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Pastor Mark's Minute:

In the book of Joshua, the Israelites journeyed through the wilderness before God brought them into the Promised Land. Have you ever experienced that kind of situation? You think you know where you are going and what you are doing but you feel a little lost, out of place, unsure, uncomfortable, even? The good thing is, as we listen to and follow God, He always proves faithful and trustworthy in His promises!

Two years ago, full of hope, we began the process of dreaming, scheming and preparing for BWC's 100-year anniversary celebration. Honestly, I thought we had plenty of time...but as I sit here typing this...it seems like we're about out of time.

Belleville Wesleyan Church was founded in the Fall of 1927. What that means is, we have little more than a year's time to do all we can to make sure our church is prepared physically and spiritually. Would you, could you help in this process?

First of all, we covet your prayers. Join us in praying that Almighty God receives all of the praise and glory for what has been and will be accomplished.

Secondly, ask God to provide the leadership, manpower, talent and financial resources in time to complete what He wants completed.

Thirdly, pray that our church family grows stronger and more unified as each of us does our part.

After prayer, consider where the Holy Spirit is leading you to actively participate. Could you lead or participate in a prayer team? A new Bible study group? Or invite someone to church? Would it be possible for you to give funds to purchase new furniture or paint for the lobby or basement? Do you have any specialized skill? Is God suggesting to you another area where you could step up? If the answer is 'yes,' to any of the previous questions, contact one of your church leaders today. (Pastor Mark, Andrew Bates, Gary Dahl, Deanna Derowitsch, Nancy Millington, Leslie Robison and Brian Piersee)

I'm excited for the future of BWC because we serve an amazing God and because we have such a great church family thanks to you!

"The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:24

I love you and can't wait to see you Sunday!

Good Friday Service

Our community Good Friday Service is scheduled for Friday, April 3rd @ Noon at the United Methodist Church.

Easter Sunday

Our **Sunrise Service** will be Easter morning at BWC beginning @ 7:30am.

On Sunday, April 5th we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We'll have special music, communion, gifts for all of our guests and an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. Invite your friends and family and make plans to join us!

Youth Group & Garage Sale

We want your junk! If you have items to donate to the Youth Group Sale, see Pastor Mark or Sister Pam or just drop them by the church Youth Room.

In conjunction with the City-Wide garage Sale, our Youth Garage Sale is coming in April! We'll be open on Friday, April 10th, from 4:00pm-7:00pm and Saturday, April 11th, from 8:00am-2:00pm in the church basement.

Donations are appreciated and welcome until Wednesday, April 8th.

You can drop your gifts off at church in the youth room or contact Sister Pam @ (785) 527-3512.

Youth – **Summer Church Camp** is scheduled for May 31st – June 5th. See Sister Pam to sign up today!

Youth Group meets each Wednesday @ 6:00pm for snacks, music, game time and a Bible lesson.

LBA

Our Local Board of Administration will be meeting on Tuesday, April 14th @ 7:00pm

Nursing Home Services

We will be reaching out to the fine folks in our local nursing homes on Sunday, April 19th. At 2:00pm we will have a Bible lesson and music at Credo Assisted Living and then at 2:30pm at Belleville Health Care Center and at 3:00pm, we'll be with the residents at Long Term Care at the hospital. They would love to have you join us!

Meals-on-Wheels

It will be our privilege to deliver meals to our local shut-ins from Monday, April 20th, to Friday, April 24th. Sign up today in the lobby to help with this valuable ministry.

Red Cross Blood Drive

On Wednesday, April 22nd, from Noon – 6:00pm the Red Cross will be in our Fellowship Hall to gather much needed donations. Go to redcross.com to register or just walk in on the 22nd.

Fellowship Meal on Youth Sunday

We will gather and enjoy wonderful food, provided by our Youth Group, and fellowship on Sunday, April 26th after our morning service. A Free Will donation will be made available to help the youth with Summer Bible Camp expenses.

