



LaCrosse Baptist Church Newsletter

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Thoughts from Pastor Joey

Hello Church Family,

During the month of June we were able to minister to children through our Vacation Bible School efforts and I am grateful for all the folks that pitched in to make this time successful. We did not have any visiting families that we did not already know, but were able to share Good News with our kids and it has made an impact. My own children have been singing the "chicken song" off and on now for a couple weeks. I always pray that this time is one that is more than just memories for the kids, but rather something that they will look back on later in life as the time that Jesus began to call their hearts to salvation thru Him. Seeds have been planted now I'm praying for harvest.



Speaking of Harvest I hope that you will pray with me that God will send laborers for the harvest in LaCrosse. We have done so much cosmetic work around the church for the last year and now I'm preparing personally for God to send the rain. We have had several visitors in the church lately and I know some of these folks are perhaps looking for a new church home where they can serve. I am praying that they will be guided by the Spirit to find the place that God will have them to serve.

Brother Scott Carsey and I are preparing to go on Mission to Romania. By this time next week we will be across the world sharing Christ with the Romanian people. Evangelist Gary Bowlin has been going to Romania for years now and tells me that folks are ripe to trust Christ. I am expecting to lead many to a knowledge of Jesus. I am trusting that the Spirit will move their hearts to salvation. I will also have the opportunity to preach several times and it will be my first with a translator. Most of the people don't speak English and this American doesn't

speaking Romanian. Pray for the translation to be smooth as silk!

Lastly, budget request forms have been handed out to leaders within the church family. Some might think...big deal why tell us? It's a big deal because we desire to be stewards of the monies God provides through His people. I'm praying that folks earnestly seek the Lord and His will for what things we should or shouldn't be involved with when it comes to financing ministry.

I am grateful for you!
Pastor Joey

(And as always if you receive this email and do not have a church home come visit us in person!)

Fathers Day

We had Dinner on the Grounds to honor our fathers Sunday June 18th. As always we had a great lunch with plenty of outstanding food. The Lord has blessed us with some really fine cooks in our congregation. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare something.

There was some competition for the "World's Ugliest Trophy" and once again Beal won the prize. I'm not sure you would call that trophy "Winning" but it does give the person bragging rights. The biggest benefit for our church is that this time is for our church to fellowship with each other after a morning of praising God and our Lord Jesus. It is just nice to spend time with our church family and to honor our Dad's at the same time.



VBS

This month was our annual Vacation Bible School event. The theme this year was "Down On The Farm" with Farmer Joey! Jeanine, our VBS coordinator put this whole event together from scratch and was not a purchased program. She did an outstanding job and was very creative. I know the kids enjoyed it, YeeHaw! There was a "Crafts" area and the kids made items that can be hung as decorations on the Christmas Tree. David did the Bible stories that went along with each main lesson being covered each day, like tithes and offerings, the Fruit of the Spirit and Jesus, the Good Shepherd. These are solid fundamentals of Christianity and it's good that the children are being introduced to these Godly ideas. The Bible says in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

On Saturday we had lunch and a Family Fun Day. Tobie had his tractor and a trailer with hay so anyone who wanted too could take a "Hay Ride". David had his 4 wheeler hooked up to several barrels that had wheels attached and it was sort of like a train ride without the tracks. This ride was small enough it could go anywhere on the property, and it did. Tobie and David kept an eye out for each other so the "train" and the hay ride didn't cross paths. All in all, the kids loved it, and yes some of the parents did too!

Vacation Bible School is such a wonderful event and a lot of time and effort is put out by many people, but it is so important to God's plan for his people. We may not have the biggest VBS, but I know that we have very dedicated people who put out tremendous amounts of energy just so the kids can have a great time and learn more about Jesus. And that, my friend, makes everything worth the effort. Did I mention how much fun the kids had? YeeHaw!







WHAT'S COMING UP

Church Council - July 9 - Will meet at 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Business Meeting - July 9 - Following the Sunday Night service in the Sanctuary.

Church Outreach - July 16 - Meet in front of the Church at 4:00 pm.

Ladies Meeting - July 17 - 7:00 In The Lighthouse. NOTE: Change of date due to VBS.

Brotherhood - July 25 - We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm.

Crossfire Gospel Group - Invite Family, Friend and Neighbors to our Fifth Sunday Sing with Crossfire Gospel Quartet during the Sunday Morning Service. Please be prepared to give a Love Offering and a table will be set up for Merchandise Sales.

COLLECTION COUNTERS

JULY - Carolyn Turlington and Pat Stroud (*Don Lockup/Trash Duty*)

AUGUST - Tobie Turlington and Kay Davis (*Tobie Lockup/Trash Duty*)

SEPTEMBER - Beal Stroud and Barbara Underwood (*Beal Lockup/Trash Duty*)