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Pastor's Portion

Years ago my sister in law, Midge, had a plaque on the wall that caught my attention. It read: ***"One does not surrender a life in an instant. That which is life long can only be surrendered in a lifetime."*** –Jim Elliot

If the name Jim Elliot sounds familiar it's because he was one of the 5 missionary martyrs in Ecuador during the 1950's. He perished striving to bring the Gospel to the Auca tribe, which means savage killers, now they are known as the Waodani people. (A major movie was made in the 2000's titled: "End of The Spear," based on the book by Steve Saint, son of another one of the martyrs).

Let's think about this statement for a moment. To be sure it only takes an **instance** to be "Born Again." Scripture is clear when we believe—we **HAVE** eternal life, John 3:16; 6:47. This is something we can **KNOW**, 1 John 5:13. We, who believe, are eternally grateful for that marvelous truth. Romans 4 emphasizes that being right with God comes before ritual and is by faith in the finished work of Jesus.

Then touching the topic of **LIVING** by faith. Four times beginning at Habakkuk 2:4 the Scripture says the righteous shall live by faith. This is repeated in Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11 and Hebrews 10:38. The point Scripture underscores is that when we come to faith we will continue in it. John 15 talks of "abiding" or "remaining" in the vine. Life comes through Jesus the vine. Now this does not mean I am saved by faith and kept saved by works. On the contrary it has the idea that when we come to saving faith we will live by that same faith. I am saved when I realize I am a sinner; that only Jesus' death and resurrection can make me acceptable to God Almighty; and I confess His name. What is asked of me and you: we are constantly aware that there is nothing I have done to make God love me more and nothing I can do to make God love me less. I bask in that overwhelming love of God. It is no list of do's and don'ts that enables God to love me because every good thing I do is as filthy rags. It is the blood of Christ that gives me security and purpose. When the Father looks down on me what makes me acceptable and perfect is that blood that covers me.

Taking the quote from Jim Elliot, I conclude that I surrender my life to the grace and love of Christ. There are two extremes to avoid. 1) I am saved now and can do what I please. The opposite is: 2) I need to add to the merit of Christ. Both of these are heresies. I am (we are) saved and kept by faith. God gets the glory in my life. What I need is to surrender again to the marvelous love of Christ.

-Pastor Eldon Carlson

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Sunday School

We had a great year in Sunday School again. With our focus on Prayer this year it was wonderful to see the classes actively praying for each other and with each other. It was great to see the thoughtfulness of each of the classes showing God's love in an earthly way. Thank you to all of you that stepped out of your box to make this such a great success. I want to send out a thank you again to all the teachers this year, include Sue Carlson and Kristi Culver for the 2-5 yr olds, Kelsey Lundgren for the 1-2nd graders, Lori Engstrom for the 3-4th graders, Julia Fossum for the 5-6th grade, Pastor Carlson for the Doctrine, Pat Conlin for the High Schoolers and in our adult classes, Larry Gotham, Lynn Gilberts, Chris & Rebecca Durham, Lee & Mona McMenamin, and Merisa Brindle & Jessica Bowe. It is very exciting this year to have Sunday School continue through the summer, with the older youth and adults learning doctrine and the kids going thru the Charlie stories with songs, games and crafts. Come and join the fun.

Our end of the year awards are as follows: 3rd Quarter perfect attendance and receiving a granola bar (as they set the bar) were Gracie Culver, Jenna Bronstad, Zachary Durham, Connor Fossum, Jonathon Fossum and Shania Bronstad; Perfect Memory and receiving a Chocolate nugget (for all the nuggets of knowledge learned) were Logan Hammond, Fisher Beal, Olivia Culver, Madison Bowe, Whitney Gotham, Leif Ludgren, Jenna Bronstad, Gracie Culver, Zachary Durham, Connor Fossum, Will Shoebridge, Alek Lundgren, Nevaeh Beal and Shania Bronstad. For Yearly awards this we had a great number who achieved! For Faithful attendance and receiving a Smore Poptart (To encourage them to come back for Smore) were Christian Lundgren, Fisher Beal, Leif Lundgren, Alek Lundgren, Nevaeh Beal, Lincoln Beal, Andrew Gotham, Ian Shoebridge, Wyatt Gotham, and Caleb Gotham. Receiving a Beef stick and Smore Poptart (for setting the bar high and always coming back for Smore) for Perfect attendance were Jenna Bronstad, Connor Fossum, Jonathon Fossum and Shania Bronstad. We had 12 kids this year that received the Perfect memory award and they earned a collection of treats including a Poptart, chocolate nugget, Fruit Shoot, granola bar (for popping up to the challenge and Shooting for the goal and taking nuggets of knowledge and setting the bar for the rest of us. They included Logan Hammond, Fisher Beal, Madison Bowe, Whitney Gotham, Leif Lundgren, Olivia Culver, Jenna Bronstad, Connor Fossum, Will Shoebridge, Nevaeh Beal, Alek Lundgren and Shania Bronstad.

Sr. High Youth Group

Hi Church Family!

The summer for the high school youth group is going great! We're getting ready to go on our mission trip to Cleveland July 7th – 15th with World Changers for the second year in a row. Missy Crowell, Luke Woodhull, and I will be leading the trip, and the students going on the trip are: Erin Crowell, Alethea Brandt, Karlee Sigurdsen, Tara Popp, Micki Galster, Ethan Harder, Bjorn Freeberg, Ben Ream, Caleb Woodhull, and Andrew Kilgore. For several of these students this will be their first mission trip, so please be praying for us. Pray that we can serve well, and see God at work in Cleveland. Pray that we stay safe, bond well, and that this can be a great transition of leadership from myself to Missy.

