



Balsam Street Christian Church

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Surrender

Luke 9:23 “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” This speaks of surrender.

One of our great hymns says :All to Jesus I Surrender, all to Him I freely give”. Yes, Jesus wants our all.

This is **NOT** however unconditional surrender. You see unconditional surrender is without any promises from the Victor. Jesus has made us all kinds of promises and blessings.

He asks instead because He cannot bless what isn’t yielded to Him and He cannot use what isn’t offered to Him. Have you given Him your all? Do it now or do it later because ¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; ¹¹And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Phil. 2:10-11. *Pastor Larry*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 4, Boy Scout Sunday

Feb. 11, Gideon Sunday

Feb. 18 Church Family Birthday and Anniversary Dinner

BIRTHDAYS

Krystal Jeffords 2/4

Cedric Henrickson 2/7

Brian Starnes 2/18

Terry Summers 2/19

Fred Antonissen 2/22

Gale Cleveland 2/27



ANNIVERSARY

Jan & Gary Schafer 2/5



SERVICE SCHEDULE

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE SCHEDULED DATE: Contact John Deldin at 906-396-5522 if you need to change dates for the Communion Set-up and Contact Jim at 906-282-5119 if you need to change dates for the Service Schedule.

FEBRUARY

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion Set-Up</u>
2/4	John	Tim	Dean	Pat M
2/11	Jim S	Dean	John	Brian
2/18	Dean	Dave	Jim S	John
2/25	Tim	Jim S	Dave	Dean

MARCH

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion Set-Up</u>
3/3	Dave	John	Tim	Pat M
3/10	John	Tim	Dean	Brian
3/17	Jim	Dean	John	John
3/24	Dean	Dave	Jim	Dean
3/31	Tim	Jim	Dave	Helen

EDUCATION (All are welcome to attend)



Upcoming SALT Schedule

Spring 2 Registration Closes – March 12th

Meets Mondays March 18th – May 6th from 6-8pm

CNS6403 Family Crisis and Conflict - Walston

This course equips students to deal with family crisis situations and to better manage conflict within marriages, families, and churches. The course helps the students identify core issues and speaks to the dynamics that precipitate crisis and conflict.

CHM5103/2103 Ministry Practices for the Church - McGinnis

This “how-to” class is designed to give a broad overview of ministry practices such as elements of a worship service; performing baptisms, the Lord’s Supper, weddings, and funerals; and home and hospital visitations. These major pastoral events are addressed from a pastoral perspective and students will receive instruction and tools for effectively addressing these occasions, applying pastoral prayer and Scripture.

***When registering, please select "Crossroads Ministries (Minnesota)" for the question: At what church will you be taking the SALT course?*

A promotional poster for the FLOURISH Church Leadership Conference 2024. The background is a dark teal with a radial pattern of light rays emanating from the center. At the top, the word "FLOURISH" is written in large, bold, white capital letters, enclosed in a thin white rectangular border. Below it, in smaller white capital letters, is "CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2024". In the center, the text "FLOURISH Wisconsin | March 23, 2024" and "Cranberry Lodge - Tomah, Wisconsin" is displayed in a bold, light green font. Below that, "Guest Speaker: Phil Claycomb" is written in the same light green font. On the left side, there is a square QR code with a small circular logo in the center. To the right of the QR code, the text "FLOURISH is a conference for church leaders, both men and women, designed to help navigate the changes in our communities while leading our churches to become healthy and strong." is written in white. At the bottom right, the website "crossroadschurchpartners.org/flourish" is listed in white.

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BEST PRACTICES OF HEALTHY CHURCHES AND TOOLS TO HELP US DO THEM

The practices I'll tackle... and I will introduce tools we have new churches use to engage these practices

1. Preach and Teach the Discipleship Gospel
2. Welcome and Seek Outside Counsel
3. Obsess Over Vision and Strategy
4. Measure and Evaluate Ministry Effectiveness
5. Foster a High Expectation – Life Changing Culture
6. Embrace Faith Stretching – Risk Taking Goals

LIBRARY CORNER

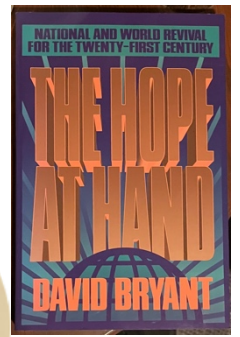
Visit our library and checkout good Christian books to read and movies to watch.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

“The Hope at Hand” by David Bryant

Hope is at hand and God’s people are praying. Global trends explained in this book convince the writer that “we are on the threshold of the greatest revival in the history of the church”. Everyone who reads this book will be truly blessed. Get ready to rejoice!

