

# The Belmont Christian

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## Upcoming Calendar

- Sunday, April 25, (Camp Fund-Raiser) Spaghetti Dinner following Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- Monday, April 26, 6:15 pm RVHC Board Meeting
- Tuesday, April 27, 10:30 am DWF, 7:00 pm DWF Night Group
- Wednesday, April 28, 5:15 pm Wonderful Wednesday, 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study & Youth Group
- Thursday, April 29, 10:30 am Knitting, 7:00 pm Choir
- Friday, April 30, 8:00 am until ??- Annual Yard Sale
- Saturday, May 1, 8:00 am-?? Last day of yard sale

### This Needs Your Attention Now

Have you made your reservations for the Spaghetti Dinner? Call Pat at the church office at 343-7502. →

It is not too late to donate to the annual yard sale or to the bake sale. See article on page 2.

Remember our sick and shut-ins with cards, calls or visits.

The deadline has been extended if you are interested in camp. See Pastor Elaine.

July 12-16 is Vacation Bible School. Save the date on your calendar.

## Pastor's Pen

### We are at our Highest when we lift others up!

Last Friday night some 50 members of the Belmont Christian Church attended the Vinton "Relay for Life." This number represents the largest amount of participation by the congregation at a Relay in some years. We were treated to a good cookout of hamburgers, hot-dogs, cakes, cookies and a very warm and beautiful evening. The most important aspect of the evening was not all of the fun and games that we took part in, but all of the monies and support raised for those in our community and church that are suffering with some form of Cancer.

While we may look at the event and take on a form of modest humility that our efforts

were only a minor portion of all the funds and other groups that were participating in the relay, we might for a moment forget that the act of helping people, even in little ways, is exactly what the church is called to do by God. Our mission, while we live on this planet for a short time, is to interact with those who live and breathe in this world with us. We are called to provide help to those in need and to strive to find ways that will be comfort to those who are hurt.

Jesus the Christ tells a parable in the Bible about a gentleman who was one day walking on a journey. While he was walking towards this final destination a group of robbers fell upon him and after taking all of his monies, all of his clothes and beating him until they believed him dead, left him lying beside the

road. The man lay along the side of the road for some time and was passed by many different people. No one appeared to have any interest in this man and what was going to be his fate.

Jesus then says that a certain "Samaritan" came along and saw the man and "took pity" on him. This is an ironic statement from Jesus as Samaritans were seen as the social outcasts of their time. Jesus gives us the image of the lowest of these having pity. We are then told how it was that the Samaritan was the one that lifted the man upon his donkey and led him to a nearby Inn and cleaned the man and gave the inn keeper funds to provide continuing care for the man until he returned from the Samaritan's journey.

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## Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Fund Raiser



There will be a free Spaghetti Dinner and free entertainment on Sunday, April 25th following the Worship Service down in the Fellowship Hall.

We do hope you will come out and support the hard work that the Education Department has done to make this a meaningful and fun event.

There will be some fun entertainment that

the whole family will enjoy plus some mighty good spaghetti with all the trimmings.

This annual dinner is to raise money for our campers to go to Craig Springs. This is a great week of fun, fellowship and worship for our young people. So, please plan to come and give generously for this great cause.

Please let the church office know if you are coming if you haven't already @ 343-7502.



# News From Around the Church

## Homemade Goodies Needed

Bake Sale



We need some tasty goodies for our yard sale to be held Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st.

If you would like to donate something, please see Joyce Chewning. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

## Annual Yard Sale

What is junk to one is treasure to someone else. So plan to come to the annual yard sale from 8:00 am to?? on Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st.



Bring your items to the church Monday -Thursday 9-3:30 pm or Friday 9-3:00 pm. Call the church office at 343-7502 if you need to schedule a pickup.

Thank you so much for your donations!

## Pastor's Pen (cont'd from page 1)

This parable has come down through history as the story of the "Good Samaritan" and is generally used as a metaphor for each one of us doing good by helping some other person out. But the story also reminds us that there is a great difficulty in the act of helping others out. Most of us have a large problem with the act of "getting in-

fruits that God had given him first.

When we reach out to help out someone in need, we never know just how far this will go. We might just be called upon to help in some small way to get a stranded traveler along on their journey, or it might end up costing us all we have to help rebuild someone's broken life. But in the end that is exactly the place that God wants us to be. Not in passing along the road on the other side. We are called to answer those who cry out in the darkness for someone to come and help then.



It was a wonderful experience as we watched all of the "Survivors" take their laps around the track on Friday night. For each it was another milestone in their fight against cancer. But for those that stood on the sidelines and watched, it marked a continuing life of a Samaritan. It marked a remembered time when they abandoned the safe side of the road and crossed over to the unknown side to help.

involved" in someone's troubles. As the parable demonstrates, it is far easier for us to pass along on the other side of the road. We may want to help, and we wish only the best for the victim, but there is some overpowering force that prevents us from responding as we should. This is messy when we get involved.

Praying for you as I hope that you are praying for me.

Craig



The Samaritan had to reach down in the blood and gore of the man along the road. His caring for the man had to overcome his need to flee and not act. It also costs us when we get involved. The Samaritan gave of his own wealth to cover the expenses at the Inn with medical cost that would be added on. This may have not been a small amount as it would have covered at least a couple of days worth of care for the man. The Samaritan willingly gave of the

## Prayer Cues for Belmonters

As you go to God in prayer this week, consider including the following prayer cue in your devotions.

God, today I thank you for your love, the simplest gift of all.

