

## Sermon Notes

August 25, 2013

Mission Reports Sunday

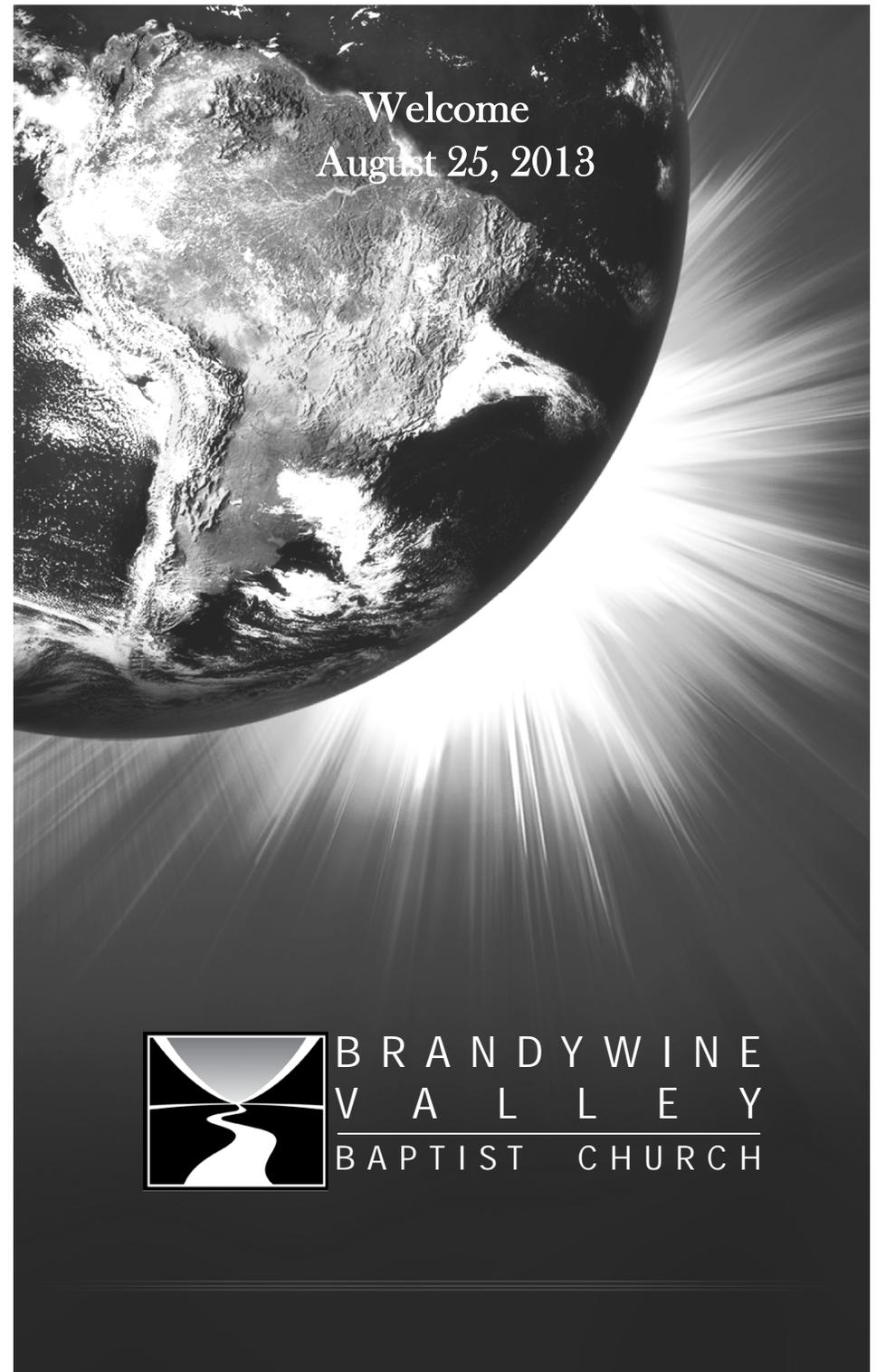
Key Verses

Questions I Have

My Personal Take-Away

Take-Aways from the Pastor

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# Welcome to Brandywine Valley Baptist Church!

