



Bloomer Baptist Church

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

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Pastor's Portion

Joy may be the one-word summary of Philippians. The word "joy" appears 203 times in the ESV and 5 times in the book of Philippians. "Rejoice" appears 233 times in the ESV with 7 of them in the 4 chapters of Philippians. Most scholars think the primary purpose of the book is Paul saying "thank you" to the believers in Philippi for the sacrificial gift. Entwined with his gratefulness is this theme of joy. Let's take a look at Paul's letter.

Paul launches his letter with joy in his prayer. Every time he prays for them (Philippians 1:4) he does so with joy. He makes it clear that joy is not because things are going his way. The example Paul shares of rejoicing in being maligned is eye opening. He can "rejoice" while being maligned because the gospel is being proclaimed. His sense of joy is in Jesus not his reputation.

There are reasons for the joy Paul has in the believers. It is because they gave a gift to him (4:10). He is pleased and joyful because of their growth in faith (1:25). Joy can also be because a sick brother was restored to them (2:29). Finally, he finds joy in their being united in serving the Lord (2:2). However, he also says that his joy may not be complete (2:2) because of lack of unity and singleness of purpose.

Two final thoughts I have:

1). Joy can be commanded. That is contrary to our present state of psychosis. The modern state says how can you crank up joy? But Paul says we are to rejoice five different times (2:18; 2:29; 3:1; 4:4).

2) Biblical joy is rooted in the relationship with Jesus Christ. Paul emphasizes the joy is **IN THE LORD** (4:4) and proclaiming the gospel (1:18). I suspect that reminding the saints their prize in the by and by (3:14) and citizenship being in heaven (3:20) enables Paul to say all this on earth is worth the struggle.

-Pastor Eldon Carlson

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Sunday School

Summer Sunday School

During the SS hour this summer, we offer an Adult Doctrine Class taught by Pastor Eldon. Below is the tentative schedule for that:

- August 6: Bloomer Parade
- August 13: Christian Life 1
- August 20: Christian Life 2

For the children, we have a time of music and then Bible stories and games.

Sr. High Youth Group

Hi Church Family!

This will be my last newsletter here at Bloomer Baptist. I'm going to miss everyone here at the church. When Amanda and I moved here in October 2012, we didn't know anyone, but you've welcomed us in, and I mean it every time I say church *family*. You have all been like a family to me, and I really appreciate you all.

I'm excited to announce that Missy Crowell will be taking over leadership of the youth ministry in a volunteer capacity for the next several months, until a paid staff member can be hired. She'll be joined by other volunteers in the weekly leading of the high school youth group starting in September. Missy has decided to spend the month of August preparing lessons and planning for the year to come, so there will be no youth group this month. Kristi & Scott Culver will be leading the junior high ministry starting in September as well, joined by other volunteer leaders. Duane is taking more of a back-seat role, but will still be involved with the junior high group, just not as the key leader. I want to personally thank him for his years of leadership in this ministry, as he really took the lead with it, and grew these young people into disciples of Christ.

Amanda and I are looking at apartments right now, and soon as I have an address to share with you all, I will. Feel free to keep in touch over Facebook, or call us up. We'll miss you all!

