Day of Prayer May 8– Mother's Day May 15– Graduates Recognition May 18– Last Bible Study Activity Night of the season Registration for Pine Haven Camp is now open. Forms are available in the lobby Be sure to enroll your children in the VBS— June 26-30! | | | |



MAY SERVERS

| | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
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| Nursery 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Teen Helper | Judy Hanson Kristie Cocking Leah Watkins | Linda Steele Julie Entinger Vanessa Stone | Judy Hanson Shane & Natalie Cocking Rebekah Hanson | Tammy Norlin Shirley Mens Lindsey Angelo | Ann Dewing Lori Angelo Katelyn McDaniel |
| Greeters | Terry & Shirley Mens | Ed Jonak Lee Tate | Beulah Carlson | Dave & Patti Gantz | Terry & Shirley Mens |
| At The Table | Les Clapp Rod Haggard | Les Clapp Paul Stone | Les Clapp Rod Haggard | Les Clapp Paul Stone | Les Clapp Rod Haggard |
| Ushers | Tom Ramisch Bill Sellwood | Rod Haggard Mike Rosenstiel | Brian Sladek Terry Sturges | Doug Corcoran Don Philippy | Randy Steele Denise Ramisch |
| Media Arts | Trinna Nelson | Denise Ramisch | Trinna Nelson | Denise Ramisch | Trinna Nelson |
| Sound | Roger Entinger | Paul Stone | Natalie Cocking | Roger Entinger | Paul Stone |
| Wee Worship Jr. Worship | Miriam Camarse Shane & Natalie Cocking | Kristie Cocking Nick & Jadee Hanson | Miriam Camarse Cindy Winter | Kristie Cocking Jake Koehler | Kristie Cocking Reggie Camarse |
| Communion To Shut-Ins | Rod Haggard Randy Steele | Doug Winter Aaron Cocking | Ron Hanson Dick Emery | Mike Rosenstiel Denny Dewing | Rod Haggard Randy Steele |
| | | | Nursing Home | Cindy Winter | |
| Deacon of The Month | Paul Stone | | Communion Prep & Clean-up | Jim & Jane Cordle | Jim & Jane Cordle |

Newsletter & Bulletin Information:

Next month's newsletter and calendar items must be turned into the church office by May 25. Items for the weekly bulletin need to be in by Thursday at 11:00 am. Please call 651/633-7152.



SPRING FLYING FOR LADIES AND GIRLS

Theme: "Bloom Where You are Planted"

All ladies and girls are invited to attend on Saturday, May 21, 9:30—11:30 AM
Church Fellowship Hall

Enjoy delicious lunch, a short program—free of charge.
Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Bring a friend.





A Minute with the Elders

The Book of Nehemiah tells of the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem. A remnant people had returned from exile to find their city in ruin and the surrounding wall as broken as their spirit. They were overwhelmed by the enormity of the task. The rebuilding account is inspiring, though not because of the wall itself; there is no particular splendor recorded of its materials or architecture. What is inspiring is *how* it gets built:

Nehemiah 3:17-18 *“Next to him, the repairs were made by the Levites under Rehum son of Bani. Beside him, Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, carried out repairs for his district. Next to him, the repairs were made by their countrymen under Binnui son of Hendadad, ruler of the other half district of Keilah. Next to him.....”*

In this account over twenty-five variations of *“next to him”* describe how an otherwise disparate and discouraged people worked alongside one another in a unified effort. Families worked next to civic leaders who worked next to goldsmiths who worked next to merchants who worked next to temple servants who worked next to priests who worked next to sons who worked next to a father being helped by his daughters. God built that wall through a people who worked together, with one another, for one another in His Holy Name. Over the past year the elders have been engaged in near term and long term planning and in assessing areas in need of *“rebuilding”*, spiritual or otherwise, here at New Brighton Christian Church. As we begin new projects, programs and ministry opportunities, it is our prayer that everyone at NBCC, individuals and families, young and old, new people and the most enduring members, can also work zealously next to one another united in Jesus Christ to complete the work God has for us.

