

Victory Baptist Church of Maple Grove

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the Victory! Through our Lord Jesus Christ!
Pastor Lawrence D. Maupin January 10, 2021

"In everything there is a SEASON
and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

MESSAGE: Pastor Maupin-*"The Last Teachings of Jesus"* Luke 22:35

SONG OF THE MONTH: *"And Can It Be?"* ~Hymnal pg. 203

IF YOU'RE OUR GUEST TODAY: Thank you for coming. We appreciate so much that you have chosen to spend your Sunday worshipping the Lord with us! You are welcome here! When you get your Welcome Packet, please kindly fill out the *"We're Glad You're Here!"* card and place it in the offering plate as a record of your visit. Make yourself at home, and we would love to see you again next week!



JR. CHURCH: Is held downstairs during the regular worship service. At the end of the offering, all children meet in the foyer to go downstairs to Jr. Church which is led by Jerry Carlson. (For special services, such as Easter, Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day, the children will stay in the regular worship service.)

WORSHIP SERVICE INVITATION: At the end of the service, we extend an invitation to come to accept Christ as Savior, join this local church, or pray for personal needs. *"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."*
Psalms 34:18

"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer."
Romans 12:12

Happy New Year!

SERVICE TIMES AT VBC

- SUN. 10:00a· Adult Auditorium Class
- Ladies' Class-bottom of the stairs and to the right
 - Elementary Class-downstairs
- *11:00a • Morning Worship Service
- Jr. Church-downstairs fellowship hall
- **6:00p • Evening Service
- WED. **7:00p· Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
- * Nursery to Age 4 is available at the bottom of the stairway*
- **No evening church services for the present time*

OUR PRAYER LIST-MAKE SURE TO PRAY FOR THESE:

Ariel W.'s Grandpa-salvation	Gwen N.-severe pain
Sandy C.-health	Patti C.-health
D'Vid S.-diabetes health	Teri H.-health
Woody B.-health	Bob H.-health
Marsha B.-back pain	Pastor B. Mandy and family
Renee S.-health	

Pray for our President-protection, wisdom, clarity, strength;
 That our election will be preserved-that wrongdoing will be exposed;
 For the Spiritual Life of the Nation-for outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon
 the nation, bring revival into every city, town and into every church
 That Victory Baptist Church will be a lighthouse in our community

COMING UP

- January 17 Pastor Aaron Braaten
- January 23, Sat. 9:00 Missions Mtg..10:00 Advisory Mtg.-please send in your ministry report via Word as soon as you can!
- January 24 Pastor Braaten Installation Service
- January 31 2020 Annual Meeting and lunch

NURSERY WORKERS

Nurse -AM Service	Today:	Next Week:
	Wendy S.	Jen & Cindy



Dear Church Family,

Psalm 37:4-5 says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

It was the fall of the year 1972 when I first attended this church-that was 48 years ago now! I was a senior in high school, and I went to live with Pastor Terrey so that I could attend the Christian school. Some time during my senior year of high school while listening to Pastor Terrey preach a sermon, I can remember sitting in the pew saying in my heart, "You know, Lord, I sure would like to be able to preach your Word just like that!" Little did I know that ten years later God would answer that prayer! Not only would God allow me to become a preacher, but for the next 38 years, God allowed me to become the pastor of the very same church where God had first placed that desire in my heart!

Wendy and her three sisters also attended the Christian school. After graduating from high school and college, Wendy and I were married in this church. Together, this church has been our life! There has been lots of joy, happiness, and, yes, even a few tears. It is true that the first ten years of ministry were a struggle, especially financially. We determined early on that all we had belonged to the Lord. After ten years, God provided a miracle for our church, and we became debt free. God also gave us two wonderful kids, David and Jennifer, who grew up in the church. We are very grateful to have David and Jennifer and their families in our lives. Looking back, we can see how God has provided and blessed us immensely over all these years.

A verse that almost jumped off the page at me when we studied Luke's Gospel was, "And He, Jesus, said unto them, when I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, 'Nothing. ', That has been true for our family ... and for our church!

I want to say "Thank you" to our Heavenly Father for marvelously answering that prayer I asked of Him 48 years ago. And thank you to everyone in our church family for allowing Wendy and I to spend our lives serving the Lord here at Victory! It has been a wonderful journey! -Pastor Maupin

"It is required of a steward that one be found faithful." Faithfulness means constant, trustworthy, showing a strong sense of duty or responsibility, conscientious, reliable. We have an obligation to be responsible for all He has

given to hold in our hands: every cent we possess, every talent, every gift, every hour of the day, every resource. Everything is to be used for His glory. For all these years we have had this great job of being steward of this wonderful church which was given to us as a gift from God to treasure and care for. And I have seen my husband hold true to all that is required of him-faithfulness, constant, trustworthy, dutiful, responsible, conscientious, reliable, and a man of great heart. He has done all these things and more and has been a faithful steward. I am really proud of him.

And now is the time to pass this mantle of stewardship on to someone new, someone younger, who has more energy, (and who can hear better) and who has perhaps fewer aches and pains! It's also time to adjust our roles in life-to look for more and different opportunities for service and ministry.

Thank you so much for allowing us all these wonderful years of service together with you-through some downs but through many, many mountain tops!

~~Love, Wendy

Ecclesiastes 3: 1 says, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." The years have passed quickly. Three years ago we officially began our search for the next pastor of Victory. Our search committee, led by Bro. Harvey, has viewed stacks of resumes from multiple sources and interviewed several candidates by telephone. A total of five of those individuals were asked to come and candidate for our pastoral position. The result has been that in November, 2019, Pastor Aaron Braaten was called and accepted to become the next pastor of this church. Pastor & Mandy Braaten and their family will be arriving for his installation service which is happening on Sunday morning, January 24, 2021.

Wendy and I also want to say thank you to everyone for all the kindness expressed and the many cards and unexpected gifts which were given to us both at my retirement party. Wendy and I love our church family, and we believe that God has great things in store for the future of Victory as Pastor Braaten begins his ministry.

This is also a new chapter in the life of our church, and we look forward with great anticipation to fresh ideas, goals, vision, excitement, and new perspective that Pastor and Mandy Braaten will bring to our church.

It's time to start anew! It's time for all of us to put our hands to the plow and renew our commitment to serving the Lord! ~-Pastor & Wendy Maupin

January, 2021

