

Dixie and I would like to thank everyone for the food shower and for all of the love and encouragement you have extended to us as we have been getting settled into a new ministry and new home. We look forward to many years of being a part of the Brandon Valley Baptist Church family. - Pastor Randy

HANDS AND FEET OPPORTUNITY

Life 96.5 and Avera Behavioral Health invite you to help “Stuff A Stocking” for patients who will spend Christmas in the hospital. Would you consider filling a stocking for a child, adolescent, adult or senior adult? Please do not include any items that contain glass, sharps of any kind, wire, strings, toy weapons (including Nerf guns), scarves or neck ties, or items that contain alcohol (hand sanitizer, mouthwash, cologne/perfume, etc.). Please DO include a note of encouragement and/or some appropriate scripture for the recipient!

For children (ages 4-12): Age appropriate games and card games, books, small puzzles, children’s Bibles, coloring books, crayons, markers, playdoh, sidewalk chalk, Matchbox cars, small Lego Sets (for girls or boys), small dolls, appropriate action figures (for boys and girls), soft stuffed animals, small soft/fleece blankets, new pillowcase (with a fun character design), stickers, fun water bottles, special kid bath towel, hats, mittens, socks, slippers, fun toothbrush/toothpaste, bathtub toys, Christmas candy, age appropriate Christmas ornament (non-glass), note of encouragement.

Adolescent Program (ages 13-18): Age appropriate board games, cards, card games (UNO, etc), puzzles, puzzle books, adult coloring books, colored pencils, gel pens, markers, age appropriate books or magazines, journals (no wire binding), teen Bibles, teen devotionals, socks, hats, mittens, slippers, small soft/fleece blankets, new pillowcase, travel size body wash, shampoo/conditioner, lotions, or other hygiene items, toothbrush/toothpaste, fun water bottle, stuffed animal, candy, age appropriate Christmas ornament (non-glass), note of encouragement.

For Adults: Puzzle books, cards or card games (UNO, etc), board games, travel size body wash, shampoo/conditioner, lotions, or other personal hygiene items, toothbrush/toothpaste, Bibles, devotionals, journals (no wire binding), water bottle or thermal mug, non-glass Christmas ornament or decoration, Christmas hand towel, small soft/fleece blanket, new pillowcase, socks, hats, mittens, adult coloring books, colored pencils, pens, gel pens, books or magazines, puzzles, calendar or daily planner (no wire binding), Christmas music CD, candy or nuts, note of encouragement.

For Seniors: Large print puzzle books, large print books, large print Bibles or devotionals, puzzles, non-glass Christmas ornament or decoration, Christmas hand towels, small soft/fleece blanket, new pillowcase, travel-size body wash, shampoo/conditioner, lotions, or other personal hygiene item, toothbrush/toothpaste, candy or nuts, adult coloring book, colored pencils, markers, Christmas music CD, calendar (no wire binding), note of encouragement.

When you have your stocking stuffed, you may bring it to: Juice Stop (33rd & Minn, 26th & Marion, 10th & Sycamore, 57th & Louise); Life 96.5 studios (69th and Solberg/Tallgrass Ave., west of Avera Heart Hospital); Air Madness Trampoline Park, 310 W. Industrial Drive, Harrisburg; Betz Blinds 3100 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls; A Glorious Christmas concert with Casting Crowns on Sunday, December 10 at the Denny Sanford Premier Center Please donate your filled stocking by Monday, December 18th. Thank you for showing Christ’s love by being His hands and feet this Christmas season!

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Sunday, November 26, 2017

Accompanist: Dixie Battey and Pam Osmanson

Greeters: Dan & Joan Murphy Scripture Reader: Hannah Frost

Nursery: Shawna James Usher: Doyle Young

Children’s Church: Barbara Young and Kyle Skogen

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, and Christian Greetings

Thanksgiving Medley #558-561.....“With a Song of Thanksgiving”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering/Offerory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Hymn #563.....“Count Your Blessings”

Children’s Moments with Pastor Randy Battey

Scripture Reading.....Matthew 5:27-32

Children may be excused for Children’s Church (3 yrs-2nd grade)

Sermon...“Just One Look...That’s All It Took”Pastor Randy Battey

Main Points:

I. Discipline Your Heart (Matthew 5:27-30)

II. Work Through Your Problems (Matthew 5:31-32)

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #557.....“In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him”

Benediction

Postlude

*****Nursery is available for children infant thru 3 years old**

(Please contact an usher for information and/or direction.)

*****Hearing Amplifier Available – Please contact an usher**

Please join us after the worship service for coffee and treats in the fellowship room.

Sunday School for all ages

- Preschool - 1st Grade in the Nursery with LaDell Hanson
- 2nd - 5th Grade in the Cubbies room with 2D Gerdes
- 6th - 8th Grade in Pastor's office with Judy Preston or Erica Skogen
- High School in the Youth room with Mike and Stacy Frost
- Adult Bible Study on I Peter in Fellowship Room with Mike Benson
- Adult Video Study in Sanctuary

For Your Information and Prayer

-Wednesday: Awana Clubs (HS starts at 6pm, 6th-8th starts at 6:15pm, Preschool-5th grade starts at 6:30pm) – **special guest Shan Reed, missionary** from Japan (whom we support) at Awana, November 29th at 7:05 in sanctuary, everyone is welcome

-Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Charlotte Rottluff home, 1413 Rushmore Dr (Autumn View I), Brandon

| OUR GIVING: | Sunday, November 19, 2016 |
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| General Giving | \$ 1,857.00 |
| OCC – Greatest Journey | \$ 48.00 |
| Awana | \$ 91.00 |
| Men's Bible Study Books | \$ 35.00 |
| Total | \$ 2,031.00 |

(Approximately \$2,500 is needed each week to meet expenses)

*** Praise & Prayer***

Mary Tripp, sister of Theresa Friesen, prayer for mouth cancer healing

Ron Benson, brother of Mike Benson, for heart health issues

Amanda Benson, as her sending church, Amanda has asked that we lift her up in prayer as she is in the mission field.

Serving Our Country: Josh Onnen, Air Guard; Chad Carlson, Air Guard (Son-in-law of Carl & Lindy Johnson); Kristina Lee, Air Force (Grandchild of Ray & Dee Olson); Amir Rottluff, Navy (grandson of Charlotte Rottluff)

Our Prayer Partnership

- Living Springs Covenant, Brandon
- West Center Street Baptist, Madison, SD

Upcoming Events:

- December 31 – Pastor gone, pulpit fill Chaplain Harlan Moss
- January 7th White Cross Love offering and Video and Bandage rolling/potluck
- January Alpha Center World's Largest Baby Shower (all month)

Next Sunday: December 3, 2017

-Joshua Fund love offering and ministry update

-Greeters: Lindy Johnson

-Usher: Gene Preston

-Nursery: Justin & Sara Tiffany

-Scripture Reader: Pat Lacey

-Children's Church: Doris Conradson and Hannah Frost

-4:30 p.m. Annual Christmas Caroling and Soup Supper

Giving Thanks for You in Caring for the Four Awana Families!

Over and over again in Scripture, we read God's teaching concerning needy people. Caring for those in need is such an essential part of God's character that he required it to be a part of the Feast of Weeks celebration of thanksgiving to Him.

Pentecost was a holiday of thanksgiving to God. The people brought to Him the first of the harvest and demonstrated their thanksgiving by caring for needy people. God's mandate to be generous with one another and to the needy has never changed. He has a generous heart, and He still calls everyone who follows Him to share His blessings with those who are less fortunate. Thank you to all who provided food for four families in Awana in need, you are a blessing to them and to all of us in your generosity.

- Joan Murphy, Awana Commander

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Eritrea

Government Asserts Control Over Religious Schools Sources: World Watch Monitor, Christian Solidarity Worldwide

On October 31st, security forces shot at protesters who had gathered in the capital of Asmara to express their concerns over the Eritrean government's latest plans for all schools of the country. In its longstanding strategy to transform all academic institutions into community or public schools, the government is now forbidding students from wearing any religious accessories or apparel, such as Christian crosses or Muslim headscarves. The schools were notified in September that these changes were to take place with immediate effect.

One of the Christian schools received a letter dated September 18th from the regional Minister of Education, ordering the school leadership "to close the school and report to the (regional administration) a list of all the students." The official responsible for the letter also cited a 1995 government declaration, stating that all social activities – including those of the country's private schools, clinics and orphanages – are to be government-controlled. Furthermore, the letter stated that religious organizations should be restricted to the spiritual well-being of its own members. It has been 15 years since the government introduced a law prohibiting Christian practice outside of an approved religious community.

As the Eritrean government implements these new restrictions for all schools, pray that the imposed changes will not discourage the students' faith. May their representing families be granted wisdom so they can appropriately respond to this situation in a way that is reflective of the righteous, loving God whom they serve. We're also mindful to uphold any students or fellow citizens who may have suffered harm as a result of the recent shooting of protesters. May they not lose hope, but rather – with the Lord's help, strength and enabling – persevere with unwavering faith and a greater sense of commitment to the cause of Christ.