

March 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

“You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing. But you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the Day coming.”

Hebrews 10:25

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Annie Armstrong Offering

Ponder On This:

Father in heaven, give us eyes to see and strength to help each other in the race of faith today.



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS. GATHERING:

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

CHURCH NOTES

HAPPENINGS AT BDBC:

Every Sunday morning at 9:15 we offer age appropriate **Bible Study** for everyone, birth through senior adults. Our goals include learning what God said to us, and how to apply His teachings to our everyday living.

At 10:30 on Sunday morning, following Bible Study, we join our hearts together to praise God and worship Him from Whom all blessings flow.

Sunday, March 18 Pastor will begin a special Easter sermon series that will end on Sunday, April 8. The series is "Who Do You Say I Am?" This is a wonderful time to invite guests as many people will attend church during the Easter season when otherwise their interest would not be as high.

Wednesday evening at 6:45 our adults enjoy in-depth Bible study. A study of the Epistle to the Hebrews will begin on March 14th.

While the adults are delving into the Scriptures, our youth and children are learning about missionaries and what they do. They also learn how they can share the Good News with their friends.

If you miss a Sunday, you can still hear God's message as shared by Pastor Larry. Each week Gary Holt makes the morning message available on our church website. Link to Sermons: <http://www.browndeerbaptist.com/sermons.html>

Special Easter Schedule:

Good Friday Service, March 30 at 7:00 PM.

Easter Sunday Breakfast, No Sunday School on April 1st. We will have our annual Easter morning breakfast starting at 9:00 AM. Bring a Friend!

Easter Egg Hunt, will be at the Griffith's home at 3 PM on Easter Sunday. Let the pastor know if your kids and their friends are coming. The address is 2991 El Camino Dr., Cedarburg, 53012 (town of Jackson). In case of rain (or snow) an alternate date will be announced.

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

--1 Peter 1:3-5 (NASB95)

As you make plans for the Easter holiday, examine the words of the Apostle Peter. Don't miss the mountain vista in the Bible from 1 Peter 1:3-5. One phrase at a time, let your spirit lead in connecting with the Holy Spirit of truth in this passage.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”

Resonate with the words *“living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!”* He gives new abundant life. Because Jesus rose from the dead, you can have a new birth, new life! Life in Christ unfolds daily, one step of faithfulness at a time. Seasons end, new birth happens. It can be confusing, because God doesn't give you road signs at each bend in the road. Yet, you can keep your eyes on Him and get through life's “dangers, toils, and snares,” because Jesus is your living hope.

“...to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you...”

In Christ, you are an heir to a rich inheritance: all the riches of Christ Jesus. His purposes for you are in Jesus' keeping power. They can never die, or spoil, or fade away without fulfilling His heart for you. You are right in the middle of God's process for you. You don't have to settle for God's second best because of somebody else's choices or your own. As you are being who you are in Christ, you can do what you are supposed to do. You may have disappointments, but your life is His story with depth, adventure, suspense, surprising plot turns. Even when life leads you to dark places, rejoice because Jesus defeated the darkness. Be blessed as you understand more of His story that He is writing in your life.

“...who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

God surrounds you with His favor as a shield. You are shielded by His power, so that in every dark thing you experience, you can live large and strong. God put you on earth for His specific purpose, and you are living in that purpose, even when you don't know it. Your soul may be grumbling and resisting, but you are living the story that God is ready to reveal to you. God is a lot bigger than you expect Him to be. He's a lot bigger than your circumstances. He is the God of detail. He is deeply involved in the small details of your life, but He has a bigger picture in view. One day the true glory of God will be revealed in you. Easter did not reach its climax when Jesus rose from His grave. The climax of Easter will be when you rise from your grave in His resurrection power!

Love,
Pastor Larry

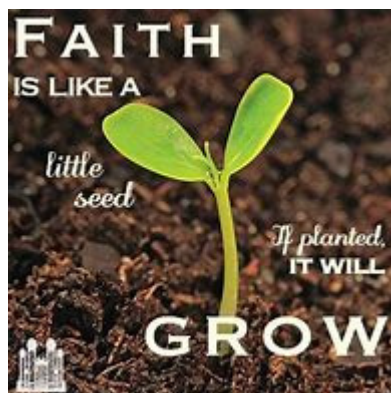
SOWING THE SEED OF THE GOSPEL, MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT

(Two Missions Centered Opportunities)

Have you ever wondered how to tell a non-believer about Jesus and how to be saved? Do you have difficulty transitioning a conversation into a spiritual conversation? Do you find spiritual conversations with unbelievers to be awkward?

On [Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm](#), please join us at the church to explore ways to turn conversations to salvation by grace through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ - to the true gospel message.

We will briefly explore different types of non-Biblical religious beliefs: cults that are off-shoots of Christianity, non-Christian world religions, and non-religious philosophies. We will then discuss questions and other means of engaging people in conversation about faith, and then practice doing so.



The [Annual WMU Ladies Prayer Retreat is April 27-28](#) at the Lakelawn Resort in Delavan, WI. There is more information on the bulletin board, or call Lori McDonald at 262-515-1338 to learn more. Fellowship, worship, pray, and minister with other ladies from Lakeland Baptist Association.

Real Life Discipleship Group



The Real Life Discipleship Group meets each Sunday after worship at the Geiger home (7702 N. Edgeworth Dr. Brown Deer. 414-354-6878).

A light lunch is served after the class. If you have not joined the class yet, you are always welcome to begin at any time!

Special note: the group will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 1st.

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ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS INGATHERING



Our ingathering for this special love offering will be on March 25, 2018.

The total amount given to this offering will be used for the purpose of sharing the Gospel with people who live in North America.

Nothing is taken from it for administrative expenses,
or other purposes.





Preschoolers, ages birth through 4 years, will always find a warm welcome at Brown Deer Baptist. We have workers who love them and have a desire to help them grow to know and love Jesus. If you have a child in this age group, we urge you to bring them to Sunday morning Bible study at 9:15. After Bible study, they may remain in the same room for continued activities while Mom and Dad enjoy a time of worship with others.

March 4	Doug Bachert	Kathy Schulz	Kwame Nsiah
March 11	Veronica De Ridder	Geri Klimowicz	Aubrey W.
March 18	Shawn Wycklendt	Lizzie Mensah	Nana Yaw Oduro
March 25	Nana Nsiah	Delmy Geiger	Rachel Wycklendt

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

In the late 1800's women were not expected to be leaders, to speak up, to be visionaries...Annie Armstrong was never concerned with what the world expected.

"When I get hold of an idea that seems to me to be a good one, I somehow do not feel comfortable until I see it carried out."

Annie's father died soon after she was born in 1850. Her mother, a devoted Christian, encouraged her five children to see the needs around them and to act. With fervency, Annie devoted herself to compassion ministry.

Annie and the women of her church joined with other churches in giving and missions work. Her boldness soon helped unite the missions movement begun in several states. In 1888, despite opposition by male Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) leadership, who feared women organizing, the national Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) was formed. Annie was elected as the first executive leader.



Traveling throughout the U.S., Annie encouraged missionaries and challenged churches to give and support missions. She and the SBC women led out in transforming funding for missions helping to secure the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board) and Foreign Mission Board (now International Missions Board) in taking the gospel around the globe.