



Sunday, September 29, 2024

*“Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NASB

### Coffee with Pastors:

This Thursday is the first Thursday of the month and that means it's time for Coffee with Pastors – the monthly gathering of BSW seniors (50+). The morning will include food, fellowship, hymn singing, and prayer. Pastor Jim will bring the good word. Join us at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

### Family Business for September 29, 2024:

News from Zambia on the children needing sponsorship for school ... emerging news on the chairlift ... a promising visit from a vendor regarding a new projector for the sanctuary ... and just two weeks to go in the Christmas Shoebox campaign 2024.

## Message notes for September 29, 2024

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

v. 1-10 – Live in the light, live ready for Christ's return!

v. 11- 22 – The church fellowship is to encourage and build each other up. Paul features fifteen acts of encouragement in a healthy local church.

- 1- Esteem the pastors and leaders
- 2- Live in peace
- 3- Admonish the unruly
- 4- Encourage the fainthearted
- 5- Help the weak
- 6- Be patient with everyone
- 7- Do not repay evil for evil
- 8- Seek good for all people
- 9- Rejoice always
- 10- Pray without ceasing
- 11- Give thanks in everything
- 12- Do not quench the Holy Spirit (to discourage is to quench)
- 13- Do not despise prophetic utterances (have a teachable spirit)
- 14- Test everything carefully
- 15- Abstain from evil

v. 23-28 – We surrender and God sanctifies ... God sanctifies and we are transformed!

## *This Week at BSW*

On Sunday (9-29) – Micro-church in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads. Pray for God's favor on Pastor Lonnie.

On Monday (9-30) – 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 (9-30) – Men's study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday (10-1) – The Shepherd's Loft clothing ministry is fully stocked with fall and winter clothing. Appointments available at 9:30, 10, 10:30, and 11 am to receive clothes, shoes, towels, and bedding. Donations can be dropped off from 9:30 am until noon.

On Tuesday (10-1) – Micro-church at Cranberry Court assisted living at 10 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (10-1) – Bible Study (Psalms and Proverbs) in the Shepherd's Loft processing center from 11:15 am until noon.

On Wednesday (10-2) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (10-2) – Micro-church at Arborwood Lodge nursing home at 1:30 pm. Pastor Jim leads.

On Wednesday (10-2) – BSW Underground (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in the Family Center from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Doors open at 6 pm.

On Thursday (10-3) – Coffee with Pastors. The seniors (50+) gather at 9:30 am for worship, fellowship, study, and prayer.

On Friday (10-4) – The Shepherd's Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 am until noon.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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!

### Save the Date – Ladies Conference:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual BSW Ladies Conference will be held on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Save the date! Details released very soon.

### 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.

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## *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: 5 (one in jail last week)

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 2 (two in jail last week)

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	106	52	21	36	194
Sept. 22	113	39	25	43	195
Sept. 29					
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Supporting BSW: There are four ways that you can support BSW with your tithes and offerings.

- 1) Securely online at [bakerstwesleyan.org](http://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	1,170	2		170	
Sept. 22	3,121	2	660		
Sept. 29					
Sept. Totals					

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

\* Christmas Shoeboxes \$100 on 9/15/2024

\* Middle School Retreat \$500 on 9/22/2024

## 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

2 Thessalonians: Clear teachings on Christ's second coming

1 Timothy: Administration of the church

