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THE JOURNEY

The twice monthly news letter from Brown Deer Baptist Church, Brown Deer, WI.

"Building people through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ"

As a deer longs for streams of water, so I long for You, God. Psalm 42:1

The Annual Business Meeting will be on August 28 at 11:15 AM.

(we will not have Sunday School that day)



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT BROWN DEER BAPTIST

****Regular Sunday worship time is 10 AM and Sunday Bible study is 11:15 AM.** We prayerfully encourage you to join us in person at the church building.

-##The on-line Worship and Bible Studies are available on RightNowMedia. Be sure the church has a correct email address for every family member and set up your RightNowMedia account to access any of these. Watch your e-mail and facebook for sign-in information each week. Contact Pastor Larry if you need more help.

****Our Food Pantry is well-stocked. Let Pastor or Mary Krome know if you are aware of anyone needing a helping hand.**

*****Taking good care of our church building and grounds, and paying our bills on time are important parts of our Christian witness to our community.**

*****If you are able and willing to help with cleaning our building, there are new sign-up sheets and cleaning guidelines on the bulletin board in the hall. Friends and family working together can have fun as teams and make the work go faster.**

*****If we all follow God's guidelines for giving (tithes and offerings) we will be able to pay our church bills on time. Your offering may be put in the basket at the back of the worship center, sent by check mailed to the church at 7908 N. 51st Street, Brown Deer, WI 53223, or sent on line as described in our church website. Pastor Larry or treasurer Tabi Nsiah can help you with more information.**

Adults: are studying the book of HEBREWS. See page 4 for information about the new study beginning on August 21st.

Youth: are considering "Kingdom Heroes with Dr. Tony Evans"

Children: are learning "What Is In the Bible".

Wednesday Evening is titled "Watch Your Mouth" based on a study by Tony Evans.

GIVING DAY (free rummage) has been held for the past couple of years. This is a great community outreach activity and a good time to clean out our closets and cabinets. At this time we are planning to hold the "sale" in April or May of 2023.

###SEE PASTOR'S ARTICLE ON PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT "HE GETS US" .###

Our church deacons are always on standby to pray with you and/or help you as needed.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART....



"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do." -Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

In 1269 Kublai Khan sent a request from Peking to Rome for "a hundred wise men of the Christian religion...And so I shall be baptized, and when I shall be baptized all my barons and great men will be baptized, and their subjects baptized, and so there will be more Christians here than there are in your parts." The Mongols were then wavering in the choice of a religion. It might have been, as Kublai forecast, the greatest mass religious movement the world has ever seen. The history of all Asia would have been changed.

But what happened? Pope Gregory X answered by sending two Dominican friars. They got as far as Armenia, could endure no longer, and returned home. So passed the greatest missionary opportunity in the history of the church. Sadly, the history of the church is often an anthology of missed opportunities.

The same can be said for us individuals and our church. Many opportunities are not obvious, but now and then an obvious opportunity comes our way. Such is a new multimedia and social media campaign known as "He Gets Us." Advertisements from social media to highway billboards present Jesus as One who "gets us." Jesus was complete in His humanity and faced struggles just as we do. The Bible says in Hebrews 2:18 that Jesus gets us: *"Since He himself has gone through suffering and testing, He is able to help us when we are being tested."*

Brown Deer Baptist Church is now a partner church in the "He Gets Us" campaign. As explorers interact with the campaign and reach out for someone who cares, we are given the name, contact information, and life issue of the seeker. It is our responsibility to reach out to that person needing to see how Jesus "gets them." What an opportunity to share Jesus!

How can you get involved? It is simple. Be willing to contact explorers by text, email, or phone and engage them in a conversation about how Jesus can help. The church receives notification when an explorer in our area has expressed a desire to be contacted. (In the past two weeks, we have received notifications from 12 explorers at the time of this writing.) We need women and men who are willing to invest a few minutes of their time to initiate contacting these explorers. *Will you be one who will say, "Yes!"? Or, will you let another Kingdom opportunity pass you by?*

For those who wish to be part of the campaign, contact the pastor. We will set up a quick training session that will cover the basics of how to initiate contact, protocols, and safety tips. I pray the men and women of our church will see how God can use them in growing His kingdom!

Love,
Pastor Larry

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

The book of Judges cracks a window into depths of the human soul. Watch a nation struggle with its identity and relationship to its God. Heroes and heroines arise, who seem to have the potential to save Israel. But in the end, each proves to be a broken savior that cannot deliver.

In this series, pastor and author J.D. Greear wades into the book of Judges to shine a light onto the muddy waters of human rebellion. The stories and truths within are not just archaic tales with no relevance for us today. Rather, J.D. works through each chapter unpacking the truth of God's grace in the midst of human wickedness, and shows how only the divine can redeem the fallen.



Dr. J.D. Greear pastors The Summit Church in the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina. Under J.D.'s leadership, The Summit has grown from 300 to over 10,000 in attendance each Sunday. In the last ten years, The Summit has sent out more than 650 people to serve on church planting teams, both domestically and internationally. J.D. completed his Ph.D. at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary writing on the correlations between early church presentations of the gospel and Islamic theology. He has authored a number of publications, including *Gospel* and *Stop Asking Jesus Into Your Heart*. He lives in Raleigh with his

wife, Veronica, and their four children.

We encourage you to join us as Dr. Greear leads us in this challenging study of the book of Judges beginning on Sunday, August 21, 2022.

PLANNING AHEAD

We will have a **special worship day on September 11.** BDBC and Grace Point churches will join together for worship on that day. It is football Sunday, so wear your team's colors! We will change our worship time on that one Sunday. The schedule will be as follows:

11:15 AM Bible Study

12:15 PM Potluck Lunch fellowship with our two churches together (theme is game tail-gate food!)

1:30 PM Worship with our two churches together

3:00 PM Packers vs. Vikings game will be shown in sanctuary for us to cheer together!
(Feel free to also bring game snacks!)



Mark your calendar now and plan to share in this time of worship and fellowship.

September is State Missions month for MWBC.

With prayer and giving we share the Gospel with people in MN/WI

*I have come
so that they may have life
and have it in abundance.
John 10:10*

- 25% Disaster Relief
- 20% Church Internships
- 15% Cross-Cultural Missions
- 10% Urban Ministry
- 10% Hands of Hope
- 5% Children's Evangelism
- 5% Called Out Youth Camp
- 5% WMU
- 5% Pastoral Emergencies

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