



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

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven".
Matthew 5:16

2. Church Notes

3. From the Pastor's Heart

4. Day of Giving

5. August Calendar

6. Extended Session
Praying Together

Ponder on This:

The secret of true service is absolute faithfulness wherever God places you.



August 27, 2017
(following worship)

Mark Your Calendar

Plan to Attend

CHURCH NOTES

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

BIBLE STUDY @ 9:15 AM



WORSHIP @ 10:30 AM

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WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

6:45 PM – Adult prayer and Bible Study
Youth & Children, Mission Studies
NOTE: There will be no children’s class on August 16.

7:45 PM – Praise Team Rehearsal

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- 08-Minnie Parker**
- 08-Geri Klimowicz**
- 08-Paula Sagen**
- 24-Mary Krome**
- 28-Larry Griffith**
- 30-Gary Holt**

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING



Every member of BDBC is a piece of the puzzle that is our church. We trust that no pieces will be missing at our annual business meeting. There will be some new ministry objectives for the upcoming church year presented in the business meeting. These objectives are endorsed by the deacons after much prayer and are included in the new budget being presented. There will also be a recommendation from the deacons for adding a new deacon to our church.



**PRAYER BLITZ EACH SUNDAY
11:45 – 12:00 PM
Meeting in the Pastor’s Study**

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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

"Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content."

--1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NLT)

A familiar scene plays out daily in most homes in America where teenagers reside. My house is no different. What is this common ritual? The teen enters the kitchen and opens the refrigerator and stares for a minute longing for something to eat and then closes it without getting anything out. The same ritual is then done with the freezer and the pantry where food is kept. Is the teen's search for suitable "snackage" over? Of course not, you know what happens next...the teenager returns to open the fridge, freezer, and cabinets once again. It is as if teenagers think that in the five minutes since they last looked that the "snack fairy" has arrived, tapped her magic wand on the refrigerator, and the one item that will satiate their desires will now be inside.

I observed this teen behavior in my own kitchen last night and shook my head in amusement at my 17-year-old. But, I had to burst out in laughter when I saw my wife, Ramona, do the same thing just a few minutes later. I asked her if the snack fairy had visited in the past couple of minutes. She answered my laughter with a quick retort. What she said, while funny, underscored a truth about human nature and desire. She said, *"It's not that I expect something new to appear in the refrigerator, it's that the more often I look inside, the lower my standards become."* She then pulled out something to eat that was not nearly as exciting as what she was wanting. I instantly grabbed my phone and entered that quote on the notepad feature so I wouldn't forget it.

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, a young man (who might have even still been in his late teen years at the time), to be content with what God has given us. In fact, you can be poor by the standards of this world and still have great wealth when you are content just to put God first. Paul went on to remind us that he had never seen a hearse on the way to the cemetery pulling a U-Haul trailer with the deceased person's possessions. Well, that's what he meant when he said, "You came into the world with nothing, and you'll leave it the same way!"

God promises to take care of His people. It was King David who penned this truth in Psalm 37:25 (NLT). *"Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread."* Oh, the joy of being content with the abundance in our refrigerators! The same can be said of our bank accounts, housing, car, etc. The bottom line is this: if you can't be satisfied with what you have now, you still won't be satisfied for very long, even if a chocolate French silk pie magically appears in your refrigerator. Like Ramona continuing to open the refrigerator, eventually you wind up eating something that normally you would enjoy because it tastes good (and might even be good for you), but it won't satisfy you because you can't be content with what you have. *"So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content."*

Love,
Pastor Larry



DAY OF GIVING, AUGUST 19, 2017

On Saturday, August 19, 2017 the BDBC & Grace Point WMUs are sponsoring an event called DAY OF GIVING.

Similar events will be held throughout Minnesota-Wisconsin during August & September. These events have been hugely successful as community outreaches where they have been done in the last four years. The idea is to introduce us to our community, and it is structured as a sort of reverse rummage sale.

We will be collecting gently used household & clothing items which will be given away for free during the event. If you would like to provide back-to-school items for giving, or other new items, that would be great as well. In addition, our two churches are hoping to provide free car washes, refreshments and maybe even some Christian music!

This will be a church-wide outreach event & needless to say, will call for all hands on deck.

We'll need lots of volunteers leading up to the event and the day of. Here are a few of the job descriptions. We'll be posting a sign-up list on the board Sunday, July 30 and will need everyone to look at it and sign up for anything you can do by AUGUST 13.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:	
PRAYER WARRIORS	CAR WASH TEAM
SET UP & TEAR DOWN WORKERS	GROUNDS TEAM
REFRESHMENT TEAM	ACOUSTIC MUSICIANS
TRAFFIC COORDINATORS	PICK UP OF DONATIONS
RUMMAGE HOSTS / GREETERS	FLYER DROP TEAM
BUILDING ATTENDANTS	

If you have any questions about the dates, what items can be donated, for pick-ups of items, explanations of the event or anything else, please talk to one of the planning team members: Palia Vang, Mainor Vang, Annette Blanchard, Peggy Kressin, Mary Krome or Pam Deeds.

This may be the most exciting event we've had in years, so please don't miss this opportunity to participate in the life of our church and to be missionaries right here in our Jerusalem. We want the love of the Lord to shine like diamonds through our efforts, and for Him to receive all glory!!

August, 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Day of Giving
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Annual Church Business Meeting	28	29	30	31		

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

- 9:15 – Fellowship
- 9:30 – Bible Study
- 10:30- Morning Worship
- 1:30 – Grace Point Hmong Service

Wednesday

- 6:45 – Mission Friends/GAs/RAs/
Acteens/Adult Prayer & Bible Study
- 7:45 – Praise Team Rehearsal



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.

August 6	Rachel Krome	Gaby Geiger	Aubrey W.
August 13	Lizzie Mensah	Shawn Wycklendt	Daniel G.
August 20	Kathy Schulz	Delmy Geiger	Rachel W.
August 27	Mary Krome	Geri Klimowicz	Nana Yaw O.

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“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

Family Needs:

- Pastor Larry and his family.
- Our church leadership.
- Linda & Richard Hunter, praise for a better car.
- Pam Marshall as she seeks God’s timing & purpose for her life.
- Pam Deeds as she anticipates her wedding.
- Church members traveling on vacation.
- Nominating Team, Budget & Finance Team and other teams as they prepare for our annual meeting.
- Students & teachers preparing to start a new school year.



Our Church:

- Day of Giving on August 19
- Annual business meeting on August 27

Beyond our walls:

- Our Nation seems to have lost its way. Pray the faithful will be strong and Christ-like in attitude.
- President Trump and his family, and his Cabinet.
- The House of Representatives and the Senate.
- The many lost people around the world who need to know Jesus.
- Strength & courage for Missionaries who are taking the Gospel around the globe.
- Believers who need to be bold in witnessing to the lost in our own communities.
- Believers who need to be faithful in attendance and service through their church.