

# The Belmont Christian

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## Upcoming Calendar

- Sunday, May 23, Pentecost Sunday, No Friendship Time today. 12:30 pm, SRCP Picnic at Jackson Park
- Tuesday, May 25 10:30 am DWF, 6:30 pm Disciples Men/Belmont
- Wednesday, May 26 The LAST Wonderful Wed. for the summer, 5:15 pm, 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study & Youth Group
- Thursday, May 27, 10:30 am Knitting, 7:00 pm Choir
- Sat., May 29 100th Birthday Party for Eloise Wright from 1-3:00 pm in the church FH

### This Needs Your Attention Now

Sunday, May 23 is our annual SE Roanoke Christian Partnership picnic as listed on page one, but it is also Pentecost Sunday. Remember to wear RED. →

Be sure and read the reminder articles on page two and three of up-coming events in the church.

Remember the sick & shut-ins, and support your softball team!

## Pastor's Pen Wearing the Red

Found on the "Biblical and Theological Resources for Growing Christians" website <http://www.crivoice.org/symbols/colorsmeaning.html>. Dennis Bratcher writes on the use of the color red in the church,

"Red is the color of fire and so symbolizes the presence of God. It is the liturgical color for [Pentecost](#). It is considered the color of the Church, since red can also symbolize the blood of martyrs. It is sometimes used for [Maundy Thursday](#) and during Eastertide. In Roman Catholic tradition it is used for [Palm Sunday](#) in anticipation of the death of Jesus. In some

traditions it is used to commemorate special days for martyrs or saints."

This coming Sunday the church will be celebrating Pentecost. This is the traditional Birthday of the church. We read in the book of "Acts" that the apostles were waiting the coming of the Holy Spirit to arrive and fall upon those of the church. As they were waiting a "Great Wind" filled the room and fire descended upon them. They were then able to preach the word to the entire world.

Many churches these days seem to believe that we are still sitting in the room and that we are still awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit to come and fall upon us. But, as Mr. Bratcher correctly points out, when we wear the

color red during our services on Pentecost Sunday we are acknowledging that the presence of God and that of the Holy Spirit are already within the compounds of the church. God, and the Holy Spirit, is already here and no longer is there any need for us to sit and wait. Then why do so many believe that we are still waiting?

For many this is a question of Faith. Do we really believe in the power and authority of the word of God or not. Mr. Bratcher says that the use of the color Red also "commemorate(s) special days for martyrs or saints." These were the people of the faith that by their acts in their lives can be said that they truly believed in the word of

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## Southeast Roanoke Christian Partnership Picnic

Sunday, May 23 is the annual Southeast Roanoke Christian Partnership picnic at 12:30 pm at Jackson Park.

Come and join in for the fun, fellowship and an old-fashioned summer picnic after the Worship Service. There will not be a Friendship Reception today, so that everyone will be free to attend the picnic.



We will be having fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cole slaw, rolls, soft drinks and water.

Bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share!

It's always fun to see some of your friends from our neighborhood churches, so plan to come and have a wonderful time in the Lord!

# News From Around the Church

## Disciples Men



The Dinner and meeting is hosted by Belmont Christian Church this month. So make plans to be here and be a good host.

A letter of invitation went out to all District III churches last week. We expect a good attendance, so we need your support by being here!

The date is Tuesday, May 25th at 6:30 pm. Please let the church office know if you are coming by Monday morning, May 24th.

## Seniors Dance



Have you ever been to an old-fashioned Hoedown? Then, you will want to come! June 18, 2010, Dinner at 6:00 pm, Dance 7-10:00 pm. Here in the Fellowship Hall at Belmont Christian Church.

The cost is \$7.00 per person. Payment is due in advance by June 11th. Watch the bulletin inserts on May 30th and June 6th for all of the details.



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

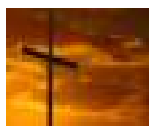
God. Many of the early church martyrs went to their deaths openly confessing the power and glory of God. They did not sit alone in some room waiting on God to do something; they went out into the world proclaiming the power of God.

So God's presence is not something that the church is waiting to arrive, but is the power that is already here! God is already at work in the life of the church and the life of His people. There is no need to think that we are looking to the horizon expecting to see the coming of our hope and salvation. They are already here and with us. God's power fills our sanctuary to overflowing and God's grace rains down upon us and covers us with God's love. God's power enlivens the very muscles of our bodies and causes us to move and walk among God's people. God gave us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we use in the life of the church. These gifts give help to us to proclaim the message and love of God to those who need to hear it. It does not matter if we view the gifts of the Holy Spirit as being great or small, (these are human descriptions and are not God's,) all gifts are of value and important in God's eye.

We do not meet this Sunday and wait for something to happen. We meet to celebrate what God has already done and continues to do in our lives. Therefore, we should go into the Pentecost worship events as if the fire has already descended upon us. We then celebrate our God who has acted in us and gives us the means to impact the lives of others around us. We are not passive, but we are active through the power of God. We move and breathe at the com-

### Attendance Figures:

Sunday School: 68  
Worship Attendance: 117



Memorials for:  
None Today

mand of our God.

God is moving among us; we no longer wait. We should begin to walk



and talk like we are true believers in the Word and not as hearers of the Word. We need to allow God's powers to fill us and God's will to become our will. We seek the lost sheep and help the Shepherd recover them. We sing praises unto God with a loud song. We celebrate the life that God has been so gracious to give unto us and live the way God wants us to.

