



September 1, 2024

“... you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13 NASB

Holy Communion served today:

Today BSW will be serving Holy Communion. All who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to come forward and receive the grace of our Lord. Children and youth are served upon the recommendation of their parents/guardians.

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Family Business for September 1, 2024

Today we will provide a report from Dr. Henry Smith and the Africa Wesleyan University College. Also, it is moving up day for Children's Church!

Message notes for September 1, 2024

Thriving in Thessalonica: Part Two

- 1) Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy were committed to pleasing God. (v. 4)
 - a. They shared the gospel in midst of opposition
 - b. They loved the people gently
 - c. They taught them faithfully
- 2) Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy thanked God (again!) that the people of Thessalonica accepted the gospel as from God and not men. That's why it was powerful in their lives and they were thriving. (v. 13)
- 3) Both Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy and the church at Thessalonica suffered persecution because they were living for the Lord (v. 14-16). That persecution comes from the inside and the outside.
- 4) The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (v. 17-19) and the only thing that will matter then!

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (9-1) – Micro-church in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads.

On Tuesday (9-3) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 until noon.

On Tuesday (9-3) – Micro-church at Cranberry Court assisted living at 10 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (9-3) – Bible Study (Psalms and Proverbs) in the Shepherd’s Loft processing center from 11:15 am until noon.

On Wednesday (9-4) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (9-4) – Back to School Fall Kick-Off for BSW Underground (middle school and high school students) from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Doors open at 6 pm.

This Week at BSW continued:

On Thursday (9-5) – Coffee with Pastors (senior ministry) meets in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30 am. Food, prayer, teaching, and singing.

On Friday (9-6) – The Shepherd's Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 am until noon.

On Friday (9-6) – Bible reading and fellowship with Jonathan and Pastor Carri Johnson from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

On Saturday (9-7) – LBA will meet from 2 to 4 pm to do their Trustee building and grounds walk through.

Children's Ministry Changes:

School is back in session and we've made some changes of our own which go into effect this week. Here's the breakdown grade:

- Nursery with Ms. Jamie
- Ms. Linda's class: Pre-K through 1st
- Ms. Penny's class: 2nd through 5th (with student leader option below)
- Middle School class: DISCONTINUED - 6th-12th graders are encouraged to stay in the service and to attend our weekly youth group, BSW Underground, on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 (doors open at 6).

Please talk with one of the teachers listed above to discuss the possibility of your 5th grade student helping (student leader) in the nursery or Ms. Linda's class.

Youth Group Goes Weekly:

Don't miss the BSW Underground (6th-12th grade) Fall Kick-off this Wednesday, September 4th from 6:30-8pm (door opens at 6).

School is back in session and so are we. And instead of once a month, we are meeting EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT now!

Join us Wednesdays at the BSW Family Center - Bring a new friend & you both get the chance to win a prize!

By The Numbers

Celebrating new life in Christ:

For the 2024-25 Church year (June 1, 2024, until May 31, 2025):

Those confessing Christ as Savior and Lord: 3

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 0

Those being baptized: 3

Call-to-Ministry: 0

Attendance Report for August 2024

Date	Sanctuary	Micro-Churches	Online Raw #	X 1.7 Reporting Number	Total Foot Print
Y-T-D Averages June 24-May 25	97	35	19	32	164
Aug 4	90	44	21	36	170
Aug 11	76	43	18	31	150
Aug 18	100	64	24	41	205
Aug 25	74	37	21	36	147
Aug Ave.	85	47	21	36	168

Upcoming at BSW

Weekly Men's Group Starting Soon:

Starting September 9th, Monday evenings from 7-8pm will be a time for men to grow their faith and friendships through intentional time in God's word, prayer, and fellowship. The plan is to meet in the BSW Family Center, so please come to that door (door opens at 6:45). If there are men that would like to join with mobility issues, we can meet at another location in the church. For questions, please contact Kevin Lien (763-360-0988).

Shepherd's Loft Clothing Mission:

The Shepherd's Loft Clothing Mission is open to the public on Tuesday and Friday mornings for patrons to receive free clothes, shoes, and linens. Please call 715-421-5335 to schedule your 30-minute appointment for 9:30 am, 10 am, 10:30 am, or 11 am.

Supporting BSW: There are four ways that you can support BSW with your tithes and offerings.

- 1) Securely online at bakerstwesleyan.org using the “support BSW” tab on the right-hand side of the homepage.
- 2) In the jar provided in the sanctuary on the tech booth.
- 3) By mail to Baker Street Wesleyan Church, 640 Baker St. Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, 54494. Attn: Treasurer.
- 4) Donation of stock and securities to our Edward Jones account.

Tithes and Offerings Report

Date	General Fund	Zambia Partnership	Warehouse Partnership	Wish List	Pastoral Scholarship
Y-T-Date As of 8-31	35,223	4,224	4,160	3,170	2,000
Aug 4	2,972	2			
Aug 11	1,940	2	620		
Aug 18	2,788	2			
Aug 25	1,594	2	620		
Aug Totals	9,294	8	1240		

*Jail Ministry \$150 on 7/21/2024

Leadership Team 2024-25:

Local Board of Administration as elected at the Local Church Conference on Thursday, June 20, 2024 serving until the next local church conference.

Chairperson: Rev. Milt Van Natta, Senior Pastor

Treasurer: Jamie Mlsna

Secretary: Kimberly Bier

Members-at-Large: Kat Esser, Mike Hamilton, Diane Jackson, Bonnie Lemke, Brandon Pautz, and Kevin Lien (Vice-Chair).

Your BSW Staff Team

Lead Pastor/Teaching Pastor/Shepherd's Loft: Rev. Milt Van Natta

Next Generations Director/Music Leader: Pastor Seth Dykstra

Assistant Pastor of Discipleship/Zambia: Rev. Carri Johnson

Assistant Pastor of Spiritual Care/Prayer Chain: Rev. Jim Leston

Jail Ministry Missionary: Rev. Lonnie Selje

Heart of the 27 New Testament Books:

The Gospels –

(Matthew, Mark, and Luke are also called the synoptic gospels because they are very similar in content)

Matthew: The Gospel to the Jews (written to the Jews)

Mark: The Gospel of Action (written to the Romans)

Luke: The Historical Certainty of the Gospel (written to the Greeks)

John: The Believer's Connectedness to Christ (written to everyone)

Acts: The Advance of the Gospel (Luke and Acts written by Luke a Gentile)

(Matthew through Acts are the history books of the New Testament. The gospels are biographies of Jesus and his ministry. Acts covers the birth of the church and the evangelization of the world)

The 13-Letters of the Apostle Paul begin with Romans

Romans: The Systematic Summary of Being Saved by Faith

1 Corinthians:

2 Corinthians: