



### Pasty Supper Planned

The WMMC ladies are planning a Pasty Supper for Saturday, October 7, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. It will be held at the Bliss Missionary Church Alpha Building at the corner of Canby Road and Sturgeon Bay Trail.

Suggested donations for the pasties—fresh or frozen—is \$5 each.

The ladies will be serving a meal for a donation of \$8, which includes: a pasty, cole slaw, dessert, and beverage.

All proceeds from the Pasty Supper will go towards the WMMC local and foreign mission projects.

### Bow Shoot

The Bow Shoot was held at the shooting range on Brave Hearts Estates, a retreat for injured military personnel. The course is designed to provide a shooter with many different possible shooting scenarios to mimic actual hunting experiences. The course also features some exotic animals.

Below, the photo shows the participants ready to take to the field.



### Four Baptized



Four people from Bliss Missionary Church were baptized in Lake Michigan in September. From the left are: Lexi El-Awar, the Bemben family: Alex, Robin, and Bob, and Pastor Rob Rhinier.



**Bow Shoot winners**, left to right: Jesse Benzing, Tanya Procknow, James Benzing, and Levi Benzing.

## From Pastor Rob

### Answer the call

There are times in life when you sense a call from God to do something that you may have never done before. This calling could be as simple as helping clean or giving a hand with a small event, to something as intimidating as leading a small group through a Bible study. Each of these could be scary if you have never stepped across the line of what is comfortable to something that is “beyond” what you think you can do.

The amazing truth is God will call you to do something beyond your comfort zone. Every call that Jesus made to his disciples was beyond what they were comfortable with. Imagine the call to go on a road trip with nothing but the clothes on your back, and maybe a walking stick. They took nothing else, no extra clothes, no money or food, just themselves and the instructions of Jesus.

Each day you and I have an opportunity to answer a call from God, each day we have to answer a call that may take us outside our comfortable life. We must say yes if we desire to find a life that Jesus desires us to experience. It could be as simple as cleaning the church, helping to mow the lawn or do some repairs to the building. For some this is not outside their comfort level and it is easy to say yes to these things, but what if you desire to serve God and even something as small as these jobs seems too much?

I will have to ask this if that is the case; “Who am I living for, me or God?” Many times I can say I am doing

something for God when in reality I am doing it for me. It is comfortable to do certain things because I am able to do them on my own strength or ability. That will not help me grow in faith. What will help me grow is to go beyond my comfort level to face the unknown that God has called me to face, take a step beyond comfort and allow God to show me how he WILL carry me through when I answer his calling. Over the last few months I have seen several people takes steps of faith to do something that they felt unequipped to do. They knew God was calling them and they answered that call. The results have been more than amazing to me. I have seen faith in action; I have seen God do amazing things and people growing in their faith and ability to say yes to God.

It is easy to sit in comfort, let others do the things that we have been called to do, but it is not living life to the fullest that Jesus said we can have. In John 10:10 Jesus tells us why he came to earth; *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”* That is what God desires for us and the only way that we can have the life that God wishes for us is to say yes to Him when he calls us to do the work of the Kingdom. Yes, maybe it seems small to you, you may not get recognized for what you are doing by others, but the truth is we will receive our reward in heaven if we are faithful with what He desires for our lives here on earth. Don’t take my word for it, give it a try and see what God shows you about Himself and the life He has for you!

Blessings

Pastor Rob

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*Bliss Missionary Church*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Trustee Meeting 10:30  <b>Pasty Supper 5-8 pm</b>
8 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service	9	10  7:15 - Youth	11  7:15 - Youth	12	13	14
15 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service	16	17 WMMC Business Meeting 10:30 <b>Leah Eichler</b>	18  7:15 - Youth <b>Melissa Mallory</b>	19  <b>Suanne Shidler</b>	20	21
22 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service <b>Randall Abney</b>	23	24  <b>Jill Byard</b>	25  7:15 - Youth	26  <b>Kathy Alexander</b>	27	28  <b>Curtis/Kathy Alexander</b>
29 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service <b>Travis Meyer</b>	30	31  <b>Halloween</b>	7:15 - Youth			

# Asking For God's Blessing

[Adapted from a Bible study by Christianity Today]

## God Blesses Whom He Chooses

The Bible encourages us to believe that God wants to bring us blessing. He told the Israelites when in captivity, “*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, ‘Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’*”

Other verses show God giving his blessing to individuals. Jabez prayed for God's blessing.

“*But Jabez prayed to the God of Israel, ‘Bless me, God, and give me much land. Be with me and keep me from anything evil that might cause me pain.’ And God gave him what he prayed for.*” (1 Chronicles 4:9,10)

In this instance, Jabez prayed for more land and God granted his request. Some people have inferred from this verse that God's blessings mean material wealth.

But the Bible also has the example of the rich young ruler who kept all the commandments, but felt he still lacked something. Jesus told him to sell everything he had and give it to the poor. So in this case the man's material goods were a burden which he needed to get rid of.

## God Has Expectations of Those He Blesses

Joshua made the connection between God's blessings and His expectations as he taught the Israelites. “*Be sure that the book of the Law is always read in your worship. Study it day and night, and make sure that you obey everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*” (Joshua 1:8)

How can a person reasonably expect God to bless them if they are not doing what he commands? And what are those commands? Read the Bible, and find many definite, unmistakable commands which God has given us.

When asked to summarize the commands, Jesus gave his answer in Mark 12: 29-31.

**29** “*The most important one,*” answered Jesus, “*is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.*”

## Those God Blesses He Also Warns

God's prophets continually warned the Israelites about worshipping idols. The same warning is relevant today. We may not make stone and wooden objects to worship, but there are many other things which we can put in the place of God, thus making it an idol.

Jesus warned, “*Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven..For your heart will always be where your riches are.*” (Matthew 6: 19-21)

Ask God for blessing, follow his commands, and trust that He will provide a blessing appropriate to your needs.