



# LaCrosse Baptist Church Newsletter

## July - September 2021

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### **The Pastor's Corner**

As a church family we have much to rejoice in. First, we remain steady and consistent in our resolve to reach people for Christ. We do this through the teaching and proclaiming of God's word and the outreach of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We do rejoice in the recent opportunities through our Farm Share event on July 24th and our Family Fun Day on August 21st. We continue to have certain moments of outreach through visiting and preparing for community lunches. As we venture into the planning, preparation and coming together of God's people we always strive to be ready and alert to share Jesus in the community. We want that to be the primary goal as we share together. We are always open to fresh ways that we can share Jesus in the community. We are so blessed to have a strong Church Council that's eager and receptive to ideas and suggestions.

Psalm 85 speaks of a nation in want. It speaks of a nation in peril. It also speaks of a God of refuge and strength. Verse 4 says "Turn us, O God of our salvation and cause thy anger toward us to cease." Verse 6 expresses the cry out of the people, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice." Then in verse 9 we are brought unto His throne by the expressions: "Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in our land." In our day there is a similar cry for God to respond with His great mercy, love and grace to this land we call America. Today America is a nation in want. We want the violence to cease, the virus to be gone, the unrest to settle and peace, order and calm to prevail in troubled hearts, families and communities across America. I'm reminded of the words from Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you"

The closing words of Psalm 85 say: "Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase." Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps. "In the coming days there will be great focus on the pure gospel message that saves, restores, rescues and uplifts us in our daily walk. Always beloved and strong in the Lord.

Please watch for the upcoming dates for community lunches and for ways that we can be truly express thanksgiving to our great God.

Pastor Howard Adams,  
As We Serve Together

### **Farm Share Event**

If you are not familiar with a group called Farm Share, their mission is “to make sure that no Floridian goes hungry and no food goes to waste.” They get food donations from different places and companies then use organizations, like churches, to distribute the goods to their local communities.



We have been looking to try this to help our LaCrosse community for a while but were concerned because; 1. We have never done this before and 2, We don't have a lot of people coming to church right now. Our concern was, could we actually do it? After several months of prayer , planning and checking to see if we had enough volunteers, we scheduled an event for Saturday, July 24th.



Well, prayers were answered! Everything went well and we had almost 60 cars come through from about 8:30 until noon. The Farm Share truck showed up early but we got everything unloaded and started filling bags. We then put the bags on tables in groups and when a car came in, several volunteers would just put



the food in the car. We also gathered some data for Farm Share and with in a matter of a few minutes they were on their way, they never even had to get out of their car.

Everything really went very smoothly and much of that is because of all the people who volunteered. The Fire Chief came over with the truck so people could see it and he joined in to help too. Here is a list of everyone that helped; Pastor Howard and his wife Kathie, Pastor Joey Hay and his son Maddox, Gerry Forbes, Leonard Reeder, Tobie and Carolyn Turlington, Gloria Garcia, Angel Perales, John and Paiti Kaswinkel, Connie Stocker, Russ Pucker, Gerrell Richardson and his son Gerrell, Kay Davis, Buddy Coulette, Sylvia Williams, Brian Martin and Don Loftus. I hope I got everyone's name and I'm sorry if I missed any body.

All in all, it was a wonderful event that helped people in the community. Some people told us just how grateful they were to get the food that they were really in need at that very moment. God works in wonderful ways, all we have to do is be faithful and ready to answer His call, He will do the rest! Here is a link to the Farm Share web site:  
<https://www.farmshare.org/about-us>



## Family Fun Day



On Saturday, August 21st we had an event at the LaCrosse City park, next to the Fire Station. With the help of Steven and Silvia Williams from our local Gideons Camp and who

also work with the North Central Florida Baptist Association, we were able to set up a selection of fun stations at the park. There were two Bounce Houses, snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn and hot dogs. We really thank Steven and Silvia for their help in our outreach to the



LaCrosse community. We did have a few people stop by but we were hoping for more. I think the heat of

summer may have had something to do with it. It was hotter than the hotdogs on the grill! But perhaps we could do more to promote such events to increase awareness that this was open to everyone. Still, the church family had a wonderful afternoon spending time together. Every effort we make is a learning experience.



### **Community Lunch**

As the Covid pandemic is a bit more controlled now, we are having lunch on the grounds one Sunday per month right after the Sunday Service. Once again, it is a chance to socialize with our church family and we can see in the Bible where sharing a meal together was important. We have decided to also open this to the community and invite them to come visit with us and have lunch. It is a pot luck arrangement but visitors don't need to bring anything, after all, they don't really know what to expect or what to do. So please invite your family, neighbors and friends to come join us. The exact date for these lunches changes according to church events and such, so if you have any questions please call Pastor Howard Adams at 805-445-4135 or email him at [brohoward712@aol.com](mailto:brohoward712@aol.com).



## **WHAT'S COMING UP**

**Church Council** - is now meeting the 2nd Sunday of each month at 4:30 pm

**Business Meeting** - will be the 3rd Sunday following the Morning Worship Services

**Community Lunches** - These are held on a Sunday right after the Sunday sermon. The exact date for these lunches changes according to church events and such, so if you have any questions please call Pastor Howard Adams at 805-445-4135 or email him at [brohoward712@aol.com](mailto:brohoward712@aol.com).