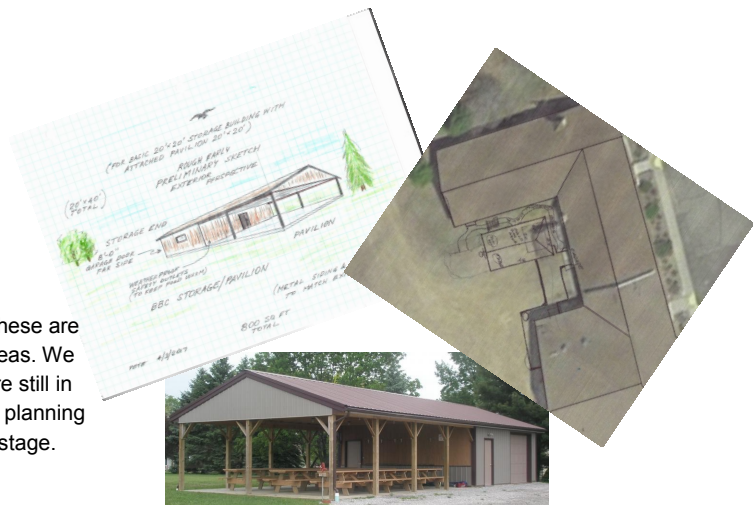
Along those lines, the Youth Ministry Committee is busy working on getting volunteers set up, trained, and transitioned into taking the reins of the youth ministry once Amanda and I leave. I was awed by the response we had at a meeting for volunteers. There are so many faithful disciples in this church who are willing to serve the students here in Bloomer and the surrounding communities! Thank you! As far as an exact date of Amanda and I leaving, we don't have an exact date just yet, as we are still looking for an apartment and jobs in Milwaukee, but it will probably be at the end of this month or early August. Thank you all for five great years here in Bloomer. We will really miss you all!

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 you tithe to help with the project. This is relying upon God moving in hearts.

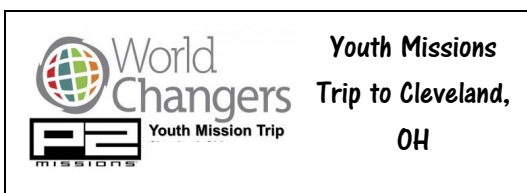
How Can You Help?

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.

Yours in
Christ,
Pat Conlin



Children's Church

7/2 - Lundgren

7/9 - Carlson

7/16 - Culver

7/23 - Bruxvoort

7/30 - Brindle

June Weekly Cleaning

7/6 - Bowe & Beal

7/13 - J. Gotham & Bruxvoort

7/20 - Clements & N. Lundgren

7/27 - Sigurdson & Heinze

Nursery

7/2 - Brindle/Bruxvoort

7/9 - Engstrom/Crowell

7/16 - Beal/Lundgren

7/23 - Durham/Fossum

7/30 - Rohrsen/Carlson

Men's Renewal Breakfast at Main St. Café

Saturday, July 8th at
8:00 a.m.

\$7 buffet



Pulpit Committee Update

The pulpit committee has been narrowing the list of candidates to those who would best serve this congregation. We have been viewing videos, listening to recordings of sermons and will begin phone and personal interviews shortly. Be in prayer as we intently evaluate the candidates and choose the man who would come to candidate with us.

SINKS

Monthly Potluck will be
Saturday, July 1st at
5:00 p.m. at BBC



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:

July 2: Jesus Deity and Humanity

July 9: Holy Spirit receiving, indwelling, sealing & filling

July 16: Salvation

July 23: Creation

July 30: End Times

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.

Prayer Walks

During the summer, we were doing prayer walks with groups around town on Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. at BBC and then carpool to certain areas of the town and begin our prayer walks. We'd love for you to join us!

Pastor Eldon & Sue would like to invite the whole church over to their house. There is a sign up sheet for a couple of weeks in the Fireside. We'd like 3-4 families at a time to come over to reminisce, praise and pray for the future. Note: The list details various times and menus. Please sign up!

Daily Bible Reading by Genre

7/1 - Philippians 1-2

7/2 - Luke 17-18

7/3 - Leviticus 10-12

7/4 - II Kings 1-5

7/5 - Psalms 78-80

7/6 - Proverbs 8-9

7/7 - Ezekiel 19-24

7/8 - Philippians 3-4

7/9 - Luke 19-20

7/10 - Leviticus 13-15

7/11 - II Kings 6-10

7/12 - Psalms 81-83

7/13 - Proverbs 10

7/14 - Ezekiel 25-30

7/15 - Colossians 1-2

7/16 - Luke 21-22

7/17 - Leviticus 16-18

7/18 - II Kings 11-15

7/19 - Psalms 84-86

7/20 - Proverbs 11-12

7/21 - Ezekiel 31-36

7/22 - Colossians 3-4

7/23 - Luke 23-24

7/24 - Leviticus 19-21

7/25 - II Kings 16-20

7/26 - Psalms 87-89

7/27 - Proverbs 13

7/28 - Ezekiel 37-42

7/29 - I Thessalonians 1-3

7/30 - John 1-2

7/31 - Leviticus 22-24

July

1st - SINKS Potluck

4th - Independence Day

5th - Cardboard Boat Race @ North Park

7th to 15th - Youth Missions Trip

8th - Men's Renewal Breakfast

12th - Deacon Board Meeting

13th - WIC/Health Dept.

30th - Farewell for Pat & Amanda