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Bloomer Baptist Church

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

Pastor's Portion

For 39 years, I have been writing "Pastor's Portion" of the Newsletter. When I began, we had a mimeograph machine that required a good sharp manual typewriter to hammer out the thoughts. I composed, typed and mimeographed every copy. I usually counted on a day each month to finish the whole affair and get the newsletter in the \$.15 first class mail. At the time, we felt it was a vital way to communicate with folks. Now with Facebook, Instagram and Twitter this person wonders if a four-page newsletter is as effective. You see, the goal is not to write newsletters but to communicate some beautiful truth of Scripture. Twitter has taught, us folks today are looking for inspiration in 141 characters or less. So, the future of "newsletters" is up for review.

Other things have changed in 39 years. My office was once in my home for 6 years then 20 years below the Main Street Café. Those 20 years provided wonderful opportunities to engage the community—but also stressed the preacher because of all the interruptions. I often thought of how Jesus was interrupted as he walked through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem. Stopping to minister to a wayward tax collector or woman with health issues was not a bother. Therefore, I kept an open door and had to work on sermons and Bible studies after hours. Now I have a secretary for a few days each week and I can close the door and focus on messages. You see, that too is important, because it is not just a one on one conversation, but I see it now as preparing for a conversation with a couple hundred.

One of the effective tools of evangelism in those days was riding with Dick Wright as he serviced cows. I would jump out and engage with a farmer, his wife or the hired hand for 10 to 15 minutes. I learned the importance of showing interest in the farmer. It may not have brought floods of folks to BBC but it let folks know there was a guy not afraid of getting "stuff" on his shoes.

Not having a building also required creativity for prayer and Bible study. The thing we hit upon was having home Bible studies and folks would invite their neighbors. These studies tended to be evangelistic and quite a number of folks were added to the fellowship. A down side, as far as the preacher was concerned, were these home studies would on occasion evolve to "stink sessions" on what was wrong in the world and the church.

That leads me to reminisce about unintended consequences. At first, when we initiated small groups in our adult Sunday School in the mid 2000's there was resistance. "It will not work," it was said. "If one adult class has only a dozen having 4 or 5 classes will result in only 3 folks in each class." Now, years later we see vital relationships being forged in our adult Sunday School classes. The unintended consequence is that this fills our felt need for engaging in community. The home Bible studies have dropped off and evangelism has taken a hit. My encouragement to BBC is, as Pastor Patrick comes in and wants to adjust things give it a try. Who knows—what is proposed may heighten our impact on the community and you will find a host of new friends!

I have been reflecting on my "Farewell" message for some time. I trust you will be able to attend. If not you could go on line and catch a video recording of the affair at bloomerbaptistchurch.com My text will be Acts 20:17-35 where Paul reflects his philosophy of ministry. Great days are ahead. To God be the Glory!

-Pastor Eldon Carlson

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Sunday School

Christmas Program - December 17th

No Sunday School - December 24th
& December 31



CBC

Upcoming CBC Dates to Remember

November 1 - Crazy Hair Night

November 15 - Night of Thanksgiving

November 22 - No CBC

December 6 - Store Night

Note from the Rhodes

Hello from Ohio!

I just want to take a moment to say thank you. Thank you for following after God's will and plan for you at Bloomer Baptist Church. My family and I are EXTREMELY excited to be embarking on a new adventure with you. We are grateful for Pastor Eldon and Sue's ministry up there, and all that God has done through them these many years of faithful service. I highly respect Him for His dedication to God and His work to further the kingdom. We are humbled that God is going to use us to glorify Him in continuing to minister to Bloomer. We can hardly wait to get up there to be with you. Through all of our excitement and preparations, we have felt God's overwhelming joy as we use this adventure to Glorify God every step of the way. It has been nothing short of AMAZING to see how God has been equipping us for this new adventure and making all things work out for His glory. This includes what we thought might be an impossible task of selling our house, but nothing is impossible for God! Our house received an offer from a showing which was on the first day it was listed on the market. We are now working through the details with inspectors and the bank. Please pray for this to continue to work for God's glory.

We are looking forward to our moving date of Monday, November 13th. We continue to thank God for all He has provided us along this journey including you, the Bloomer Baptist family. We look forward to seeing you all again as we have made so many friends up there already. May God be continually glorified in all we do as we passionately seek Him.

