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THE JOURNEY

The twice monthly newsletter from Brown Deer Baptist Church, Brown Deer, WI.

“Building people through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ”

“So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

I Corinthians 3:7

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Ponder On This:

God deserves the glory for the growth of His people and His kingdom.



May 12, 2018



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CHURCH NOTES

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.

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>

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!

From the Pastor's Heart . . .



“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb.”

--John 20:1 (NASB95)

The rocks laying on the surface of the Racetrack Playa (dry lake bed) located in California’s infamous Death Valley have provided a mystery for the few people who travel to the remote desert place. The rocks, some weighing as much as 70 lbs., have apparently moved across the flat surface leaving trails in the sand marking the distance they traveled. Some of the trails are straight and others are curved. The longest documented trail left by the mysterious sliding rocks was 820 feet.

Scientists have tried to figure it out for about 100 years. Everything from dust devils to space aliens have been put forth as possible explanations of the phenomenon. In 2014 scientists finally figured out the puzzle and documented it on video. Every so often, there is enough rain and snow melt from the nearby mountains to form a thin glaze of water across the basin. During the night, the temperatures in the desert drop below 32 degrees. A razor-thin layer of ice forms on the surface of the sand. If there are strong winds in the night the ice allows the rocks enough buoyancy and reduced friction to blow across the sand leaving trails.

Another rock that moved 2,000 years ago proved even more puzzling to those who saw it. Let me give you some background information that will help you see the mystery of this stone. Jesus had been crucified, and then His body placed in a tomb hewn from the rock and sealed with a stone. The stone closing the entrance to the tomb was a large round disk. These grave stones from that era weigh between 2,000-4,000 pounds each. They are placed upright in a carved stone track on the uphill side of the entrance and wedged in place with a smaller stone. When the tomb was sealed, the small stone was removed and the stone was rolled downhill in the track with the help of several men.

When the followers of Jesus came to His tomb on the Sunday after He was buried, they were shocked by the sight of the stone having been removed. It was such an amazing sight that all four writers of the Gospels in the New Testament mentioned it. It is not that the stone had been removed that was so shocking, it was HOW it had been moved. In John 20:1 we see the phrase “taken away.” John used the Greek word “airo” to describe what happened to the stone. This word means “up and away.” The stone was picked up out of the stone track and carried uphill. This would have been a feat only accomplished by many men who had plenty of time.

The tomb was under Roman guard. If the followers of Jesus had somehow stolen the body of Jesus out from under the noses of the soldiers guarding the tomb, they wouldn’t have taken the time and effort to carry the stone up the hill—they would have hurriedly rolled it down the hill, letting gravity do most of the work. The stone could only have been moved in such a manner by the miraculous (the Bible tells us that angels were the agents for this feat.) Will you allow the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus remove the stone of doubt which covers your heart? He is risen! Rejoice in this miracle all year!

Love,

Pastor Larry

BEYOND OUR WALLS

The WMU Ladies Prayer Retreat is April 27-28 at the Lakelawn Resort in Delavan.

There is more information on the bulletin board outside the worship center. You may also call Lori McDonald at 262-515-1338.



Kingdom Growth Conference

This year's conference will be at Jericho Church Without Walls on North 76th Street. The dates are May 9-11. There will be great worship and classes on church administration, ministry development, security and safety, personal relationships, church growth, and spiritual growth.

Register at www.mkekgc.org



On Saturday, May 12, 2018 we will have opportunity to do a thorough spring cleaning of our building and grounds at Brown Deer Baptist Church. God has been very good to us and has provided a wonderful building for us to hold activities of worship, fellowship, service, and ministry. It is our responsibility to take care of this gift.

Some of our members are from Ghana. Their friends who are members of the Ghanaian Church sometimes use our building for activities. To say thank you, and to show their appreciation to God and to Brown Deer, they are sponsoring a Spring Clean-Up Day at our building and have invited Brown Deer members to join them in this day of service and fellowship.

The date is Saturday, May 12. Mark this day on your calendar and watch The Journey and the bulletin for more information.





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 each Sunday morning at 9:15 for Sunday School. They may then remain in the same room for continued activities while Mom and Dad enjoy a time of worship with others.

April 1	La Tasha Hazelwood	Sandy Kruchell	Marilyn Rushing
April 8	Vickie Holt	Rachel Krome	Daniel Griffith
April 15	Mary Krome	Kathy Schulz	Aubrey Wycklendt
April 22	Delmy Geiger	Geri Klimowicz	Rachel Wycklendt
April 29	Lizzie Mensah	Shawn Wycklendt	Daniel Griffith

