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## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

### The Hitchhicked

*Have you ever hitchhiked across country? I once hitchhiked from Kingsford to Milwaukee and the following weekend from Milwaukee to Kingsford but ended up in Iron River, MI. That's as close as the ride north could get me since they took different roads, and I got dropped off still 50 miles from home.*

*Hitchhiking doesn't always get you home or to where you want to go. It's not a good idea. There are some people in the church who come to church as hitchhikers. They want the ride, don't want any cost, and expect to get to their destination.*

*In Matthew 22:11 we find a hitchhiker. Someone who got in but was not prepared. The result was a rejection, a removal of that person because He expected He would be accepted on his own terms. Jesus has a standard, a requirement to belong to **His** kingdom. You had better pay attention to it and be ready. Why? He takes **no** hitchhikers.*

*Pastor Larry*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Labor Day
- Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Church Family Birthday, Anniversary dinner and Meeting.
- All of Sept. Love Offering for Christian Harbor

To: Christian Harbor



## BIRTHDAYS

Mila Henrickson	9/6
Bonnie Gardipee	9/15
Jimmy Erickson	9/28
Jack Rowlands	9/29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Dean and Luz Starnes	9/2
Larry and Pat Nearingth	9/4
Dick and Jan Zirbel	9/19
Pat and Helen Murra	9/27

## MEET AND GREET



James Bauer lives right here in Kingsford. He says he is retired but recently took a maintenance job at Walmart. He also is working for Jesus and offers free handyman services. If you know anything about James is that he loves fishing on the river, and for brook trout. He also has an interest in getting involved with Prison Ministry. James favorite song is "He is Our God" by Phil Wickham and enjoys listening to K-love Radio. His favorite verse is Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

## SERVICE SCHEDULE AND COMMUNION SET-UP

**IF YOU CAN'T MAKE SCHEDULED DATE:** Contact John Deldin at 906-396-5522 if you need to change dates for the Communion Set-up and Contact Jim at 906-282-5119 if you need to change dates for the Service Schedule.

### SEPTEMBER

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion Set-Up</u>
9/3	Dean	Jim S	Tim	Randy
9/10	Tim	Keith	Dave	Pat M
9/17	Jim E	Dean	Jim S	John D
9/24	Randy	Tim	John	Brian

### OCTOBER

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion Set-Up</u>
10/1	Dean	Jim E	Dave	Randy
10/8	Tim	Keith	John	Pat
10/15	Jim E	Jim S	Dean	Randy
10/22	Randy	John	Jim S	Pat
10/29	Dean	Dave	John	John

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## MESSAGES FROM ELDERS

### IF YOU LOVE ME?

John 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" and read John 21:15 "15 Now when they had finished breakfast, Jesus \*said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these?" He \*said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He \*said to him, "Tend My lambs." 16 He \*said to him again, a second time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?" He \*said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He \*said to him, "Shepherd My sheep." 17 He \*said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?" Peter was hurt because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus \*said to him, "Tend My sheep."

With these verses in mind, Jesus asked Peter three times if Peter loved Him, each with a different form of love and response given. I wonder have we ever truly asked ourselves how much do we love Him? King David wrote so many Psalms to show his love and praise to God and yet had no idea what Jesus would do for us. I know we all are committed to Christ and try to live a moral life, but you can be obedient and not love. Do we tend and shepherd the sheep, love all the body or just certain ones? Jesus tells us if we can't love the ones we see, how can we love God who we can't see? Do you have a desire to know Him? To seek Him in His word and to talk to Him in prayer? When you find yourself sinning, afterward, do you immediately mend the relationship by repentance and seeking to come back to Him? Look, I'm only posing these questions to you because in Revelations 2:4, to the church in Ephesus, Jesus had this against them, that they had left their first love. I encourage you to take a serious look at your own walk with the Lord and make any corrections needed to love Him with all your heart, soul, and mind. I have asked this of myself and that we should love, because he has first loved us. 1John 4:19. Dave



### THREE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS: FROM HEBREW 10

1. Vs. 7 Then I said, Behold, I have come (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me) To do Your will, O God." The will of God is the source of the first fundamental truth.
2. Vs. 10 By this will we have been sanctified through, the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. The work of Jesus was to abolish the law and do away with the cause of sin. This is the second fundamental truth the work of Christ.
3. Vs. 15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; The Holy Spirit is our witness, and He is the Seal of our relationship to the Lord. This is the third fundamental truth.