Church Deacons take on new responsibilities

At their monthly meeting new responsibilities were discussed for the *“Deacon of the Month.”* These duties include:

- Setting up fellowship hall for church events;
- Return fellowship hall to normal set up after church events
- Ensuring all classrooms are locked after Sunday services
- Ensuring north sanctuary church doors are locked after Sunday services
- All deacons will take responsibility for Church clean-up days
- All deacons will take over preparation of Men’s breakfast on the 1st Saturday of the month.

Deacon for the Month of May is **Paul Stone**
Ph: 763-717-2348: stonepaul@myway.com



We thank these men who are volunteering their time to better serve our congregation.



National Day of Prayer—Thursday, May 5—Theme: *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

Established by Congress which encourages Americans to pray for our nation, its people and its leaders. The NDP Task Force concentrates on the need to pray for those in leadership at all levels of influence, including national, church and educational areas. This day will be observed in various ways. On May 5th NBCC will be open for prayer. 5-7PM—individual prayer, 6PM congregational prayer. Feel free to stop in on your way home from work or school, or come at 6PM for group prayer.

Sunday, May 15 we will recognize our high school and college graduates at the 10AM worship service. Please send us your photos to post on the bulletin board.



Loved Beyond Measure.....
Is the theme of New Life Family Services Annual Birth Mother Dinner.

May 6, 2011

Calvary Church in Roseville

To make reservations call:

Britta Nguyen

612-746-5668

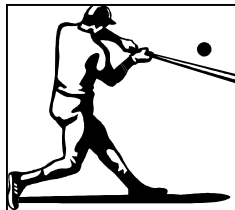
Testimonies will be given



Sunday, May 8 is Mother’s Day!

Congratulations to all Moms & God Bless you always!

“A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”
Proverbs 31:30-31



NBCC Baseball Schedule for May

May 4, 6:00PM Hansen 3

May 11, 7:15PM Inner Park

May 18, 6:00PM Hansen 4

May 25, 7:15PM Hansen 3

Peanut Butter Drive for Haiti

Extended to May 14! The need is so great! Bring a jar and \$.25 to church with you.

You will be blessed for your generosity.



Godsong - Saturday, May 28 -- 5:57PM

Join us for a fun evening of contemporary worship, songs, prayer, scriptures, food and fellowship in the NBCC Youth Room. This is a great way to praise the Lord in one voice with a modern twist! Join us!

Family Dinner Night– grill-out potluck, May 4 at 6:00 PM. Immediately following there are Bible activities for all ages. This is the last dinner of the season.





A big "thank you" to the kids who helped share the GOOD NEWS in our Children's Easter program! You did a great job! Also, thank you to our teachers and adult volunteers for helping out!



Mark your calendars for
Vacation Bible School!
 June 26-30 from 6:15 - 8:30 pm
 Kids Ages 3 - 5th grade

Sweet Tooth

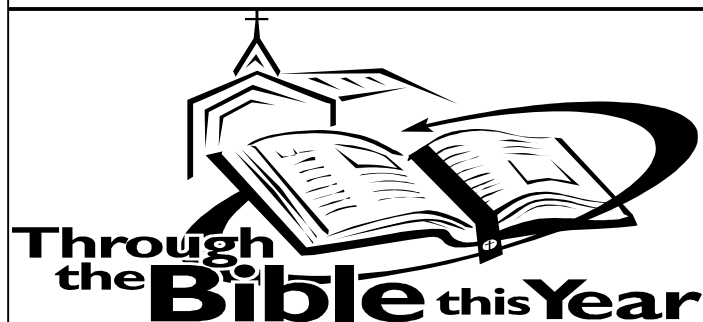


May 18th is our last night of Wednesday activities until fall. But let's finish out the year on a SWEET note!

Join the B.O.L.D Kids for a series of "Sweet Tooth" nights, where we'll learn some great Bible lessons from candy!

Our Preschool Friends will finish out a great year of playing, singing, and learning about Jesus!

As always, nursery is provided for our youngest children!



