

## Sermon Notes

September 15, 2013

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Key Verses

Questions I Have

My Personal Take-Away

Take-Aways from the Pastor

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Welcome  
September 15, 2013



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# Welcome to Brandywine Valley Baptist Church!

Join us in introducing people to Jesus Christ and helping them follow Him.



## 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 welcome gift. You will also find information about our ministries in the entryway as you enter or exit the building. May you experience the love of God and the presence of the Living Christ in your time with us today. We hope to see you again soon and will consider calling Brandywine

Let's make accessible the spiritual **TREASURES** of our church to the spiritual **YEARNING**s 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

## 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:** Choose a class in which to grow (see pg. 6).

**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:** Choose a class in which to grow (see pg. 6).

**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.

*Off with the Old, In with the New* (Ephesians 4:17-24), Pastor Bo Matthews

## On the Calendar

- **Today** 9:45 a.m. PATH Classes for adults
- **Wednesday, September 18** 6:30-8 p.m. Awana begins
- **Saturday, September 21** Third Saturday opportunities
- **Sunday, September 22** 11:15 a.m. Compassion Letter Writing
- **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 9/15/2013

## BVBC Family Members in Harm's Way

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

## BVBC Family Needs for Prayer

### Sick

David Acosta – recovering from surgery on his Achilles tendon

Donna Hutton – recovery from sinus surgery

\*Terry Ladd – severe head pain

\*Theresa Silva – successful gallbladder surgery and recovery on 9/16

John Eletheriou's mother – in hospice care

\*Carey Nathan's sister in law, Deb Petruska Nathan – recent cancer diagnosis

\*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, Email Prayer Chain Editor, at [BrandywinePrayer@yahoo.com](mailto:BrandywinePrayer@yahoo.com) or call her at (484) 574-8950.

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

Oct Brandon & Amanda Ontjes Mar David & Karrie Kershner  
Dec David & Cindy Hall

# Brandywine Highlights

## Join us for a Church Picnic This Afternoon!



Please join us for a church picnic **TODAY** 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 picnic lunch (food, 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 for the entire congregation so invite your friends, small group members, etc! For directions, visit [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com). Feel free to join us even if you did not sign up!

## United We Stand Tour at Brandywine!



The United We Stand Tour brings together hitmakers BUILDING 429 and THE AFTERS, along with HAWK NELSON! All three artists have huge singles currently on the radio with 2 already peaking at #1. Throw in newcomers Finding Favour and you have one of the most sought after tours of 2013– and it's coming to Brandywine! The concert is Tuesday, October 15. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the show starting at 7:00 p.m. There is open seating. Tickets are \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door or \$15/groups of 10+. They are available at a discounted rate of \$15 in the Gathering Area now for Brandywine attendees. You can purchase tickets online at [itickets.com](http://itickets.com).

## Town Hall Meetings On Missions This Morning

Come join us for a Town Hall meeting on Missions **this morning** at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. **9:15 will be in Room 16A&B and 11:15 will meet in the Fellowship Hall.** We will be focusing on how Brandywine can help encourage you in your spiritual growth by making missions more a part of the DNA of Brandywine. The task force we put together to look at missions has reported to the Board, and we would like to share those results with you. We would like to propose some adjustments to the way we look at and handle missions as a church. We think these adjustments will broaden the opportunity we have to integrate missions into all that we do. We hope to see you there!

—*Brett Dorsch, Chairman of the Board of Deacons*

## Baptism Sunday Is September 22

Baptism illustrates your new life as a Christian. Christ died for our sins...He was buried, and...He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Baptism is like a wedding ring; it's an outward symbol of the commitment you make in your heart. Our next Baptism will be held **Sunday, September 22**. If you have any questions regarding baptism at Brandywine, please contact Debbie Bricker at [debbiebricker@bvbcnet.org](mailto:debbiebricker@bvbcnet.org) or (302) 478-4255.

