

# **News & Notes**

## **November 20—26, 2011**

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church  
763-391-6140

### **ALL-CHURCH CORNER**

#### **Angel Tree Christmas**

We are serving 60 children of prisoners this year. Volunteers are needed in the following ways:

- Buy gifts for the children.
- Help minister to the families at the Christmas party on **Sunday, December 11, from 2:00–4:00 PM.**
  - Help with the party activities, including games for teens (basketball), cookie decorating, making a Christmas tree ornament, music, help with transportation, help with set-up and tear-down.
  - Provide Christmas goodies, cookies, candies, etc. to be served at the party.
- Deliver gifts to homes of those who are unable to come to the party, and share Christ with the family.

To help, stop by the Angel Tree in the Foyer today!

#### **Daytime Small Group**

Pastor David is leading a small group on Monday afternoons from 3:30–5:00 PM at church. This group is for those who can't make it to the small groups that usually meet in the evening, or for those who prefer a daytime group. Sign up today at the Adult Ministry Kiosk or call the Church Office.

#### **Brooklyn Park Fire Fighter Missions Trip**

In January 2012, the fire and emergency services team from Brooklyn Park will be traveling to Liberia to help train the locals. There will be a fundraiser TONIGHT from 6:00–9:00 PM at the Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center with Dinner, Program and Entertainment: \$20 adults, \$10 Kids 12 and under.

#### **Are you a Baby Boomer?**

Join the In-Betweeners ABF on Sundays at 10:30 AM in Room 112/113 for *The Launch*. The series is designed to help mobilize Christians to “finish well” and use the gifts God gave them to serve Him in the second half of life.

#### **New Prayer Chain Coordinator**

If you have a prayer request you'd like to pass along to the church, contact Holly Jenson at 763-424-7677 or [hollyjenson@gmail.com](mailto:hollyjenson@gmail.com).

#### **Our Sympathy to . . .**

Bing and Nance Bingaman on the passing of Bing's mother.

#### **Join the Choir and Orchestra!**

Attention Singers/Instrumentalists: You are invited to join the Celebration Choir for the “Sounds of Christmas” on December 18. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, TONIGHT & December 11, from 5:30–7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The orchestra will play on December 18 and we are looking for youth and adults who wish to join us on that date. Please contact Pastor Luke Turner or Pastor David Durey at the Church Office: 763-391-6140.

#### **Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministers are caring people who have received training to walk alongside you in a confidential way during your time of crisis. If you are experiencing grief, job loss, difficult family/work relationships, depression or other tough issues, you may request a Stephen Minister. Call the Church Office at 763-391-6140 to talk with Pastor Dan (ext. 12) or Theron Fraser (ext. 26).

#### **A Book for a Buck**

On Missions Sunday, Dr. Bobby Gupta and Linnet shared with us their vision for seeing the nation of India come to Christ. We can support them with *a Book for a Buck*. It costs \$1 to ship one book to India. Hindustan Bible Institute has collected thousands of books in the US, and now they need help getting them to India. You can drop off a donation in the “book” on the Information Desk.

#### **Reminder About Second Harvest**

We will not hold a food giveaway in November and December. Mark your calendar for January 27, 2012.



#### **CARE MINISTRIES**

Parish Nurse, Judy Petersen  
Ext. 30, [jpetersen@bpefc.org](mailto:jpetersen@bpefc.org)

#### **Deliver Gifts**

*Joni and Friends* has again provided us with gifts this year for those in our congregation who deal with chronic illness, being shut in, and other health issues. Please think about helping us deliver these gifts. They will be ready for you to pick up and deliver at your convenience by December 4.

#### **Remembrance Service**

Please join us for a time of remembering our loved ones and friends who have gone on before us . . . to find peace, comfort, and encouragement from God's Word, and sharing with others who have walked this same path. The service will be Sunday, December 4, at 6:00 PM.



**YOUNG ADULTS**  
(Ages 18—20-Somethings)  
Pastor Josh Major, Ext. 14

**20—30 Somethings ABF**

Join us Sundays from 9:00—10:15 AM in Room 112/113.  
Enjoy breakfast, fellowship, prayer and a study before the  
10:30 AM Celebration Service. (Fall Focus: Parenting)



**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Pastor David Durey, Ext. 13  
Barbara Sweany, Leader

**Decorating for Christmas**

We are looking for help to decorate the church for  
Christmas. Please join us on Sunday, November 27, right  
after the second service. Lunch will be provided. Families  
are invited to also stay and help.



**LIVING PROOF**

Student Ministries Pastor  
Nate Miller, Ext. 15

**Weekly Events**

**Living Proof**—Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room

**Small Groups**—Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Youth Room

**Upcoming Special Event**

**12/5 Operation Christmas Child:** 5:00—9:30 PM.  
Bring a bag supper. Waivers are available in the  
Youth Room or on-line.

**Challenge 2012: July 1—6**

Sign-up is now open. There are 12 spots available for  
students Grades 9—12. Hold your spot with a \$50 deposit.

For the current Youth Events, see a Calendar or  
[www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/youth](http://www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/youth).



Pastor Leane Gondek, Ext. 27  
Leanne Klein,  
Assistant Director, Ext. 38

**Awana Themes:**

November 23—No Awana (Thanksgiving break)

**Scholarships Needed for Kids' Basketball**

The program cost is \$55 per child, and we have a number  
of kids in need of assistance. If you can help, please talk  
with Leane Gondek. THANKS to those who have already  
given donations! **If you know of community kids  
who might be interested in playing basketball,  
pick up a brochure for them!**



**MISSIONARIES  
OF THE WEEK**

**Ishak & Christine Ghatas**  
Timo, Miriam, Manal, Daniel & Markus

**Ministering to Muslims in Belgium  
with Global Outreach Mission**

“Our countries have been shaken by people longing for  
freedom. There is spiritual hunger, as well. We do believe  
that the Lord is working His purposes there.”

**Praise God For:**

- The protection for believers in Arabic countries.  
We give thanks and rejoice!
- The new Arabic group in Antwerp and in Aalst.
- The new people who joined the church recently.
- You—for your share in all that we do for His  
Kingdom, by your prayer and financial support.
- The church day of fellowship on November 5. It was  
a blessing for all of us.

**Pray For:**

- The people who are working in the new Arabic groups  
in Antwerp and Aalst.
- A family from North Africa. A mother announced last  
month that she accepted Christ.
- A single mother with three teenagers. She struggles  
and needs our prayers.



**ADULT BIBLE  
FELLOWSHIPS**

**20—30 Somethings:** Meets at 9:00 AM, Room 112/113.  
Fall Topic: *Parent Connect*.

**Mosaic:** Singles/Marrieds, All Ages. Meets at 9:00 AM,  
Room 108/109.

**Salt:** Parents of pre-teens through young adults. Meets at  
10:30 AM, Room 114.

**In-Betweeners:** Singles/Marrieds, 55+. Meets at 10:30 AM,  
Room 112/113.

**Prime Timers:** Singles/Marrieds, 70+. Meets at 10:30 AM,  
Room 108/109.