

The Belmont Christian

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Upcoming Calendar

- Sunday, June 13, Friendship time, BP checks with Faye Askew, 10:00 am "Church Reaching Out Class" # 2/Parlor
- Tuesday, June 15, 6-8:00 pm RVHC, 7:00 pm here at the church, 2nd study of Esther with Pastor Elaine
- Thursday, June 17, 10:30 am Knitting, **NO** Choir



- Friday, June 18th, Senior Dinner and Hoe-Down starting at 6:00 pm—10:00 pm.

This Needs Your Attention Now

Reminder: Saturday, June 12 is the Elder's Breakfast at 8:30 am.

Have you turned in your reservation for the Senior Dinner and Dance? See article on page 3.

Presbyterian Center needs food donations. Please bring next Sunday. Urgent need!

Special Vacation Bible School Meeting. (See page 4)

Read your newsletter from front to back and note important dates and events to remember.

Pastor's Pen



Justin Sparks

Congratulations Graduates



Vicky Blair



Courtney Thompson



Dillon Smith



Forrest Gabrielson

This past Sunday was a special day in the life of Belmont Christian Church. We honored our five graduates for 2010. The graduates were recognized, gifts were given, and a special

reception was held in their honor after worship. Thank you to **Maggie Angell** for the beautiful cake.

Below is a list of our graduates and their accom-

plishments and plans for the future. We are proud of their hard work and we celebrate with them and their families. Congratulations!!

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Thank You for your Commitment to our Youth

It has been an interesting year on Wednesday nights with our children and youth program, but thanks to some wonderful people who stepped up and said, "YES!!" we have concluded another great year of youth groups.

Our JYF (age four through grade three) have spent the year doing some wonderful crafts, for themselves and for others. They have also learned about some Bible heroes and other Bible stories. They have been led by several of our members: **Sharon Stoneman, Loni Stoneman, Barbara Blair, Bill Austin, Mike Terry, and Frances Runyon.**

Our ChiRho group (grades four through six) have enjoyed a year of learning about character traits and doing some outreach projects for the church. **Carol Clarkson** has given her heart to this group for several years. She has been assisted by **Carrie Rutherford, Lindsay Graham, and Suzanne Graham.**

Our CYF group (grades seven through twelve) are continuing to meet and are very busy. A huge Thank You to **Allison Clarkson** and **Gail Sparks** who have assisted Pastor Elaine.

Hats off to you all for your commitment and dedication to our young people!!!

News From Around the Church

Save These Dates

The Seventh Annual Belmont Christian Church Car Show will be here before you know it. Sep-



tember 25th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm is the date to remember. Rain Date will be October 2, same time.

This is an exciting event with Food, Drinks, Baked Goodies, and more.

Make your plans now to be part of this event.

Registration starts at 8:00 am. Pre-register by September 18th.

Watch your newsletter closer to time for all of the details.

Future CWU Meetings



The Fall Forum will be September 24, 2010.

Watch your Newsletter as more information will be available at a later date with location, time and so forth.



Justin Sparks

Justin will graduate this coming Saturday from William Byrd High School. He will receive an advance diploma and the Commonwealth Scholars award. He is also receiving honors for his class at Arnold R. Burton and received his CIW award (Certified Internet Web Professional) from Burton. Justin will be attending Roanoke College in the fall, planning to study Computer Science.

Justin is the son of Jay and Dee Sparks, and the grandson of Frank and Bonny Sparks.

Vicky Blair

Vicky completed her Associate Degree in Social Sciences from Virginia Western Community College. She graduated Sum Cum Laude (highest honors for her GPA) and she received a Certificate in General Education. Vicky has already begun a program at Mary Baldwin College in which, after 12 courses and student teaching, she will receive her teaching certification. She hopes to complete this no later than the Spring of 2012.

Vicky is married to Randy Blair and they have a son, Grayson. She is also the daughter-in-law of Gordon and Barbara.

Courtney Thompson

Courtney graduated from Roanoke College with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, and a minor in Human Resources and Health Care Administration. She graduated Cum Laude and was very involved in the Roanoke College community. Courtney held leadership positions in her sorority, business fraternity and honor societies.

Courtney is the daughter of Doug and Pam Thompson and the granddaughter of Paul and Nancy Thompson.

Attendance Figures:

Sunday School: 80
Worship Attendance: 107

Memorials for:
Donald Stanley Sr.

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

Dillon Oakley Smith

Dillon graduated on the Dean's list from Radford University with a degree in Anthropology. He recently assisted the Chairman of the Anthropology Department in a seminar for police officers in forensic evidence dealing with Osteology, the identification of bones. Last summer he participated in an archeological dig at Poplar Forest, the summer home of Thomas Jefferson in Bedford County, which produced numerous articles of pottery, tools and bones from the era. Dillon is the son of Ken and Holly Smith and the grandson of Doug and Nellie Moore.

Forrest Gabrielson

As Forrest was growing up, he was better known as "Buddy" to his church family. He is the son of Bruce Gabrielson and Dream D'Avonzo (Robin Sparks), and the grandson of Frank and Bonny Sparks.

After graduation from William Byrd High School, Forrest enlisted in the Army and was based at Fort Bragg, NC. he served in Korea and Iraq after which time he returned to Fort Bragg to finish out his time in the Army. He enrolled in junior college and received his AA Degree, then went to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke where he received his BA in Political Science and Public Administration. While at UNC, he was a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society. Forrest hopes to continue his studies soon, but at the present time, he is pursuing job possibilities.

