

## Sermon Notes

September 29, 2013

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### Key Verses

### Questions I Have

### My Personal Take-Away

### Take-Aways from the Pastor

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Welcome  
September 29, 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 home!

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.

*The Day of Wrath* (Ephesians 5:3-7), Pastor Bo Matthews

## On the Calendar

- |                                |            |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| • <b>Today</b>                 | 9:45 a.m.  | PATH Classes for adults      |
| • <b>Thursday, October 3</b>   | 7:00 p.m.  | Academy Class                |
| • <b>Fri.-Sun., Oct. 11-13</b> |            | Women's Retreat              |
| • <b>Tuesday, October 15</b>   | 7:00 p.m.  | The United We Stand Tour     |
| • <b>Saturday, October 19</b>  |            | Third Saturday Opportunities |
| • <b>Sunday, October 20</b>    | 11:15 a.m. | Compassion Letter Writing    |
| • <b>Wednesday, October 30</b> | 12:00 p.m. | Merry Hearts Luncheon        |

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.

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# Prayer Requests for 9/29/2013

## BVBC Family Members in Harm's Way

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

## BVBC Family Needs for Prayer

### Grieving

\*Bill Vigneulle and family – death of Bill's brother

### Sick

Terry Ladd – severe head pain

Dick Lawyer – recovery from surgery

Theresa Silva – recovery from gallbladder surgery on 9/16

\*Jack Lober's grandson, Shane Oakes – recovery from bone implant in knee

Carey Nathan's sister-in-law, Deb Petriuska Nathan – recent cancer diagnosis

\*Barbara Pleva's great-nephew, Jack (newborn) – recovery from fluid in lungs

\*Barbara Pleva's niece, Kerrie – recovery of pulled muscles after hard delivery

\*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

## 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).



## 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).



## Run Joy-Hope is coming to Brandywine on Saturday, October 12!

Have Joy. Spread Hope. The USATF 10K/5K Run/Walk with a Free Kids Fun Run begins in front of the church and finishes in our parking lot. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. for the 10K Run starting at 8:30 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk begins at 10 a.m.

The Joy-Hope Foundation provides families with a "New Memory-Making Getaway" who are grieving the death of their child, due to illness. Since 2010 they have been able to bless 13 families with such Getaways. Currently there is a need to fundraise for our 9 waiting families. Each trip costs up to \$5000. We also strive to raise awareness and support for Mitochondrial Disease Research at CHOP (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia).

Entry fees for this year's race: \$20 pre-registration until 10/10; \$25 after and day of race; if you are doing both events, pre-registration is \$30, or \$35 day of; family of 4: \$70 (pre-registration only); 18 and under: \$15 pre/\$25 day of. The Fun Run is free. New this year: fundraise \$100 or more and receive a refund of your registration fee!

For more information, or to register online, visit [www.joyhopefoundation.com](http://www.joyhopefoundation.com). Questions? Contact Amy Benton at (302) 379-1209 or [amy@joyhopefoundation.com](mailto:amy@joyhopefoundation.com). Come use your energy for those who can't!

## Take a Step along The PATH this Fall

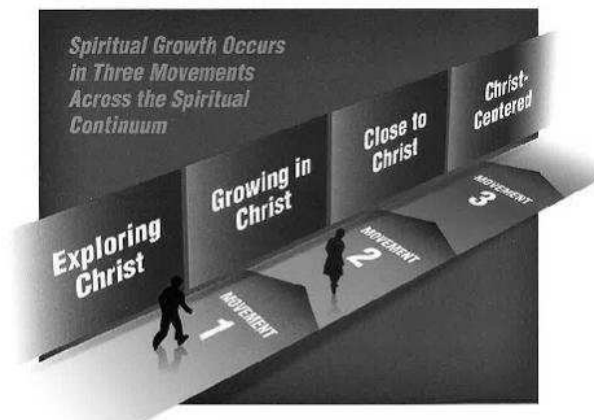


### What is The PATH?

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. 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 hospitality, teaching and childcare. Specific help is needed on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:15 p.m. to set up snacks for the ESL break time. This involves making coffee and setting out other drinks and snacks. 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.

