



# Bloomer Baptist Church

## To Know Christ and Make Him Known

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### Pastor's Portion

At Bloomer Baptist this winter, we have several Ladies Bible Studies focusing on a book that deals with anxiety. In the Sermon on the Mount a paragraph is dedicated to anxiety. While Luke's account of the sermon on the plain does not include that paragraph I would like to focus on just one verse that concludes the words of Jesus on that issue.

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) says: **"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."** Let's start with thinking about the first word, **"but"** and the phrase **"all these things."** This statement of Jesus serves as a contrast to what has proceeded. The **"all these things"** refers to eating, clothes to wear (verses 28, 31) and life (verse 25). Jesus again hits the issues of life square on the head. We fret and fume over appearances and stock markets; jobs and checkbooks; kids and politics. The big **"but"** lets us know God has a better plan that is in sharp contrast to our nature. The solution is the core of the verse.

**"Seek first,"** Jesus says. *Seek* has the concept of intensity. Life has a way of dishing out stuff that can be distracting. Jesus calls us to focus our energies, mind and emotion on the important issues.

**"First"** has a couple of ideas as I see it. It speaks to priority and chronology. Jesus invites us to see the **Kingdom of God** as a priority in our lives. Jesus and John the Baptist proclaimed the Kingdom of God was at hand. We pray, **"Thy Kingdom come"** as the first request in the Lord's Prayer. A Kingdom is made up of three things: 1) A people; 2) A ruler; 3) A system. You need all three to have a Kingdom. The point is when we make a priority Kingdom seeking then the usual suspects that cause anxiety will diminish. We will focus on God's people, the King Jesus and His rule on earth.

**"First"** also has the idea of chronology. Instead of prayer and seeking God as our last resort it should be our first plan of attack. So the challenge is to have God at the front of the line instead of last resort.

**"His righteousness"** speaks to the system of God ruling on earth. Jeremiah 9:24 says God delights in **steadfast love, justice and righteousness in the earth.** Steadfast is the sense of not just a flash in the pan but the long road of love, justice and righteousness. God gives just enough turmoil in our existence to reveal how wonderful and immutable He is. (Immutable means unchangeable).

Then the promise, **"all these things will be added to you."** "These things then are eating, wearing and life. God promises are kept. He is strong and faithful. We serve a God that has our best interests at heart.

So a word of encouragement: Put to memory Matthew 6:33. Learn from it and practice it. You will be eternally grateful.

-Pastor Eldon Carlson

## February 2016

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# Sunday School



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



# CBC (Coached By Christ)



Wednesday's @ 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.  
Children 3 yrs old through 5th Grade

- Feb. 10th** - Missionary Night of Hearts
- Feb. 11th** - Work Night for Grand Prix at BHS  
6:30-8:00 pm
- Feb. 24th** - Grand Prix & Parents Night
- March 9** - Measles Night
- March 23** - No CBC

# Sr. High Youth Group

Hi Church Family!

It's been a rough month for Amanda and me, with the passing of my dad and a few other things popping up. But through it all God has been faithful and true. We thank you all for your prayers, cards, letters, gifts, visits, and hugs. I am really grateful to have each and every one of you as part of our church family. On another note, we've shuffled up youth group again. We have separated from the other two churches as far as our regular Wednesday nights go. We'll still do fun events together with them and things of that nature, but Bloomer Baptist is having our own youth group with just Bloomer Baptist leaders. Speaking of fun events though, we've got a few coming up in February. First, the youth group is going to Granite Peak in Wausau for a ski trip on Wednesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's early release at the high school, so we'll meet right after school at Christ Lutheran's service station, and head out hopefully by 1:45. We'll ski until they close (or we all get too cold!) so we won't be back until 11pm. Then, the following Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, we're doing even more skiing, but this time it's open to everyone! We're going to Christie Mountain from 4-10pm for discounted skiing and tubing that also is a fundraiser for our summer mission trip. On Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, the youth group is hosting the Valentine's Day Banquet at 6pm. We hope to see you there!