Prayer Cues for Belmonters

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

Serve the Lord your God. Respect him, keep his commandments, and obey him. Deuteronomy 13:4.



Thank You Lord for who you are!!
Amen

Open Your Hearts and Share



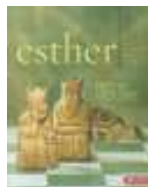
People all over the country and in our own community are really hurting.

The Presbyterian Community Center is really getting low on food supplies.

Any non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. Peanut Butter is an item most asked for, but anything you can donate would be a big help.

Belmont Christian Church always comes through no matter how hard things are and we thank you for that!

Study On Book of Esther



Tuesday, June 8th was the first study of the Book of Esther led by Pastor Elaine. Ladies, please join us every Tuesday, here at the church at 7:00 pm. The study will last for about six weeks. You'll be glad you did!

Are You Young At Heart?

If you want to stay young and in shape you need to come to a real country-western Hoe-Down!



Food and Fun is the topic for the evening.

Come join us on Friday, June 18th for Dinner at 6:00 pm. Dancing will be from 7:00-10:00 pm.

Reservations are required and payment received by June 11th. The cost is \$7.00 per person To sign up call the church office at 343-7502 or see Barbara Blair.

From Nellie's Kitchen

(per request)

“Bread Bowl Cheese Dip” (Round)

Cut off top of bread & remove most of the insides

Warm together:

12 oz cream cheese

6 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese

One 4 oz can green chilies

Add:

1 1/2 red bell peppers chopped

1 1/2 bunches green onion chopped

One 3 oz jar dried chip beef chopped

1 1/2 tsp onion powder

1 1/2 tsp chili powder

1 1/2 tsp cumin

salt, seasons alt., cayenne pepper, white pepper to taste. I put a couple dashes of each.

Add:

1 1/2 tomato chopped

Pour warm dip into bowl



Pastor Craig Leads New Class

Come support Pastor Craig as he leads an 8-week class on “Reaching Out.”

The first class started on Sunday, June 6 at 10:00am and will continue through July 25th. We had GREAT attendance! Come join us!

The Belmont Kids Connection

Neighborhood Friends

Ten-year-old Susan Kennedy considered 80-year-old Mr. Boggs one of her best friends. He was very fond of her, too, and he nicknamed her “Twirly Friend” because she liked to do “wheelies” on her bicycle in his driveway. Mr. Boggs taught Susan how to play checkers, and he once gave her a microscope.



When Mr. Boggs became gravely ill and needed to be hospitalized, Susan mailed him something every day. Sometimes it was a poem, or a letter, or a picture she had drawn. After a month, Mr. Boggs was able to go home. He told Susan, “You saved my life. No one else called or wrote, and your mailings gave me the courage to live. Thank You.”

Unlike Susan, many young people

don't know their neighbors. They're scared of their neighbors, and many times, the neighbors are frightened by them. It's true, some neighborhoods are safer than others, but many people don't reach out to each other—even in safe neighborhoods.

Friendships like the one between Susan and Mr. Boggs can only develop when people take risks by acknowledging their neighbors, getting to know them, and taking the time to form relationships. Usually everyone—no matter what their age—benefits.

During your summer break, take the challenge and try to get to know some of your neighbors. Make sure that you have a parent or guardian's permission.

(taken from a newsletter produced by Search Institute, 2005)

VACATION BIBLE School



“Journey to India”

July 12th-16th

5:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Classes for ALL ages (three through adult)

Don't forget to invite some friends. The more the merrier! Plan now to attend.

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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, Robert Early, Cathy Ferguson, Larry & Shirley Fullp, Debbie Cromwell Heck, Letha Holland, Roger Law, Vicki Newburn, Joan Sands, Mary Spradlin & sisters, Family of Donald Stanley Sr., Loni Stoneman, Jane Taylor, Nancy Thompson, Lena Wells

Our Extended Church Family: Kayla Aliff, Kent & Sandy Shriver, Mary Alice Walton

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

Special Meeting

There will be a meeting of all VBS volunteers this coming Sunday, June 13th immediately following worship in the Loyal Bereans classroom. We will go over the schedule, groups and any questions that you have. Please attend this important meeting.

Thank You,
Allison and Marsha



Reminder

Everyone is invited to Fort Lewis Christian Church, 2931 West Main Street, Salem on Sunday, June 13th from 4:45-6:15 pm to meet Rev. Juliana Temparaja and hear about her Ministry in East Timor. Refreshments to follow.

Roanoke Valley Healthcare Connection

(Tuesday, June 15, 6-8:00 pm)
At Belmont Christian Church



Care-giving-Rehabilitation-Aging
(and situations in between)
Learn about services available in
the Roanoke Valley!

RVHC invites you to stop by its monthly event in the Parlor of the church. Information will be provided that will be helpful if you are caring for a family member, rehabilitating from surgery or an illness and/or a senior who needs a little extra help at home.

The following agencies that will be on hand to provide information and answer questions are: **Home Instead Senior Care, LOA (Local office on Aging), FREE (Foundation for Rehabilitation Equipment Endowment) and Gentiva Home Health.**

Plan to come and learn what help each of these agencies provide.

As always, FREE blood pressure and blood screenings will be available as well as resource information about healthcare services in the Roanoke Valley.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Allen at 312-6302.