



Sunday, September 21, 2025

“Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you”

Luke 8:39

Christmas Shoebox Update

Our annual campaign for Christmas Shoeboxes through Samaritans Purse continues. The collection period continues through Sunday, October 19. Check the face of the technology booth for what is needed and take a tag with a suggested gift on it. Then purchase the gift and return it to the drop box. Monetary donations are also welcomed through the offering jar. The shoeboxes will be packed on November 2 by the children and the congregation will pray over the completed boxes on November 9. They will shipped out on November 16.

Family Business for September 21, 2025

- 1) Celebrating local church donations to Pastor Lonnie's jail ministry.
- 2) Celebrating a new confession of Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- 3) Pastor Milt's research project continues to day with week two of four.
- 4) Celebrating with the Living Bible New Testament readers – you have reached the final book and are less than three weeks from completing your journey.

Story two of four in *Real People in Real Places in Real Time* series. Luke 8:26-39 – Jesus delivers the Wildman!

Your notes:

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (9-21) – Three micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail this afternoon. Pastor Lonnie and Pastor Milt lead.

On Monday (9-22) – Women’s study group meets at 5:30 pm in the church lobby. Joelle Lemke leads.

On Monday (9-22) – Men’s study group meets at the Warehouse at 7 pm. Alex Miller leads.

On Tuesday (9-23) – 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 (9-23) – 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 (9-24) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (9-24) - Next Level ministry for youth from Youth for Christ held in the Family Center from 3:30 to 5:30 pm ... then the BSW Underground at 6 pm until 8 pm. Youth attending both are welcome to stay in the Family Center between events.

On Thursday (9-25) – Pastors staff meeting at 11:30 am.

On Friday (9-26) – 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.

Also:

- The Christmas showbox collection is underway for 2025. All the details are available on Tech Booth. The collection boxes are there also!
- 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.

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: 5 (Connor this week)

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 4

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 8/31	99	40	29	50	189
Sept. 7	104	60	29	49	213
Sept. 14	91	50	8	14	155
Sept. 21					
Sept. 28					
Monthly 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	
Y-T-Date As of 8/31	44,193	6,514	5,260		
Sept. 7	3,526	2	570		
Sept. 14	1,191	102			
Sept. 21					
Sept. 28					
Monthly Ave.					

Earmarked Giving last week: Jail Bibles \$700.

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

Building and Grounds Care Team

- Project Managers: Mike Hamilton, Brandon Pautz and Mimi Sievers.

Hearts on Fire: Four Spiritual Journeys in 2025

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

Monday, 9-22: Revelation 6

Tuesday, 9-23: Revelation 7

Wednesday, 9-24: Revelation 8

Thursday, 9-25: Revelation 9

Friday, 9-26: Revelation 10

Saturday, 9-27: Revelation 11

Sunday, 9-28: Revelation 12

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 Arizona, Arkansas, and California (Senators on pages 10 and Congressional Representatives on pages 11-12).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, and Turkey on pages 842-844.
- 5) Ask God to forgive our nation for the hatred and violence that fills our land. Ask him for his mercy to heal us.
- 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.