

THE ILLUMINATOR

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 8, 2012 "As If There Were a Party" Matthew 25:31-46

"He will separate
people one
from another as
a shepherd
separates
the SHEEP from the GOATS."

Matthew 25:32, NRSV



OUR CHURCH PURPOSE

To actively proclaim the way of salvation and to nurture a community of faith through worship, evangelism, education and ministry in the name of Christ.

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The Pastor Search Committee continues its efforts to identify a pastor for Briarcliff Baptist. To date, over sixty resumes have been received and evaluated. These represent candidates from fifteen states across the country, with a wide variety of both education and experience. The committee has honed this list down to what it feels are the top 5 - 6 candidates. With resumes being somewhat general in nature, our next step is to gather more specific, personal information from the candidates. Included in this process is the resume from Greg Smith, pastor of Scott Boulevard Baptist Church.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT BRIARCLIFF

This Wednesday, January 11, all of our Wednesday evening activities will resume. Every week, dinner is served from 5:15 until 6:00 p.m. We always have a good meal and good fellowship around the tables and best of all, you don't have to cook! The cost is \$6 per person. Please call the church office for reservations by noon on Tuesdays. After supper at 6:00, we have Prayer Meeting and Bible Study around the tables led by Dr. Dock Hollingsworth. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal begins at 7:00. Maybe this is the time to join the choir!

Plan to start attending on Wednesday evenings and make church a part of your regular Wednesday schedule!

PRAYER CORNER

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

2 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Because God can see what we cannot see, and knows dimensions we can never understand, He works out our answers according to a higher plan than we can conceive."

-Lloyd John Ogilvie

WHAT *NOT* TO TAKE INTO THE NEW YEAR

- Self-help Books - Trust in God first; don't turn to Him as a last resort. (see Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Tape Measure - Consider only God's standards; don't compare yourself to other people. (see Luke 18:9-14)
- Rearview Mirror - Don't live in the past. You'll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (see Philipians 3:12-14)
- Gavel - Stop wasting time judging others. Instead, pray for them, help them and team with them. (see Luke 6:37-38)
- Life Vest - Don't be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (see Matthew 14:22-33)
- Garage-door Opener - We think we're networked but often isolate ourselves. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (see Hebrews 10:23-25)
- Handcuffs - Don't offer excuses about why you can't help out. God can do amazing things through - and despite - us. Just follow Him, with no excuses. (see Mark 6:35-44)

-Gregg McCaslin

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

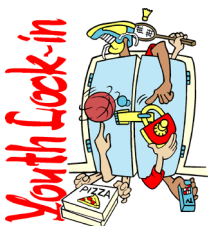


The next Montclair School Skate Night will be on Friday, February 3. Your help is needed to make it happen. There will be skating in the gym, pool and refreshments in the game room. Volunteers are needed to hand out skates, serve refreshments, greet and help clean up. Skate Nights are from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Please call the church office if you can help.

TOILETRY KIT ITEMS NEEDED

Often, when folks come to our church in need of food from our food pantry, they are also in need of a toiletry kit. In order to completely outfit these kits, there are some items that are currently needed. Please bring your donations of gallon-size Ziploc bags; toothbrushes; toothpaste; men's & women's razors; deodorant; shaving cream; and bars of soap to the church office. If you find a bargain, please consider buying several! Travel sized containers are fine.



COMING UP SOON . . .
Youth Lock-In
Friday Night, January 13
Stay tuned for more details!

LET'S RECYCLE - IT'S GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Don't forget that there is a recycling dumpster at the far upper end of our main parking lot. You can bring both your *newspapers and magazines* to be recycled. All monies generated by this recycling go towards our Youth Ministry. It's easy to drop these things in the dumpster each time you come to the church plus recycling is good for the environment!



THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED

Dear Members of Briarcliff,

Again you have been there for us. Your prayers, your calls, visits, and food have brought us through the loss of our son, Jim. Words cannot express how blessed we are to be members of Briarcliff.

Readie and Ralph Thomason



To all of the Briarcliff Baptist members who participated in the Montclair Elementary School Angel Tree Program this year, we and the school thank you for your generous gifts of love. It was because of your caring that each of these children had a very special Christmas! We plan to participate again next year.

LIBRARY NOTE

The church librarian thanks you (whoever you are) for the gift of a wall clock for our library wall. Remember: We can always **MAKE TIME FOR READING!** Happy New Year!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS - 2012

The flowers for the Sanctuary on Sundays are sometimes a memorial to a loved one or given to honor a friend or relative on a special occasion. If you would like to reserve a date for flowers in 2012, complete the form below, circle the day you are requesting and drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office or call the church office. The cost is \$75.00 and checks should be made payable to **Briarcliff Baptist Church**.

January 15 29

July 1 8 15 22 29

February 5 12 19

August 5 12 19 26

March 4 11 18 25

September 2 9 16 23 30

April 1 8 15 22 29

October 7 14 21 28

May 6 13 20 27

November 4 11 18

June 3 10 17 24

December 2 9 16 23 30

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In Honor ___ In Memory ___ of: _____

DATELINE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:45 - 9:30 am Chapel Open for Prayer
9:15 - 10:45 am Library Open
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
2:00 pm Merger Discussion Team
5:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
6:00 pm Youth Snack Supper, Bible Study & Fellowship

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 am LZ Aerobics

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Food Pantry Open (while supplies last)
7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 am LZ Aerobics
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Food Pantry Open (while supplies last)
5:15 - 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 pm Inreach/Outreach Team Meeting
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:30 am - 12:30 pm Ceramics
12:00 - 2:00 pm Clothes Closet Open

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 am LZ Aerobics
Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 am Grasshopper Basketball

SECOND SUNDAY - JANUARY 8, 2012

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Diane DeBardelaben & Bangseh Akuchu

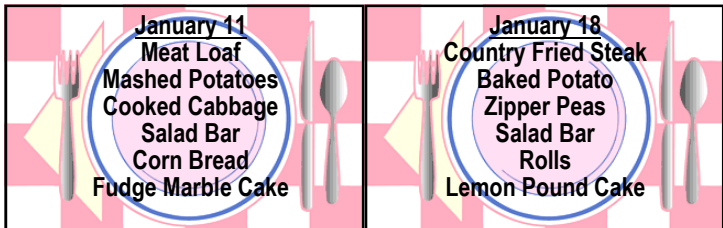
USHERS

David Gunn, Marvin Kilgo, Madeline Waldrop

PLEASE REMEMBER

ALL Wednesday Night Supper Reservations MUST be made by
NOON on Tuesday of that Week, no exceptions.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Adults: \$6 • Children thru age 9: \$3 • Family Max: \$19



Serving Line Open from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

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The family and friends of
Virginia Loyd.



CHURCH STAFF

Associate Pastor	Marc Burcham
Church Office	Helyn Kesler
Interim Pastor	Dock Hollingsworth
Organist	Cindy Marshall
Pastor Emeritus	Glen Waldrop
Finance (Tuesdays Only)	Diane Neuman
Custodian	Sammy Skinner

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Vital Signs

Through Sunday, January 1, 2012

Offering for the Week **\$3,789**

Worship Attendance 88