

BALSAM STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

January – February - March

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

The Great Apostasy

II Thessalonian's 2 :3 *"³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness^{is} is revealed, the son of destruction,"* found in Thessalonian's it is described as a falling away from the truth, a rebellion in the English Standard Version the end times will include a wholesale rejection of God's revelation. Not by unbelievers but by Christians themselves. Carried away by Satans lies and or tradition.



Acts 2 :42 *"⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."* By whose and what authority do we have a right to change that pattern? "The apostles' doctrine"

Any person or church that comes together to worship God needs to stay within the realm of the "apostles' doctrine." Can you see that and how important this is? This is how you worship God in spirit and in truth.

Let's keep meeting for the apostles' doctrine and in grace and knowledge. Pastor Larry

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY DINNER DATES

January 19 / Annual Meeting

February 16

March 16

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

Kate A. 1/1
Hope Z. 1/15
Mary Beth W. 1/19
Jim S. 1/31

Krystal J. 2/4
Cedric H. 2/7
Brian S. 2/18
Terry S. 2/19
Fred A. 2/22
Gale C. 2/27

Jill D. 3/2
Dick Z. 3/12
Mark H. 3/14
Kim H. 3/14
Pat M. 3/15

ANNIVERSARY

Jan & Gary S. 2/5

Let's Celebrate!

SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTIAN HARBOR YOUTH CAMP 2025

WORK WEEKEND: JUNE 06-08

GRADE 10-12 CAMP: JUNE 15-21

GRADE 6-7 CAMP: JUNE 22-28

FAMILY CAMP: JULY 02-06

GRADE 8-9 CAMP: JULY 13-19

GRADE 4-5 CAMP: JULY 20-25

GRADE 2-3 CAMP: JULY 27-30

GRADE K-1 CAMP: JULY 30

LADIES' RETREAT: AUG 01-03

GUY CHALLENGE: AUG 08-09

LAST CHANCE: AUG 29 - SEPT 01

OUR MISSION AT

CHRISTIAN HARBOR YOUTH CAMP

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A CAMPING EXPERIENCE WHERE CAMPERS ARE DRAWN INTO A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

WHAT IS

CHRISTIAN HARBOR YOUTH CAMP?

CHRISTIAN HARBOR YOUTH CAMP IS A NON-DENOMINATIONAL CAMP THAT IS SUPPORTED BY 18+ MEMBER CHURCHES THROUGHOUT WISCONSIN.

THE CAMP SITS ON THE BANKS OF THE CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE JUST OUTSIDE OF HOLCOMBE, WISCONSIN. THE CAMP OFFERS A CHANCE FOR ALL AGES TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE GOD. THE CAMP HOSTS SESSIONS FROM KINDERGARTEN GRADE THROUGH 12TH GRADE AS WELL AS A FAMILY CAMP, LADIES RETREAT AND LAST CHANCE CAMP.

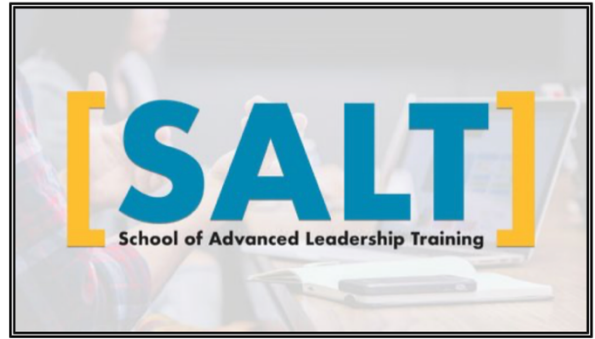
WE'LL SEE YOU THIS SUMMER AT CHYC!

FLOURISH
Church Leadership Conference

MARCH 1, 2025 - TOMAH



Our Speaker, Dann Spader: Dr. Dann Spader, founder of Concentric Global and Sonlife Ministries, brings decades of ministry experience and a passion for disciple-making to FLOURISH. A Moody Bible Institute alumnus and recent 'Alumnus of the Year' awardee, Dann has impacted over a million leaders worldwide through his discipleship training, with certified trainers in 100+ countries. Author of "4 Chair Discipling" and "Live Like Jesus," he continues to inspire leaders globally. Known for his trips to Israel focused on the life of Christ, Dann offers deep insights into effective leadership and disciple-making movements that empower churches around the world.



SPRING 1 - (JANUARY 2025 CLASSES)

January 20th – March 10th

Mondays from 6pm-8pm

Registration Deadline: January 14th.

