

Sermon Notes

September 8, 2013

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Key Verses

Questions I Have

My Personal Take-Away

Take-Aways from the Pastor

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- 2.
- 3.

Welcome
September 8, 2013



BRANDYWINE
VALLEY
BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

Maturity in Christ (Ephesians 4:7-16), Pastor Bo Matthews

On the Calendar

- **Today** 9:45 a.m. PATH Classes start for adults
- **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.
Click on Events then drop down to Calendar.

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Prayer Requests for 9/8/2013

BVBC Family Members in Harm's Way

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

BVBC Family Needs for Prayer

Grieving

Mark Allston and family – death of Mark's mother
Sam Arthur and family – death of Sam's mother

Sick

*David Acosta – recovering from surgery on his Achilles tendon
*Donna Hutton – recovery from sinus surgery

Cheryl Aukerman's father, Brad – wisdom for doctors treating severe vertigo
*John Eletheriou's mother – in hospice care

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 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 Sunday, September 15!



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 for the entire congregation so invite your friends, small group members, etc! For directions, visit www.destateparks.com. Sign up in the Gathering Area or online at brandywineonline.org.

Men's Movie Night September 13

Promise Keepers is sponsoring a movie night downstairs in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 13. 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.

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 with an information class about baptism taught by Pastor Bo **this afternoon** at 5 p.m. in his office. If you have any questions regarding baptism at Brandywine, please contact Debbie Bricker at debbiebricker@bvbcnet.org or (302) 478-4255.



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 attenders. You can purchase tickets online at tickets.com.

Take a Step along The PATH this Fall

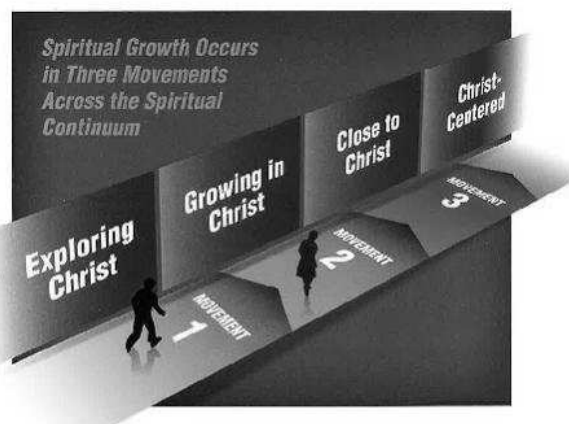


What is The PATH?

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.

Brandywine Missions

Help Internationals in Our Community

Brandywine will resume classes for adult learners of English on Tuesday evenings starting on September 10. 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 (302) 650-0907 or grimsley@udel.edu.

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 or call Judy Arthur at (302) 656-5256.

Look What's New in the Church Library!

Stop by the Brandywine Library to check out these new books that will both inspire and encourage you. They can expand your view of how big God is. You'll be amazed at what He is doing!

- Miraculous Movements: How Hundreds of Thousands of Muslims are Falling in Love with Jesus
- Dreams and Visions – Is Jesus Awakening in the Muslim World?
- In the Land of Blue Burqas
- When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself
- Which None Can Shut: Remarkable True Stories of God's Miraculous Work in the Muslim World

Missions Corner

Spotlight on current efforts of Brandywine-supported missionaries

Jim & Lynne Head (North Carolina)

Jim is the Pastoral Care Coordinator for World Team missionaries serving in North and South America. In May, Jim was visiting the northern coastal area of South America, meeting with local missionaries. This area is full of diverse ethnicity, culture, language and religion. The agency has ministries among tribal group, Hindustanis and Guyanese, but hopes to get more workers to reach the Chinese, Bush tribes, Javanese Muslims and Hindus. One couple in their ministry has led Wayana and Trio Indian tribes to know Christ, and these tribes are now actively reaching out to other tribes. A Bible in the Wayana language was recently completed, as well as a concordance. Jim writes in a recent newsletter, "Because of the spiritual needs within this ethnically and religiously diverse country, it is a place of opportunity for the gospel."



Spotlight on Serving

For a list of service opportunities, please visit 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.

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 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.

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. The captains would not be required to recruit but only to manage the schedule.

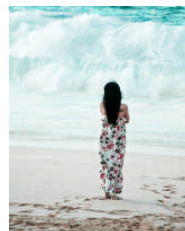
Don’t Forget to Recycle Your Paper at Brandywine!

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!

Bible Study for Today

Bible Study for Today invites you to join us as we begin our new fall study on 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.

Get Connected



Women’s Retreat October 11-13

at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, DE

All payments for the retreat are **due by Wednesday, September 11**. After that, if you still wish to attend, you will have to pay the going rate for both lodgings and meals. Please contact Sally Kantzes at sallybvbc@gmail.com or call the church office at (302) 478-4255 if you have any questions.

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.