## Welcome to Our Guests!

If you are visiting with us today, welcome! We are glad you are here to join us in worship. We invite you to fill out a Connection Card and pick up a gift at the Guest Welcome Center as a thank you for worshipping with us. You will also find information about our ministries in the entreway as you enter or exit the building. Find us on the Web at [www.brandywineonline.org](http://www.brandywineonline.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/brandywineonline](http://www.facebook.com/brandywineonline). May you experience the love of God and the presence of the Living Christ in your time with us today. We hope you visit again soon and will consider calling Brandywine home!

Let's make accessible the spiritual **TREASURES** of our church to the spiritual **YEARNINGS** in the Brandywine Valley one household at a time.

We will help each other move from the **MARGINS** of Christianity to **MATURITY** in Christ by providing **REAL HELP** and **REAL HOPE** to people in their milestone moments.

## Sunday Morning at a Glance

8:15 a.m.

### Contemporary Worship

**Children's Ministry:** Birth-3 yrs. in nursery

(4 yrs., K, 1st & 2nd graders leave just before sermon for Worship Training Class)

9:45 a.m.

### Contemporary Worship

**Adult Christian Education Classes:** Summer Sampler (see pg. 5 for topics)

**Student Ministry:** 6-12th grades in the gym

**Children's Ministry:** Birth-5th grade in nursery & classes

11:15 a.m.

### Traditional Worship

**Adult Christian Education Classes:** See pg. 5 for information

**Children's Ministry:** Birth-3 yrs. in nursery

(4 yrs., K, 1st & 2nd graders leave just before sermon for Worship Training Class)

## Join us Next Sunday for Worship

8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Communion Meditation, Pastor Bo Matthews

## On the Calendar

- **Today** 9:45 a.m. Summer Sampler
- **Today** All services Short Term Mission Report Sunday
- **Fri.-Sat., Sept. 6-7** Women of Faith
- **Fri.-Sun., Sept. 6-8** Student Ministry Fall Retreat
- **Wednesday, September 11** Awana Kick-Off
- **Wednesday, September 18** 6:30-8 p.m. Awana begins
- **Saturday, September 21** Third Saturday opportunities
- **Fri.-Sun., Oct. 11-13** Women's Retreat
- **Tuesday, October 15** 7:00 p.m. The United We Stand Tour

For a complete list of events and times go to [www.brandywineonline.org](http://www.brandywineonline.org).  
Click on Events then drop down to Calendar.

## Board of Deacons

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# Prayer Requests for 8/25/2013

## BVBC Family Members in Harm's Way

Penola Fisher's son-in-law, Darrin White – Air Force

## BVBC Family Needs for Prayer

### Grieving

Tom & Michelle Hopkins – death of Tom's sister, Kim

### Sick

Nancy Brosius – healing from breast cancer surgery

Jennifer Gale – recovery from gall bladder surgery

Winnie Jones – recovery from a fractured leg

\*Cheryl Aukerman's father, Brad – wisdom for doctors treating severe vertigo

Connie Corrar's friend, Amy Ricketts – fighting cancer for 3rd time

\*Jim & Carole Gadsby's son-in-law, Rob Lukens – upcoming chemo treatments and surgery for stomach cancer

**\*indicates new or updated prayer requests**

The most current prayer requests will be listed in Ministry News. After several weeks, you will find the requests on a more complete prayer page you can pick up each week at the Welcome Center. Updates and prayer requests can be submitted directly to Carolyn Gale, E-mail Prayer Chain Editor, at [CarolynGale824@gmail.com](mailto:CarolynGale824@gmail.com) or call her at (484) 574-8950.

### Please pray for these BVBC families & their unborn babies

Aug	Michael & Carolyn Martin	Oct	Brandon & Amanda Ontjes
Sept	Jerome & Veronica Jackson	Dec	David & Cindy Hall

# What's Happening at Brandywine



## Women's Retreat October 11-13

at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, DE

*Today is the final Sunday for registration in the Gathering Area! You can still register online at [brandywineonline.org](http://brandywineonline.org) until Wednesday, August 28!*

Are you a worrier? Do you struggle with stress? Where is God in the midst of your difficulties? Can He bring peace and healing into your life, regardless of the circumstances?

Join us as Dr. Sidney Langston opens our eyes and hearts to the wonder of our God, who directs, gives peace and heals. She is a gifted speaker, counselor and founder of the El Rophe (God Heals) Center in North Carolina. She is also a Brandywine-supported missionary. Sidney will address the issues of stress and worry, whether it is in the past, present or future and how the love of God transforms those issues into new peace and confidence in your life.

