

# BRADY LANE LEDGER

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## Brady Lane Church

Believing–Living–Connecting

### THE BIG THREE!

#### BLC Worship Team at the 4th of July Gospel Fest in Flora!

The BLC Worship Team led by Lee Anna Atwell will be one of the groups providing music at the Gospel Fest & Fireworks in Flora, Indiana on July 4th! Come to Flora and support our team and enjoy the fun! 6p-9:30p - fireworks to follow.

#### Return of Sunday School

July 26 - Open to Adults

August 9 - Kids Sunday School Begins.

#### Back to Church Policies

- Refrain from handshakes and hugs and try to social distance
- Utilize hand sanitizer stations around the church
- If you have to sneeze or cough do so into your elbow...please cover your mouth. If sick...stay home!
- We will utilize communion stations rather than pass trays and plates. Instructions will be given during service. There will be an offering box on the entrance table.
- If you plan to sing bring a mask
- Brady Lane Kids ministry is in the 11am service only.

## Cancelled - The New Persecution Movement

**Note:** I want to make clear that this is not in reference to legit racism issues in our country or any legit needs to avoid crowds to protect those with delicate health conditions - those of you who are in support of those things hear that I am not against you or trying to belittle your legit concerns.

I am specifically addressing the cancel culture that is swelling in our country. Those who are in line to benefit from it are cancelling everything - school, church, events, celebrations, family gatherings, entertainment, our countries history, and life in general. The plan by those who are participating in this cultural swing is to destroy our economy. They want to force unemployment on the lower middle class and through propaganda and fear of death force people to do things that they don't want to do. The cancel culture is erasing all historical record tearing down statues and defacing monuments and further dooming us to repeat mistakes in the future.

Now there are people calling for the destruction of statues of Christ at various locations, Catholic and other churches around the country. While we as a movement don't agree



with statues of Christ or worshipping the statue itself...it is a sign that we could be next. Christians...we are entering a season when this movement of canceling and removing is going to come after us. We know that no human effort can eliminate God...fools that think that they can...but we are going to be persecuted, marginalized, punished, and if those who believe

## Worth the Wait? Yes!

By Mark Sorensen

On a hot day, the ice cream tastes better. It helps me to cool down from the heat and humidity. If I want a hamburger, I can make one at home or go to one of the businesses down the road. There are things I want that I can get myself.

How about the things that I have to wait to receive? It's not like I can get up and go to the food pantry. I may know it will come in a timely manner. Hopefully, they won't contact me and say it is on back order. Who knows how long that will take?

We have to wait for what we want. It is a fact of life. From school to the grocery store and beyond, we have to learn to wait for what we want.

The Old Testament says all nations will eventually get what they desire one day.

In the Old Testament book of Haggai, "This is what the Lord almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. 7 I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord Almighty" (Haggai 2:6-7). This is another name for the expected Messiah, "desired of all nations."

Haggai's immediate desire was to restart the building of the temple. His future desire was to announce the kingdom that could not be shaken was to emerge.

It is through Jesus that our desires are met. To save me from my sin (Acts 2:21); to overcome this world and not to be overcome by the world (John 16:33); to find satisfaction (John 4:14); to live forever (John 3:16); and to be part of something bigger than myself—the church. **Can you think of some desires He meets in your life?**



in this cancel culture gain offices of power...we will be systematically forced into the shadows to practice our faith in hiding or face consequences.

If you don't think this can happen...see parts of Europe. See Russia. See China. See some places in Africa - Somalia is a good example. See anywhere in the Middle East... and all of those places want this country - which was born on the promise of religious freedom and a constitution that was meant to protect - to fall and fall hard.

The prince of lies is working overtime right now...and so many are falling into line. Sadly I have seen too many Christians nodding their heads in agreement and joining in, not realizing that they are helping to create a path for their own demise. It may already be too late for us to reverse this course because we have sat on our hands for too long. We have been too busy fighting denomination against denomination and church against church...having arguments about traditions and worship styles and all along the way our young people have become disillusioned with the church. Instead of reaching out and listening to them we shake our heads and label them Millennials and dismiss their views or thoughts. And now the generations behind them are not only disillusioned...we can't even get them to consider Christ...and they are going into the streets to rip down anything that they can get their hands on... because they are mad, sad, depressed, lost, angry, violent, repressed, confused - and I look in the mirror and I have to ask myself...what part did I play in this? How did I contribute to their move away from God?

All I am asking is that you look in the mirror too...and instead of us getting angry at them for acting out of their lostness - let's go to them in love and own our mistakes but also stand up for our faith and reverse this curse that we have brought upon ourselves. It's time to refuse to be cancelled...It's time to get back to being the church! Who's with me?



THIS SUNDAY - JUNE 28th, 2020 - We Are OPEN!  
8:30am - 11am - No Sunday School  
Sunday School will begin July 26th (adults only)  
Brady Lane Kids Sunday School begins August 9th