CHM3330/CHM5233 Perspectives on Dynamic Church Leadership

This course surveys a variety of perspectives on dynamic leadership in the church. It features a selection of successful pastors, giving insights into what techniques and values have made their churches dynamic and effective. It also ties into the heritage that these church leaders draw from that informs the way their churches operate. - *Taught by Dr. Sam Helgerson*

BIB5103/3405 Life of Christ - Jesus and the Kingdom among Us

Students explore the purpose, structure, content, theological claims, and enduring significance of Matthew's Gospel. Special attention is given to Matthew's presentation of Jesus' origin and identity, the nature and content of his Kingdom proclamation, and the facts and significance of his crucifixion and resurrection. - *Taught by Brad Crocker*

SPRING 2 - (MARCH 2025 CLASSES)

March 24th – May 12th

Mondays from 6pm-8pm

Registration Deadline: March 18th

SPT5103/2103 Developing Spiritual Disciplines

This course introduces the spiritual disciplines of Scripture, prayer, fasting, silence, and solitude. It examines historical and biblical teachings on these disciplines and explores their function and purpose for believers today. It also guides students into practical experiences of the disciplines, building a foundation for ongoing spiritual formation. - *Taught by Tessa Pinkstaff*

BIB5003/1225 New Testament Overview

A study of the background, history, and emphases of New Testament documents as they relate to the development and theology of the early church recorded in Acts. - *Taught by Monte French*

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

Go to <https://www.crossroadschurchpartners.org/salt> to register.

BSCC BIBLE STUDY

DAYTIME:

Friday morning at 9am utilizing facetime or speaker phones. Great for wintertime. Call 715-902-1253 (Kate), 715-889-3936 (Dave), 920-334-1562 (Tim) or 906-200-1619 (Rebecca) iPhone compatible. Or let us know you are interested, and we will call you!

NIGHTTIME:

Thursday evening at 6pm in church basement. Can listen in with facetime or utilize the speaker phone. Call anyone attending that night.

KODAK MOMENTS



Food donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas!



Thanks to all who donated!

Two families were blessed with a giving tree promotion thru BSCC! Thanks to all who donated their time and gifts!



Feeling Blessed!



Family fellowship enjoying Christmas dinner!

LETTER FROM ELDER

DILIGENCE

HEBREWS 6:11

“¹¹And we desire that each one of you demonstrate the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end,”

The one word that sticks out to me is diligence which means careful and persistent work or effort. I think we all fail in this department. Do we diligently do the work in our spiritual walk, or do we think it's good enough? You see there is always room for improvement, especially when we're so close to the end. We have to push just a little harder to get there. So, brothers and sisters I encourage to push yourself just a little bit in the walk.

Your brother in Christ Tim, love you guys.



MISSIONARY NEWS



This is a picture of our beautiful recording team.

11/24/24

Dear Baga Prayer Team,

Thanks so much for being our warriors! We're so grateful for your partnership in getting this project to completion.

We're so thankful to report that the recording is DONE! Per Marty, "We just finished the recording and had a short interview with Sylvester and Philip (from Theovision) .Then we had the certificate ceremony. Now they are signing the docs for the copyright and permission, etc. We will get done with that and then serve dinner."

Rejoice with us! Please also pray for travel mercies as everyone heads home, Kawass or Ghana. Please pray that the words our guys read will continue running through their minds and hit them hard. Also pray over Theovision as they work processing our recordings.

Again, many, many thanks! And may your Thanksgiving be blessed!
Tina with the Baga team

12/6/24

Dear Ganong Friends,

Please forgive me, I was supposed to let you know earlier that Marty made it stateside safe and sound. The Ganongs are looking forward to celebrating the holidays with family and friends in MI.

Thank you for praying them through the recording for Faith Comes By Hearing. Please continue those prayers that the recordings touch many hearts when heard by the community.

As always, the Ganongs and I wish you a very blessed Christmas and New Year.

In His Service,
Rose for the Ganongs

MEET THE NEEDS



Bags got packed for several homeless children from our local school kids prior to the Christmas season!

ACTS 20:35

³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

TIPS TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Instead of saying;

- "I know what it feels like," let's say "I cannot imagine your heartbreak."
- "You're strong, you'll get through this," let's say "You'll hurt, and I'll be here."
- "You look like you are doing well," let's say "How are you holding up today?"
- "Healing takes time," let's say "Healing has no timeline."
- "Everything happens for a reason," let's say "This must feel so terribly senseless right now."

And when there are no words to say at all, you don't need to try and find some.
Love speaks in silences to.

Reformatted from social media (Ullie Kaye Poetry)

Laziness kills ambition.

Anger kills wisdom.

Fear kills dreams.

Jealousy kills peace.

Doubt kills confidence.

Now, read that right to left.



LETTER FROM ELDER

Psalm 1:1

"How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!"



The first verse says blessed is the man who does not walk in the council of the wicked. I ask the question who would ever do that in the first place, but the word wicked can be translated as ungodly. The ungodly doesn't necessarily mean someone who openly practices evil but a person who doesn't always look at God as their source of influence. David uses the negative to accentuate the positive lifestyle for us to follow. Always seek the council of our Lord, His word and prayer. The rest of verse one shows the progressive nature that happens when becomes one lifestyle. We tend to follow advice from people we can associate with and feel comfortable with, instead of seeking God's word. Jesus gives an example of the blind leading the blind. I want to encourage all of us to seek the Lord with all our heart, mind and soul this New Year, and it starts by daily making the commitment to be disciplined in His word in Christ. Dave