*Sponsorship:* Be twice blessed by the retreat! Be a sponsor for a Brandywine woman who needs financial assistance. Contact Linda Vandy at (302) 478-4379 for more information or if you have any questions about registration.

## Administrative Assistant Position Available

We have a part-time opportunity for an Administrative Assistant available with the Children and Student Ministries. Candidates must have a broad range of computer proficiency, including Microsoft Office, Desktop Publishing, and social media. A familiarity with Word Press or web designing would be helpful but not required. For this position we need someone who demonstrates solid creative skills in designing documents, brochures, posters, etc. A portfolio of past work is desirable. A candidate must be a self-starter, a good organizer, a team player and have a welcoming demeanor on the phone and dealing with people in the office. The work hours are 22-24 weekly, 3-4 days per week. For more information, please contact Steve Schambach or Karen Douglas at (302) 478-4255.

## Join us for a Church Picnic!



Please join us for a church picnic on Sunday, September 15 at Fox Point State Park, starting at 1 p.m. We have reserved the pavilion next to the playground for our group. Feel free to bring extra chairs or games, etc. The state park entrance fee is \$3 for DE license tags or \$6 for out-of-state tags. Come out for a wonderful time of fun, fellowship and games! **Plan to bring a main dish, beverages, plates and any utensils for you or your family.**

**Please bring a dessert to share.** This event is rain or shine (unless it thunders) and is sponsored by brandywineKIDS but is open to anyone so invite your friends, small group members, etc! For directions, visit [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com). Sign up in the Gathering Area or online at [brandywineonline.org](http://brandywineonline.org).

# Men of Brandywine

## Men's Movie Night, Friday, September 13

Promise Keepers is sponsoring a movie night downstairs in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 13. The movie will start at 7 p.m. We would like to extend an invitation to guys that can't come on Monday mornings but want to get out and have fellowship with other men. All are invited! Mark your calendars now and come join us! For more information, contact Brett Dorsch at [coachdorsch1@comcast.net](mailto:coachdorsch1@comcast.net) or (302) 750-4785.

## Brandywine Fantasy Football 2013

Back by popular demand, it's Fantasy Football, 2013, Brandywine style! And we are expanding! This year, we will be adding a second league, just for fathers and sons. Guys, want a chance to beat up on dad? Get him to join the fantasy league! We will also have our standard league, open to anyone who is interested. Previous experience is NOT necessary. We will gladly teach you how this works. Our draft for both leagues will be held the last week of August. Stay tuned for more details. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Sam at [samjohnstein@yahoo.com](mailto:samjohnstein@yahoo.com).

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## Next Sunday: Move-up Day for Nursery + Preschool Classes

Look for a new classroom starting next Sunday, September 1 for our 2-year-olds through incoming 3rd graders. Our main children's hour is at 9:45 a.m. See below for combined classes at 8:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. Here is the line up for 2013-2014.

### Nursery [upstairs East Wing]

- Sleepers [Room 152] – newborn/infants (under 1-year-old and not yet mobile or standing up)
- Crawlers/Walkers [Room 146] – birthdates 9/1/11-8/31/12 (or younger if crawling or walking)

### Preschool [downstairs East Wing]

- Blue Group [Room 50] – birthdates 9/1/10-8/31/11
- Green Group [Room 56] – birthdates 9/1/09-8/31/10
- Orange Group [Room 60] – birthdates 9/1/08-8/31/09 (or older if not entering kindergarten)
- Purple Group [Room 47] – Only for children entering kindergarten regardless of age

### First & Second Grade [downstairs East Wing]

- 1st Grade [Room 70A]
- 2nd Grade [Room 70B&C]

### Combined Classes at 8:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

**Nursery [upstairs East Wing]** See above for Sleepers & Crawlers/Walker information.

- Blue & Green Group children will combine in the Walkers Room. Teachers will walk children to class between services.

### Children's Worship Training Class [Room 70B&C]

- This is for children in the Orange/Purple Groups & 1st/2nd Grades. These children should sit with their parents during the church worship service or they may sit with the Worship Training teacher. Children will stay in the worship service until the sermon begins. At that time, they will go to class to learn about worship and will have a short Bible story/activity.