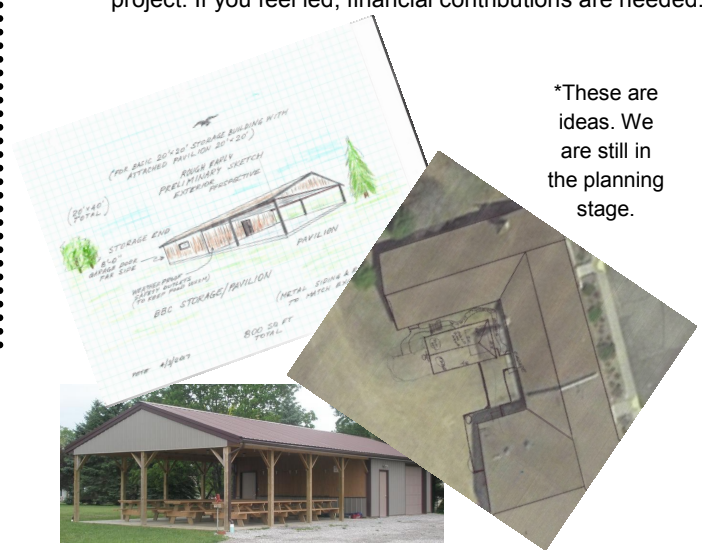
Yours in Christ,
Pat Conlin

Capital Improvement Project: Storage/Pavilion

It has been determined that additional storage is needed for the tables and chairs presently stored in the gym. They present safety concerns with kids playing in the gym and esthetically it is not pleasing. The pavilion & patio/garden areas would provide opportunities for creative outdoor ministry. The storage/pavilion has been voted on and is in the planning stage. This is not a budgeted item so total costs are only covered by specific contributions. Please, if you feel led by the vision, do not reduce your tithe to help with the project. This is relying upon God moving in hearts.

How Can You Help?

1. Prayer! Pray it all comes together for the glory of God!
2. Teams - volunteers will help us save greatly for this project. We need expertise in construction, concrete, electrical and general labor.
3. Capital Contribution - As mentioned above, this is not a budgeted item but a specific contribution or monies raised project. If you feel led, financial contributions are needed.



*These are ideas. We are still in the planning stage.

no sr. high during the month of august. both jr. high and sr. high will return september 6th!

Prayer Walks
Join others on Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. at BBC and then carpool to certain areas of the town and begin prayer walks. We'd love for you to join us!

Children's Church

8/6 - Shoebridge

8/13 - Beal

8/20 - Bowe

8/27 - Wundrow

August Weekly Cleaning

8/3 - LaBudde

8/10 - McMenamain & Robey

8/17 - Harris & Rohrsen

8/24 - Hable & Jones

8/31 - S. Culver

Nursery

8/6 - Misner/AJacobson

8/13 - Jones/Lyons

8/20 - Engstrom/Shoebridge

8/27 - Brindle/Wundrow

Men's Renewal Breakfast at Main St. Café

Saturday, August
12th at 8:00 a.m.



\$7 buffet

Pulpit Committee Update

The pulpit committee has been continuing to evaluate resumes and speak with possible candidates via phone, Skype and in person. The list of prospective candidates is narrowing. The process continues to be methodical and time consuming. We ask you to be patient with us, and in prayer for us, as we diligently seek God's direction in a decision of whom to present to the congregation for candidating.

SINKS

Monthly Potluck will be
Saturday, August 5th at
5:00 p.m. at BBC



Carlson Farewell Tour

Sue is out of town this
week and then VBS
the next week so dates
will resume mid
August.



With Pat moving and PE having Tuesday's off, Jessica will be on call on Tuesday's to answer any questions/prayer requests/etc. When you call the church, all calls will automatically be forwarded to her.

Ladies Bible Studies

Tuesday's @ 6:30 p.m. @ Belinda Onasch's - studying the book of Mark

Wednesday's @ 1:30 @ BBC - will resume Sept 13th

Thursday's @ 9:00 a.m. @ BBC - studying the book of John

Daily Bible Reading by Genre

8/1- II Kings 21-25

8/2- Psalms 90-92

8/3 - Proverbs 14-15

8/4 - Ezekiel 43-48

8/5 - I Thessalonians 4-5

8/6 - John 3-4

8/7 - Leviticus 25-27

8/8 - I Chronicles 1-4

8/9 - Psalms 93-95

8/10 - Proverbs 16

8/11 - Daniel 1-6

8/12 - II Thessalonians

8/13 - John 5-6

8/14 - Numbers 1-4

8/15 - I Chronicles 5-9

8/16 - Psalms 96-98

8/17 - Proverbs 17-18

8/18 - Daniel 7-12

8/19 - I Timothy 1-3

8/20 - John 7-9

8/21 - Numbers 5-8

8/22 - I Chronicles 10-14

8/23 - Psalms 99-101

8/24 - Proverbs 19

8/25 - Hosea 1-7

8/26 - I Timothy 4-6

8/27 - John 10-12

8/28 - Numbers 9-12

8/29 - I Chronicles 15-19

8/30 - Psalms 102-104

8/31 - Proverbs 20-21



August

2nd - VBS Work Night

5th - SINKS Potluck

6th - Bloomer Parade (float #63)

7th to 11th - SonRise National Park VBS

10th - WIC/Health Dept.

12th - Men's Renewal Breakfast

16th - Deacon Board Meeting

