



# **LaCrosse Baptist Church Newsletter**

## **April - June, 2022**

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### **The Pastor's Corner - " The Joy of Worship"**

One of the great joys in my Christian experience has been the engagement with my Savior in Worship. Worship is one of those cherished privileges we have as Christians and as God's children. Psalm 46:11 says, "So the King will greatly desire your beauty; because He is your Lord worship Him" Psalm 95:6 says, "Oh come, let us worship and bow down let us kneel before the Lord our maker." One of the specific ways we honor our Lord is by our attentive, and focused lifestyle that centers our very thought process upon bringing pleasure and honor to our Lord. Particularly speaking here are; **(1)** The body of Christ; every born again believer is a part of the body of Christ. Ephesians 2:1-10 says that part of becoming a Christian is being united with other believers in the body of Christ. So much of belonging to the body of Christ is the unity and fellowship that is engaged in binding souls together as one. **(2)** Also there is the factor of maturity; in Ephesians 4 Paul stressed that believers should live, minister and work together in community to experience the fullness of Christ. **(3)** We also must consider the factor of Spiritual Gifts. As believers we have all been given as least one spiritual gift that is to be used to build up the body. There are diversities of gifts but one body and one spirit. It is glorious when we experience a group of believers using their God given abilities to grow and develop His followers into mature believers.

The writer of Hebrews tells us to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together. May believers in Christ have a renewed commitment to worship, grow and develop as His followers as we build up the body of Christ

As We Serve Together,  
**Pastor Howard Adams**

## National Day of Prayer



The National Day of Prayer was on April 5th this year. Pastor Howard sent out word to local churches that we would meet at the flag pole in front of the LaCrosse City Hall and we did have several visitors come join us along with several members from New Shiloh Baptist Church. Pastor Howard opened with thanks for those who turned out and a reminder of how important prayer is in a Christians life. It is literally a connection between the God who created us and the Spirit within us.

Tobie started us off as the music leader and had us sing several Hymns during the prayer session, He then followed with a prayer for local governments to act responsibly and according to the needs of the people as indicated by the will of God. He implored them to do what's right and not what is self serving.

Pat prayed about the COVID pandemic and asked God for protection and healing for everyone regardless of who they are. She also prayed for First Responders and asked God to protect them since they are put in harms way so often to help the rest of us.



Gerry led us in prayer for our military men and women, both past and present, for their service to the country. He prayed for God to help peace return to the world, especially in Ukraine, but in other places too. There is so much conflict in the world and he asked for God's intervention.

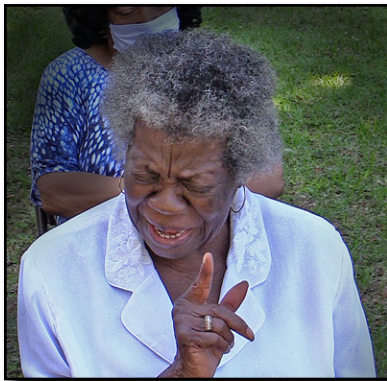






Ella Fulcher prayed for our schools and for the dedicated teachers who work with our children every day. She asked God to show us how we can bring Him back into the lives of our children and the nation to help bring our country back to God's plan for us.

Horace McClellon prayed for solidarity for all Churches. We are all the same in God's eyes regardless of denomination. God's Word is for everyone and we need to unite as a Christian body. He prayed for God's help in giving us insight on how to achieve God's will for our country.



Norma Cromwell prayed for the homeless in our community. We need to bring families back together and unite under God's love for His believers. We need to care about one another and follow God's will in healing our communities. Faith in God is the answer to so many of our problems and we need to turn toward Him.

Pastor Howard closed the prayer session with the Lord's Prayer. We are thankful to everyone who came out. God Bless you all!



### **Church Lunch**

On May 5th we had a Community Lunch at church after the morning sermon. As always, we had a lot of fine food and fellowship. We do this about once a month, depending on church circumstances and it is always a wonderful time. It is a chance to spend some quality time with our Church Family and just enjoy each others company. For all of us, life can get busy and we get wrapped up in our own problems and frustrations. Pastor's sermons remind us that God is in charge and we need to trust Him in all things. Sunday lunch at church is a good way to put those words into action by reminding us we have good Christian friends who care about us.

## **Farm Share**

Tobie organized another food distribution from the Farm Share folks on June 4th. We had people from our church, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Santa Fe Baptist and Banks Chapel putting food packages in people's cars. Even a few of the guys from the LaCrosse Baptist Fire Department stopped by to offer their help. This really was a community effort.

We had a good turnout from the community and a lot of good friends to help hand out the food bags. We had about 75 cars come through but many of those were picking up for other families too. We handed out enough for about 120 households. With the tough economic times, this food is really going to help people.







### **Good Bye Pastor Howard**

On June 19th, Father's Day, Pastor Howard delivered his final sermon as Pastor of LaCrosse Baptist Church. He retired from being a full time pastor and will transition into what is known as "Pulpit Supply". He will fill in for other pastors when they are sick or out of town. Once a preacher, always a preacher and most ministers can't give it up entirely. There is always a desire to share the Word of God. We really appreciate the two years Pastor Adams and his wife spent with us. They were truly a part of our Church Family and we will miss them. God Bless you two as God opens up new possibilities for you to build His Kingdom!

## **WHAT'S COMING UP**

**Pleas be in Prayer for our church** - Everyone, be in prayer for our new Pastor the Lord is leading us to. He already knows who He has chosen. Let's stay united and faithful so that God will speed this process. Be faithful to witness and invite others as we await God's revealing.

**Church Council** - Second Sunday each month at 4:30

**Business Meetings** - The third Sunday each month, right after the morning service

**Community Luncheon** - July 24th - outreach to the community, pot luck. bring a covered dish for 2

**IN THE FALL** - plans are being made for another Farm Share food distribution. Pray and prepare your hearts to be ready.