

July 15, 2018



THE JOURNEY

The twice monthly newsletter from Brown Deer Baptist Church, Brown Deer, WI.
"Building people through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ"
"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God." Psalm 42: 1

THIS MONTH

"In this world you will have trouble. But be brave! I have defeated the world"
John 16:33

2. Church Notes

3. From the Pastor's Heart

4. The Church Praying

5. Giving Day

6. Extended Session
Final Directory Reminder

Ponder on This:

In the midst of troubles,
peace can be found in
Jesus.



CHURCH NOTES

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

BIBLE STUDY @ 9:15 AM



WORSHIP @ 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

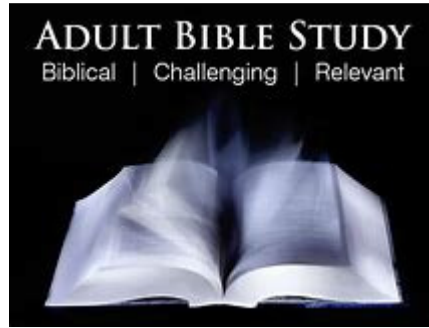
6:45 PM – Adult prayer and Bible Study
Youth & Children, Mission Studies

7:45 PM – Praise Team Rehearsal



Message from Pam Deeds Crown:

Funeral service for Dennis Deeds will be held on Friday, July 20th, at Prasser Kleczka funeral home, 6080 South 27th Street. The visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. with a service at 6 p.m.



The **Wednesday Night Adult Bible study group** is considering God's message found in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Hebrews was written for Jewish believers who were torn between their new faith and their old ways. The temptation was to slip back into familiar routines and rituals, settling for second best. It's not that the old law was bad, it's just that the new law – salvation by faith in Christ – is better. Once you've known the best, why settle for second rate?

All are encouraged to join in this mid-week time of studying God's Word. Be refreshed and gain strength for the rest of the week.

REMINDER:

If you see this in time, remember that there is a fellowship potluck and movie night at the church house this evening. Supper is at 6:30. Bring the family and friends to a "Farm Fresh" (Country Cookin') supper followed by the uplifting movie "All Saints."

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



“Ask the LORD for rain in the spring, for he makes the storm clouds. And he will send showers of rain so every field becomes a lush pasture.” --Zechariah 10:1 (NLT)

When I was a little boy, my friends and I would lay on our backs in a thick, soft, and cool bed of clover in the spring and watch the clouds above us drift along on the Texas winds. Sometimes we would see shapes, animals, people, and a myriad of things our young imaginations could dream. We didn't give much thought to the science behind cloud composition and formation. We just enjoyed the show created by God. Although it would be harder to get back up, that is something I ought to do again.

Clouds really are quite amazing. They are composed of tiny water drops, each one with a diameter of about one-one thousandth (0.001) of an inch. They are small and uniform in size. You also would find about one of these drops in each cubic inch of a cloud. If you do the math, that is about 56,000 gallons of water in one cubic mile of a cloud. Given that each gallon of water weighs a bit over 8 pounds, that's about 450,000 pounds of liquid water. That is a lot of water.

A large cumulus cloud that you might find on a nice summer day is made up of about 1 million pounds of water drops. A thunderstorm cloud contains enough water drops to fill up approximately 275 million gallon jars. That's about 2.3 billion pounds, or 1.1 million tons of water. To see that much water fall over Niagara Falls, you'd have to watch the falls for six minutes.

A thunderstorm producing one inch of rain over one square mile drops 17.4 million gallons of water weighing 143 million pounds (about 72,000 tons). How does that much water stay up in the atmosphere? The key is to remember that the water is in the form of tiny drops, not gallon jugs. The rising motion in the cloud is what keeps those drops suspended in the atmosphere.

So, what can we learn from this meteorological lesson? Every cloud has a lot of water and great potential to water the earth, but clouds only release their life-giving moisture under certain circumstances. In Zechariah 10:1 we are encouraged to ask God to bring the rain from the clouds. There is a great spiritual lesson in this for today.

