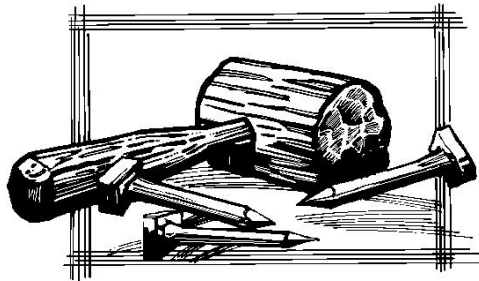


July 18, 2021 The Lord's Day

Welcome....We are so glad that you have joined with us today for worship, Bible teaching and fellowship. We trust that God may be glorified in our midst and that you might be strengthened in your faith and encouraged in your walk with the Lord Jesus. If you have not already done so, please sign our guest book today before you leave. Thanks!

Sunday Bible School @ 9:30 a.m.

Morning Service @ 10:30 a.m.
Message: Mr. Joe Scott



Evening Service @ 6:00 p.m.
Message: Mr. Joe Scott

Prayer Meetings on Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Insulated Blackbirds

But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee. (Job 12:7)



European blackbirds love southern Germany so much that many of them stay for the winter. Some of the blackbirds migrate to North Africa, Spain or southern France to escape the cold. Like the robin in North America, however, some European blackbirds don't migrate.

European blackbirds are able to live through the cold German winter because they are designed with several features that use sophisticated principles from biochemistry and physics. To cope with the winter cold, the birds fluff up their feathers. This creates more insulating dead air spaces between their warm bodies and the cold. Then they tuck their head inside the feathers, making their body into a ball. A round ball is the most heat-conserving shape possible for any object. The ball also protects poorly insulated parts of their bodies – like feet, legs and beak.

Food is also more scarce in the winter. On top of that, the birds' need for energy is five times higher at 20 degrees below zero (F) than it is during the summer. The blackbirds reduce their energy needs by lowering their body temperature at night when they are curled into a ball. Scientists have found that, as a result, European blackbirds are in no danger of freezing, even at 20 degrees below zero, as long as they can get enough food!

The intelligent special designs found in the European blackbird reflect a sophisticated knowledge of biochemistry and physics. By its very existence, the European blackbird glorifies our Creator God.

Ref: "Stay-at-home blackbirds cope with cold." Science News, Aug. 25, 1984, p. 119. Photo: Courtesy of Pixabay

Creation Moments :“Churches may freely copy these bulletin inserts”

Coming Up

Tues July 20 ~ P&D meeting - 1pm
Sat July 24 ~ 6 Month Business Meeting - 10:30am
Mon Aug 2 ~ Civic holiday...
Mon Sept 6 ~ Labour Day...
Sun Sept 12 ~ Mortgage “Burning” Celebration
- 10:30am
Sun Oct 3 ~ 25th Church Anniversary Services with
Pastor Bob Wall of Faithway Baptist Church, Ajax.

We are planning to make a 25th anniversary history book for Berean... we are looking for photos (printed and/or digital) and personal remembrances from years 2007-Present... if you are able to help with these resources, please let Pastor Bruce know.



Happy Birthday
Today...Julie Kovach
July 31...Vitoriana de Souza
Aug 8...John deCroos, Amanda Little
Happy Anniversary
Aug 7...Joe & Marlene Scott

6 month financial reports are available today on the table by the bulletin board. One per household please. Please review before the business meeting on Saturday. Questions? See Pastor Bruce or Dave Emmons.

Pastor Bruce and Janice will be on vacation until July 22. Joe Scott will be looking after the Sunday services. Thank you Joe for your gracious help.

Thank you to Robert Wilkinson and Audrey Lawrence for looking after the sound board and sermon recording. I truly appreciate it!

Last Week's Attendance
SBS 19, AM - 26, PM - 8
Prayer Meetings -cancelled + 7

Missionaries of the Month are Kevin and Stella Stroud-Lusk, with Ethnos, in Manila Philippines. Kevin has written a very detailed letter regarding the struggle their church is undergoing to find housing and a place to establish the church during the pandemic.

- meeting the mayor. We presented the needs of the community and the abuse the residents were experiencing.
- he had land that he was gifting to informal settlers. (15sqm lots on a 25 year mortgage).
- he sent us to the head of the Urban Poor Branch meeting after meeting..one available parcel of land for 100 families at 15sqm. that was landlocked in the middle of 4 subdivisions which would also be a place of abuse for the residents. (The present residents have to pay to get into their homes. Please understand the homeowners are wealthy and they are taxing the poorest of the poor. It is absolutely ridiculous and an embarrassment to God that it is allowed.
- we met with a boss. It was a different story. He dropped the land available from 100 families to 40 families and changed the location from open space to a rubble heap. Pastor Lloyd and the church leadership said that we needed to try and find housing for **all** the families. (More next week. Full letter on Bulletin Board)

Update from the Littles (full letter on Bulletin Board)
 Looking for Our Next Assignment
 From the beginning of deputation up until now, seven years later, we have always signed our prayer letters this way: "Praying that we would be **where** God wants us to be, doing **what** God wants us to do." When we first arrived on the Island of Saint Lucia back in 2017, we were under the impression that there were very few Bible preaching churches here...I recently counted 28 independent Baptist Churches alone on the Island (of 170,000 people), including three within 5-10 minutes of our church in Micoud.
 Of course the next question is 'where'? And the answer at this point is, "We don't know yet." We know God is moving and asking us to step out in faith, and we are

confident that He has a plan, that His plan is good, and that we will know exactly when He wants us to know. At this point, our plan is to pastor Liberty until October and contribute to an orderly transition of leadership before we head to Canada for the (hernia)surgery that I need.

Dr. Abe Klahsen was expected to be discharged from Vic Hospital on Friday. He is much improved but will need some extra home care. Please pray for God's will to be done in his body and life.
 Don't forget to pray for others in our church family that are struggling with various health issues.



Today is Julie's 100th Birthday
 Julie's family is throwing an **Open House** for her birthday. All are welcome.
 Today, July 18 Time: 12 - 4 pm
 Place: Julie's home, 51 Highview Ave. West London

- Just For Fun**
- My friend was changing a tire when he dropped the car on his foot. Now he needs a toe.
 - I look forward to being old. I have to. I can't look back on it.
 - I got my friend a telepathic abacus. It's the thought that counts.
 - If it's true that stress brings on weight loss, why am I not invisible?
 - Worry is like praying really hard for exactly what you don't want.
 - It's been a strange day. First I found a hat full of money, then I was chased by an angry man with a guitar.

Budget Notes for Last Week	
Tithes & Offerings	
Missions @ 17%	\$132.00
Ministry (\$1896 req'd)	\$644.00
Total	\$776.00
Designated:	
Missions	\$50.00
Ministry	\$250.00
Benevolent	\$17.00
deSouza	\$250.00
Total	\$567.00
Total Receipts for the Day	\$1343.00

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...to the Glory of God!!