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

Craig

## Prayer Cues for Belmonters

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

The Lord God is like a sun and shield; The Lord gives us kindness. Psalms 84:11

Thank You Lord!  
Amen



## Last Wonderful Wednesday For the Summer Wednesday, May 26th



Come and join us for the last Wonderful Wednesday for the summer.

### Menu:

- Pork Tenderloin with Gravy
- Stewed Apples
- Green Beans
- Biscuits
- Dessert

Dinner is at 5:15 pm. The cost is \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.50 for Children.

Adult Bible Study and youth group is at 6:00 pm.

If you plan to eat, please list on your attendance form Sunday and put in the offering plate, or call the church office at 343-7502.

The next Wonderful Wednesday is after Labor Day.

Hope to see you on the 26th for great food and fellowship!

## New Class to Start June 6th

On Sunday morning June 6, we will begin an eight week class on Church Growth and Church Outreach. We will meet in the parlor at 10:00 am for about 40 minutes. The class will be led by Pastor Craig Rutherford.



The class will be discussing the book, "Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60: Being Church for All Generations"

If you are interested in reaching out to others and developing ways of attracting them to Belmont, please attend this class.

## Women's Bible Study

You know the saying, "The best laid plans of mice and men," well that is how life tends to work. Our women's Bible Study on the Book of Esther will still begin on Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. but we have moved locations. We will now meet at the church instead of Sandy Mitchell's house. Due to some access problems during my recovery from surgery, we feel that it will be more conducive to meet at the church. Please contact Pastor Elaine if you have any questions, or if you would like to participate. This will be approximately a six week course.

### Last Call:

One more time, we are asking for names and information about anyone who might be graduating from high school, college, graduate program and such. We will be honoring them on Sunday, June 6th during our 11:00 worship service. Please contact the church office no later than Monday, May 24th with information. Also, anyone graduating from high school is eligible for our Book Grant Scholarship. See Pastor Elaine for an application.



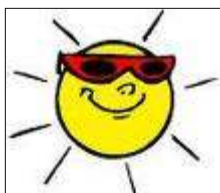
## Reminder

100th Birthday Reception in honor of Eloise Wright on Saturday, May 29th, 1-3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Belmont Christian Church. Hope to see you there!!

# The Belmont Kids Connection

## Summer Plans for our Children & Youth

Remember that some schedules and plans have been made for our summer months. Please make note of these changes for the months of June, July, and August.



\* **Children Worship & Wonder** will continue to meet during the summer, but we will meet in the Children's Department room.

\* **Journey Worship** will take the summer off. So the last meeting of this group will be Sunday, May 30th.

\* **JYF Youth Group**, for ages four through third grade will have their last meeting of the summer on Wednesday, May 26th.

\* **ChiRho Youth Group**, for grades four through sixth grade will also have their last meeting of the summer on Wednesday, May 26th.

\* **CYF Youth Group**, for grades seven through twelve, will continue to meet throughout the summer, with different activities and events. Watch your mail for more information.

\* **Sunday School Classes** for our children and youth will continue as usual throughout the summer.



## Vacation Bible School

The excitement is building and we are getting geared up for our trip to India this summer. We are going to have a great time during the week of July 12-16 as we journey to India with our Vacation Bible School. We will learn about some of the customs of the children in India and we will also learn about three mission sites there that our outreach dollars support.



So invite your friends and neighbors and plan to come and join us. We will begin each evening at 5:30 p.m. with a "bag dinner" and conclude at 8:00 p.m. There will be classes for **Everyone, ages three to 100 + !!!** Even the adults will have their own class. Come and join us!!

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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, Elaine Austin, & family, Jennifer & Joseph Bailey & family, Ina Bobbitt, Cathy Ferguson, Debbie Cromwell Heck, Letha Holland, Roger & Wanda Law,

Joan Sands, Mary Spradlin & sisters, Donnie Stanley, Donald Stanley Sr. & families, Pat Wirt & family

**Our Extended Church Family:** Family of Jennifer Angell, Jason Blair, Jim Brown, Tim Chocklett, Crystal Clinebell, Kim Duff, Jerry Fernatt, Family of Joyce Geary, Mr. & Mrs. Harry S. Goggin, Eddy & Deb Hannabass, Debbie Harris, The Rick Hartman family, Pansy Layman, Billie Lothian, Ginny Martin, June McCoy, Sonia Morris, Sue Mustard, Jack Newbill, Debbie Ragland, Irma Reynolds, Dean Schrupf, Cole Smith, Cindy

Strausbaugh, Jean Tuck, Sheila Watano, Mary Alice Walton, Charlotte Woodzell

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

### Per Request

Please note the following address you have requested to send cards:

Mary Alice Walton  
15500 Chieftain Rd.  
Disputanta, Va. 23842



### *"Dad's Last Journey"*



*My Dad was a special part of my life...  
He took many trips during his life on earth...*

*He enjoyed the many beauties of God...  
Since his humble birth...*

*While in the Navy he saw some of the world...  
As children he took us on camping trips...  
Or to see family and friends...*

*Praise for God's beauty came from his lips...  
As we grew up and left home...*

*He and Mother took some amazing vacations...  
Trips of a lifetime with wonderful memories...  
Not only in this country, but other locations...  
I'm so glad he was able to see some of God's beautiful creations....*

*Before God took him home...  
We all miss him, but are happy...  
Forever in heaven with the Lord he'll roam!*

*By: Pat Lumsden, May 18, 2010*

***The last Journey is the best, most beautiful and most important Journey we'll ever take.***

***Is your last journey going to be in heaven with our Lord and Savior? I pray so.***