Amen



## Attendance Figures:



Sunday School: 72  
Worship Attendance: 118  
Memorials for: Jane Taylor



## Menu for Wonderful Wednesday, April 28th

Come on out and join us on Wednesday nights for food, fun, worship and fellowship. Dinner is at 5:15 pm, Adult Bible Study and Youth Group is at 6:00 pm. Adults are \$5.00 and Children \$2.50.

Reservations are requested. Please fill out on your attendance slip and drop in the offering plate, or call the church office at 343-7502. The menu is:

- Tacos or Taco Salad
- Corn
- Dessert

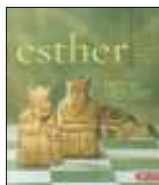
**CWU** Friendship Day and Luncheon is May 7, beginning at 9:30 am to be held at First United Methodist Church of Salem, Va.



See Faye Askew or watch the newsletter for more details.

## Attention Women

A special class will be offered if any one is interested in a study on the Book of Esther. We will study Beth Moore's book, Esther. It's Tough Being a Woman.



It would start in the month of May and would go for six weeks every Tuesday evening.

Let Pastor Elaine know if this is something you would like to do. (772-0250 or email at [austinrva@cox.net](mailto:austinrva@cox.net))



## Interested in Softball?

If you are sixteen or older and would like to play on the softball team, please contact Scott Law or Randy Blair.

The times and so forth will be printed in the newsletter as they are received by the church.

Please watch for updates.

## What a Great Night!!!

As usual, Belmont outdid itself. It was a perfect evening for Vinton's Relay for Life and more than fifty Belmonters enjoyed the fellowship, fun, and great efforts to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. A HUGE, HUGE Thank You to **Barbara Blair** for all of her hard work to make this year such a success. Thank You also to **Gary Sands**, her "right-hand man." Also, thanks to **Maggie Angel** for organizing the cake sale. All of the hard work produced approximately \$1500 towards the cause to fight cancer. Thanks to all who walked and contributed in any way.

**\*Next Elders' Breakfast**  
(Saturday, May 8th at 8:30 am)

**\*Next Cabinet Meeting**  
(Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm)

**\*Next Board Meeting**  
(Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm)

## The Belmont Kids Connection

### Deadline Extended



If you are in grades 1-4, it is not too late to register for church camp. The other camp is filling up quickly, but there is still room for those who would like to attend New Covenant Camp, which will be held August 1-6. Pastor Elaine will be directing that week of camp and she would love to have some company. Please see her as soon as possible. The deadline will be May 1st.

### Summer Youth Groups

Our regular youth groups will be winding down for the summer during the month of May. Weekly meetings will end on May 26th. We have had a good year of learning and sharing together and fun and fellowship. The CYF group (grades 8-12) will continue to have events on an every other week basis. Watch the newsletter for the schedules. We may try some other fun things throughout the summer with the younger groups, like popsicles in the park, and maybe even a family drive-in movie. Watch for more details.



### Vacation Bible School

Summer is just around the corner, which must mean that plans are under way for our Vacation Bible School. It promises to be a fun and great week as we go on a journey. We will have our "plane tickets" and we will get ready to travel to the other side of the world. Not exactly, we are going to be pretending to go to the country of India. Have you ever studied about India? Do you know anyone who has been there? Well mark your calendars for July 12-16 and plan to come on our journey with us. We will begin each evening with a bag dinner and then we will have lots of activities and events to help us to better understand what goes on around the world in the country of India.



**Calling All Children, Age 4—Grade 4:** We need you in Sunday School every Sunday for the next eight weeks. We are studying "Pentecost: Wind and Fire." Do you know what "Pentecost" is? Do you know that it is about the birthday of the Church. Come and learn more!

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**Service Times:**

Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Family Night: 6:00 PM

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## For Your Information

### News You Can Use

**Prayer List:**

**Our Church Family:** Tim Argenbright, Darlene Coon, Letha Holland, Maegan Puckett, Helen Saul (Mrs. H.E.), Mary Spradlin & sisters, Donnie Stanley, Donald Stanley Sr., Jane Taylor, Pat Wirt & family



**Our Extended Church Family:** Family of Annette Bear, Beth Carter, Tim Chocklett,

Helen Cook, Joanne Ellis, Jennifer Farmer, Jerry Fernatt, Deb & Eddy Hanabass, Ricky Hartman, Marion Hicks, Delores Hypes, Angela Lewis & family, Family of Kristinna McMillian, Sue Mustard, Dean Schrumps, Alden Shelor, Lynwood Thurman, Joan Walters, Charlotte Woodzell

*(If you know of any updates to this list, please let the Church office know.)*

### Disciple Women Meeting

This month our program is on prayer and how God answers our prayers. "How God Answers Prayer" was written by Kaye Edwards. She tells how her mother's prayer was answered. We will explore ways in which we have seen answered prayer.

Come and join us here at the church on Tuesday April 27th at 10:30 am.



### Disciples Women Night Group

The night group will meet here at the church at 7:00 pm.

Please come and join us as we learn and fellowship together.



"Memories Get You Through"

We all face loss of a loved one....

At some point or another....  
God gives us a heart full of memories....  
As we will discover....  
They comfort our soul....  
They heal our heart....  
As we think of them....  
Our memories never part....  
It's like a little treasure box....  
We can go to from time to time....  
I pull out a smile or remembrance....  
And it is totally all mine....  
I think back to a certain event....  
Maybe something they said to me....  
And as I ponder over my thoughts....  
It's almost like their face I can see....  
When you know they are in heaven....  
It makes the separation easier to bear....  
Your memories will carry you through....  
Until at last you are there!!!

By: Pat Lumsden  
April 19, 2010