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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”*

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God” Psalm 42:1

**“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”**

—James 5:16

2—Church News

3—From the Pastor’s Heart

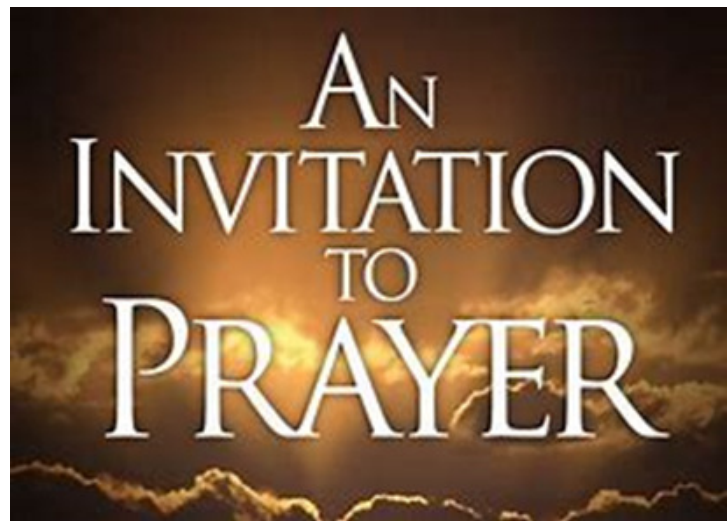
4- Letters from Jesus

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40 Days of Prayer Challenge

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A Sweet Invitation



“Then my people, who are called by my name, will be sorry for what they have done. They will pray and obey me and stop their evil ways. If they do, I will hear them from heaven. I will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land.”

*Ponder On This:*

—2 Chronicles 7:14

**Prayer is the child’s helpless cry to the Father’s attentive ear.**

## 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 Sunday morning 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.

**If we should have a major storm**, and you question whether activities will be held at BDBC, all cancellations will be reported on **channels 4, 6 and 12**. If there is no announcement on those channels, you will know that activities are going on as scheduled.



## **FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART**



*"Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly." -Psalm 5:3 (NLT)*

On Sunday, January 1, 2012 following worship at church that morning, my family loaded up in our minivan and drove to Rockford, Illinois. My children were excited as we were going to pick up their Christmas gift from the previous Sunday. What was their gift? A black and white English Springer Spaniel dog that Ramona and I had arranged to adopt from English Springer Rescue America. The dog's name is Poppy Seed (so named after the black freckles on her face) but we just call her Poppy.

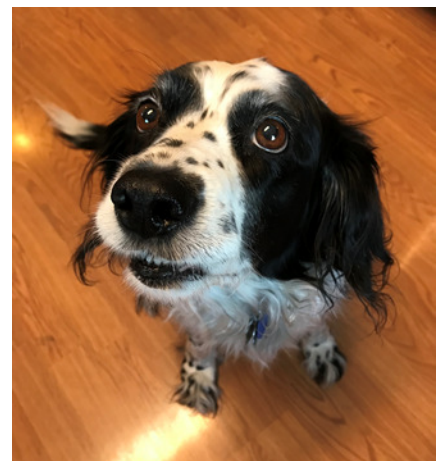
A funny thing happened during Poppy's introduction to our children, the drive to our house, and the first few minutes at home—the dog came to believe that she was my Christmas present. I have often joked that the dog should have been named "Velcro" because she sticks to me and follows me everywhere in the house. She does love everyone in our family but when I come home, she abandons all others for me. As I am sitting at my computer writing this article, Poppy is laying at my feet looking up at me intently watching my every move. She may not understand what I'm doing, but she is happy knowing that she is near me.

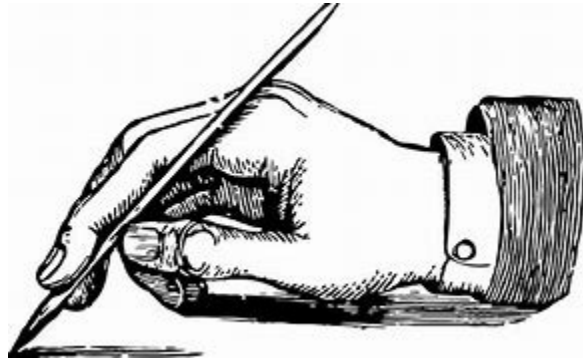
While eating lunch a little while ago, I was thinking about what to write about for this edition of the newsletter. I looked down at Poppy as she adopted her normal pose when I'm sitting at the table: sitting, looking up at me with expectant eyes, mouth slightly open, waiting for me to share a morsel with her or to "accidentally" drop a small piece of food. When I gave her the last bite of my lunch, the proverbial idea light bulb appeared over my head. I took out my phone and took the accompanying photo of this pose to show you what I'm writing about.

Poppy was demonstrating how we should pray. No whining to God is necessary. He knows what we need and what we want. He always gives us what we need and sometimes what we want. I know Poppy may want chocolate, but I'm not going to let her have it because I know something she doesn't. God always gives us what we need, at the right time. Why do I "spoil" Poppy by sharing a little of my food with her? Because I love her and it brings me joy to share a token of my love with her.

Remember, your Master in heaven loves you and takes delight in sharing that love with you. We just need to be like Poppy—sitting daily at the feet of the Master, knowing that "whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father" (James 1:17). I love the words of King David in Psalm 5:3. *"Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly."*

Love,  
Pastor Larry





## **LETTERS FROM JESUS**

Jesus sent a letter to seven churches in the first century. These letters speak to the church in our day too. Pastor Larry will be preaching from these letters over the next few Sundays as we explore what Jesus would say to our church if He sent a letter to us.

If you missed the first letter message last Sunday, you will find it on our church website at [www.browndeerbaptist.com](http://www.browndeerbaptist.com). Be sure your sound is turned up.

Pastor Larry's message is recorded every Sunday and then put on our website. Any time you miss a Sunday we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to hear the morning message from our pastor who faithfully preaches from the Word of God, the Bible.

# PRAYER RETREAT SUNDAY

## JANUARY 28

On January 28 we will observe a Sunday devoted to prayer. The youth and adult Bible Study classes will meet together during the Sunday School hour for a season of praying for God's blessings. The children's classes will meet as usual. We will then have a special prayer worship service at 10:30 AM.

There will be a potluck fellowship lunch after worship.



BDBC will engage our members in a 40 days of prayer challenge starting on February 1. The prayer guides will be distributed at church on January 28. Any members who are not able to attend on the 28th may get their 40 days of prayer guide early. They need to ask the pastor for a copy in advance.



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.

Jan. 7	Delmy Geiger	Doug Bachert	Rachel Wycklendt
Jan. 14	Sandy Kruchell	Kathy Schulz	Kwame Nsiah
Jan. 21	Rachel Krome	Veronica De Ridder	Nana Yaw Oduro
Jan. 28	Geri Klimowicz	Nana Nsiah	Aubrey Wycklendt



The Griffith's have some extra homemade black raspberry jelly. If you know someone who would like to receive a jar, take one and give it as a gift from our church while you invite the person to our worship service. (If you were not at church during the Christmas holiday and didn't get a jar, please feel free to take one for yourself and enjoy!)