## Take a Step along The PATH this Fall

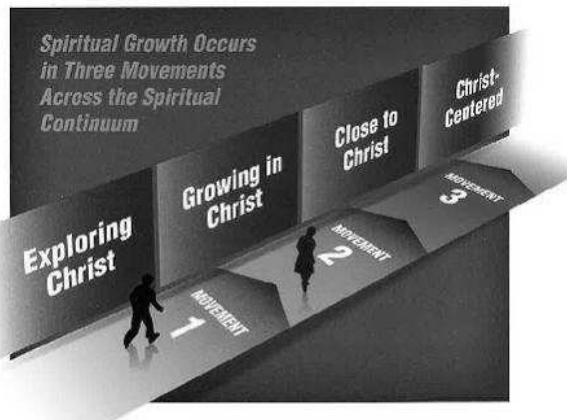


### What is The PATH?

The PATH is Brandywine's intentional discipleship process of drawing people closer to Christ.

Brandywine's mission is to introduce people to Jesus Christ and help them follow Him. The PATH is designed to strategically encourage the mission. It is **intentional**. Discipleship does not happen by accident. It is **individual**. Your path may look different from the person next to you. It is **integrated**. This applies to all ministries and all age-groups at Brandywine. We want to take steps together on our journey, being transformed into the likeness of Christ.

What will your next step be? Let's draw closer to Christ together. Come join this exciting adventure!



For current offerings along The PATH, visit the information counter outside the Fellowship Hall to pick up a brochure at the brochure rack. You may also visit [brandywineonline.org/thepath](http://brandywineonline.org/thepath).

## Brandywine Missions

### Help Internationals in Our Community

Brandywine has resumed classes for adult learners of English on Tuesday evenings. Volunteers are needed for providing snacks, hospitality, teaching and childcare. Volunteer applications can be found at the Missions Corner. For further information about this local, cross-cultural outreach at Brandywine, contact Lisa Grimsley at [grimsley@udel.edu](mailto:grimsley@udel.edu) or (302) 650-0907.

### Read Aloud Delaware

Read Aloud Delaware needs volunteers to read to 2-, 3-, or 4-year-olds for 1-2 hours, once a week, to one child at a time (10 minutes/child). Volunteers read at child care centers and Head Start programs. Volunteer hours are available Monday through Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Share the joy of reading and give a child a reading start! Please check out [www.readalouddelaware.org](http://www.readalouddelaware.org) or call Judy Arthur at (302) 656-5256.

### Compassion Letter Monthly Gathering

Are you behind in writing to your sponsored child? Need some encouragement or accountability? You're not alone! Grab a cup of coffee at JAVA and then come join other Compassion International sponsors in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15 a.m. **next Sunday, September 22** (not meeting today due to the Town Hall Meetings). We usually meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month to write letters and pray for our kids! Please bring your child's most recent letter and a photo. If you are interested in learning about sponsorship, or if you sponsor a child through another organization, please join us - all are welcome!

### Missions Corner

Spotlight on current efforts of Brandywine-supported missionaries

#### Bob & Lynn Soplop, Linda Lawyer (Short term mission to Peru/Faith Promise)

Lynn, Bob and Linda traveled to Peru in June with a group of volunteers. This group built a wooden structure for the roof of a boys' home (orphanage) where they will be able to dry clothing when it's raining. The plumbing project that was funded by the Faith Promise Fund started July 1st. The entire plumbing system in the house for boys will be replaced. The house currently had only one working shower, which only had a trickle of cold water and most of the toilets were unable to flush. They spent time at two different homes for boys, reading stories, doing crafts, playing games, reading Bible lessons and giving out plenty of hugs. Linda Lawyer presented three sessions dealing with the subject of abuse, which were well received. The children had experienced issues like being sold into prostitution, and being confined and fed only bread and water before coming to these homes. Lynn wrote in her report, "So many stories, but each child precious in Jesus' eyes. For one short week we were privileged to make some of their hurt go away."



