

PASTOR'S APPRECIATION DAY

Pastors Bob & Phylis want to thank you for the display of love and generosity last Sunday for Pastor's Appreciation Day. Your gifts were incredible—the apple bread, the flowers, and your financial gift for a get-away. It's deeply appreciated!

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY DAY / SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land." *2 Chronicles 7:14*

an initiative by the
**Bethlehem General Baptist
Youth from Whitewater,
Missouri.**

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

If you have not voted yet, take time to vote on Tuesday in this crucial election that will impact the future of our nation, locally and nationally.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Collection Date: November 13

Samaritan's Purse has informed us that shoeboxes may not reach us in time for the Collection Date of November 13. Our recommendation is that you use your own or obtain a shoebox (carton or plastic) from a shoe store or Big Lots.



BIBLE STUDY (OFF CAMPUS)

If you are interested in attending the Bible Study at Kimberly's, please contact her. There is one remaining session—November 17—Thursday evening.

CONNECTION CARDS

in order to **"MEASURE"** our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card

BIG PROBLEMS BIGGER GOD

WHATEVER YOU NEED FOR
— WHATEVER YOU FACE —

NOVEMBER TEACHING SERIES

Nov 06 » Your Problems Aren't the Problem
Nov 13 » God is More Than Enough
Nov 20 » Choose Your New Direction
Nov 27 » Celebrate Every Victory

PRAYER REQUESTS

▶ THINKING - OF - YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annabelle G. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trevor W. ▶ Afghanistan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moe M. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ralph H. ▶ Fluid in the brain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lotz Family ▶ Family Grief	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb D. ▶ Bone Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer M. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donald S. ▶ Addictions	<input type="checkbox"/>		

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Peggy H. ▶ Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Ellen H. ▶ Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer M. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dean W. ▶ Recovering	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a say in your life. You have a choice in the path you take." —Max Lucado

10/30/16

METRICS ▶ THAT
MATTER

35

ATTENDANCE

\$1,562

GIVING

3

GUESTS

10

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

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—WHATEVER YOU NEED FOR WHATEVER YOU FACE—

The Problem is
Not the Problem

¹ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.
² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.
³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.
⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” ⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”
⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. *John 5:1-9*

- Jesus visits the Pool of Bethesda while he's in Jerusalem for a Jewish festival.
- This was like a day spa that specialized in miracles.
- One of the people there has been sick for a very long time: thirty-eight years to be exact.
- **Jesus sees him lying next to the pool and asks if he wants to be well again. Um...yes?**

» The Root of the Problem

- Thirty-eight years is a long time to be sick. Is that his identity? Jesus wants to know.
- There are some things he needs to “unlearn” if he wants to be well.
- Why the question? Jesus wants to know if this man has a **learned helplessness** that has impacted hope.
 - Has it resulted in a sense of apathy?
 - Has it fostered a sense of entitlement?
 - Has it brought on a “victim mentality”?
- Does the paralytic have “hope” of being healed or is he playing games?

“To live without hope is to cease to live.” –Fyodor Dostoevsky

“DO YOU WANT TO GET WELL?”

» He Offers **Excuses**

- But the man doesn't have anyone to help him get into the pool to take advantage of the healing waters. Whenever he tries to get down there, other people just push him out of the way. Not cool.
- The paralytic is blaming conditions.
- He is blaming others; they are not supportive enough.
- If only he had a strong support system this would be a no-brainer.
- See—he's just a victim in all of this. If only someone would step up—that would make the difference.

» **Blame** is Inadequate

- If we never stop blaming, we never start changing.
- If we never stop blaming, we never get healed.
- If we never stop blaming, we never get free.
- Blame is a low-end solution.

» **Jesus** Drives the Point

⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up; pick up your pallet and walk.” ⁹ Immediately the man was healed and recovered his strength, and picked up his pallet and walked. *John 5:8-9*

- Jesus tells him all he needs to do is stand up, grab the mat he's been lying on, and walk away.
- And this is exactly what the man does. Another miracle.
- The paralytic takes responsibility—focuses his hope on Jesus!

“The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.” *Lamentations 3:25*



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Día de Colección



Viernes 11
de Noviembre
(a cualquier hora)

Deja tu caja
sobre la mesa
en el lobby



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Fresh starts. Good friends. Real purpose.