RIGHT LIVING

Study of James 1:27 by Gareth L. Reese

This commentator is convinced that there is not enough of the practical in our religion. Too long we've sat in a pew with a hymnbook listened to the sermon with our bibles open and then gone home and forgotten what we've sung and heard. While Catholics built the hospitals, Baptist ran rescue missions the Salvation Army helped the poor and the Methodist took care of the temperance part, many of the rest of us did precious little in the area of ministry to the needy. Pure religion, religion that will get us to heaven, includes the visiting of the fatherless and the poor and the widows and the sick and the imprisoned. As far as doctrine is concerned, the churches of the Restoration Movement are likely as close to the pattern given in the New Testament as any religious group. But when it comes to the humanities, for years we were about as far from the Christ-approved plan of social work as any group. Without easing up on our insistence on right doctrine, let us give a greater emphasis to right living! Let there be involvement on an individual basis where brethren are in need, as well as cooperative participation in children's homes, rest homes for the aged, disaster relief, and medical missions.

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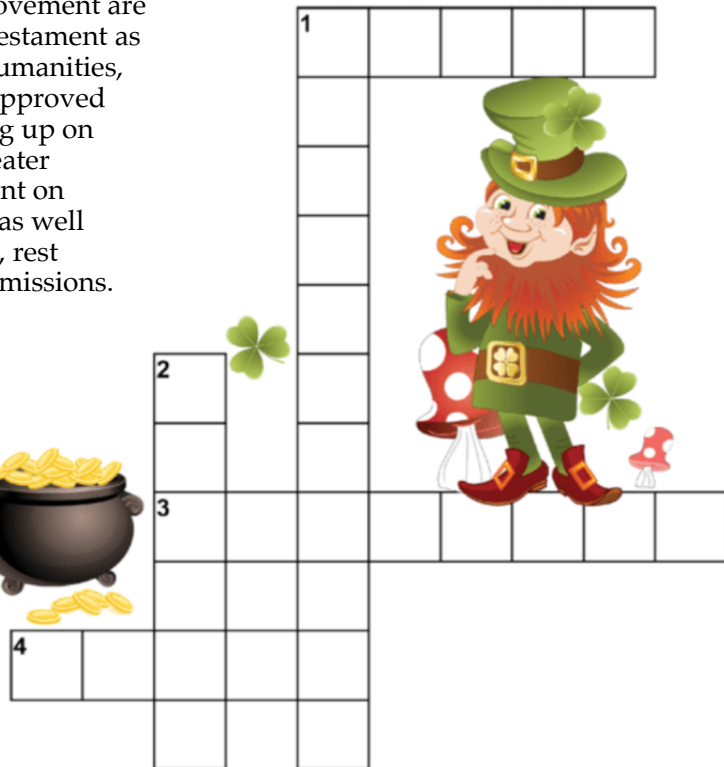
GOD

- Grows
- Changes
- Convicts
- Saves

I Corinthians 3:6

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

*My work is to
Plant and Water
Water and Plant - Edify*



Across

- 1 A cereal with hearts, moons, stars and clovers is called _____ charms.
- 3 A three leaf clover is called a _____.
- 4 This is the color everyone wears on St. Patrick's Day.

Down

- 1 Tiny green men from Irish legends are called _____.
- 2 Catch a Leprechaun and you get three of these.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Call someone to take your place if you are unable to attend.

	DATE	READER	COMMUNION	OFFERING	SET-UP
JANUARY	1/5	Tim	John	Jim	Pat
	1/12	Bill	Jim	Tim	Dean
	1/19	Dave	Tim	Dean	Pat
	1/26	John	Dean	Dave	John
FEBRUARY	2/2	Dean	Dave	Bill	Dean
	2/9	Tim	John	Jim	Pat
	2/16	Bill	Jim	Tim	Dean
	2/23	Dave	Tim	Dean	Pat
MARCH	3/2	John	Dean	Dave	John
	3/9	Dean	Dave	Bill	Dean
	3/16	Tim	John	Jim	Pat
	3/23	Bill	Jim	Tim	Dean
	3/30	Dave	Tim	Dean	Pat
APRIL	4/6	John	Dean	Dave	John
	4/13	Dean	Dave	Bill	Dean
	4/20	Tim	John	Jim	Pat
	4/27	Bill	Jim	Tim	Dean

MEET AND GREET



Please welcome Mark and Kim Hoaglund to BSCC! They built their retirement home by Mark's old homestead, where Cyndi now resides. Both are retired from the Appleton area. Kim has banking experience and Mark from the Appleton airport. They share a birthdate coming up on March 14th, and yes, different years. They also share an Anniversary on Oct. 24th. They have children living in the Fox Valley, Detroit, Janesville and Kansas City, Kansas, so traveling is one of their main activities. Kim also enjoys baking, cooking and sewing. Baby blankets, burp rags along with curtains and quilts. Mark is an avid outdoorsman, enjoying the hunting and fishing year-round. Kim has two favorite Christian songs, one is from Petra, "The Prayer" and the other is Mercy Me's "I Can Only Imagine". Mark enjoys Rock N' Roll. Welcome to the family at Balsam Street Christian Church.