### Community Service on Third Saturdays & Sundays: October 19-20

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

- **Sunday Breakfast Mission:** Help serve evening meal from 5:15-6:30 p.m. to homeless men, women & children.
- **Sojourners' Place:** Prepare/serve evening meal from 4:30-6 p.m. for men & 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 – October 20):** Hymn singing, devotional message, prayer & meet/greet fellowship time starting at 2 p.m.

### Missions Corner

Spotlight on current efforts of Brandywine-supported missionaries

#### Rio & Renata Sibarani (unreached people groups in South-East Asia)

Rio and Renata became involved in Brandywine after being introduced by BVBC missionary Russ Simons. Rio has visited Brandywine in the past. In June, Rio held a Training and Strategic Planning meeting, where 40 area leaders from different churches attended. By God's grace, there was reconciliation and forgiveness between many who had had conflicts in the past, and a path forward to bring the gospel to area Muslims was discussed. Rio hosted a similar meeting in July in another area. He reports that the young people who become believers are more eager to learn about spiritual things, and in the next two months, they will concentrate ministry efforts to disciple 6 new believers. In his recent newsletter, Rio says, "Many times we were humbled to see how our Lord faithfully works to lead Muslims to know Jesus. We saw God give visions and dreams about Jesus to Muslims; God healed the sick; God revealed Himself in different ways. This is amazing and brings glory to His Name. He is the One that enables us to be faithful as His Light in the darkness."





## Spotlight on Serving

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

### 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.

### Fall Festival – Coming Soon!

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's Fall Festival at Brandywine on Friday, October 25 at 6 p.m. If you are interested, please sign up at the registration table or online. We need helpers for planning, set-up, running stations at the event, and clean up. Please call or email Kristi Pullig at (302) 478-4255 or [kristipullig@bvbcnet.org](mailto:kristipullig@bvbcnet.org). If you would like to donate candy (individually wrapped) for the event, please place your donations in the bin in the Gathering Area.

### 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

**Flowers this week** are "provided by the Acheson family in memory of Bill Acheson, beloved husband, father and grandfather."

**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, email Lisa Burchnall at [twigs-blossoms@comcast.net](mailto:twigs-blossoms@comcast.net).

**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.

## In the Community

### Unstoppable: A Live Event with Kirk Cameron

*Faith is stronger than doubt.* NCM Fathom Events and Provident Films are pleased to bring Kirk Cameron back to the big screen when Liberty University presents an encore presentation of UNSTOPPABLE in select cinemas nationwide on Thursday, October 3. Following the record-breaking success of his Monumental event in 2012, Kirk is back in movie theaters and tackling the question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Join Kirk in his inspiring investigation into the moral origins of good and evil, their inspirational value and their historical significance to us today. UNSTOPPABLE promises to bring families and communities together with a big picture view of how we can live victorious lives in the face of adversity, changing our world for good. Broadcast live from Liberty University, the evening will begin with special guest appearances plus a special introduction from Kirk, as he shares his heart for UNSTOPPABLE, which he calls his "most personal project ever." UNSTOPPABLE will be shown at the Regal Movie Theater in Brandywine Town Center; show time is 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at [www.fathomevents.com](http://www.fathomevents.com).

### Congratulations to Those Baptized last Sunday!

**At 8:15 a.m.** – Amelia Dilworth and Georgia Kelley

**At 9:45 a.m.** – Jarrell Cisneros, Gary Gaynor, Dylan Gaynor and Caitlin Murray

**At 11:15 a.m.** – John McKinny and Tracy McKinny

### Bible Study for Today

Bible Study for Today invites you to join us in our Fall study. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our topic is "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.

### Tuesday Morning Small Group for Women

A small group for women meets on Tuesday mornings at Brandywine Valley. We meet from 9:30-11:15 a.m. in Room 17A&B and we are studying "James: Mercy Triumphs," a Beth Moore study. Childcare is available. For more information, contact Jan Skipper at (302) 478-4255 in the church office.

### Stay Connected



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## Sunday Morning Adult Classes along The PATH

### Classes at 9:45 a.m.

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

<b>*MOSAIC:</b> <i>Ministry of Single Adults in Christ</i> Topic: <i>Romans</i> Teacher: Matt Eckman	Location: Room 17B
<b>*Young Family Life:</b> <i>A community of families with young children</i> Topic: <i>Your Move</i> Teachers: Mark Westmoreland	Location: Room 33L
<b>Deeper, Higher, Stronger Small Group</b> Topic: A Christ-centered, life application Bible Study Teachers: Robert & Sandy Ricci	Location: Room 33G
<b>Spiritual Disciplines</b> Topic: <i>The Life You've Always Wanted</i> Teacher: Sandy Nockengost	Location: Room 33F
<b>Authority of the Bible</b> 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 downstairs outside the Fellowship Hall.



