



# Balsam Street Christian Church

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## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

### I and Me or Him and He Which Will It Be?

Speaking to one another in Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Ephesians 5:19

Paul tells us here and in Colossians 3:16 to use songs and hymns for edification of “one another” and for the praise of the Lord.

I love those songs that reveal the gospel or those that lift and give glory to God. Those whose lyrics run parallel with the Bible. They tell a story about “Him” (God) or the Son (Jesus). The songs are to spotlight “Him and He” and many of the songs we sing do this, but not all songs. There are many new songs from good singers that are about I and me. They state what I will do for God and lifts self. The old hymns did not do that, but it is the new trend.

Watch out for this, lets keep our focus on Him and He.

Paul also said singing comes from joy in the heart. As I look around in the church, I see a lot of closed mouths. No joy? Just asking. Why would you not want to make a joyful noise to our Creator and Savior? Better get into it, we will be doing a lot of singing in Heaven. Let’s glorify God together. *Pastor Larry*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 12 Registration Closes for Crossroads SALT classes that Meets Mondays March 18th – May 6th from 6-8pm

Mar. 17 Church Family Birthday and Anniversary Dinner

Mar. 23 FLOURISH Tomah WI Meet at church at 4am



## BIRTHDAYS

### ANNIVERSARY



Karen Dunn	4/3
Sharon Reuter	4/14
Pat Nearth	4/15



Bill & Sanna Henrickson	4/3
Don & Terry Summers	4/5
Dave & Kate Ashbeck	4/30

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

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.

### MARCH

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion Set-Up</u>
3/3	Dave	John	Tim	Pat M
3/10	John	Tim	Dean	Brian
3/17	Jim	Dean	John	John
3/24	Dean	Dave	Jim	Dean
3/31	Tim	Jim	Dave	Helen

### APRIL

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion Set-Up</u>
4/7	Dave	John	Tim	Brian
4/14	John	Tim	Dean	Pat
4/21	Jim S	Dean	John	Dean
4/28	Dean	Dave	Jim S	John

## EDUCATION (All are welcome to attend)



### Upcoming SALT Schedule

*Registration Closes - March 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Meets Mondays March 18<sup>th</sup> - May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm*

- CNS6403 Family Crisis and Conflict - Walston
- CHM5103/2103 Ministry Practices for the Church - McGinnis

*\*\*When registering, please select "Crossroads Ministries (Minnesota)" for the question: At what church will you be taking the SALT course?*



(All are welcome to attend)

Meet at the church at 4am

## LIBRARY CORNER

Visit our library and checkout good Christian books to read and movies to watch.

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

## MESSAGES FROM ELDERS

### INHERITANCE AND HEIRS



1 PETER 1:3-4 " <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the GOD and FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you," this is a Christians great inheritance waiting for us in heaven. Not only do we have an inheritance, we are more, we are heirs, and as verse 4 says it is imperishable. Praise the Lord. Yours in Christ, Jim

### TRUSTING GOD WITH OUR PATH

*Exodus 13:17-18 " <sup>17</sup> Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, "Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt." <sup>18</sup> So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt."*

*When one studies the history of the nation of Israel a pattern of phases emerges. The first phase was their initial salvation from slavery in Egypt. The second phase was the years of wandering and testing in the desert. And the third phase was the conquest and possession of the Promised Land.*

*Our verses for today tell us of God's plan for the Israelites in their wilderness phase. Even before they crossed the Red Sea, God purposed to lead them the long way to the Promised Land rather than the shorter way because they might turn back if they faced war with the Philistines so early in the process of their complete salvation. The nation as a whole needed a lot of tests, trials, and refinement in the desert before they would be ready to take on the conquest of Canaan.*



*Perhaps you can see a pattern emerging in your own road of salvation. Perhaps you sense a wilderness phase at work. You may have been wondering why the initial promise of your salvation and calling has been long in coming. The reason may well be that you're simply not ready yet. God does not want you to take on the full burden of mature leadership before you are ready, less you buckle under its difficulties and return to square one.*

*God works out His salvation for us in phases so that we can make it through to the end. It helps if we can discern what phase of the process we are in, because it makes it easier to understand and cooperate with His plans and purposes. Your brother in Christ, Tim*

### GODLY TALK VS WORLDLY TALK

I just recently talked with my Uncle Tom from Georgia. We reminisced about the fellowship we had at the Church in Roswell. That group of men, along with Tom, influenced me as a young christian and got me on the path that led to the Love of God's word. I can't thank them enough for giving me a good example of the christian walk. Their commitment to God's word, serving at church and love for one another made such a powerful impact on me. I am also thankful for the individuals in this body that I can rely on for that true fellowship. This without a doubt is one of the great blessings that Christ gives us here and now that we should desire. However, there are individuals that seem to go out of their way to avoid deep Godly talk and redirects conversation to worldly talk, not realizing what they are truly missing. True fellowship deepens our walk with the Lord and the love for His word and how to apply that to our lives. Give to yourself the gift of true fellowship and find a brother or sister that can challenge your walk and your desire for God's word. That precious time you share with them will only continually grow your love for them, the Lord and His Word. In Christ, Dave



# THINK

BEFORE YOU SPEAK

**T** is it **TRUE**?

**H** is it **HELPFUL**?

**I** is it **INSPIRING**?

**N** is it **NECESSARY**?

**K** is it **KIND**?



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Can be turned into the church. The proceeds go to help others.

## FEED THE NEED

- Saltine, "Ritz", or graham crackers (a whole sleeve is sent to each child)
- Beans and Franks (pop-top can)
- Beef Stew (pop-top can)
- Chef Boyardee (or other brand) individual size pastas (pop-top can)
- Cereal (single serving bowl/box)
- Cereal or granola bars
- Fruit cups (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail)
- Applesauce cups (regular or flavored)
- Vegetable cups (corn, green beans, etc.)
- Pudding cups
- Snack mixes
- Raisins (snack size boxes)
- Juice boxes (apple, berry, orange, or other – **100% juice**)
- Milk, both white and chocolate (non-refrigerated – shelf stable type)
- Yoo-hoo chocolate drink boxes
- Sunflower or pumpkin seeds
- Snack cracker packets (cheese, peanut butter)
- Snack cookie pack