# Brandywine Missions

## ESL Advertising – Help Us Get the Word out!

Do you have a neighbor or co-worker who might be interested in attending our free English classes for adults on Tuesday nights? The classes will run September 10-April 29. If so, please help us get this information to those who need it by giving one of our ESL (English as a Second Language) brochures to someone you know. Or grab a handful of brochures and give to any business in the community that might be interested in publicizing the ESL ministry. Also, if you are interested in serving in the ESL ministry, Volunteer Interest Surveys can be picked up at the Missions Corner. Please return the surveys to the tray at the Missions Corner (in the Gathering Area) by Friday, September 6.

## Community Service on Third Saturdays & Sundays: September 21-22

*Sign up for service opportunities at the Missions Corner or [brandywineonline.org](http://brandywineonline.org).*

**Sunday Breakfast Mission:** Help serve the evening meal from 5:15-6:30 p.m. to homeless men, women and children. **Sojourners' Place:** Prepare/serve the evening meal from 4:30-6 p.m. for men and women returning to the community as self-sufficient people.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Help with home construction for low income families from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. or provide lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Shipley Manor Outreach (3rd Sunday – September 22):** Hymn singing, devotional message, prayer and meet/greet fellowship time starting at 2 p.m.

## Missions Corner

Spotlight on current efforts of Brandywine-supported missionaries

### Zach Andress (Thailand)

Zach shares the gospel with Thai students and locals as a missionary with Bethany International. In a recent newsletter, he outlined some of the hindrances that a lot of the Thai people face when it comes to entering into a relationship with Jesus. Thai Buddhism is a system of rituals, and salvation is found in adhering to those rituals, through one's own merit. And when told that they can be saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone, these things don't connect in the average Thai Buddhist's mind. Zach asks that we pray that Jesus would speak through him and his teammates to the Thais in a clear, compelling and effective way, and that Jesus would do something supernatural in the hearts of the Thais so that they would be ready to hear and understand when the gospel is shared.

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## Don't Forget to Recycle Your Paper at Brandywine!

We hope you are in a routine of saving all kinds of paper for our recycling project here at Brandywine. If not, please join us in raising money for our building. Bring your old paper, magazines, newspapers, catalogs, shredded paper, junk mail, weekly circulars, office paper and church bulletins. *Please, NO cardboard or phonebooks.* Let your neighbors know we want their paper as well. Don't forget – *we earn money based on the weight of how much paper we recycle*, so bins filled with shredded paper will earn less money. (If you do bring shredded paper, make sure it is enclosed in a bag.) Thank you for allowing us to be so successful! Keep up the great work!



## Spotlight on Serving

For a list of service opportunities, please visit [brandywineonline.org/serve](http://brandywineonline.org/serve).

### Do You Love to Sing?

Jubilate Deo would love to have you join us in the Fall! We are a small choral ensemble that sings from our hearts and loves praising God in song. *Right now, we have openings for sopranos and men.* If you can read music and love to praise God with your singing, come and join us **every other Tuesday starting on September 3 from 7-8:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. Jubilate performs once a month during the 11:15 service. If you would like more information, contact Regina Ontjes at (610) 888-5553.

### Support the Children’s Ministry at Brandywine

We are looking for teachers and assistants for Sunday mornings and for MOPS childcare (starting in September). Please call the church office at (302) 478-4255 or email Kristi Pullig at [kristipullig@bvbcnet.org](mailto:kristipullig@bvbcnet.org) if you are interested in serving on Sundays. If you’d like to help in MOPS, please email MOPPETS volunteer coordinator, Nancy Weaver, at [nangelw@verizon.net](mailto:nangelw@verizon.net).

### Volunteer in Awana this Fall!



If you would like to volunteer in Awana, please register as a volunteer online at [brandywineonline.org](http://brandywineonline.org) and plan to attend training at Brandywine on Saturday, September 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Would You Like to Help Us Greet?

You never get a second chance to make a great first impression! You probably have all heard that expression. Visitors at Brandywine are no exception. Brandywine’s Greeter Team is a great way to provide a friendly smile and give guidance in direction to both our guests and our congregation. In additions to greeters, we are looking for three greeter captains to assist in managing a greeter schedule for each service. If you are interested in a volunteer description, please email Karen Douglas at [karendouglas@bvbcnet.org](mailto:karendouglas@bvbcnet.org). The captains would not be required to recruit but only to manage the schedule.