Annual Local Church Conference

We'll hold our ALCC on Sunday, April 26th after our morning Youth Service. This is your opportunity to elect our church leaders, discuss the budget, and discern God's plans for BWC's future. We appreciate your support!

Mother's Day

Join your mother at church on Sunday, May 10th, and we will honor her as we celebrate motherhood! We will also kick off our Baby Bottles for Life Project.

Furniture for Sale

With our new office furniture in place, we now have a number of items for sale:

- 1) older 4-drawer file cabinet (\$10-obo)
- 2) nice metal office desk (\$25-obo)
- 3) large wrap-around office desk with storage (\$100-obo)
- 4) television cabinet (\$10-obo)
- 5) 2-drawer file cabinet (\$15 -obo)

Contact Pastor Mark if you are interested (785) 527-3510.

Men's & Ladies' Bible Studies

Both groups meet Sunday evenings from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the upstairs classrooms. The ladies are studying the Fruit of the Spirit and the men are in Romans. Join us!

Awana

Our Awana groups meet each Wednesday evening from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. If you are between the ages of 5 years old and 6th grade, we encourage you to join us. Our last Awana for the Spring will be on Wednesday, April 29th. Praise God for our amazing leaders: Angie Gile, Mabel Woodman, Gary & Linda Dahl, Hannah Sugars, Pastor Mark and our substitutes: Ryan Stradley and Marlea James.

Devotionals

We are reworking the way our devotionals are distributed. If you would like to have a Biblical devotional to enhance your daily time with God, contact Angela Piersee, or write your name and 'devotional' on your connection card at church Sunday. These will be sent directly to your home, are provided free of charge by BWC, and will come in large print. We're setting the system up now, so sign up today!

Please let us know if you would like one mailed to you.

HOW TO BEGIN YOUR NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST

You can have real, lasting peace today through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Start your journey now!

Step 1 – God loves you and has a plan for you!

The Bible says, “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Jesus said, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”—a complete life full of purpose.” John 10:10

But here’s the problem:

Step 2 – Man is sinful and that sin has separated us from God.

We have all done, thought or said bad things, which the Bible calls “sin.” The Bible says, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

The result of sin is death, spiritual separation from God. Romans 6:23

Thankfully, there is good news:

Step 3 – God sent His Son to die, paying the price, for your sins and mine!

Jesus died in our place so we could have a relationship with God and be with Him forever.

"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

But it didn’t end with His death on the cross. He rose again and still lives!

"Christ died for our sins... He was buried... He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Jesus is the only way to God. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me." John 14:6

Step 4 – Would you like to receive God’s forgiveness?

We can’t earn salvation; we are saved by God’s grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. All you have to do is believe you are a sinner, that Christ died for your sins, and ask His forgiveness. Then turn from your sins—that’s called repentance. Jesus Christ knows you and loves you. What matters to Him is the attitude of your heart, your honesty. We suggest praying the following prayer to accept Christ as your Savior:

“Dear God, I know I’m a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.”

