



Sunday, September 15, 2024

“... for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord”

1 Thessalonians 3:8 NASB

Middle School Fall Retreat:

Attention all 6th-8th graders!!! Join us for our 2nd annual trip to Silver Birch Ranch, October 4th-6th. This is a collaborative trip with other local churches featuring a special guest speaker, worship team, and lots of fun activities (horseback riding, zipline, paintball, and more!). The cost is \$150 which includes lodging, travel expenses, food, and all activities. Deadline for signing up is Wednesday, September 25th. For more information, see pamphlet in lobby or contact Pastor Seth.

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Family Business for September 15, 2024

The fall/school season has begun and that includes new Bible study groups and ministries at BSW. It also means the campaign for the Christmas shoebox ministry. All the latest family happenings will be shared. Also, special prayers for three faithful servants.

Message notes for September 15, 2024

This morning is part three of our chapter-by-chapter study of 1 Thessalonians.

- 1) Paul's team sends Timothy to Thessalonica to strength and encourage them in their faith, but it is the team church planting team that is encouraged in the face of persecution.
- 2) Verse eight says that real living is to see those you poured into standing firm in their faith.
- 3) Paul's team are prayer warriors for the young believers in the young church at Thessalonica ... they give thanks, pray to see the young believers face-to-face – but most importantly – they pray that the young church may abound in love and holiness. How are we praying for each other?

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (9-15) – Micro-church in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads. Pray for Pastor Lonnie.

On Monday (9-16) – Women’s study group on being grateful from the teachings of Anne Voskamp at 5:30 pm in the church lobby. Joelle Lemke leads.

On Monday (9-16) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday (9-17) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is closed to the public to convert the racks to fall and winter clothing.

On Tuesday (9-17) – Micro-church at Cranberry Court assisted living at 10 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (9-17) – Bible Study (Psalms and Proverbs) in the Shepherd’s Loft processing center from 11:15 am until noon.

On Wednesday (9-18) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (9-18) – Micro-church at Arborwood Lodge nursing home at 1:30 pm. Pastor Jim leads

On Wednesday (9-18) – BSW Underground (6th through 12th grade) meets in the Family Center from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Doors open at 6 pm.

On Friday (9-20) – The Shepherd's Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 am until noon.

On Saturday (9-21) – The fellowship hall and kitchen is being used by Pastor Lonnie for an event with her Wood County Jail Volunteers.

Children's Ministry Changes:

There is no Children's Church today. Here's the changes to the fall program that you need to be aware of.

- 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 is discontinued. The 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.

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Christmas Shoeboxes:

We are currently in the Christmas Shoebox campaign. We are hoping to fill 50 shoeboxes to send to needy children for Christmas morning. Please take a star(s) from the tech booth and return the gift by October 13th. You are also welcome to make a monetary donation and Ann will do the shopping. The Christmas shoeboxes are a legacy project of the BSW family!

Worship Night:

Join us Sunday, September 22nd from 6:30-7:30 for a time of worship (doors open at 6pm). This is a low-tech night of acoustic music (lights dim, no mic, no lyrics on screen) with intentional space to pray, reflect, and refresh, led by Molly Dykstra. We hope to see you there and pray you'll encounter Jesus in a beautiful way.

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.

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: 4

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 0

Those being baptized: 3

Call-to-Ministry: 0

Attendance Report for September 2024

Date	Sanctuary	Micro-Churches	Online Raw #	X 1.7 Reporting Number	Total Foot Print
Y-T-D Averages To 8/31	97	35	19	32	164
Sept. 1	103	49	23	39	191
Sept. 8	91	26	28	48	165
Sept. 15					
Sept. 22					
Sept. 29					
Sept. Ave.					

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
Sept. 1	5,092	2		170	
Sept. 8	1,767	2	570		
Sept. 15					
Sept. 22					
Sept. 29					
Sept. Totals					

*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: Division and immorality in the church

2 Corinthians: Paul's personal defense

Galatians: Christians are justified by faith alone

Ephesians: Living as the body of Christ

Philippians: The epistle (or letter) of joy!

Colossians: The pre-eminence of Jesus Christ

1 Thessalonians: Keep growing spiritually