## Summer Sampler

In the summer many of our Adult Classes join together for one class we call our Summer Sampler, which meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and runs through the end of August. This year’s sampler is thematic and reflects opportunities to explore a deeper spiritual walk with Christ. If you have not attended any of our Adult classes, this is a great opportunity to get involved!

### August: The Life of David

This month we are looking at what shaped David as a “man after God’s own heart”... his growing up years, his years as king and the legacy he left.

TODAY: *David as King*

Teacher: Barry Wallace

## Sunday Adult Classes

**Meets at 9:45 a.m.**

**JOURNEY:** *A community of young adults in their 20’s* Location: Loft (above the Gym)  
Teachers: Rotating

**Class held at 11:15 a.m.**

**\*MOSAIC** (*Ministry of Single Adults in Christ*)

Teacher: Matt Eckman

Location: Room 16A&B (West Wing)

**Deeper, Higher, Stronger Small Group**

Location: 33L

Topic: Life-centered Bible study

Teachers: Robert and Sandy Ricci

**\*This class is a ministry to young adults that include small groups and outside activities.**

### New Fall Classes along The PATH

#### Begin Sunday, September 8

Where are you growing on Sunday mornings? Pick up a fall Sunday morning PATH brochure at the Welcome Center or outside Fellowship Hall. See you there!



### BVCP Staff Opening for the 2013-2014 School Year

Brandywine Valley Christian Preschool also has a paid position open for a part-time Spanish teacher. If you would like more information about this position or would like to apply, please contact Heather Wilson at [heatherwilson@bvbcnet.org](mailto:heatherwilson@bvbcnet.org) or (302) 478-4255, ext. 141 for more information. Also, please take the time to check out our new and improved Website: [brandywineonline.org/preschool](http://brandywineonline.org/preschool).



# Connect along The PATH



# Student Ministry

## Prayer Time Open to All Every Sunday at 6 p.m.

All are welcome to gather for informal prayer and worship every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information about Prayer at Brandywine, pick up a new info card in the brochure racks.

## “How to Study the Bible” Academy Class Begins September 12

An Academy Class on “How to Study the Bible” will begin on Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m. in Room 33C of the Fellowship Hall. The class focuses on techniques and principles that will help you cultivate an understanding of the Bible and cultivate your own spiritual nourishment. This challenging class includes a workbook with homework which you will find enriching and rewarding. Led by Pastor Karl.

## DivorceCare beginning Monday, September 16

A DivorceCare Support Group will be starting soon! We will meet on Monday evenings starting September 16. Time and location to be determined. Childcare will be available if needed. Don't go through separation or divorce alone; join a caring group of people to walk beside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. This group is led by people who understand, from personal experience, what you are going through. You will find valuable resources to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. For more information, please contact Jan Skipper the church office at (302) 478-4255, Sally Kantzes at [sallybvbc@gmail.com](mailto:sallybvbc@gmail.com) or Lori Kellogg at [lori.kellogg@yahoo.com](mailto:lori.kellogg@yahoo.com).

## Would you like to join a Friday Morning Small Group?

The Friday Morning Bible Study says, “Welcome back, ladies!” If you are a woman between the ages of 25 and 105, we would love to have you join us! We meet every Friday, 9:15-11:30 a.m. in Room 33K, starting September 13. We will be studying “Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman” by Beth Moore. Childcare is provided, but we will need a head count. For more information, please contact group facilitators Courtenay Brandt ([lbrandt@gmail.com](mailto:lbrandt@gmail.com)) or Erica Cura ([ericacura@comcast.net](mailto:ericacura@comcast.net)).

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## Getting Connected

Here are some groups you can join:

- Women's Groups: Contact Sally Kantzes ([sallybvbc@gmail.com](mailto:sallybvbc@gmail.com))
- Men's Groups: Contact Jim Blosser ([blosserjd@msn.com](mailto:blosserjd@msn.com))
- All other groups: Contact Pastor Karl Nockengost ([karlnockengost@bvbcnet.org](mailto:karlnockengost@bvbcnet.org))
- Triad Groups: Men's groups that focus on basic discipleship.
- Couples Groups: Based on geographical area.

For more information about specific groups visit [brandywineonline.org/small\\_groups](http://brandywineonline.org/small_groups).