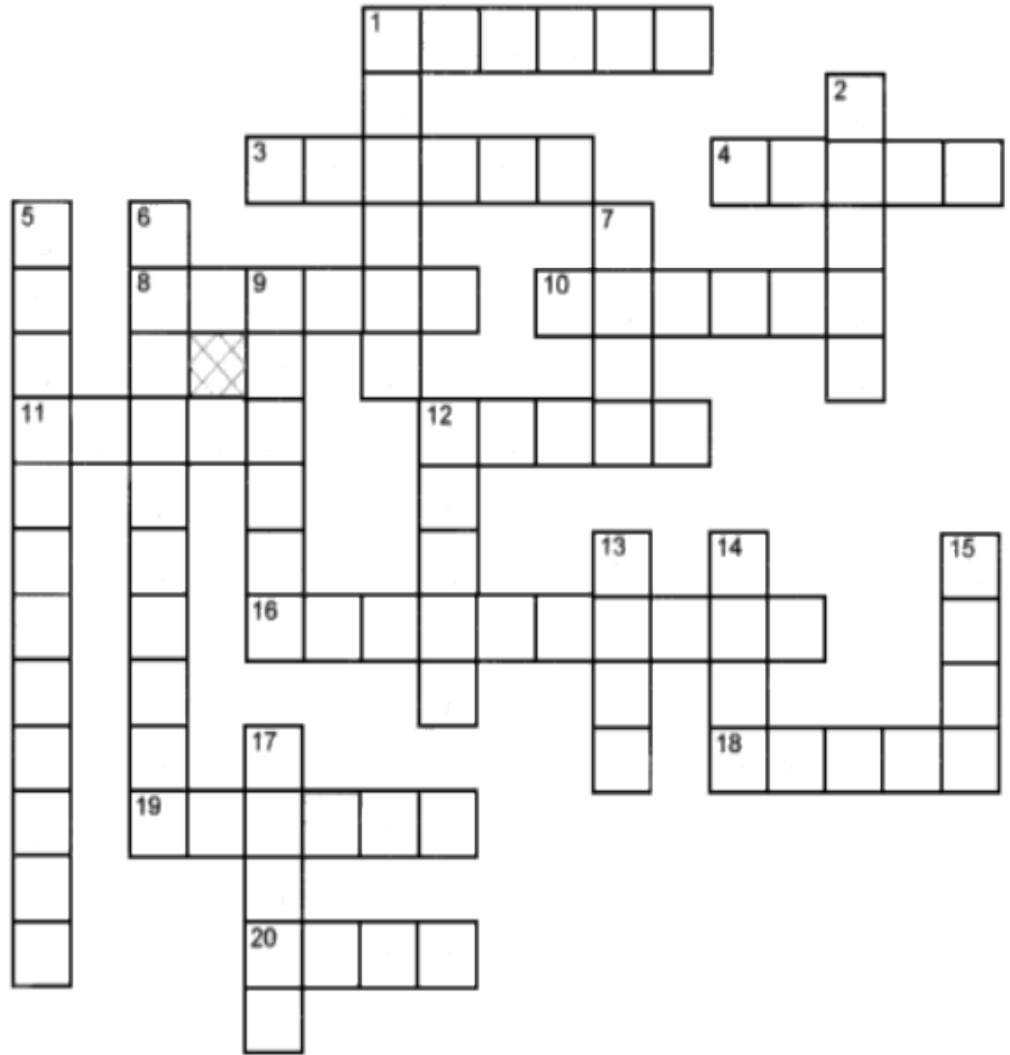
Did you pray this prayer? If yes, congratulations, that is the best decision you will ever make. Now, if you would, please contact Pastor Mark @ (785) 527-3510 or a trusted Christian friend so they can celebrate with you and begin praying for you.

Across:

- 1 Carry to put things in
- 3 Light one in church
- 4 Peeping baby
- 8 Jesus rose on this day
- 10 March in one
- 11 Use crayons to do this
- 12 Symbol of the Crucifixion
- 16 Day Christ was crucified
- 18 Brings Easter goodies
- 19 Day of week Christ arose
- 20 They get decorated

Down:

- 1 A lady's hat
- 2 An angel said, "He is ..."
- 5 Nailed to the cross
- 6 Small sugared goodies
- 7 Religious ceremony
- 9 Season in which Easter usually arrives
- 12 Sweets
- 13 Easter flower
- 14 Symbol of innocence
- 15 Blessed
- 17 One was at the tomb



ANSNWERS
 Across: 1 basket 3 candle 4 chick 8 Easter 10 parade 11 color 12 cross 16 Good Friday 18 bunny
 19 Sunday 20 eggs
 Down: 1 bonnet 2 risen 5 crucifixion 6 jelly beans 7 Mass 9 Spring 12 candy 13 Lily 14 Lamb 15
 Holy 17 Angel

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