Yours in Christ, Jim

### CAN I DO BETTER

GALATIANS 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."



I live by the faith of the Son of God; meaning, not that faith which Christ, as man, had, but that of which he is the author and object, by which the just man lives; not upon it, for the believer does not live upon any of his graces, no, not upon faith, but by faith on Christ, the object; looking to him for pardon, righteousness, peace, joy, comfort, every supply of grace, and eternal salvation: which object is described as "the Son of God"; who is truly God, equal with his

Father; so that he did not live upon a creature, or forsake the fountain of living waters, but upon the only begotten Son of God, who is full of grace and truth: of whom he further says who loved me; before the foundation of the world. Tim

### KODAK MOMENTS



Can you find Dave A.?

Notes from the e2 class given by Gary Johnson.

(Cut out and use daily) →



Can you find what's wrong with this picture?

Answer: Up a river without a paddle! Jimmy rigged a broom for this trip. (Marikay helped)

### Daily Self-Reflection

1. Do I thirst for God?
2. Am I governed increasingly by God's word?
3. Am I more loving?
4. Am I more sensitive to God's presence?
5. Do I have a growing concern for spiritual/temporal needs?
6. Do I delight in the bride of Christ?
7. Are Spiritual disciplines increasingly important to me?
8. Do I grieve over sin?
9. Am I quick to forgive?
10. Do I yearn for heaven and be with Jesus?



Balsam Street Classes hosted by Crossroads have begun.  
Join us on Mondays at 6:00pm and Fridays at 6:30pm

## Effective Small Groups

CHM 3703

This course guides students to a deeper understanding of the value of the small group in the life of every church. It also provides tools and models for leading small groups more effectively. It builds a biblical and sociological foundation for small group ministry and equips students with the small group leadership skills of listening and facilitating.

Mondays at 6 PM  
Taught by Dr. Curtis McGinnis  
Kickoff - August 22  
Class runs - August 28-October 16



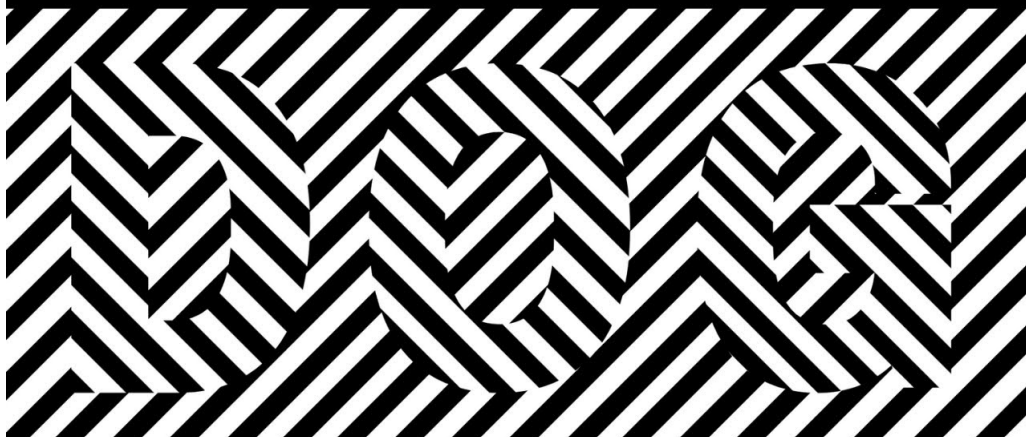
Do you want Balsam Street Christian Church to Flourish?



Join us on Fridays to view the conference on how to make small to medium size churches flourish.

Fridays at 6:30pm  
Taught by Karl Vaters  
Class runs – August 25 – September 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>

# FIND THE WORD !



## Accountability

1. How's your heart?
2. Did you spend time with Jesus – and how?
3. Are you loving your spouse and seeking their best?
4. Have you argued with your spouse - others?
5. Are you emotionally tempted?
6. How are you disciplining your eyes sexually?
7. Have you been alone with another?
8. How are you spending quality time with your family?
9. How are you practicing humility?
10. Have you just lied to me?



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