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Bloomer Baptist Church To Know Christ and Make Him Known

Pastor's Portion

George Barna has done research for decades. In a recent survey the results are tragic. When asked a bunch of teens and 20's their views, here is their response on immoral things. 56% of these consider NOT recycling as immoral; while 32% consider viewing porn as immoral. The pole results share that only 20% of these young people feel *any* guilt in viewing porn. Young people today are exposed to porn at earlier and earlier ages. Check it out at this web site: <u>https://www.barna.org/research/culture-media/</u>research-release/porn-in-the-digital-age-new-research-reveals-10-trends#.VxeopjArLb0

To further complicate the matter, people cannot agree on what is porn. Is it nudity, sex acts or what? Not so long ago one of the US Supreme Court Justice, Potter Stewart, made a pathetic reply when asked what is obscene? He said, "I know when I see it." We need to have more than just a floating standard.

A week ago I sent out a web site article by Denny Burk which was a commentary on the recent TIME magazine article on pornography. Burk quotes the author, Luscombe, of the TIME magazine as follows: <u>http://www.dennyburk.com/the-darkness-of-porn-and-the-hope-of-the-gospel/</u>

A growing number of young men are ... virtually marinated in porn when they were adolescents. Their generation has consumed explicit content in quantities and varieties never before possible, on devices designed to deliver content swiftly and privately, all at an age when their brains were more plastic—more prone to permanent change—than in later life.

What I find interesting is that it's not just religious people now seeing the harm in porn but society at large. (Examples: TIME article and recent Utah's Governor signed a resolution calling porn a "health hazard"). So I take courage in the fact that not just evangelicals see this as an issue but others do as well.

Our purpose at Bloomer Baptist is not to wring our hands over society's demise but to give solutions to live in a fallen world. Let me outline:

1. Know the power and pervasiveness of pornography. 1 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV) Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

2. Guard your own heart and mind. Set up safe guards such as Job 31:1 (ESV) *"I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin?"* Have an accountability partner to ask you the hard question of have your eyes wandered?

3. Keep accountability in our homes. Louis Inks years ago said at a youth seminar I attended. "It's not what you expect but what you inspect that gets done." Know what your kids **see** and **do** on their media tools. Have a frank discussion and then be sure to check their histories.

4. MOTIVATION: (Note: Most porn users think their sin of choice is an innocent pastime. Science has proven that it changes brains—article by TIME above). The motivation I find time and again is bigger than guilt. Take a look at these verses:

1 John 3:2–3 (ESV) Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Titus 2:11–13 (ESV) For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Let me say one final word. Porn can be and often is a powerful addiction. A book I read by Arterburn mentioned that one of the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous, Bill W, was able to overcome his addiction to alcohol but never got victory over porn. Not to rake poor Bill W's name in the dirt but to emphasize you probably will need help to overcome. Pat and I would be glad to share materials and set up accountability, in a discreet manner, to help you. Contact us, we are ready to serve. -Pastor Eldon Carlson

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CBC (Coached By Christ)



CBC has ended for the year and what a great year it has been. We finished April off with the store and the last night of club on April 6th and the kids had a great time picking out just what they wanted. Awards Night brought out family and friends and was a great time of fellowship and celebrating all the accomplishments. We finished with the book finishers outing and 50 plus clubbers and family came for the fun. We can't express how grateful we are to all the leaders, listeners, parents and prayer warriors, without which CBC would not exist. Thank you for your service!

71 different clubbers came to CBC this year and memorized and completed nearly 2000 sections. 38 of the clubbers completed 43 books during the year and earned the right to go to the book finishers outing. Book finishers were: Panda I -Joshua Durham, TJ Freeberg, Christian Lundgren, Elise Wendlandt and Lucas Wundrow; Panda II – Julie Chojnacki, Lilli Culver, and Gabe Brindle; JV Minor – Kyle Solle, Logan Hammond, Olivia Culver, Fisher Beal and Sawyer Jones; JV Major -Logan Hammond and Fisher Beal; JV All Star and JV 3 book finishers - Gracie Culver, Corbin Brindle, Leif Lundgren, Elliot Harder, Madison Bowe, Addison Wundrow and Paige Bixby; Recruit – Abby Hable, Bjorn Freeberg, Adele Lundgren, Faith Bowe, Elliot Harder, Hailey Smith, Blake Hodowanic, Christopher Culver and Jordan Ream; Rookie – Seraph Hansen, Julia Lyons, Isabelle Hammond and Noah Brindle: Varsity and 3 book finisher – Alek Lundgren, Joscelin Wundrow and Ellie Shoebridge; Collegiate - Will Shoebridge; Olympian - Connor Fossum, Will Shoebridge and Echo Hansen. Clubbers of the year for Panda's were 3rd place with 53 sections, Elise Wendlandt, 2nd place with 62 sections, Christian Lundgren and in 1st place completing 57 sections, Julie Chojnacki. Junior Varsity 2nd place Clubber of the Year tie with 110 section was Logan Hammond and Olivia Culver, and completing 116 sections, in 1st place was Fisher Beal. With 33 sections completed for Varsity 3rd place Clubber of the year Noah Brindle, 2nd place with 53 sections was Connor Fossum and 1st place with 85 sections was Will Shoebridge.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to starting CBC up again in September.