Today SEE NOTE BELOW ABOUT STUDENT QUEST  
September 6-8 Student Ministry Retreat  
Tuesday, October 15 United We Stand Tour  
Friday, November 22 Endless Night

*Student Quest will not be meeting TODAY, August 25.* Today is Mission Trip Report Back Sunday and we are encouraging students to attend the worship services to hear about the Mission trips that members of our congregation went on this summer. If you went on a Student Ministry Mission Trip this summer, feel free to sit together!

**STUDENT MINISTRY RETREAT:** The Student Ministry annual retreat to High Point Camp will be here in a few short weeks. We will be at High Point from September 6-8. There will be low ropes courses, the Blob, the all-new Laser Tag game, time with friends, bonfires, and the opportunity to grow closer to God. The retreat deadline for sign up has passed. If you wish to attend, please contact Pastor Matthew McNutt or his assistant Melissa McGrath in the church office as soon as possible. The cost is \$115 per student, \$100 for students with multiple siblings attending.

**SMALL GROUPS:** Small Groups will be kicking off before we know it! Small groups are perfect for playing games, growing closer to God, and making new friends. All 6th-12th graders are invited to join a small group. We will meet weekly on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8 p.m. Save the date for the first small groups of the school year on Wednesday, September 11.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The **United We Stand Tour** is coming to Brandywine Valley on Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m. Get excited for amazing music by Building 429, The Afters, Hawk Nelson, and Finding Favour! Invite your friends and spend the evening rocking out to some great Christian music. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door!

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to our interns Jim-Bob Doyle and Mack Phillips for working with our students this summer! Jim and Mack both went on a summer mission trip, planned our weekly events for the middle school and high school, and helped teach our students on Sunday mornings. We appreciate all of their hard work as well as the time, love and energy they invested in our students this summer. May God bless both of these young men of God and continue to guide them in their endeavors with school and ministry!



*They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17:8*

**CHILDREN’S BULLETINS:** Our children’s bulletins are designed for any child up through 5th grade. These pages are filled with activities intended to connect our children to the worship service. You can find children’s bulletins near the side door in the Sanctuary.

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP TRAINING CLASS CANCELED TODAY AT 8:15 and 11:15 a.m.:** Children should stay in the worship service for the whole hour to enjoy a missions emphasis worship service.



**REGISTRATION FOR AWANA IS NOW OPEN!** Awana will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A special kick-off open house is planned for September 11 and Awana will first meet on September 18. A \$30 non-refundable registration fee includes club costs for the year, a uniform (vest or shirt) and handbook. Visit the Gathering Area today to pick up a registration card or register and pay online at [brandywineonline.org](http://brandywineonline.org).

**MOVE-UP DAY FOR NURSERY/PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES IS SEPTEMBER 1!** Look for new classroom starting next Sunday, September 1 for our 2-year-olds through incoming 3rd graders. Our main children’s hour is at 9:45 a.m. See page 4 for more details.

**AWANA VOLUNTEERS:** If you would like to volunteer in Awana, please register as a volunteer online at [brandywineonline.org](http://brandywineonline.org) and plan to attend training at Brandywine on Saturday, September 7 from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Childcare not available.)

**SAVE THE DATE**

- Promotion Sunday – September 1 for 2’s through incoming 3rd graders
- Family Picnic at Fox Point State Park– September 15 at 1:00 p.m. See page 4 for details. Sign up in the Gathering Area.
- First MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) – September 5 from 7-9 p.m..
- Awana Kick-off – September 11 from 7-8 p.m.
- Joy-Hope 5K/10K – October 12

# Opportunities in the Community

## Dementia Educational Event for Health Care Professionals

Arden Courts is sponsoring an educational event for Health Care Professionals on Wednesday, September 4 at Brandywine Valley Baptist Church, “Trying to Provide the Best Quality Care throughout the Journey of Dementia: Understanding Progression and How to Modify Support, Care and Environments.” Teepa Snow, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA is the guest speaker. Teepa will discuss how professionals can help caregivers modify their practice behaviors related to trying to provide care and support when someone has dementia. The speaker will also help to provide tools to use preserved abilities, observable behaviors and signs and their knowledge of what is “usual” and “normal” for the individual to help screen for changes that should be investigated. Don’t miss your opportunity to learn about dementia from one of our nation’s experts. Registration and Breakfast will be from 9:00-9:30 a.m., and the presentation end at 4:00 p.m. RSVP by calling (302) 761-4805 or emailing [Wilmington@arden-courts.com](mailto:Wilmington@arden-courts.com).

