



LaCrosse Baptist Church Newsletter

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Hello Church Family and Friends,

This Newsletter reflects the happenings at LaCrosse Baptist for the month of October, but I wanted to take the time to tell you I am most thankful for each of you as we begin this Thanksgiving season. It is my prayer that we become people that are thankful each and every season and that it shows in our lives daily. I believe that we are living in a society that for the most part are becoming more and more unthankful as time passes. Show Christ by showing thanksgiving with your life.

I had the opportunity to preach another Homecoming at the church I was saved at and where I met and married my sweet wife. I was glad that folks didn't run me out of the building. This preacher got on a roll and I preached for 65 minutes! Whoa! People said it didn't seem like it was that long...so I am glad for that! A few people raised a hand that they needed to trust Christ, but only one followed through and prayed to trust Him during the Fellowship Meal after the service. Another reason to be thankful!



I had the awesome privilege to baptize my favorite oldest son Maddox this month. He is a great kid and I believe God will use him to do something great for Him. We were thankful to have so much family visit for his baptism.

We also had our first Trunk or Treat event at the park in LaCrosse. We were able to hand out over 30 bibles and gospel tracts to people as their children (and our church children) played games and got CANDY! I believe that this was such a successful event and am glad for those that helped and prayed.

This past Sunday we filled Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child with our children's ministry at the packing party. And...we ate ICE CREAM! So far we've packed 36 boxes. We are soooooo close to our goal of 45. We have about a week and a half left before the boxes need to be dropped at the drop off location. If you haven't done a box or you want to do another box time is running out.

Have a blessed day! - Pastor Joey

Gideon's International

We have a guest speaker on October 1st from the Gideon's International office. Steve Williams spoke to the congregation and his wife Silvia set up mission's material at the back of the church by the Sound equipment area.

Steve gave a presentation that covered not only the Missions work of the Gideon's but also a message that spoke to the meaning of helping others. He presented his life story as it relates to his Christian commitment. His life and worship were on cruise control at one point but it was the death of his mother that prompted him to reevaluate his walk with Jesus. Being a representative with the Gideon's is a calling that gave Steve the opportunity to be obedient to the will of God and put his life back on the right track in a very positive way.



Steve's presentation was recorded and you can listen to it on the church web site. Click on the Sermon-Audio tap on the left side of the site and, once you are on that page, scroll down until you find the sermon "Who are the Gideon's?" I believe you will enjoy it.

Church Picnic at Pastor Joey's House

On October 21st church members met over at Pastor Joey's house for a relaxing lunch to just hang out and enjoy the fellowship of Christian people. It was a glorious day, perfect for an outdoor picnic. Vicki's mom and dad live right next door and cooked all the meat on a smoker-grill and it was just fantastic. I believe everyone suffered from a food coma afterwards.

It was nice to sit back for a bit and just enjoy the blessings that God has provided for us. In this case it was food, fellowship and great weather. Thank you Pastor Joey and Vicki for a wonderful afternoon.



Maddox Hay Baptism

As Pastor Joey mentioned above, he had the opportunity to baptize his son, Maddox, on October 29th right after the Morning Service. Joey has told the Church how Maddox has been asking more questions for about the past year or so and how those questions have become more involved and detailed about what Jesus is really all about. Joey has taken his time to explain things to Maddox and would not rush him into anything he didn't understand. Maddox also talked to his Sunday School teacher about being baptized,

so his decision was one made over a length of time, until he was truly ready to commit to the Lord. While his decision marks the end of the process of coming to Jesus, it is the start of his Christian lifestyle. Congratulations Maddox! Your Church family is always ready to help you any way we can to help you build a sound and loving relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Trunk or Treat

On October 31st, we had a community outreach event at the LaCrosse City Park. Because it is difficult for children out in the country to find places to go Trick or Treating, the Church offered a different kind of experience. We set up activities in the trunks of cars or SUV's or the bed of a pickup truck so the kids could hit plastic bowling pins, or put their hand up an ogre's nose or travel to the moon and stars to earn their candy or eat a hot dog. It gave them some fun things to do and at the same time kept them safe and away from traffic.

Everyone had a great time and we were able to hand out Gideon Bibles with the assistance of Steve and Sylvia Williams, along with post cards inviting folks to join us on Sunday for services ... and of course lots of candy! We had many positive comments and we may eventually see some of these families at church. But even if we don't, the Lord has called us to be obedient and be faithful. Seeds get planted and He is the one who will reap the harvest.

Everyone was so busy that no photos were taken of any trunks, even by the "official" church photographer! He did manage to get one image of what the moon looked like through his telescope. Once the kids and their parents showed up we were busy all evening long.

This was the first time we ever attempted this type of event and it went very well. I look forward to trying it again next year and see if we can get more people from the community to come out and participate.



WHAT'S COMING UP

Church Council - Nov 12 - with Sunday Night Supper afterwards

Business Meeting - Nov 12 - after the evening service

Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov 19 - 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall, bring a covered dish

Ladies Meeting - Nov 19 - 7:00 In The Lighthouse.

COLLECTION COUNTERS

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

DECEMBER - Tobie Turlington and Candy Skelton (*Tobie Lockup/Trash Duty*)

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

FEBRUARY - Jeanine Carsey and David Skelton (*David Lockup/Trash Duty*)

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

APRIL - Tobie Turlington and Candy Skelton (*Tobie Lockup/Trash Duty*)

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

JUNE - Jeanine Carsey and David Skelton (*David Lockup/Trash Duty*)

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

AUGUST - Tobie Turlington and Candy Skelton (*Tobie Lockup/Trash Duty*)

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