



## Jobs Change From Paid To Volunteer

### Lawn Mowing

Mowing the church grounds will now be done by volunteers, following action by the Church Board, changing the job from a paid position.

The church provides a riding lawn mower, a push mower for hard-to-get-at-areas, and a gas trimmer. The soccer field will not be mowed as often as the other grounds.

The mower and equipment are in the small shed east of the Alpha.

The sign-up sheet for mowing is on the bulletin board in the church foyer. If you have questions, contact Hunter Kilpatrick at 231-203-3395.

### Brown City Camp Sermons

Summer camps are now in the past, but the sermons from Brown City Camp are available. To access them, go to [browncitycamp.org](http://browncitycamp.org), choose "Online Resources", then choose "Recordings", then "2017 Recordings".

The recordings are in both video and audio format, so a person can choose to watch or listen. They are listed by date and time of service.

A wide variety of speakers were at the camp, including evangelists and pastors from the Michigan Region.

### Janitor

In a recent action, the Church Board decided to change the Janitor position from a paid position to a volunteer one, reasoning that many other jobs people perform for the church are volunteer also.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Directions and a listing of the cleaning tasks needed to be done are in a notebook in the janitor's mailbox. A check-off list makes it easy to determine what has been done, and what needs to be done.

Anyone with questions about the job can contact Cindy Strong at 231-537-4962 or by email at [strongcindy@hotmail.com](mailto:strongcindy@hotmail.com).

### Bow Shoot

This year's Bow Shoot will return to the Brave Hearts Estates' archery range, located at 4171 Ely Road. Participants will need to make a \$10 donation to Brave Hearts to use the range.

The shoot will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23. Following the Bow Shoot a meal will be served. Then, following the meal, there will be sharing and a devotion. Contact Tanya Procknow for more information, 231-203-1132, or to register, by September 20.

## From Pastor Rob

### Are You on the Bus?

What would you do if I were to say that waiting outside your house today is a bus? Now that in and of itself is strange for most of us, but what if I were to tell you that this bus was here to take you to a different part of the country, a place you have never been before, a place where you know no one at all and have no connection with at all? Not only this, but before you get on the bus you have to leave behind your cell phone, your credit cards, all your cash and everything else you normally carry with you. You cannot take any change of clothes, no overnight bag. You can only take what you are wearing that day and nothing else.

Not only this, but when you get to where you are going you need to find someone willing to take you into their home and you are to stay there the entire time you are in this city. Do not move from that house until it is time to come back home... let's just say in six months. How many of us would jump at this opportunity to "do ministry" if we had this offer? This is what Jesus did with his disciples in Luke chapter 9.

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He told them: *"Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."* So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

This is what it is to be a disciple of Jesus. Have you ever considered what must have been going through the minds of the disciples at this point? What did they do first? I am sure they were very active in certain areas that they may have not considered before. I can almost guarantee they spent a great deal of time praying. They also had to become more observant as to what was going on around them. They had to listen more carefully and more intently to conversations as they went about their day. Why, because their whole life depended on being aware of those around them and the direction of God's leading in their lives.

The call to be a disciple requires us to do these things today as well. We don't need to be picked up by a bus and dropped off in a strange town to put these concepts into practice. We just need to be focused as believers. We need to live each day as though this was what we are doing. Each interaction we have with others, each situation we face requires our full attention to see opportunities to minister to others.

The issues we face today are the same as the ones they faced back then, daily busyness. Because we get so caught up in what we want, what we have to get done and where we have to go we miss many ministry opportunities present in our lives. What one needs to do is stop, focus and apply what we can learn from this idea; "What would I do if I were to be in on that bus?"

We need to consciously make an effort to make this a reality in our lives each and every day so we will see all the opportunities to serve others. So let's live each day as if we had taken the bus to a new city, and open our eyes, ears, and heart to what God is doing around us each and every day! **Are you on the bus?**

***Pastor Rob***

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*Bliss Missionary Church*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <b>Bob/Cindy Strong</b>	2 Trustee Meeting 10:30 <b>Ruth Hunt</b>
3 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service	4 <b>Labor Day</b>	5 <b>Arnie/Tomi Strong</b>	6 7:15 - Youth	7	8	9 <b>Sandy Thompson</b>
10 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service	11	12	13 7:15 - Youth	14	15 <b>Bruce Byard</b>	16 <b>Kassia Strong</b>
17 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service	18	19 WMMC Business Meeting 10:30	20	21 <b>Rob/Yvonne Thomson</b>	22	23 <b>Curtis Alexander JC/Maxine Byard</b>
24 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service	25 <b>JC Byard</b>	26	27 7:15 - Youth	28	29	30

# Discarding Our Old Wineskins

David Gallimore, a full time Evangelist, spoke at the Mancelona Camp meeting regarding lowered expectations from the Gospel. He believes that the church, and individuals, settle for something far less than what the Bible promises.

Jesus warned of this in Luke 5:37, *“And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the win will run out and the wineskins will be ruined.”*

He was telling his audience, and especially the Pharisees, that they had to change their mindset in order to accept the new ideas and ways of thinking.

Gallimore illustrated this by telling about two boys who really enjoyed playing in their sandbox. One day they were taken to a beach and they were just overjoyed with how much sand they could play in. Then their parents suggested going to another beach, actually larger, but the boys objected, and were sad that they weren't going to their usual beach. They simply couldn't comprehend something greater than they were used to.

It is the same with us when we hear preaching, or read in the Bible, of things which stretch our faith. However, Gallimore said, we should try for everything God has for us. We need to realize that we get set in our ways, and so the message we hear gets blocked by how we are living. We tend to shut out things which are different than what we are used to.

So we have to be open to learning new things from preaching we hear and new ideas we find in Bible reading. “There are

people living way beneath what God would have them do,” Gallimore said.

The Apostles had to learn this too. In Luke 5, Jesus tells Peter to put his boat out into deep water and catch some fish. Peter, the professional fisherman, tells Jesus that they fished all night and didn't catch anything, in effect telling Jesus that there were no fish to be found. However, Peter agreed, but in the original language, put down only one net. The catch was so large that the other fishermen had to come to help. Peter was relying only on his experience, and not looking to what God could do.

However, Peter realized his mistake when he told Jesus, *“Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”* (Luke 5:8) At that moment Peter acknowledges the mistake that he didn't expect much from Jesus' request.

We should also not limit God, and be willing to look beyond our current experiences and mindset, our “old wineskins”. As Gallimore preached, we need to get our lives up to the level God wants us to achieve. “What's the biggest impossibility for you tonight?” Gallimore asked the congregation. We should see that impossibility as possible through faith in God.

In summary, Gallimore gave three reasons we need to shed our “old wineskins”, based on Luke 5:37.

1. Old wineskins block the revival blessing.
2. Old wineskins deny the power of the Holy Spirit.
3. Old wineskins limit the miracles of God.