

The Belmont Christian

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Upcoming Calendar

- Sunday, June 6, Friendship Time, 10:00 am "Church Reaching Out Class # 1 with Pastor Craig Rutherford
- Monday, June 7, 6:30 pm Worship Department
- Tuesday, June 8, 7:00 pm 1st Study of Esther @ Church with Pastor Elaine Austin
- Wednesday, June 9, 4:30-8:30 pm PCC Banquet/ FH
- Thursday, June 10 10:30 am Knitting, **NO CHOIR**
- Saturday, June 12 8:30 am Elders' Breakfast

This Needs Your Attention Now

Save the dates →

See invitation on page 3

See Bulletin Board out from the Sanctuary for open Wedding Invitation for Abigail Walton.

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

Make reservations for the Seniors' Dance and Dinner, see page 3.

Pastor's Pen The Hard Work

This last week was especially busy around the life of the church. Besides our usual softball games, wonderful Wednesdays, Sunday School, and Sunday Services which is very busy anyway; we added some more things to this. On Tuesday evening Belmont hosted the bi-monthly meeting of the District Disciples Men meeting. Around 45 men representing most of our entire area's sister congregations were offered a wonderful meal and Rodney Ferguson provided a concert showing off our sanctuary organ.

We are always ready for some unseen event to happen, and on Wednesday we were ready when Don Stanley passed away and went home to be with God. The church women opened their hearts and recipe

books to provide a meal for the Stanley family with around 70 members of the family being present. These events were just the warm up for the biggest event of the

persons sitting around the prepared tables with a fair number of persons standing around the room. During the three events we served between 270 and 300 people.



We are blessed to have a group of women and men who are willing to do all of the hard work that it takes to make all of the events in the life of the church happen. While the summer months are rapidly coming upon us, and we have placed a few items on hiatus, we have just made some room for the events of this summer. New classes are starting up with new teachers, Vacation Bible School will soon be upon us and there will be needs for help in many different areas. Someone will be needed to do the hard work to make this wonderful week move smoothly.

week: the 100th birthday party for Eloise Wright. There were women of the church here as early as 4 am with others arriving around 6 am to start preparing the meal. There was over 160

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Just Starting, Save The Dates

On Sunday morning, **June 6, at 10:00 am.** Pastor Craig Rutherford is starting an 8 week class on Church Growth. The class will be called: "**Church Reaching Out**" Class.

The class will be discussing the book, "Reaching People under 40 While Keeping People Over 60." The class will last for about 40 minutes. Come learn how to develop ways of attracting people to Belmont Christian Church.



Starting on **Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 pm here at the Church,** Pastor Elaine Austin will be leading a study of the Book of Esther for the Ladies of the church. It is based on the book, "**Esther, It's Tough Being a Woman**" by Beth Moore.

The study will last for about 6 weeks, and we do hope all the ladies will come and take part in the study.

If you haven't already enrolled and would like to, just get in touch with Pastor Elaine or call the church office.

Please read Esther chapter 1 for the first meeting.

News From Around the Church

From The Kitchen of Lee Rowland

(Pat Lumsden's Mom)

"Sweet Potato Casserole"



3 cups mashed sweet potatoes
 1 cup sugar 1/2 tsp. salt
 2 eggs beaten 1/2 cup milk
 1/2 stick margarine, melted
 1 tsp. vanilla
 Mix together and place in oblong Baking dish (8 1/2 x 12 1/2)
 Cover with the following mix:
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/3 cup flour
 1/2 stick margarine, melted
 1/2 cup chopped nuts
 Sprinkle evenly over casserole.
 Bake at 350 for 45 minutes

Sincere Thanks



My dear Church Family, your calls, cards, visits and food has meant so much to me and my family.

Seems like health problems has been a big part of our life the last couple of years and you have always been there to fill our needs.

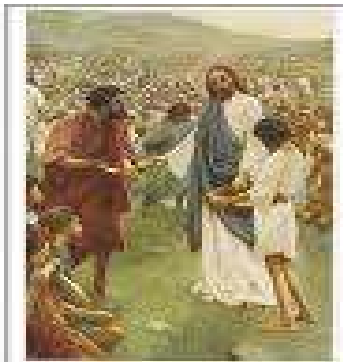
I can't express enough how appreciative we are for your love and support!

Thanks so much, Pastor Elaine



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

When we read about Jesus' ministry in the books of the Gospel, we sometimes think that his ministries happened



all by themselves and that there was not the hard work involved that we think about with all the ministries that the church does today. Jesus would have been faced with some of the same challenges that we face today. In fact the Bible tells about one such event where Jesus' teaching had attracted a large number of people and as the evening was soon approaching Jesus' disciples began to worry about the ability to feed such a large number. Jesus is told that only one boy had done the hard work of bringing a lunch to the gathering. Jesus tells his disciples that this will be plenty and tell them to have all of the people sit down. Taking what was presented to him; he blessed it and had the disciples pass it out to the people. The Bible says that baskets of scraps were taken back in. Because one boy was willing to do the hard work, everyone there was provided with something to eat.

it feed a multitude. But none of this can be done without the hard work of those who prepare the meal. As with the small boy in the gospels, you must have someone willing to do the work. Jesus would not have been able to feed the vast crowd without the fish that the boy provided.