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Sr. High Youth Group

Hi Church Family!

Can you believe that it's almost summertime? We're celebrating our end-of-theyear party on Wednesday, May 25th at youth group. The following Sunday, we'll have our graduation Sunday where we celebrate our graduating seniors. Congrats to Soren, Sarah, Colton, and Louis! The youth group will keep meeting throughout the summer, with added fun events and times to get together and just hang out. I'll do my best to have all of those events in the bulletins, on the calendar online, and tell the students about that. Mark your calendars for our annual talent show and silent auction on Saturday, May 14th at 6pm.

Yours in Christ,

Pat Conlin





Sunday's at 9:45 a.m. (between services) Classes for all ages

I can't believe that summer is just around the corner. We have a month of Sunday school left this year. It has been a great year. The kids had a great time doing special music for Palm Sunday. Our classes continue to be full, make sure you are joining in with all the fellowship and joy that comes from worshiping with other believers. God can use us in so many ways, if we will let Him.

-Julia Fossum

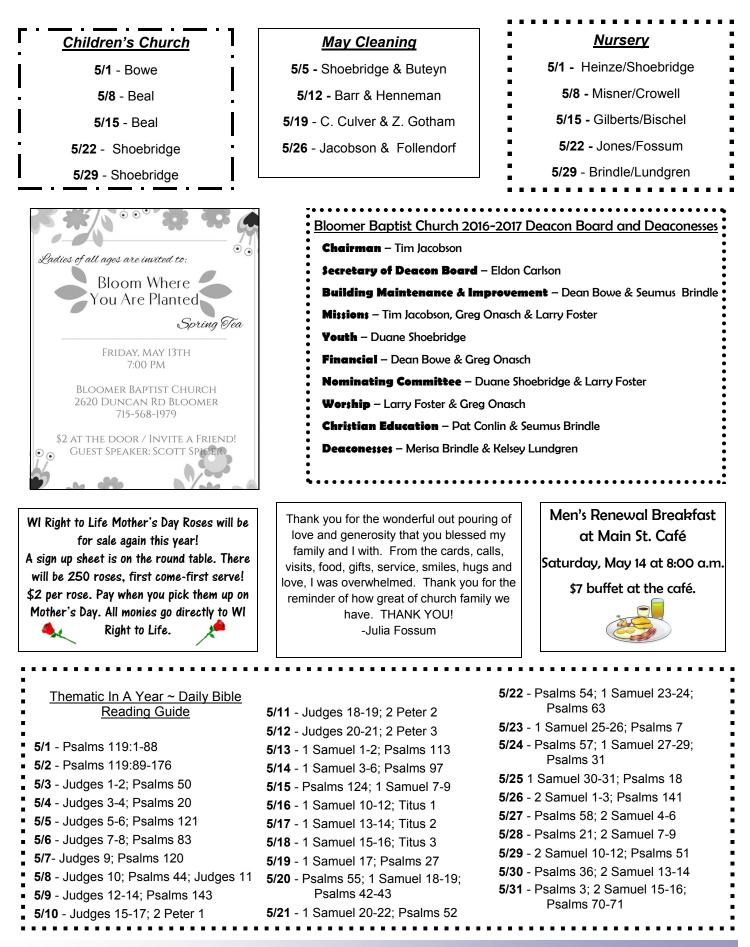
Jr. Hi Youth Group

Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. at BBC

May 4th - 2 p.m. Service Project at the Bloomer Food Pantry

End of the year party on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:30 p.m. at BBC





May Events

1st - Suggestions Open Forum 4th - Youth Group Service Project 8th - Happy Mother's Day 11th - Deacon Board Meeting 12th - WIC/Health Dept. 13th - Ladies Spring Tea 14th - Men's Renewal Breakfast 14th - Talent Show & Silent Auction 22nd - Last Week of Sunday School

30th - Memorial Day