## Spotlight on Serving

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



### Help with the United We Stand Tour!

The United We Stand Tour is Tuesday, October 15. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the show starting at 7:00 p.m. We are in need of volunteers both before and during the event. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Pastor Matthew McNutt at [matthewmcnutt@bvbcnet.org](mailto:matthewmcnutt@bvbcnet.org).


### Support the Children’s Ministry at Brandywine

We are looking for teachers and assistants for Sunday mornings and for MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) childcare. 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 would like to help in MOPS, please email MOPPETS volunteer coordinator, Nancy Weaver, at [nangelw@verizon.net](mailto:nangelw@verizon.net).

### 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. Welcoming our visitors at Brandywine is 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. 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.

### 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 Valley Baptist Church. 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!

### General News

**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).

## Get Connected

### What are *Third Saturdays* at Brandywine?

*Third Saturdays* at Brandywine are avenues to reaching out to our community with the love of Christ. We do this through outreach opportunities the third Saturday of each month.

Are you good with a hammer, a paintbrush or a broom, or do you enjoy making sandwiches? Then **Habitat for Humanity** would be great opportunity for you to make a difference in peoples’ lives in our community through the construction of affordable homes. **Sojourners’ Place** and **Sunday Breakfast Mission** provide shelter for people in our community who find themselves homeless. Serving the evening meal one Saturday a month is a great way to connect with them. Or, you might enjoy connecting with folks at the **Shipley Manor** nursing care facility through the Sunday worship services Brandywine provides the third Sunday of each month at 2 p.m.

You will find more information about these *Third Saturday* outreach opportunities, as well as a place to sign up at the Missions Corner, located in the Gathering Area. Our next *Third Saturday* weekend is September 21+22.

### Bible Study for Today






Bible Study for Today invites you to join us as we begin our new fall study **this** Tuesday, September 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our topic will be “Building with God: Spiritual Warfare” from the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Men and women of all ages are welcome. Childcare is available. For more information, call Ginny Zuber at (302) 478-0357.



### Merry Hearts September Luncheon

Merry Hearts, a ministry to retirees, will be holding a luncheon on Wednesday, September 25. Cost is \$8. ***Please call*** Michelle Hopkins at (610) 388-8077 for reservations or if you have any questions.

### Stay Connected

-  [www.brandywineonline.org](http://www.brandywineonline.org)
-  [brandywineonline](https://www.facebook.com/brandywineonline)
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*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*

## brandywineKIDS

**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.

**REGISTER FOR AWANA TODAY!** Awana meets on **Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Awana's first club night is **THIS Wednesday, September 18th.** It's not too late to register. 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).

**OUR CLASSES HAVE MOVED UP:** Look for new classrooms for our 2-year-olds through incoming 3rd graders. Our main children's hour is at 9:45 a.m. See schedules posted throughout the children's ministry areas for classroom numbers and teacher names. See Kristi Pullig if you have any questions.



### CHURCH PICNIC THIS AFTERNOON

Please join us for a church picnic **TODAY** 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 picnic lunch (food, 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 for the entire congregation so invite your friends, small group members, etc! For directions, visit [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com). Feel free to join us even if you did not sign up!

### SAVE THE DATE

- Family Picnic at Fox Point State Park – **TODAY** at 1:00 p.m.
- First Awana Meeting – September 18 from 6:30-8 p.m.
- First Morning MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) – September 19 from 9-11 a.m.
- Joy-Hope Foundation 5K/10K – October 12
- Fall Festival – Friday, October 25

## Small Groups along The PATH

### Alpha Begins on September 19

The kick-off dinner for Alpha will be Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall here at Brandywine. The Alpha course is a 12-week practical introduction to the Christian faith. It addresses foundational questions, while providing guests with an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. We urge you to invite a friend and sign up for the Alpha Course! You can sign up by calling the church office at (302) 478-4255 or email Pastor Karl at [karlnockengost@bvbcnet.org](mailto:karlnockengost@bvbcnet.org) for more information.

