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Upcoming Calendar

- Sunday, June 27, Friendship Time, 10:00 am "Church Reaching Out Class" # 4 in the Parlor
- Tuesday, June 29, 7:00 pm 4th study of Esther @ Church with Pastor Elaine
- Thursday, July 1, NO Knitting, NO Choir



This Needs Your Attention Now

Support the Youth of your church as they try to raise money to fix up their room. →

Re-arrange your priorities.

Plan on coming to the 4th of July picnic. See article on page 2.

See page 3 and note announcements and up-coming events.

Note children's activities and dates to remember also on page 3.

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

PCC is still in need of food.

Pastor's Pen Putting Things First.

Jane sat in the overstuffed chair of Rev. Bob's office one Monday afternoon. She was there to discuss an important need that she felt the church was just not meeting. "You see Pastor Bob," she began, "my kids are now growing older and they have so many things in their life." Pastor Bob sat behind his desk and nodded. "Billy is playing sports now. He is on the football team as a running back, he will be starting soccer shortly and you know that games are usually on Sunday mornings." Pastor Bob nodded. Jane continued, "And Sally is into cheer leading and gymnastics. She wants to make the squad next year and she has to attend so many meetings and practice."

Pastor Bob shifted in his seat. Jane had reached the key point of her talk. "So you see, we have just become too busy to attend church on Sundays anymore." She paused, "Our family has just lost our desire to get up so early on Sunday. The church does not seem to meet our needs anymore."

Pastor Bob looked at her, his face grimaced a little. He cleared his throat while saying a silent prayer. "I have been aware of your family's changes in life. I know that your attendance on Sunday has been off and on. I also know that your children have not been attending our youth activities lately. I have been concerned about you for some time."

Pastor Bob paused, "But, have you really prayed over this? You used to have so

much love for the church and the church life." Jane now grimaced. "I know" she said, "we loved being a part of the life of the church, but now we are always on the go and there seems not to be enough time in the day." Pastor Bob broke in. "There seems to always be enough time in your lives for all of your activities, you seem to have no trouble making it to each practice or game. What seems to be happening is that your priorities have changed." He leaned forward, "It's easy to be drawn into all of the bright and flash of the outside world. But what do you lose when you allow all of the desires of the world to replace the desires of God?"



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Fund Raiser/Car Wash

The youth of our church are the leaders of 10:00 am until 12:30 pm tomorrow.

Their room up on the third floor could use a little sprucing up.

The Advance Auto in our neighborhood on Bullitt Ave. has been gracious enough to let them use their parking lot for a fund raiser/car wash.



We all probably have dirty vehicles lately with the on again off again showers we have been getting.

What better way to get them cleaned up and help a good cause at the same time.

Come on out and support the youth of our church.

The day will be Saturday, June 26 from

Donations will be accepted and we thank you!

News From Around the Church



“Correction” To Party Veggie Sandwich

- 3 cups shredded carrots
- 1 cup minced green pepper
- 1 cup minced onion
- 1 cup chopped cucumbers
- 1 cup chopped celery
- Then combine the following for the dressing
- 4 eight oz. packs of cream cheese
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 6 tbs. mayo
- Beat the dressing until fluffy
- Then, add veggies and fold in
- Chill

This makes enough for 4 loaves of bread. Cut the bread with a 2 inch biscuit cutter and add the veggie spread.

(By Request)
From the kitchen of
Nellie Moore

July 4th Picnic



Belmont Christian Church will have a picnic on July 4th following Service. Hot Dogs, with fixings, drinks, ice cream and paper products will be provided. We need you to bring for example: deviled eggs, potato salad, slaw, macaroni salad, chips and fruit pies. Hope to see you there!



“These are the final figures for the building fund expenses.”

Pastor’s Pen *(cont’d from page 1)*

“The world tries to teach us that we always have to be busy. The world says that we are somehow measured by the amount of things or activities that we are a part of, and the more things that we have the “better” we are. But, too many times we really find that the more we think we have corresponds with the more empty we feel. Things only last for so long and then are gone. Games end, cheer ends, and then you have to find more and more to fill in the lost. God’s love for us never ends. As long as God is the priority, God’s love for us never ends. As long as God is the priority in our lives we are connected to this love. This does not mean that we cannot participate in the many activities in life, it only means that we cannot let them replace what is most important in our lives and that is God,” Pastor Bob sighed.



might be interested in and I know that some of the other parents have commented on having the same concerns. I will give them a call and see if maybe we can all reach a common answer to this. We all would be happy to be able to start attending church again and we have missed it.” “Good then,” Pastor Bob smiled, “we will be happy to see all of you back where you belong.”

What is first in your life? Is God first or has the world slowly moved in and taken that spot away. It is never too late to reset your priorities in life. Place God back where God belongs.

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

Craig



“God has given to us the world to enjoy and to take part in, but the world should never be allowed to replace God in our lives. I hope that you will give this some thoughts and maybe you can rearrange things so that they will not conflict with those of the church. Maybe find a team that plays their games on a day other than Sunday or arrange meetings in the afternoon or other times during the week. There are many ways that you can do both things, you just have to think about it and maybe be a little creative.”

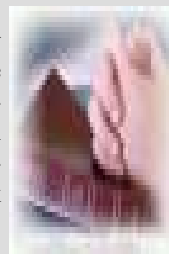
Jane said, “That might just work out. There are other teams that my son

Prayer Cues for Belmonters

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

Gracious God, how blessed we are to be loved with unconditional love even though we don’t deserve it. We thank you!