-Pastor Patrick, Kristi, Lana, Alexa, Colton

Sr. High Youth Group

Dear Bloomer Baptist Family,

The Senior High Youth Group is progressing along quite nicely, in my (Rebecca) humble opinion! The youth in our group have amazing personalities, goals, dreams and FAITH!!! What a blessing it is for me personally to see what Christian teens look like, how they react to things, how they handle challenges and how much they care for one another. It just blows me away.

We are still getting our groove on what exactly to do with our time together, but we are figuring it out and every week gets better. The most important aspect for me is getting to know the kids and their hearts. We LOVE them, Jesus LOVES them and we want them to know that and build the foundation as to "who they are" on that.

Thank you for your continued prayers for us to bond as Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

-Rebecca

Jr. Hi Youth Group

Jr. High has been going well. We continue to have around 16-20 kids each Wednesday night. We have been doing object lessons and talk sheets to aid in discussion. We have had some more focused planning time as leaders and have appreciated the improved flow of the night! We thank you and your kids for being patient with us as we are learning our roles. We have enjoyed outdoor games, but with the shift in weather and light, are focusing more on indoor activities. We have very active participation in our discussion times and are planning to start breaking into small groups since there is a lot of kids and it can be hard for all of them to have a chance to share. We are looking forward to planning some outreach/social events in the future.

-Scott, Kristi & Cindi

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

SATURDAY, NOV. 4TH

HELPING FOSSUM'S WITH FIREWOOD.

CONTACT KRISTI IF YOU NEED A RIDE!



Children's Church

11/5 - Shoebridge

11/12 - Wundrow

11/19 - Jones

11/26 - Culver

November Weekly Cleaning

11/2 - Shoebridge & Buteyn

11/9 - Barr

11/16 - C. Culver & Z. Gotham

11/23 - Jacobson

11/30 - Webster & Lyons

Nursery

11/5 - Jones/Fossum

11/12 - Brindle/A. Jacobson

11/19 - Beal/Lundgren

11/26 - Engstrom/Shoebridge

Men's Renewal Breakfast at Main St. Café



Saturday, Nov.
11th at 8:00 a.m.

\$7 buffet

Pastoral Transition Timeframe

Nov. 14th - Rhodes family arrive in Bloomer

Nov. 19th - Pastor Eldon's last Sunday; passing of
shepherd's staff

Nov. 26th - Pastor Patrick's first Sunday preaching

SINKS

Saturday, November 4th @
5:00 p.m. @ BBC



Wood Cutting at Fossum's

Friday, Nov. 3rd
and Saturday,
Nov. 4th @
8:30 am until

dark (may be done earlier on Sat-
urday).

Bring gloves, chain saw/ax and
your muscles. Ruth Buteyn is
heading up lunch on Friday. S&K
Culver are heading up lunch on



Mark Your Calendar!

November 19 - Passing of the Shepherd's Staff

November 22 - No CBC/Youth Groups

December 17 - Christmas Program

December 24 & 31 - No Sunday School

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 31 - New Years Eve Social

Daily Bible Reading by Genre

11/1- Psalms 125-127

11/2- Ecclesiastes 3-4

11/3 - Zephaniah

11/4 - James 4-5

11/5 - Acts 13-14

11/6 - Deuteronomy 10-12

11/7 - II Chronicles 33-36

11/8 - Psalms 128-130

11/9 - Ecclesiastes 5-6

11/10 - Haggai

11/11 - I Peter 1-3

11/12 - Acts 15-16

11/13 - Deuteronomy 13-15

11/14 - Ezra 1-5

11/15 - Psalms 131-133

11/16 - Ecclesiastes 7-8

11/17 - Zechariah 1-7

11/18 - I Peter 4-5

11/19 - Acts 17-18

11/20 - Deuteronomy 16-19

11/21 - Ezra 6-10

11/22 - Psalms 134-136

11/23 - Ecclesiastes 9-10

11/24 - Zechariah 8-14

11/25 - II Peter

11/26 - Acts 19-20

11/27 - Deuteronomy 20-22

11/28 - Nehemiah 1-4

11/29 - Psalms 137-139

11/30 - Ecclesiastes 11-12





November

3rd/4th - Cut Wood @ Fossum's

4th - SINKS Potluck

4th - Daylight Savings Time

8th - Deacon Board Meeting

9th - WIC/Health Dept.

11th - Veteran's Day

11th - Men's Renewal Breakfast

19th - Passing of Shepherd's Staff

22nd - No CBC/Youth Group

23rd - Happy Thanksgiving