



Bloomer Baptist Church

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

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Pastor's Portion

Have you ever noticed people do not fill their photo albums with pictures taken from the internet? Most of our albums are filled with kids, friends, grandkids and places we have seen.

While back in Nebraska for a family reunion my Aunt Lucile gave me pictures of Swedish relatives that had been sent to my grandma Carlson back in the 1960's. Nobody knew who they were. Aunt Lucile offered them to the 100 some folks there. I was the only one grabbing them. I took them because I was under the illusion that I could research the people and discover that a relative happens to be the king of Sweden or some other nonsense.

I was wondering about these things. Could it possibly be that pictures are only meaningful if we have a connection to them or experienced them ourselves?

The application from my opening illustrations is that God only becomes precious to us if we spend time with him. We love the concept that if God had a refrigerator in heaven our art would be on it. If he had a wallet our picture would be in it. But let's turn that around. On your refrigerator do you have something that reminds you of God? In your wallet do you have a memory verse that is precious to you?

Years ago I came across a quote from Comte Debussy Rabutin that went like this:

*Absence is to love,
What wind is to fire;
It extinguishes the small,
It enkindles the great."*

Putting these opening thoughts together with our quote maybe we can develop a barometer of our relationship(s). Is our love enkindled or being extinguished? What we have invested time and energy into, such as family and trips, become valued by us. We take pictures! The greater the loving sacrifice to be at picnics or cost to see a place results in our becoming emotionally attached to the people and place.

Sue and I are taking a little plane ride this month. We are off to fill our albums with pictures of loved ones that live far away. It is a financial sacrifice but worth every penny. When we return in September we'll invite you over some evening to observe our 10,000 pictures.

Jesus said in John 15:13,14 "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends..." Our Jesus sacrificed out of love for us so that we can have "picnics" with the Almighty. Have we sacrificed time, money and energy to be with him?

My encouragement to you is to spend time with the Lord. You will discover the harder it is the more precious it will become.

-Pastor Eldon Carlson

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Sunday School

Fall is here again and we will have graded Sunday School classes for the kids with several adult classes to choose from. This year our theme will be a Lighthouse, shining God's light to our friends, neighbors and community. Please pray for all our teachers that God will use to reach out to others and for each one that will come and be a part of Sunday School, that they will be renewed and that we can reach more people for Christ by showing God's light and love. Please plan to come and join in a class between services. Sunday School will be kicking off on Sept. 10 at 10:45.

- Julia Fossum (SS Superintendent)

CBC

I hope that the clubbers are as excited as the leaders. CBC is gearing up for another great year. Sept. 20 at 6:30 we will be kicking off CBC. CBC is for kids 3 yrs old through 5th grade. Each night during club we play games, sing songs, have a story, recite verses, interact with old friends and hopefully make some new ones. We will have a leader's meeting on Sept. 13 at 6:30 at the church. Please pray that God will continue to bless this work.

-The Fossum's



Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group will have a Kick Off event on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 p.m. Youth will enjoy a traveling Brick Oven Pizza, Games, Campfire (weather permitting) and fun! Our youth leaders are going to spend the first few weeks getting to know one another

and building relationships. Leading our Jr. High (6th-8th grade) will be Scott & Kristi Culver and Rusty & Cindi Beal.

Leading our Sr. High (9th-12th Grade) will be Christopher & Rebecca Durham and Angie & Greg Clements. Our adult leaders are super excited to start the year off and hope to see all the youth and their friends at the Kick Off on Sept. 6th!

Sr. High Youth Group

Dear Bloomer Baptist Family,

We meet this new season with Anticipation of God working! We know from Scripture readings that He does not always Call the Equipped, but He does Equip the Called! Praise God!

We are really looking forward to getting to know the young people in the Youth Group. That will be our first and main focus. Jesus created us to be in relationship with Him and with His children, which is All of us! So, we want to get to know them and let them get to know us!

We Know that the Lord has plans to prosper us and we intend to seek Him out, let Him lead and follow His path, Praise God!

We'll keep you posted.....)

-Durham's and Clements'

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

9/3 - Jones

9/10 - Lundgren

9/17 - Carlson

9/24 - Culver

September Weekly Cleaning

9/7 - Onasch & Fossum

9/14 - Foster & St. John

9/21 - Gilberts & Chojnacki

9/28 - Harelstad & Lee

Nursery

9/3 - Beal/Bruxvoort

9/10 - Rohrssen/Fossum

9/17 - Misner/A. Jacobson

9/24 - Jones/Lundgren

Men's Renewal Breakfast at Main St. Café

Saturday, Sept. 9th
at 8:00 a.m.



\$7 buffet

Pulpit Committee Update

Please look at the weekly church bulletin for information on the candidate who will be with us the weekend of September 24th. We will have many opportunities for families from BBC to meet and greet. He will then preach on Sunday with a noon meal to follow and a special business meeting at 1:00 p.m. to vote.

SINKS

There is NO Potluck this month due to the Labor Day Holiday weekend!



3 for 3 Fellowships

Sign up in the Fireside Room to join in on the 3 families meeting together for 3 months to enjoy fellowship together. If you have any questions, contact Jessica in the office. This round will begin the 2nd week of September

Ladies Bible Studies

Starting Wednesday, Sept. 13th, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
John MacArthur study on Hebrews @ BBC. Contact is Darlene Heinze.

Starting Wednesday, Sept. 20th, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
John MacArthur study on Hebrews @ BBC. Contact is Belinda Onasch.

Continuing on Thursday's at 9a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Study of John @ BBC. Contact Terri Brandt or Jackie Shoebridge.



Daily Bible Reading by Genre

9/1- Hosea 8-14

9/2- II Timothy 1-2

9/3 - John 13-15

9/4 - Numbers 13-16

9/5 - I Chronicles 20-24

9/6 - Psalms 105-107

9/7 - Proverbs 22

9/8 - Joel II

9/9 - Timothy 3-4

9/10 - John 16-18

9/11 - Numbers 17-20

9/12 - I Chronicles 25-29

9/13 - Psalms 108-110

9/14 - Proverbs 23-24

9/15 - Amos 1-4

9/16 - Titus

9/17 - John 19-21

9/18 - Numbers 21-24

9/19 - II Chronicles 1-5

9/20 - Psalms 111-113

9/21 -Proverbs 25

9/22 - Amos 5-9

9/23 - Philemon

9/24 - Acts 1-2

9/25 - Numbers 25-28

9/26 - II Chronicles 6-10

9/27 - Psalms 114-116

9/28 - Proverbs 26-27

9/29 - Obadiah

9/30 - Hebrews 1-4

September

5th - Back to School in Bloomer

6th - Youth Groups Kick Off

8th - Men`s Renewal Breakfast

10th - Sunday School Kick Off

13th - Ladies Wed. @ 9:30 Bible Study Begins

13th - CBC Leaders Meeting

13th - Deacon Board Meeting

14th - WIC/Health Dept.

17th - Semi-Annual Business Meeting

20th - CBC Kick Off

20th - Ladies Wed. @ 6:30 Bible Study Begins

22-24th - Candidating Weekend

27th - See You At The Pole