

November 15, 2017



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

“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

I Thessalonians 5:18

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Lottie Moon Offering



Ponder On This:

Gratitude is a natural response to God’s grace.

“Give Thanks to the LORD

For He is good.”

Psalm 107:1

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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 Sunday morning, following Bible Study, we join our hearts together to **praise God and worship Him** from Whom all blessings flow.

Following Worship there is opportunity to join in a **Prayer Blitz** in the Pastor's study. At this time prayer is lifted to the Father for our church and those who attended that morning.

Wednesday evening at 6:45 our adults enjoy in-depth Bible study. Currently we are studying the book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah ministered to a nation in crisis and speaks to us today. Hope to see you there! 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.

Real Life Discipleship class meets at the Geiger home after morning worship on Sundays. 7702 N. Edgeworth Dr., Milwaukee. We will learn how to share stories from the Gospel of Mark with those who need to hear from the Lord. All are welcome to learn how to share stories from the ministry of Jesus that can make a difference in someone's life.

Pastor Larry is teaching a **New Members-New Believers** class during the Bible Study hour on Sunday morning. If you are new to our church, or would like to explore the structure of the Bible and our church's beliefs and doctrines, this is for you! The class will meet for ten (10) weeks in the pastor's office. See Pastor Larry for details.

Do You know what MWBC is? Find out more about the many ministries of MN/WI Baptist Convention at mwbc.org.

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



****While normally I would write an article for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I can't put my mind to the task following the massacre of our fellow believers last Sunday in my home state. Allow me to share my heart instead.***

"Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding." --Jeremiah 3:15 (NASB95)

"From Issachar's descendants there were 200 leaders who understood the times and knew what Israel should do. –1 Chronicles 12:32 (GWT)

The horror and mind-numbing evil that struck our sister church in Sutherland Springs, Texas this past Sunday has left a hole in my heart and bile in my stomach. Each time I try to wrap my mind around this event, all I can see are the faces of the people at Brown Deer Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Memorial Baptist Church and Union Baptist Church—all churches I have served and filled with people who loved God—no different than those who were shot because they came to worship God on Sunday morning.

These martyrs were "faithful unto death" while I was preaching in another church from Matthew 5:10-12 where Jesus said we are blessed when we are persecuted. They died for their faith on a Sunday when Southern Baptists were observing a day to pray for persecuted Christians around the world. On November 5, 2017 the world came to our churches.

The word "pastor" has its origin in the word "shepherd." I am commanded to lead the church (God's flock) like a shepherd. As your shepherd, I must seek God's heart first of all. Next, I am to lead the flock to be nourished in the field and streams of God's Word. And, as your shepherd, I must do all I can to protect the sheep from the predators who seek to kill and devour. "Protecting the sheep" usually brings to mind thoughts of making sure the gospel is not polluted with legalism or watered-down with easy "believism." However, in light of Sunday's church shooting (and others over the past few years), there are some questions I must ask: "What would happen if such horror visited our church building? Do we have a plan in place to take quick action to save lives? What common sense precautions can we take to prevent such evil falling upon us?" How foolish we would be to not learn from this tragedy and do nothing! Yes, God is our shield and help in times of trouble. God has also called us to be wise!

In 1 Chronicles 12:32 the men of the tribe of Issachar are described as being "*men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do.*" I am calling our men to be "Men of Issachar" and ask these same questions. We need to understand the times in which we live and seek from the Lord a knowledge of what we should do. I have spent a great deal of time praying over these questions and what we should do since last Sunday. I ask for your counsel, insight, and wisdom the Lord has given you as you seek knowledge from Him!

Love, Pastor Larry

Thanksgiving Prayer

for each new morning
with its light,
For rest and shelter of
the night
For health and food,
For love and friends,
for everything
thy goodness sends.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
(1803-1882)

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Thanksgiving is first Thanks;

Then Giving

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

November 19, 2017

Lord's Supper during morning worship service

November 22, 2017

Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:45 PM

Directory Update: Pam Marshall

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From Treasurer Scott Blanchard:

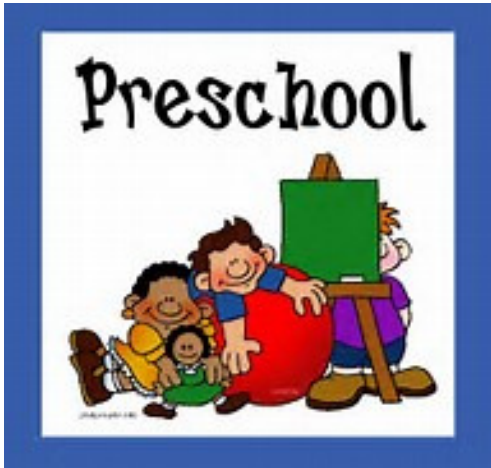
Year end financial statements were sent by email on October 28th. If you did not receive a copy, please send your email address to bdbctreas@wi.rr.com to be included on the mailing list.

Special Speaker, Tom Klimowicz:

On November 12th Pastor Larry will be in Texas with Daniel for a meeting that is required for Daniel's entrance into Texas A & M. In Pastor's absence we will be privileged to hear **Tom Klimowicz** preach the morning sermon.

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Pray for Kathy Schulz and her family this week as they celebrate the life of her brother and remember him in his passing from this life into eternal life with Jesus.
- ◆ Pray that our church family will be united in heart and love as we thank God for His many blessings during this Thanksgiving season. Ask God to protect those who will be traveling and to enrich family relationships with an awareness of His perfect love.
- ◆ On November 13th Judith Sagen will be taking a group of 17 Hmong men and women on a ten day tour to Israel. Please pray that God will cover us with His protective hand and open our minds and hearts to a deeper understanding of His Word.



Our Preschool Ministry provides for children from birth through 4 years of age during Sunday morning worship. Our trained and approved workers help little ones learn that church is a happy place to be, and that they are loved by us, and by Jesus.

Nov. 5 Doug Bachert

Lizzie Mensah

Kwame Nsiah

Nov. 12 Kathy Schulz

Veronica De Ridder

Rachel Wycklendt

Nov. 19 Geri Klimowicz

Rachel Krome

Aubrey Wycklendt

Nov. 26 Sandy Kruchell

La Tasha Hazelwood

Nana Yaw Oduro

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2017

Starting in 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® was established to empower the international missions efforts for Southern Baptists. After more than a century, the annual offering continues its steady growth. The National Goal this year is \$160 Million. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

You will receive more information in coming weeks. Miss Lottie's story and pictures may be found at www.imb/Lottie Moon