You can ask God to “bless” you, but are you thinking of blessings as things such as health and wealth? That is not the subject of this writing. There are many clouds of opportunity floating above you each day. Sadly, most of us never take time to watch them. God is at work all around you. Do you see those opportunities to be a blessing to others and ask God to rain down His power in your life?

The greatest blessing that can rain down on you is to be used by God to bring the joy of Jesus into the lives of those who are dying because they lack the Water of Life.

Love,
Pastor Larry

“Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time.” Hebrews 4:16

BDBC PRAYER NEEDS:

CHURCH FAMILY:

- ❖ Those who are on vacation. May they have a safe and relaxing time.
- ❖ Those experiencing health difficulties.
- ❖ Pray for wisdom as we prepare for the upcoming annual church meeting.
- ❖ Pray for spiritual growth of our church family.
- ❖ Pray for Pastor Larry and his family
- ❖ Pray for our church leadership



CHURCH FRIENDS:

- ◆ There are many church plants being made in our Association, pray that they will grow and become strong witnesses in their neighborhoods.
- ◆ Pray for the many active ministry teams of Lakeland Association as they lead us to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to southeastern Wisconsin
- ◆ Pray for the churches and pastors of Lakeland Association
- ◆ Pray for the group who will be traveling to Israel this November with Pastor Jolly of Mt. Pilgrim church . May minds and hearts be open to God’s leading in their lives. Ask God to fill our group with those He wants to go.
 - Praise God for the rescue of the soccer team in the Thailand cave disaster.

OUR WORLD AND BELIEVERS EVERYWHERE AS THEY SHARE THE GOSPEL:

- Many changes are happening in the world. Pray that believers, wherever they are, will be faithful in living Christ-like lives and sharing the Gospel truths.
- Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem. Pray also that the several embassies that are moving to Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, will experience a smooth transition.
- Our nation seems to have lost its way. Pray the faithful will be strong and Christ-like in attitude and responses to what is happening around us.
- President Trump, family, and his Cabinet
- Members of Congress

Its not a SALE; It's a GIVE-AWAY!!



The Giving Day (rummage give away) will be on August 18th.

You may bring donated items to the church and store them in the room off the library on the upper floor of the education building. This is the only room without carpeting. This is a great outreach to our community and a way to introduce people to Christ.

See Annette Blanchard for details.

Make generosity part of your life strategy



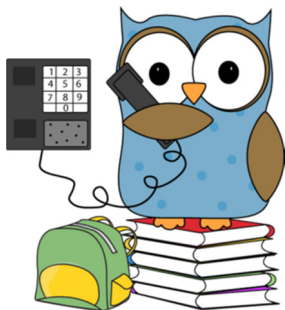


In addition to Sunday Bible Study and Wednesday Missions Study, **our Preschool Ministry provides for children from birth through 4 years of age** during Sunday morning worship. We will help your child learn that Jesus loves him/her and that church is a happy place to be, thus laying a solid foundation for future spiritual growth.

Caring workers will help your child learn about Jesus, and that church is a happy place to be.

July 1	Veronica De Ridder	La Tasha Hazelwood	Kwame Nsiah
July 8	Doug Bachert	Kathy Schulz	Nana Yaw Oduro
July 15	Lizzie Mensah	Nana Nsiah	Rachel Wycklendt
July 22	Sandy Kruchell	Rachel Krome	Aubrey Wycklendt
July 29	Mary Krome	Geri Klimowicz	Kwame Nsiah

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WHOOO are you looking for?



Our old church directories served a wonderful purpose. But, now they are woefully out of date. We need your help in updating the directory so that it will reflect our current list of members and friends. Please complete a family information questionnaire and give it to Lentha Quinbar or Mary Krome. There are still a few on the desk in the foyer. If you don't see one of them, put it in one of their mail boxes. In a few weeks you will have the benefit of an updated directory so you can stay in contact with **WHOOO** ever you are looking for.