### DivorceCare

A DivorceCare Support Group is starting soon! We will meet on Monday evenings beginning **tomorrow, September 16**, from 7-9 p.m. in Room 33C. 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 or Lori Kellogg at [lori.kellogg@yahoo.com](mailto:lori.kellogg@yahoo.com).

### Friday Morning Small Group Starting

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. 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 ([lcbrandt@gmail.com](mailto:lcbrandt@gmail.com)) or Erica Cura ([ericacura@comcast.net](mailto:ericacura@comcast.net)).

### Grief Share Support Group to Start

Grief Share is a support small group for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. A new session of Grief Share will begin October 1 on **Tuesday afternoons** in the Conference Room from 1-3 p.m. **Tuesday evening** sessions from 7-9 p.m. will begin **THIS Tuesday, September 17.** To sign up or for more information, please call the church office at (302) 478-4255 or Norma Smith at (302) 798-1694.

## Weeknight Class along The PATH

### Academy Class Begins Thursday, September 19

An Academy Class on "How to Study the Bible" will begin on Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. in Room 33C of the Fellowship Hall. This class focuses on techniques and principles that will help you develop 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.

# September 15, 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  
**Message\*** Pastor Bo Matthews  
*Maturity in Christ* (Ephesians 4:7-16)  
Offering  
Benediction  
Postlude

\*Children ages 4 - 2nd grade are dismissed just before the message to Room 47  
(at 8:15) or Room 69 (at 11:15) for Worship Training.

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

## Children's Worship Training Class

This is for children in the Orange/Purple Groups (ages 4-6) & 1st/2nd Grades at the 1st or 3rd service. 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 go to class to learn about worship and have a short Bible story/activity.



Announcing  
**We Three Spies**

A Christmas musical designed for all children in 1st-8th grade

Practice begins **next** Sunday, September 22 from 5-6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.  
Sign up today in the Gathering Area. CDs & books (\$10 for one of each) are available to pick up **this morning**. Our presentation will be December 24 at 5 p.m. We will also sing at other times.

## Our Financial Report Year-to-Date

*This report will be updated monthly*

The average monthly giving through August exceeded the \$155,000 per month we needed to implement the 2014 budget. Therefore, we will start the new fiscal year in September without the need for another congregational meeting. We **thank you** for your faithfulness and generosity in giving to the General Fund in fiscal year 2013.

<u>General Fund Giving</u>	Sept '12-Aug '13 Budget	Sept '12-Aug '13 Actual	Shortfall
	\$2,135,000	\$2,103,308	(\$31,692)

### Financial Stewardship: Financial Concerns

Our giving for fiscal 2013 year was \$2,103,308. This places us \$31,692 below budget. 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.

### Mortgage Reduction

One of the key objectives identified by you, the congregation, in the May surveys was to eliminate our long-term mortgages faster than our current pay-off schedules. Thus, we have targeted paying off the Second Mortgage and the East/West Wing Mortgage by the end of 2015 (this is four years faster) as the first step. We can accomplish this goal by averaging \$22,000 per month in mortgage reduction giving in the next 28 months. To put this in perspective, this goal is **ACHIEVABLE** if our current general fund giving increases by \$25 per month.\* This is over and above our current general fund contributions. By paying these mortgages off faster, we will free up \$100,000.00 per year, beginning in 2016 to use in expanding ministry programs at Brandywine.

\*based on the 800 family units that call Brandywine Valley Baptist Church home

	Balance as of 2/28/13	Balance as of 7/31/13
Second Mortgage on the Sanctuary	\$ 88,476	\$ 82,877
Mortgage on East and West Wings	\$ 745,776	\$ 694,944
First Mortgage on Sanctuary	<u>\$4,376,301</u>	<u>\$4,344,213</u>
	\$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*.