

## Upcoming Events at Brookwood

For more information, call 688.8200 or visit [brookwoodchurch.org](http://brookwoodchurch.org).

### ►► Notice to the Congregation

A business meeting for church members will be held after each service on Sunday, December 18, to vote on approving Trustees to serve on the 2012 Advisory Team. Trustee brochures are available at the Information Desk.

### ►► Brookwood 2011 Holiday Schedule Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve services will be at 3, 4:30 and 6 pm. Please pick up your voucher(s) in the Concourse for the service time you plan to attend. Spanish interpretation will be available at the 3 pm service and sign language interpretation will be available in the 6 pm service.

### Sunday, December 25 - No Services

We will be providing a devotional for you and your family to share on Christmas Day. Devotionals will be available at the Christmas Eve Services.

### Sunday, January 1, 2012

Services will be at 10:30 and 11:59 am only.

### ►► Blood Drive Today

The Bloodmobiles will be in the parking lot today from 8 am – 1 pm. Come by and give the gift of life.

### ►► Join the Praise Choir for Christmas

Join the Brookwood Praise Choir for Christmas Eve. We will have the opportunity to lead over 5,000 in worship and would love for you to be a part of the experience. Adults and students, grade 9 and up, are invited to join the next rehearsal on Wednesday at 6 pm in the Auditorium. Childcare is available with a 48-hour advance reservation by calling 688.8235.

### ►► Brookwood Food Ministry

During these tough economic times, we all know someone struggling. The Brookwood Food Ministry offers you the opportunity to provide food to a family member, friend or neighbor experiencing financial difficulties. \$25 can provide a food package consisting of several meals, snacks, fresh produce, dairy items and dessert. For details, stop by the Brookwood Kitchen to speak with one of our volunteers or visit [brookwoodchurch.org/foodministry](http://brookwoodchurch.org/foodministry).

### ►► Jobs @ Brookwood

A part-time teaching position for the toddler class is open in the Preschool Academy. Experience is preferred and flexible schedule is required. Apply at [brookwoodchurch.org/jobs](http://brookwoodchurch.org/jobs).

### ►► BrookwoodU Registration Now Open

Registration is open for the BrookwoodU 2012 Winter Session until Sunday, January 13. Classes include *The Truth Project*, *Intentional Living*, *Financial Peace University*, and *PLACE*. For a full course listing and schedule or to register for a class, please visit [brookwoodchurch.org/brookwoodclasses](http://brookwoodchurch.org/brookwoodclasses).

### ►► 2012 Women's Retreat Registration

Registration is open for the upcoming *Living Free* women's retreat April 13 - 15, 2012, featuring keynote speaker, recording artist and worship leader, Cheri Keaggy. Full or half payments may be made in the Bookstore or online at [brookwoodchurch.org/events](http://brookwoodchurch.org/events).

### ►► Book of the Month

*Nearing Home: Life, Faith, and Finishing Well* by Billy Graham is now available in the Bookstore.

### ►► PrimeTime Monthly Meeting December 18 • 5:30 pm • Chapel

Plan now to join PrimeTime for a Christmas get-together with dessert, coffee and fun for everyone. Please bring a wrapped \$5-10 gift for our White Elephant gift exchange. For more information, please contact Dianne Carson at 688.8209 or visit [brookwoodchurch.org/primetime](http://brookwoodchurch.org/primetime).

### ►► Divorce Care for Men and Women Wednesdays • Beginning January 18 6:30 pm • Room E284

This 13-week class offers support and care to those who are separated or divorced in a safe and secure environment. There is a \$10 cost for a workbook. Childcare is available with a 48-hour advance reservation. Space is limited; register today at [brookwoodchurch.org/events](http://brookwoodchurch.org/events).

### ►► Financial Update—General Fund September 1 - November 30, 2011

Ministry Budget Needs	\$ 1,571,674
Giving Received	1,301,352

### ►► Year-end Tax Information

All donations including stock must be received by the church or postmarked by December 31 to be included on your 2011 tax statement. You may also give online at [brookwoodchurch.org/give](http://brookwoodchurch.org/give). Please complete the back of the program if you've had an address change. To donate stock, please call Wells Fargo at 1.800.872.3377 in addition to notifying Brookwood Financial Services at 688.8294 or 688.8229.

# The Journey

*Christmas at Brookwood*

December 11, 2011

### Today's Message:

*Journey of Acceptance*  
Perry Duggar

### Welcome to our guests!

Brookwood may feel like a big place, but it's made up of people—many just like you.

### Today's Music

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

*Joy to the World*  
(*Unspeakeable Joy*)

*How Great Is Our God*

*A Strange Way to Save the World*

Please silence phones during the service. Thank you.

Sign language interpreting is available at the 10:30 am service. Please meet at the front of the Auditorium on the north side. Headsets are also available at the Information Desk for those with difficulty hearing.

Copies of today's message are available in the Bookstore and Bookstore Express Kiosks in the Concourse.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is available for children?

We have special activities and worship designed for infants - grade 4 during each of the worship services. Our Special Friends Ministry is designed for children with special needs and is available during the first and second services. The Information Desk or one of our Welcome Guides, located in the Concourse, can help you find your child's room. Please check on your child in his or her classroom if you see the last four digits of your phone number appear on the digital displays located in the Concourse and Auditorium. The Nursing Mothers' Room, located at the North Tunnel, is available if you would like privacy to nurse your child and still view the service. The Pod A Parents' Lounge is available if you would like to watch the service with your children.

### Where can I get more information?

Visit one of the Welcome Team locations in the Concourse for information about the many ways we can serve you and your family. You can also provide your contact information on the back of this program and turn it in as you leave today to be contacted about getting connected at Brookwood.

### What if I miss the offering?

For your convenience, we offer online giving at [brookwoodchurch.org/give](http://brookwoodchurch.org/give) as well as giving centers located in the Concourse.

### What should I do if I want someone to pray with me, need encouragement, or wish to make a spiritual decision?

The Care Connections room is a safe place to go and find someone to pray with you, to find encouragement in tough times, or to receive spiritual guidance in life decisions. You will find the Care Connections room in the Concourse, where there is a caring volunteer waiting to greet you. If you do not want to speak to an individual in person, you can check the appropriate box on the tear-off response card in this program to let us know how we can care for you.

### What if I need medical assistance?

First aid providers are available at all services. Please contact the nearest usher or visit the Medical Response Team at the North Entrance.

### Where can I find resources and books?

The Bookstore, located on the second floor, and Bookstore Express kiosks in the Concourse carry an assortment of books, event tickets, message CDs/DVDs and more.

### GET CONNECTED:

To learn more about how you can get involved in the ministries at Brookwood Church, email [serve@brookwoodchurch.org](mailto:serve@brookwoodchurch.org).

### Small Groups

To find a group that is studying the current series, a topic which interests you, or meets on a convenient day/location, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

### Traducción de Español (Spanish translation)

Durante el servicio de las 11:59 am, las partes habladas del servicio serán interpretadas al español a través de un transmisor FM. Pase por el mostrador de información en el ala sur del vestíbulo (The Information Desk), para recoger un radio e instrucciones de cómo escuchar la traducción.