



LaCrosse Baptist Church Newsletter

May 2016

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Uneventful

Well, April was not a very busy month this year. Maybe that's why I forgot to get the newsletter out earlier; sorry about that! We had our normal meetings; Church Council, Business Meeting, Ladies Meeting and Brotherhood, but no events like Easter or Mother's Day. That happens sometimes and it's OK to take a "breather", a time to just relax in our Church life and take in the significance of having God the Father and Jesus Christ in our lives, and of course the Holy Spirit too!

Some times we get so busy "doing things" that we might forget "why" we are doing them. We do things because we love and honor God, and serve him with our efforts to grow His kingdom. Our God is an awesome God, who loves us and provides a pathway to eternal life through His son Jesus to all who believe in Him. Wow, how cool is that!

And what is it that God really asks us to do? Jesus, addressing the Pharisees who were trying to test Him because he had already silenced the Sadducees who were also trying to test Him, says in Matthew 22:35-40...

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

If we love God like that, we can't go wrong and if we have love like that we will share it with our neighbor so they will have the message of God's love too, just like we do. God is so great!

VBS coming soon!

As a reminder, we will be having a VBS kick off event on June 4th. This will be held at the LaCrosse city park, next to the fire station starting at around 11:00. We will have the bounce house, games and food! This will be our main contact with the community to let them know we are having Vacation Bible School at our church on June 23-26. Jeanine and Megan are heading this up and we will need lots of volunteers to help out both on the kick off event and VBS itself, so talk to them and find out what positions need to be filled.

Remember Proverbs 22:6 – *“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”* VBS is part of that process, so let’s help out!

WHAT’S COMING UP:

Church Work Day – May 7 – We will meet at 8:00 and lunch will be provided.

Mother’s Day – May 8 – The men will be cooking breakfast for the ladies of the church in honor of Mother’s Day.

Church Council – May 15 – Will meet at 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Business Meeting – May 15 - following the Sunday Night service in the sanctuary.

Ladies Meeting – May 16 - Will meet in The Lighthouse at 7:00 pm

Brotherhood Meeting – May 19 - Will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm

Home Coming – May 22

COLLECTION COUNTERS

May - Beal and Barbara (Lockup and Trash)

June - Pat and Dan Drum (Lockup and Trash)

July - Tobie and Kay (Lockup and Trash)

August - David and Carolyn (Lockup and Trash)

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