



Sunday, August 24, 2025

... that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, so that you may fear the Lord your God forever.

Joshua 4:24

The Sea Container is on its way!

The 12th Uplifting Zambia sea container is on its way to the shipyards in Norfolk, Virginia for shipment to Africa. The sea container is filled with chairs for local churches, a large riding mower for the Africa Wesleyan University College, and blankets; among many, many other things. Please join the BSW family in praying God's favor on the sea container. It should arrive in Zambia sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will also have news about the future of the sea container ministry during family business.

Family Business for August 24, 2025

- 1) The Sea Container is on its way! Pictures and an update on the future of the sea container ministry.
- 2) Banana boxes needed for the Shepherd's Loft.
- 3) Bibles for the jail.
- 4) An update on Pastor Milt's research project

Sermon notes:

Grief Processing Blueprint-

(Today's passages: Joshua chapters three and four and 2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

Mind: The mind needs to acknowledge your loss

Heart: The heart needs to be poured out before God

Will: The will needs to be surrendered to healing and be open to giving thanks and forgiving where necessary

Mouth: The mouth needs to tell the story of how God saw you through your loss

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (8-24) – Micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads.

On Monday (8-25) – Women’s study group with Joelle Lemke from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the church lobby.

On Monday (8-25) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm at the Robinson Park Pavillion.

On Tuesday (8-26) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is open to people in need of clothing, bedding, and towels with appointments at 9:30, 10, 10:30, and 11 am available. Donations will be accepted from 9 am until noon.

On Tuesday (8-26) – Bible study in the Loft processing area at 11:15 am. Pastor Milt begins a study of the book of Revelation. Join us for a fresh perspective on Revelation.

On Wednesday (8-27) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (8-27) – Youth for Christ’s Next Level from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Underground Youth Room.

On Thursday (8-28) – Pastor’s staff meeting at 11 am.

On Friday (8-29) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is open to people in need of clothing, bedding, and towels with appointments at 9:30, 10, 10:30, and 11 am available. Donations will be accepted from 9 am until noon.

The next men’s breakfast is Saturday, September 20th at 8 am.

Dr. Alfred Kalembo and Dr. Henry Smith are here on September 14th to share how our partnership is making a difference in Zambia ... Please continue to pray for Pastor Carri Johnson as she prepares to travel to Zambia in October to speak at a women’s conference there ... The Christmas showbox collection is underway for 2025. All the details are available on Tech Booth. The collection boxes are there also!

By The Numbers

Celebrating new life in Christ:

For the 2025-26 Church year (June 1, 2025 until May 31, 2026):

Those confessing Christ as Savior and Lord: 2 (Jesse and Amber)

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 0

Those being baptized: 0

Call-to-Ministry: 0

Attendance Report

Date	Sanctuary	Micro-Churches	Online Raw #	X 1.7 Reporting Number	Total Foot Print
Y-T-D Averages To 7/31	97	37	31	53	187
August 3	97	37	37	63	197
August 10	117	45	15	26	188
August 17	102	53	21	36	191
August 24					
August 31					
Average					

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	
Y-T-Date As of 7/31	29,144	6,354	4,100		
August 3	3,788	2			
August 10	1,944	2	610		
August 17	2,041	102			
August 24					
August 31					
Totals					

Christmas shoeboxes \$40.00

Leadership Team 2025-26:

Local Board of Administration as elected at the Local Church Conference on Sunday, June 22, 2025 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

Newly formed Building and Grounds Care Team

- Project Managers: Mike Hamilton, Brandon Pautz and Mimi Sievers.
- Other members to be named soon.

Hearts on Fire: Four Spiritual Journeys in 2025

Journey One- *First Time Through:* Reading/Listening to Good News Bible

Monday, 8-25: Hebrews 12

Tuesday, 8-26: Hebrews 13

Wednesday, 8-27: James 1

Thursday, 8-28: James 2

Friday, 8-29: James 3

Saturday, 8-30: James 4

Sunday, 8-31: James 5

Journey Two- Daily Holiness Devotional Reading: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* by Dr. John Oswalt. Read the devotional for each day.

Journey Three- Praying for the World from World Almanac and Book of Facts: Be a cot-bearer and pray for the world by name. Also pray as the Lord leads you.

- 1) Read the intercession prayer from page 18 of the Field Guide for Daily Prayer
- 2) Pray for President Trump and Vice-President Vance. Also, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and Senate leader John Thune.

- 3) The congressional delegations of South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas (Senators on pages 11 and Congressional Representatives on page 16-17).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Solomon Islands on pages 832-834.
- 5) Pray for the NATO International Commands on page 147.
- 6) Pray for Governor Evers and the 33 state senators and the 99 state assembly persons of the state of Wisconsin.

Journey Four- Morning and Evening Surrender. Read John Baillie's *Diary of Private Prayer*. One prayer for morning and one prayer for evening. Please read out loud over your own life and heart.

Season of Mourning at BSW

We grieve the loss of:

Bill Nicholson	Vernon Woods
Stephan Hill	Russell Lamb
Suzanne Lamb	Michael Adams (Sandy's husband)
Lorraine (Eloise's sister)	Brandon Pautz's cousin
Sandy Adam's sister-in-law	Sandra Crook's brother Thomas
Dianne Olsen (Newman family)	Mitzi (Leeann Woods' cousin)
JoEllen (Gordon's sister)	