Continue to grow in knowledge and utilize the church library to grow closer to God.



MESSAGES FROM ELDERS

CHOICES

The apostle’s difficulty was not between living in this world and living in heaven; between these two there is no comparison; but between serving Christ in this world and enjoying him in another. Not between two evil things, but between two good things; living to Christ and being with him. See the power of faith and of Divine grace; it can make us willing to die. In this world we are compassed with sin; but when with Christ, we shall escape sin and temptation, sorrow, and death, forever.

²¹ for to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.²² if I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. yet what shall I choose? I do not know!²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. In Christ’s love, Tim

FULLNESS OF TIME

Gal. 4:4-5 “⁴ But when the fullness of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, ⁵ so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”



God sent His Son to be born a natural birth under the law so we can be adopted sons. He did this to redeem us from the law (which is sin) and become adopted sons. So, we can be set free of the law by Jesus Christ. We are now heirs to heaven. Praise the Lord. *Jim*

SANTIFICATION

Justification, reconciliation, and sanctification are words used to describe what God, by His grace did for us. Sanctification however is slightly different because it has a dual purpose. It is defined by both a state and a process by which men are made holy. John 17:19. Jesus says “¹⁹For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.”

Sanctification is started and will be completed by God’s grace, but it has our obligation of studying scripture for the knowledge of the truth that keeps the process moving forward. The fear of the Lord is the



beginning of all knowledge and wisdom. That's understandable because our God is a Holy and Righteous God who expect us to be perfect as He is. Matt 5:48 "48 Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." In 2 Peter 1:2-10 the whole process of sanctification is commanded by Peter. Verse 6 shows the steps in the process; starts with knowledge, leads to self-control, to perseverance and then to Godliness, brotherly kindness, to love. This command, when exercised, we become imitators of Christ Jesus to the Glory of God. Your brother in Christ, *Dave*



Bible Sweethearts

Connect the men on the left to their sweethearts on the right.

1. ADAM	&		A. SARAH
2. JOSEPH	&	_____	B. NAOMI
3. SAMPSON	&	_____	C. REBECKAH
4. ABRAHAM	&	_____	D. RACHEL
5. ZACHARIAS	&	_____	E. JEZEBEL
6. BOAZ	&	_____	F. SAPPHIRA
7. URIAH	&	_____	G. DRUSILLA
8. NABAL	&	_____	H. EVE
9. JACOB	&	_____	I. MARY
10. AHAB	&	_____	J. DELILAH
11. FELIX	&	_____	K. ABIGAIL
12. HEBER	&	_____	L. BATHSHEBA
13. ISAAC	&	_____	M. RAHAB
14. ANANIAS	&	_____	N. RUTH
15. ELIMELECH	&	_____	O. Jael
			P. ELISABETH

MISSIONS

Dear Baga Prayer Warriors,

Happy New Year, Faithful Ones! You blessed us and Baga people last year. May God bless you in 2024 out of His riches and mercy. May you see Him showing up as you grow in intimacy with Him. May more of God's Word go forth in power among the Baga as He works through us together.

You have been praying about the fuel depot explosion. Here is a quick update: 23 dead, 450+ treated for injuries, 11 unidentified bodies. Fuel is being trucked in from neighboring countries under tight security measures. Gas is available through rationed. Our Baga team starts work again tomorrow after this unwanted break.

Thanks for continuing to pray. Please especially pray for any food security issues to clear up.

So thankful for you! Marty and Tina

Receipts from both

Tadych's

MarketPlace FOODS

&

Super Foods

Can be turned into the church. The proceeds go to help others.

FEED THE NEED

- Saltine, "Ritz", or graham crackers (a whole sleeve is sent to each child)
- Beans and Franks (pop-top can)
- Beef Stew (pop-top can)
- Chef Boyardee (or other brand) individual size pastas (pop-top can)
- Cereal (single serving bowl/box)
- Cereal or granola bars
- Fruit cups (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, etc.)
- Applesauce cups (regular or flavored)
- Vegetable cups (corn, green beans, etc.)
- Pudding cups
- Snack mixes
- Raisins (snack size boxes)
- Juice boxes (apple, berry, orange, or other – **100% juice**)
- Milk, both white and chocolate (non-refrigerated – shelf stable type)
- Yoo-hoo chocolate drink boxes
- Sunflower or pumpkin seeds
- Snack cracker packets (cheese, peanut butter, etc.)
- Snack cookie packets



The Virtue Continuum