# Student Ministry

Today Student Quest at 9:45 a.m.  
 Today Worship Team Practice at 12:30 in the Gym  
 Wednesday, October 2 Small Groups at 6:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, October 15 United We Stand Tour  
 Friday, November 22 Middle School Bounce Party (6th-8th Graders)  
 Friday, November 22 Sr. High's Endless Night (9th-12th Graders)

**WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE:** We are inviting all student musicians to come out to this group practice **this afternoon** 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!

**SMALL GROUPS** meet on Wednesday nights during the school year 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 out all together with 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! **NOTE:** Because Awana meets on the same night, students must enter at the West Wing entrance (the Gym entrance) where we will have someone signing everyone in.



**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!

**SAVE THE DATE! Endless Night: The Ultimate All-Nighter!** For 9th-12th graders. On Friday, November 22 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Flyers and permission slips will be available soon. Don't miss it – it's going to be awesome! Last year's photos are posted on the Summit Student Ministry Facebook page.

**SAVE THE DATE! Middle School Bounce Party!** Who says high school has all the fun? We've got a gym full of inflatables...and we're going to use them! For 6th-8th graders. Come join us on Friday, November 22 from 6-8 p.m. in the Gym. More details to follow.



*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.

**AWANA HAS STARTED!** Awana meets on **Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Registration is available all throughout the year. First-time visitors are free. To join Awana, the payment is a \$30 non-refundable registration fee that 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). Contact Kristi Pullig if you would like to help during Awana each Wednesday night.

**FALL FESTIVAL – COMING SOON!** Volunteers are needed to help with this year's Fall Festival at Brandywine on Friday, October 25 at 6 p.m. If you are interested, please sign up at the registration table or online. We need helpers for planning, set-up, running stations at the event, and clean up. Please call or email Kristi Pullig at (302) 478-4255 or [kristipullig@bvbcnet.org](mailto:kristipullig@bvbcnet.org). If you would like to donate candy (individually wrapped) for the event, please place your donations in the bin in the Gathering Area.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONTACT:** If you are not receiving Children's Ministry emails and would like to be added to the email list, please contact Kristi Pullig at [kristipullig@bvbcnet.org](mailto:kristipullig@bvbcnet.org). Also look for us on Facebook at [facebook.com/bvbckids](https://facebook.com/bvbckids). Children's Ministry information and registration forms for certain events can be found on the church website at [brandywineonline.org](http://brandywineonline.org).

### SAVE THE DATE

- Joy-Hope Foundation 5K/10K – October 12
- Fall Festival – Friday, October 25

## Small Groups along The PATH

### Alpha Forming

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 Nockengost at [karlnockengost@bvbcnet.org](mailto:karlnockengost@bvbcnet.org) for more information.

### 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 this week, October 1 on **Tuesday afternoon** in the Conference Room from 1-3 p.m. The **Tuesday evening** sessions are 7-9 p.m. in the Conference Room. To sign up or for more information, please call the church office at (302) 478-4255 or Norma Smith at (302) 798-1694.

### DivorceCare Has Started

A DivorceCare Support Group has begun. We are meeting on Monday evenings 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 Lori Kellogg at [lori.kellogg@yahoo.com](mailto:lori.kellogg@yahoo.com) or Jan Skipper the church office at (302) 478-4255.

### 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)).

## Weeknight Class along The PATH

### An Academy Class Has Begun

An Academy Class on "How to Study the Bible" meets on Thursday nights 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 many find enriching and rewarding. There is still time to join! Led by Pastor Karl.

# September 29, 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  
*A Matter of Motive* (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)  
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 meets today from 5-6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Sign up today in the Gathering Area. CDs & books are available to pick up **this morning**. Cost is \$10 each for book & CD. Our presentation of "We Three Spies" 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 are starting 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. Please make sure to mark as "Building Fund Debt."

	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

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