When my family first came here to Belmont we were told several times that the church had some of the best cooks in town and this fact cannot be disputed in any way. I have received many compliments given to me after one of the many meals about the great food that was eaten. They also comment on the great blessing that was offered in the meal to the guest or families, and how they really appreciated all of the work that went into the meal. Our baskets come back to us overflowing with thanks.

Thanks again ladies and gentlemen for all of the hard work, you make Belmont shine!!

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

Craig



Every time that we provide a meal to visitors, families, or just one of our regular Sunday morning meals we are performing a sort of miracle. We are taking food provided to us and making

Attendance Figures:

Sunday School: 65
 Worship Attendance: 160
 Memorials for: In Honor of Eloise Wright, in Memory of Donald Stanley Sr. & for Parish Life



Prayer Cues for Belmonters

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

"Anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me." Matthew 25:40



Thank You Lord!
 Amen

You Are Invited



Please join us at:
 Fort Lewis Christian Church
 2931 West Main Street, Salem

Sunday, June 13, 2010
 4:45—6:15 pm

To Meet
Rev. Juliana Temparaja

As she speaks to us about her Ministry and the Culture of her Country, East Timor

Refreshments To Follow

Please plan to be here
On Sunday, June 6
 as
we honor our Graduates



Our Last Wonderful Wednesday of the Season Was Great!

This was a busy day here at Belmont Christian Church. There was a lot going on, but in spite of it all it went great.

Look forward to seeing everyone again after Labor Day. Watch your Newsletter for details as we approach that date

Did You Know....



*There will be an adult class during our week of Vacation Bible School taught by Pastor Craig. Please mark your calendars for July 12-16 and plan on attending.

*Also mark your calendars for Aug. 10th for a Belmont Christian Church night out at a Salem Red Sox game. Watch for more details.

Have You Made Your Reservations for the Seniors' Dance & Dinner?



(Country Western Theme)

Friday, June 18, 2010
 Dinner-6:00 pm
 Dance-7-10:00 pm

Tickets \$7.00 per person in advance by June 11th. See Barbara Blair or call the Church office at 343-7502. Pictures will be available for purchase by Richard Angell. Plan to come and have a Real Good time!

Ladies Please Be Aware



There will be **NO** Meetings for the months of June, July or August. We will start back in September.

Hope everyone enjoys a little break & has a wonderful summer. See you in September!

The Belmont Kids Connection

Are You Ready for a Trip to India?



Plans are well underway for our annual Vacation Bible School, July 12-16. It promises to be filled with lots of fun and excitement. We are on a journey to the country of India to learn about their customs and some of the wonderful mission work that our denomination does there.

We will begin each evening with a light dinner ("a bag dinner") at 5:30 p.m. Then we will gather for our sessions, concluding each night at 8:00 p.m. There will be classes for everyone, from age three through adults. So invite your friends and neighbors and plan to come.

CYF Plans for the summer

Even though our other groups are taking Wednesday nights off for the summer, our CYF group (grades 7-12) will still be meeting.



Here are some upcoming dates:

- *June 9th—6:00-7:00—regular meeting
- *June 16th—Thunder Valley (more details to follow)
- *June 23rd—Movie & Pizza night at the church
- *June 30th—regular meeting
- *July 29th—serve dinner at the Rescue Mission
- * Aug. 10th—Red Sox Ballgame

Watch for more dates and details for the summer.

Reminder: Taking a Break for Summer

The last Journey Worship for the children took place on Sunday, May 30th.

Watch the Newsletter as Fall approaches and we will announce starting back.

However, our Children's Worship program for ages three through eight will continue in the Children's Department room. We will be taking a break from the Worship & Wonder program, but we will continue to meet.



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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: Elaine Austin, & family, Corey Bailey, Jennifer & Joseph Bailey & family, Gordon Blair, Ina Bobbitt, Clark Davis, Cathy Ferguson, Debbie Cromwell Heck, Letha Holland, Roger & Wanda Law, Bill Moody, Joan Sands, Mary Spradlin & sisters, Family of Donald Stanley Sr., Loni Stoneman, Jane Taylor, Nancy Thompson, Lena Wells, Pat Wirt & family



Our Extended Church Family:

Kayla Aliff, Family of Jennifer Angell, Jason Blair, Jim Brown, Tim Chocklett, Crystal Clinebell, Janet & Martin Cliser, Mary Helen Cliser, Kim Duff, Family of Lois Elmore, Jerry Fernatt, Family of Joyce Geary, Mr. & Mrs. Harry S. Goggin, Eddy & Deb Hannabass, Debbie Harris, The Rick Hartman family, James

Jacobs, 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 Vatano, Rev. John Wallace, Mary Alice Walton, Betty Wilson, Charlotte Woodzell

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

Presbyterian Community Center Needs



We need your help! We need non-perishable foods of all kinds, but especially peanut butter. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help us out.

The needs are so great, we can hardly keep up with it. Thanks so much for your continued support!

"Truly Blessed"

*The Lord wants to bless his people....
And he has most truly blessed me....
Not because I deserve it....
But out of love you see....
We all face hurts in life....
Lose those most precious to us at times....
Feel so sad we can't go on....
But through all with us he abides....
Whatever we lose in life....
He gives back in other ways....
Puts joy back in our hearts again....
As we serve him day by day....
He is such an awesome God....
He hears our every plea....
Doesn't furnish all our wants....
But meets our every need....
I feel so very thankful....
For my heavenly Father above....
And his plan of Salvation
In which none of us deserve!*

By: Pat Lumsden 6-1-2010

