



# Balsam Street Christian Church

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## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

### TREASURE IN HEAVEN

Matthew 6:19-21 <sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Jesus tells us treasure on earth is insecure but treasure in Heaven is secure. Our treasure is where our heart is. That is our affections, our hopes, our dreams will one day decay or be destroyed by fire if our treasure is on earth. Our treasure in heaven is “Incorruptible, undefiled and does not fade away. It is under God’s watch and power.

Jesus said you cannot serve two masters Matthew 6:24 That’s because “master” by definition demands “total loyalty” when our wealth is coveted and becomes the priority in our lives. It becomes our “God”. Ephesians 5:5

Jesus said in Matthew 6:33 “seek first the Kingdom of God”. Do this and God becomes one Master since we cannot serve two masters, this effectively eliminate “mammon” (money) from being our “god”.

God wants us to enjoy what we have and to provide for our families, but our hearts must be set on him. Where’s your treasure?

Pastor Larry



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursdays in May - Bible Study at 6:30

May 19 Church Family Birthday and Anniversary Dinner

**Guy Challenge** - Registration Today for only \$30\* includes the event and breakfast & lunch on Saturday. All men ages 25 & under are free. \*After July 14 price increases to \$40.

### BIRTHDAYS

Dean Starnes	5/11
Linda Lahti	5/16
Sanna Henrickson	5/28

### ANNIVERSARY

Howard & Marge Malm 5/18





# GUY CHALLENGE

Calling All Men, are you ready to STEP UP to the challenge? This summer we are excited to announce that Dr. Mark Scott is coming to Christian Harbor Youth Camp to equip us, to spur us, and inspire us to be the men that God is calling us to be.

Dr. Mark Scott is a dynamic and sought-after speaker. Mark has been married to his wife Carla for 51 years and have 4 children, & 14 grandchildren. He is the Lead Minister at Park Plaza Christian Church in Joplin, MO and previously served as Professor of Preaching & New Testament at Ozark Christian College. He's spoken multiple times at several national conference and conventions such as CIY, NACC, & ICOM.

We are grateful to have this event that is exclusively built for men again this year at Christian Harbor. Guy Challenge equips men with practical tools to be courageous followers of Jesus in their everyday life. We are also excited to be welcoming back Jesse Hamble to lead us in worship this summer. Do not miss what God has in store for you at Guy Challenge 2024!

Location: Christian Harbor Youth Camp, Holcombe,WI

Overnight accommodations available at the camp with a freewill donation upon arrival.

## LIBRARY CORNER

Continue to grow in knowledge and utilize the church library to grow closer to God.



BOOKS & DVD'S



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

**IF YOU CAN'T MAKE COMMUNION SET-UP: Contact John at 906-396-5522.**

**IF YOU NEED TO CHANGE DATES FIND A REPLACEMENT.**

### MAY

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion Set-Up</u>
5/5	Tim	Jim S	Dave	Brian
5/12	Dave	John	Tim	Pat
5/19	John	Tim	Dean	John
5/26	Dean	Dave	Jim S	Dean

### JUNE

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion Set-Up</u>
6/2	Tim	Jim S	Keith	John
6/9	Dave	Keith	Tim	Dean
6/23	John	Tim	Dean	Dave
6/30	Dean	Dave	Jim S	Pat

## MESSAGES FROM ELDERS

### DECREASE FOR HIM TO INCREASE

John 3:27-30 <sup>27</sup> To this John replied, "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. <sup>28</sup>You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of Him.' <sup>29</sup>The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. <sup>30</sup>He must become greater; I must become less."



I love this scripture because of what John the Baptist did. In order to live for Christ we have to let Him increase in our lives so we can do the will of Jesus. But in order for that to happen we must decrease, and when it comes down to it, it's for His glory, not ours. It's always been about Him, not us, so brothers and sisters in Christ, I challenge you to decrease so He can increase in your lives. Your brother in Christ, Tim.

### HUMILITY AND THANKFULNESS

PHILLIPIANS 2:3<sup>3</sup> "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves." Humility is the source of Christian unity. Paul points out that pride makes us have an empty conceit. When we truly look at ourselves, honestly and by the word of God, what is there to be proud of? Nothing in the plan of salvation that I have accepted, was caused by me and I didn't have anything to do with it. All was done and fulfilled by my Lord, Jesus, who is the author and perfecter of my salvation. If I do all that is required of me and do all His will, I am still a worthless slave to a holy and righteous God (Luke 17:10). There is no room for pride or selfishness on my part, only humility and thankfulness for being a part of God's plan. *In Christ, Dave*



### GOSPEL BLESSING

ACTS 10:42-43 <sup>42</sup> And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

The only way to receive forgiveness of sin is through Jesus, but we need to do more than just believe. We must take action and do what the bible teaches us, because it takes more than belief, it takes us to do it. In Christian love, Jim





# KODAK MOMENTS

## OUR GUEST



## OUR VOLUNTEERS





# Happy Mother's Day!

It's Mom's special day. Here are some hidden words that make us think of her.  
The words can be up, down, forward, backward, or diagonal.