## 2nd-12th Grade Home School Praise!

Home School Praise invites all area home school students from 2nd-12th grade to join us for our fall 2013 semester with rehearsals beginning in September. Under the direction of Regina Ontjes, the students sing songs from a variety of musical styles, learn and hone their vocal skills, and enjoy praising God together. The group has been rehearsing and performing in fall and winter service concerts in the North Wilmington area since 1995. Please contact Jennifer Robinson at (302) 477-1121 or [jrobin63@verizon.net](mailto:jrobin63@verizon.net) for further details and to set up an audition appointment (auditions are to determine vocal readiness). We are excited to meet you!




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## General News

**Last week’s flowers** were in loving memory of Eric and Ava Benton, given by Allan, Amy, Alexa, Emily and Elaina Benton.

**Congratulations to Jesse Armstrong and Shelby Downer** on their marriage on Saturday, August 10, and to **Blaise Canfield and Olivia Stout** on their marriage on Sunday, August 18.

**For safety/security purposes,** the church office door will be locked on various Fridays. If you need to stop by the office, please call ahead at (302) 478-4255.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Would you like to honor someone or celebrate a special occasion with a flower arrangement in the sanctuary? To choose a date or for more information, e-mail Lisa Burchnall at [twigs-blossoms@comcast.net](mailto:twigs-blossoms@comcast.net).

# August 25, 2013

Sam Stein, Associate Pastor of Worship & Music  
Regina Ontjes, Assistant to the Pastor of Worship & Music

Sound enhancement units are available at the Welcome Center  
for those who have difficulty hearing.

8:15 / 9:45 a.m. Contemporary

11:15 a.m. Traditional

Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Praise Choruses, Hymns  
Prayer  
Anthem  
Short Term Mission Reports  
Offering  
Benediction  
Postlude

This week's music list can be found on our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/brandywineonline](http://www.facebook.com/brandywineonline).

## Children's Worship Training Class

**Please Note:** Children's Worship Training Class is canceled TODAY at 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Children should stay in the worship service for the whole hour to enjoy a missions emphasis worship service.



## Merry Hearts August Luncheon

Merry Hearts, a ministry to retirees, will be holding a luncheon on Wednesday, August 28. Cost is \$8. **Please call** Michelle Hopkins at (610) 388-8077 for reservations or if you have any questions.

## 2013 Directories Available Today

The 2013 Church directories are available to pick up at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Place. Please take one per family. They are \$1 each if you would like more than one.

## Our Financial Report Year-to-Date

*This report will be updated monthly*

**Average Monthly General Fund Giving:** \$170,895 (Sept. '12-July '13)\*

(We need to average \$155,000 per month to implement the 2014 budget.)

General Fund Giving	Sept '12-July '13	Sept '12-July '13	Shortfall
	Budget	Actual	
	\$1,994,695	\$1,942,528	(\$52,167)

## Financial Stewardship: Financial Concerns

Our giving through the first eleven months of our fiscal 2013 year was \$1,942,528. This places us \$52,167 below budget year-to-date. Please continue to pray that God will help us through these uncertain times we are facing in today's very volatile economy. Remember your gifts are critical to supporting our vision and our mission, here in the Brandywine Valley and around the world.

(\*Dec. '12 has been reduced to represent average December giving in the 2010-2012 periods.)

## Debt Reduction

	Balance as of 10/1/11	Balance as of 2/28/13	Balance as of 7/31/13
Second Mortgage on the Sanctuary	\$ 292,000	\$ 88,476	\$ 82,877
Mortgage on East and West Wings	\$ 932,000	\$ 745,776	\$ 705,316
First Mortgage on Sanctuary	\$4,472,012	\$4,376,301	\$4,,344,214
	\$5,696,012	\$5,210,553	\$5,132,407

Thank you to those continuing to pay on your pledges and commitments to the *Next Steps* and *Keeping in Step with the Spirit* campaigns. These are very important parts of our debt reduction program. If you are making gifts to our building funds, please clearly mark your contributions to either *Pillar of Fire* or *Next Steps*.

## Online Giving Available to You

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