Yours in Christ,  
Pat Conlin

# Jr. Hi Youth Group

Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. at Bloomer Baptist Church

**Friday, Feb. 12th - Jr. High Party @ BBC**

**3:30 (after school) - 8:00 p.m.**

**Pizza provided!! Bring a friend!!**


  
**Valentine's Day Banquet**
  
**Sunday, February 14th @ 6:00**
  
**p.m. @ BBC**
  
**Spaghetti and Alfredo meal with**
  
**entertainment. Child care will be**
  
**available as well. A free will offer-**
  
**ing will be taken to support the**
  
**youth's summer missions trip.**

### Children's Church

2/7 - Shoebridge

2/14 - Wundrow

2/21 - Wundrow

2/28 - Lyons

### February Cleaning

2/4 - Conlin & LaBudde

2/11 - McMenamin & Bronstad

2/18 - Harris & Rohrsen

2/25 - Bischel & Hable

### Nursery

2/7 - Beal/Crowell

2/14 - Rohrsen/Bischel

2/21 - Heinze/Fossum

2/28 - Misner/Lundgren

### Bloomer Baptist Church Ski Night



Saturday, February 6th

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Christie Mountain



Grab a voucher from the Fireside Room for a discounted admission. \$2 from each ticket will go towards BBC's 2016 Missions Trip. You **must** have the voucher in hand to receive discount.

### You are invited to a Chosen People Ministries Presentation

Come explore the Jewish roots of your faith with special guest Justin Kron. Justin will guide you through a Passover Experience.

Sunday, February 21st @ 6:00 p.m. @  
BBC

Contact Pat for more information.

The Men's Ministry of Bloomer Baptist would like to invite you to attend the 2016 No Regrets Conference sponsored by Elmbrook Church of Brookfield, WI.

**We will be attending one of the satellite host sites located at the Highland Community Church in Wausau.** Cost \$25. If you would like to drive together with us as a group, we will meet at the Bloomer Baptist Church 6am Saturday morning, February 6th. We'll stop for breakfast along the way.

For information please check out No Regrets web site or call Tim Jacobson 715.568.4426 or Bloomer Baptist Church 715.568.1979

### Men's Renewal Breakfast at Main St. Café

Saturday, February 13th at  
8:00 a.m.

\$7 buffet at the café.



### Thematic In A Year ~ Daily Bible Reading Guide

2/1 - Exodus 5; Matthew 26; Psalms 41

2/2 - Exodus 6; Matthew 27

2/3 - Exodus 7-8; Matthew 28; Psalms 67

2/4 - Exodus 9-10; Psalms 105

2/5 - Exodus 11-12; Psalms 91

2/6 - Exodus 13-15; Psalms 114

2/7 - Exodus 16-18; 1 Peter 1

2/8 - 1 Peter 2; Exodus 19-20

2/9 - Exodus 21-22; 1 Peter 3

2/10 - Exodus 23-24; 1 Peter 4

2/11 - Exodus 25-26; 1 Peter 5

2/12 - Exodus 27-28; Psalms 96

2/13 - Exodus 29-30; 2 Corinthians 1

2/14 - Exodus 31-32; 2 Corinthians 2

2/15 - Exodus 33-34; 2 Corinthians 3

2/16 - Exodus 35-36; 2 Corinthians 4

2/17 - Exodus 37-38; 2 Corinthians 5

2/18 - Exodus 39-40; 2 Corinthians 6

2/19 - Leviticus 1-3; 2 Corinthians 7

2/20 - Leviticus 4-5; 2 Corinthians 8

2/21 - Leviticus 6-7; 2 Corinthians 9

2/22 - Leviticus 8-10; 2 Corinthians 10

2/23 - Leviticus 11; 2 Corinthians 11; Psalms 56

2/24 - Leviticus 12-13; 2 Corinthians 12

2/25 - Leviticus 14-15; 2 Corinthians 13

2/26 - 1 John 1; Leviticus 16-18

2/27 - 1 John 2; Leviticus 19-21

2/28 - Leviticus 22-23; 1 John 3

2/29 - Reread your favorite chapter from this month



February



HAPPY  
*Valentine's*  
DAY

3rd ~ Youth to Granite Peak

6th ~ Christie Mtn Ski Night

6th ~ Men's Conference

11th ~ WIC/Health Dept.

13th ~ Men's Renewal Breakfast

14th ~ Valentine's Banquet

21st ~ Passover Meal