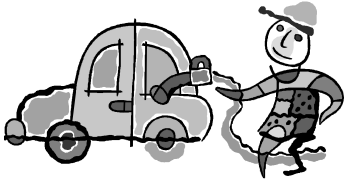
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| 1 Ruth 3-4 | 17 2 Corinthians 1-3 |
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| 3 1 Corinthians 4-6 | 19 2 Corinthians 7-9 |
| 4 1 Corinthians 7-9 | 20 2 Corinthians 10-13 |
| 5 1 Corinthians 10-12 | 21 2 Samuel 1-3 |
| 6 1 Corinthians 13-16 | 22 2 Samuel 4-6 |
| 7 1 Samuel 1-3 | 23 2 Samuel 7-9 |
| 8 1 Samuel 4-6 | 24 2 Samuel 10-12 |
| 9 1 Samuel 7-9 | 25 2 Samuel 13-15 |
| 10 1 Samuel 10-12 | 26 2 Samuel 16-18 |
| 11 1 Samuel 13-15 | 27 2 Samuel 19-21 |
| 12 1 Samuel 16-18 | 28 2 Samuel 22-24 |
| 13 1 Samuel 19-21 | 29 Galatians 1-3 |
| 14 1 Samuel 22-24 | 30 Galatians 4-6 |
| 15 1 Samuel 25-27 | 31 1 Kings 1-3 |
| 16 1 Samuel 28-31 | |

Happy Spring!



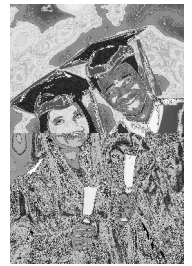
Youth Activities



Re-FUEL for teens will take place at Knollwood Christian Church On Sunday, May 8. The car will leave from church at 5:15PM and return at 8:30 PM. This is a perfect time to re-charge your spiritual batteries and gas up for the rest of the month. Bring a friend or get to know new friends from around the area.

Sunday, May 15—Graduate Recognition Day!

Hey graduates! If you are graduating from High School or College this year, Please come to the worship service on Sunday, May 15, where you will be recognized and congratulated. We would like to do a bulletin board for graduates, so please send us your photograph and the date of graduation, the school you are graduating from. Thanks much & Congratulations!



Sunday, May 15—is Bethel Vespers Night. The car will depart from church at 7:30PM and return at 9:15 PM. Join us for special music, prayer and fellowship.

Final Wednesday Bible Night—May 18 at 7:00PM. Join us as we party and make plans for the summer months. Bring Your good ideas for fun and purposeful activities.

Teen Night: May 20 at Skyzone Edition. We will leave church at 6:00PM and return at 9:00PM. Bring \$10 to cover costs. Bring a friend along to enjoy the fun. Check out the site at <http://Minneapolis.skyzonesports.com/>. See Reggie



*Teen Bonfire Party—Sunday, May 29 at Reggie's from 6–8 PM.
Come and enjoy Spring fun outdoors. Bring a friend. We will have fellowship, fun, lots of talk and singing as we step into summer.*

Youth Volunteer Huddle

If you are currently helping with the youth or are interested in helping, please come to the meeting on **Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 PM.** We will be discussing the activities for the rest of the year and summer camp. We very much appreciate your help and input. Call Reggie if you have questions.



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See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

Solomon 2:11,12

Ron Hanson - Senior Minister
Reggie Camarse - Youth Minister
Kristie Cocking - Children's Minister
Mary Jo Czaplewski - Church Secretary

Pine Haven Camp Activities Start This Month



Be sure to register for Pine Haven! Early bird discount if you register online by May 15!

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| May 12-14 | Work Weekend |
| May 27-30 | Fishing Weekend |
| June 12-18 | 11-12th grades |
| June 19-25 | 9-10th grades-zone A |
| July 3-8 | Family Week |
| July 8-10 | Ladies Retreat |
| July 10-15 | 5 - 6th grades- zone B |
| July 15-17 | Adult Weekend |
| July 17-23 | 7-8th grades- zone B |
| July 24-30 | 7- 8th grades- zone A |
| July 31-August 6 | 9-10th grades |
| August 7-10 | 4th Grade |
| August 11-14 | Family weekend |
| August 19-21 | Motorcycle Weekend |
| September 2-5 | Last Chance Camp |
| September 9-11 | Scrapbook 1 weekend |
| September 16-18 | Scrapbook 2 weekend |

Registration can be done on-line, or both adult and youth forms are available at the literature rack in the lobby.

