

"SEASONS CHANGE"

by Brenda Hughes

As the temperatures delightfully cool we are reminded of the changing seasons that provide beauty and splendor which are a refreshing and yet in strange ways a stabilizing part of life.

Similarly, our lives also go through seasons of change. From the human perspective the spring begins with life and discovery and trying new things like walking or running. Then most people experience a summer of fruitfulness through planning and implementing choices about education,

relationships, family, employment, and a host of other things. The years seem to fly as autumn/fall brings a season of harvest and a time of enjoying the fruit of the years of labor. The winter of life is in some ways the capstone of all the years past.

However, from a spiritual perspective, the seasons of our lives can have a lasting impact, a legacy that endures. Life is not about where we are going, but life is in the journey—the ways in which our lives intersect



with others through Christ add the vibrant hues, the shades and tones that make it the beautiful tapestry it becomes. A life surrendered in service to Christ come to know heights, depths, breaths, and widths of experience that cannot be known otherwise.

In Romans 15:13, Paul says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (NKJV). Our lives can abound and thrive in and through the hope of Christ. That hope

challenges us to live not for ourselves but a life of service to Him and others. Through Christ our example, there is yet another season—the season of eternity with Him.

Thank you to each of you that have chosen to share your journey with BICC in service to Christ. You are leaving a legacy that will endure in the multitude of lives that are impacted by this ministry.

May you be filled with joy and peace, and abound in hope through the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your support and participation in BICC! ❧

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COMING EVENTS

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December 7

BICC Assembly

October 20

Health Rocks Health Fair

LET'S GET MESSY! (STARFISH)

The Starfish kids had a wonderful time at their September group meeting called "Let's Get Messy"! The parents learned the importance of messy play and how it makes an enormous contribution to babies' and young children's cognitive and creative development. Messy play involves children using all their senses in the process of exploration, especially the sense of touch. It also offers children plenty of opportunity to mold and manipulate materials without having to focus on making or producing something.

There were four stations including: home-made play dough; finger paints with the chance to do their handprints for a display at the Starfish office; a box with dry oatmeal for them to play in (see photograph below); and finally, Oobleck which is a mixture of cornstarch and water that was really yucky!! It was a great time of parents playing along with their children.

For more information about the Starfish program contact Corinne at corinnefreeman@bellsouth.net or call 559-1112.



2009 BICC

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Each year BICC hosts a celebration of all that has been accomplished through the grace of God and the community working together.

You are invited to bring your family and friends on December 7 to Broad St. United Methodist Church for dinner and lots of sharing, along with special music, singing and drama.

The meal is potluck. BICC will provide the meats, drinks and bread. Come and bring a side dish or a desert, and let's celebrate together.

For more information call BICC at 559-1112 or email 4bicc@bellsouth.net

A LEGACY THAT WILL ENDURE



Cleveland and Bradley County's first community foundation has received its tax exempt status and is now serving our community through:

1. Investing in the future of Cleveland and Bradley County by facilitating donor advised and endowment giving through endowment development and community education;
2. Supporting and assisting charitable organizations in their missions funding, educational, and program assistance; and
3. Meeting the evolving cultural, educational, economic, health, and quality of life needs of the community.

For more information call 559-1112.

BRIDGING THE GAP (BTG) LEAVE A LEGACY—BE A MENTOR!

Sign up now to serve as a mentor for a young person age 8 to 14 that is in need of a caring adult in their life.

BTG is also available to make a presentation at your church or civic group to provide the details. For more information contact Desmond at dwellington@bellsouth.net or call 559-1112.

Bradley Initiative Credit Union (BICU)

BICU now has prepaid visas available for purchase!

- ✓ They are safe!
- ✓ It's prepaid, so no over spending and includes all the protection and security features you've come to expect from Visa
- ✓ They can be used anywhere Visa debit cards are accepted.
- ✓ Available in many attractive designs
- ✓ They are reloadable!



Call Today 559-1181

INSPIRING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY (ITLT)

The 2nd annual youth leadership conference in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club was another great accomplishment for Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders Today (ITLT). The September conference was attended by approximately 200 youth and adults.

For more information about ITLT contact Desmond at 559-1112 or email dwellington@bellsouth.net



HEALTH ROCKS HEALTH FAIR

Fun, food, airtoy, and the Cleveland Fire Department fire truck and Somke House will make this a great day for the family to come out and learn about health and have a great time!

October 20th from 4 - 6 pm at the Blythe Avenue Family Support Building located at 1075 Blythe Avenue, SE.

Sponsored by BICC Starfish, TENnder CARE, Boys and Girls Club, and Bradley Initiative Credit Union.

Call 559-1112 for more information.

BRADLEY SAVINGS INITIATIVE

The Bradley savings program offers you a great opportunity to **DOUBLE YOUR SAVINGS**, plus 12-weeks **FREE** financial management classes.

Topics include banking, budgeting and saving, taxes, credit scores, insurance and many other financial components. Classes are now in session on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Childcare is provided. However, registration is required.

For more information call Margaret TODAY at 559-1112 or email gilbert_margaret@bellsouth.net



BICC needs your support!

For more information about how to be involved or to donate contact:

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