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.



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

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Sunday Morning Adult Classes along The PATH

Begin THIS MORNING!

Classes at 9:45 a.m.

Faith Class: <i>The Church in Exile: The Book of Daniel</i> Teachers: Sam Arthur, Ed Ford, Paul Johnston	Location: Room 33G
Fellowship Class: <i>The Parables of Jesus</i> Teacher: John Ladd	Location: Room 33C
Homebuilders: <i>Hope, Faith & Love in Trying Times</i> Teacher: Wayne McCarty (and others)	Location: Room 33K
Quest for Christianity: <i>Book of John</i> Teacher: Don Kugelberg	Location: Fellowship Hall
Women's Class: <i>Creation to King Saul</i> Teachers: Rotating Teachers	Location: Room 17A&B
*Young Family Life: <i>A community of families with young children</i> Topic: <i>A Study in the Book of Jonah</i> Teachers: Ed Rowse	Location: Room 16 A&B
JOURNEY: <i>A community of young adults in their 20's</i> Teachers: Rotating	Location: Loft (above the gym)

Classes held at 11:15 a.m.

*MOSAIC: <i>Ministry of Single Adults in Christ</i> Currently Meeting with Pastor Karl in the "Authority of the Bible Class" in Room 33C	
*Young Family Life: <i>A community of families with young children</i> Topic: <i>Your Move</i> Teachers: Mark Westmoreland	Location: Room 33L
Deeper, Higher, Stronger Small Group Topic: Life-centered Bible Study Teachers: Robert & Sandy Ricci	Location: Room 33G
Spiritual Disciplines Topic: <i>The Life You've Always Wanted</i> Teacher: Sandy Nockengost	Location: Room 33F
Authority of the Bible Teacher: Pastor Karl Nockengost	Location: Room 33C

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

Sunday Evening Prayer Night: Every Week 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 down outside the Fellowship Hall.



Student Ministry

Today Student Quest at 9:45 a.m.
 Today Return from the Retreat at 2:30 p.m.
 Sunday, September 22 Student Leadership Information Meeting
 Sunday, September 29 Worship Team Practice
 Tuesday, October 15 United We Stand Tour
 Friday, November 22 Endless Night

STUDENT MINISTRY RETREAT: The Student Ministry will be returning from the Fall Retreat this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Please plan on picking up your child then.

SMALL GROUPS: Small Groups will be starting this Wednesday, September 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. Small Groups are a great way to grow closer to God, make new friends, and have tons of fun! We start small groups by having group time and hang out time from 6:30-7 p.m. and then students split up into their small groups from 7-8 p.m. based on grade and gender. Come kick off the new school year by joining a small group!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Calling all students who want to use their gifts to serve in the student ministry! If you are even slightly interested in being a part of the worship team (singing, instruments, etc.) or involved in student leadership (drama, media, event planning, ministry training), please attend this meeting to find out more! The meeting will be right after Student Quest on Sunday, September 22 from 10:45-11:15 a.m. Come fill out a form and find out more on how you can be involved in the 2013-2014 school year. Contact Pastor Matthew McNutt or Melissa McGrath for more information.

WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE: We are inviting all student musicians to come out to this group practice on Sunday, September 29 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Gym. We will be practicing several worship songs, sharing what we know, and growing together as a team. Bring whatever instrument you play and skill level you are at and come out and practice with us! If you plan to be involved in the worship team this year, this practice will be a great way to get connected. Eat lunch beforehand and be ready to practice!

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!



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

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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 will meet on **Wednesday nights** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. A special kick-off open house is planned for **this Wednesday, September 11** (7:00-8:00 p.m.) 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.

LAST SUNDAY WAS MOVE-UP DAY: 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 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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 for the entire congregation so invite your friends, small group members, etc! For directions, visit www.destateparks.com. Sign up in the Gathering Area or online at brandywineonline.org.

SAVE THE DATE

- Family Picnic at Fox Point State Park– September 15 at 1:00 p.m. See page 3 for details. Sign up in the Gathering Area.
- Awana Kick-off – September 11 from 7-8 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 for more information.

DivorceCare

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 or Lori Kellogg at 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, 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 (lcbrandt@gmail.com) or Erica Cura (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 on 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 12 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 8, 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
Unity in Peace (Ephesians 4:1-6)
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.

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 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.

Debt Reduction Program

One of the key objectives identified by the congregation in the May surveys was to reduce our long-term debt faster than the 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). We can accomplish this goal by average \$22,000 per month in debt reduction giving in the next 28 months. To put this in perspective, we can hit this goal if individually our giving increases by \$25 per month* above the current general fund contributions. By paying these mortgages off faster, we will free up \$100,000.00 per year, beginning in 2016 in the General Fund for expanding the Brandywine Ministries.

	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	\$4,376,301	\$4,344,213
	\$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*.

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.