A H U G S E N U T T C R  
K E N H Y K M O M U H O  
N S A R N O I I O I S G  
T R R N T U J S T S R R  
E S G H J U A N S R E H  
L T E T E A U U A E J C  
E R A B F I O R F W S A  
P O C K E I U T K O E N  
H F R E T H G U A L U D  
O M L O V E T R E F I Y  
N O I T A I C E R P P A  
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APPRECIATION  
BREAKFAST  
CANDY  
COMFORT  
FLOWERS  
GIFT

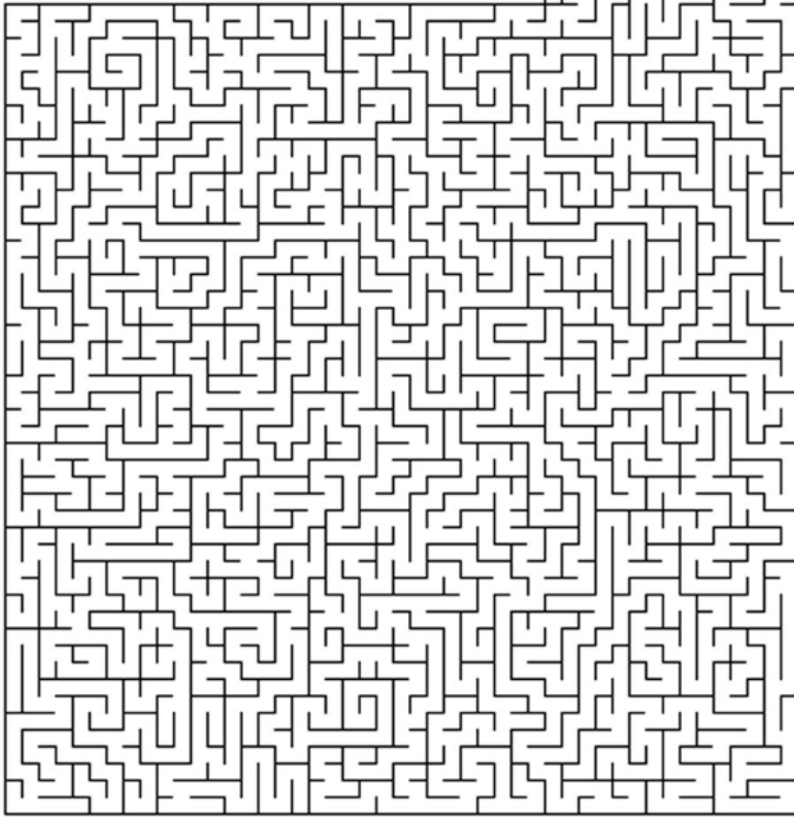
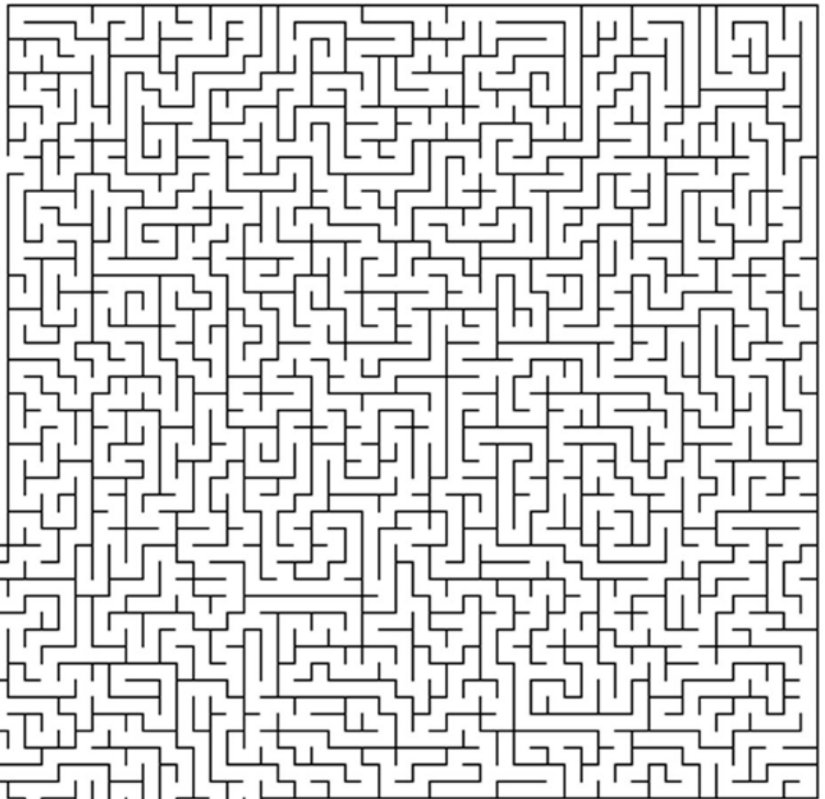
GUIDANCE  
HUGS  
JOY  
KISSES  
LAUGHTER  
LOVE

MOM  
MOTHER  
NURTURE  
SHARE  
TELEPHONE  
THE BEST





Memorial  
Day



Memorial  
Day

*The Purpose of Balsam Street Christian Church is to lead people toward a relationship with Jesus and a place in His family, helping them to develop in Christ-like maturity, and equipping them for their ministry in order to edify the name of Jesus Christ.*