Amen



Attendance Figures:

- Sunday School: 62
- Worship Attendance: 96
- Memorials for:
Donald Stanley Sr.



Announcements From Doug Moore



There will not be a Cabinet Meeting or a Board Meeting for the month of July. The next Cabinet meeting will be Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 pm. The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 pm.

Also we will not have an Elders' Breakfast for the months of July and August but will pick up again on Saturday, September 11 at 8:30 am.



Pastor Elaine's Study Class

Come and join us as we continue our study on the Book of Esther. The fourth class begins on Tuesday, June 29th at 7:00 pm here at the church. We will read chapters 4-5. Our study will conclude on July 27th. So come and join us.

What's Up?



***Vacation Bible School**, July 12-16 from 5:30-8:00 pm. There is even a class for the adults to learn about India with Pastor Craig.

***Night at the Salem Red Sox game** for the entire church takes place on Tuesday, **August 10th**. Watch your newsletter for more details to come. Thanks to **Nancy Fernatt** and WDBJ 7, our tickets will be free. You just need to sign up with Pastor Elaine.

***September 24th, CWU Fall Forum meeting**. Watch the newsletter.

***Saturday, September 25th, The Seventh Annual Belmont Christian Church Car Show** from 9:00 am—2:00 pm. **Rain Date: October 2, 2010.**

Items Needed By Roanoke Valley Healthcare Connection



From time to time requests come in for walkers and canes. If anyone has items such as these that they would like to donate, please contact Brenda Allen at 312-6302.

Also, RVHC provides health and hygiene related items each meeting for those people who attend its monthly events. Donated toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, denture cleaner, soap, hand sanitizer, etc. are always appreciated.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please let me know.

Thank you,

Brenda Allen

Pastor Craig's New Class



Class # 4 will be taught on Sunday, June 27th in the Parlor at 10:00 am. Please come and join us.

The Belmont Kids Connection

Children in Church on Sunday

The summer is a great time to relax and enjoy a lazy schedule. No school, no getting up early, a trip to the beach are all great opportunities to relax and to escape the routines of the other nine months of the year. But thank goodness God doesn't take a vacation every year. Neither does the Church. We are always here on Sunday mornings with great ways of learning and worshipping God together.

Belmont Christian Church offers some wonderful ways for our children to learn and to worship as well. Each week there are Sunday School classes for our children and youth. This summer our children's class (age 4-fourth grade) are watching movies about some of the great Bible stories. We have a Children's Moment in the sanctuary for children, age 2-? to learn a



message about God. Following that Moment, children (ages 3—8) leave the sanctuary to go up to third floor for their time with God. During the summer, they are spending time learning about how God wants us to turn to Him for help and to find comfort in our daily lives. Our young youth (ages 9-12) are remaining in the sanctuary for the summer, but there is a special bulletin for you to guide you through worship, and to offer an activity to keep you busy during the sermon.

Also, each week, we have two of our young people to help lead worship, by lighting the candles on the communion table, and read scripture. If you are 9 years old or over, please see Pastor Elaine to be trained for this special position.

Carol Clarkson, chair of our Education Department, asks, "Where are our children?" We have great leaders, and great lessons to share. Please bring the children!

Journey with us to India

Our Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching. Have you packed your bags yet? Have you invited a neighbor? Have you registered to attend? The countdown is on. We will officially begin our Vacation Bible School on Monday, July 12th, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. There is a place for everyone, age 3-193. Marsha Burton and Allison Clarkson are working very hard to make our week a great success. But the week can only be successful, if YOU attend.



It promises to be 5 great nights of sharing and learning about the country of India, and the mission projects that our church supports there. So plan now to attend, and again, please invite a friend or two. "The more the merrier!"

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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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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, Nancy Lucado, Vicki Newburn, Joan Sands, Mary Spradlin & sisters, Family of Donald

Stanley Sr., Jane Taylor, Nancy Thompson, Sylvia Tinsley, Lena Wells

Our Extended Church Family: Kayla Aliff, Rev. John Atkins, Melissa & Glorea Booker in the loss of their mother, Jim Brown, Crystal Clinebell, Joseph Ferguson in the loss of his wife,

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Goggin, Eddy & Deb Hannabass, Sonia Morris, Sue Mustard, Kent & Sandy Shriver, Family of Rev. John Wallace, Mary Alice Walton

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

Thank You



Dear Members of Belmont,

Thank you for your contribution to the Memorial fund in honor of our Father, Donald Stanley. We have always felt so blessed by your love and caring and we appreciate everything that you have done to help us through this most difficult time. We appreciate the many cards, food, hugs and visits. You are all very special!

Most sincerely,
The Stanley Children and their families



Thank You From PCC

As the 2009-2010 school year comes to a close, the staff and students of Pathways for Youth would like to thank our ANGELS for sharing our journey this past year and for offering their unique talents. Each is truly an angel, a treasure to the Center.

Thank you Belmont Christian Church for once again housing our Special Dinner in the Fellowship Hall of your church and for all your continued help and support!

Summer Pantry Needs For PCC



We especially need **Peanut Butter & Jelly**, Chicken Noodle Soup, Mac & Cheese and Tuna.

Also be aware of the **Back to School Blast Event** coming up on Sunday, August 15, 2-4 pm at Carillion Clinic Riverside Center Parking Garage. Watch the Newsletter for more information.