

# The Belmont Christian

*A witness to the past, a tool for the present and a window on the future of Belmont Christian Church!*

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## Upcoming Calendar

- Sunday, September 19, **MUSIC SUNDAY**, Friendship Time
- Tuesday, September 21, 6 -7:30 pm RVHC in the Parlor
- Wednesday, September 22, 5:15 pm Wonderful Wed., 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study & Youth Group
- Thursday, September 23, 10:30 am Knitting, 7:00 pm Choir
- Friday, September 24, CWU Fall Forum (See Faye Askew)
- Saturday, September 25, Seventh Annual Car Show & Bake Sale 9:00 am—2:00 pm. Rain date, Saturday, October 2, same time.

### This Needs Your Attention Now

If you are a College Student or the parent of, please get your name & address to the church office if you would like a Newsletter. List on your attendance sheet & put in the offering plate or contact the office at 343-7502. **This is the last reminder.**

**Volunteers needed for our youth. Please help.**

Keep in touch with our sick & shut-ins. Show that you care!

## Pastor's Pen

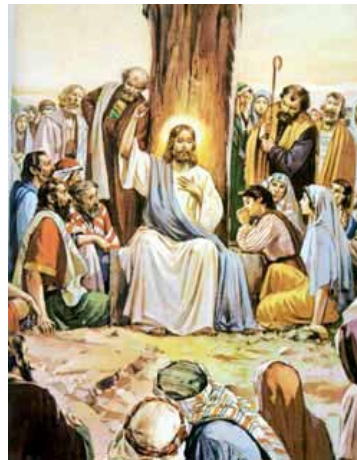
### *What Makes Christians Different.*

Part 2  
*(cont.' from Sept. 8th newsletter)*

This Newsletter continues what was stated last week. It is a discussion on the topic of what it is that makes a Christian different from those who are not. Most Christians hold that our relationship with God carries with it something special. This association has a power that transforms the recipient of the relation into a different standing or condition. Therefore, this connection has importance and makes it worth being a part of and worthy of both our time and our commitment.

In the first installment of this discussion, I proposed that this

relationship with God contain a portion of it that made the recipient something of importance. That God sees the individual as having some sense of importance and worth. There is value in the relationship and within each member of it. The



value that is being judged is not being determined by what is supposedly being brought into the relationship by each member. This is seen as being

in opposition to what is normally understood by those who are outside of Christianity where a person is judged by what they bring into the relationship.

The one important thing that this different type of relationship brings to the individual is an absence of any requirements or obligations. The person who enters into this type of relationship is not required to provide some form of worth to it. The person is then allowed to concentrate on other parts of the relationship, and as an extension, the ability to form and focus upon other personal relationships with other Christians or even non-Christians.

As a result, the person who is entering into a relationship with God finds themselves

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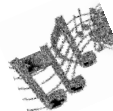
## Music Sunday



Once a year we set a Sunday aside to give everyone the opportunity to turn in their favorite hymns and have a Music Sunday.

This Sunday, September 19th is that Sunday. Do hope you turned in your favorites.

Get your voices ready and your hearts tuned in. We are looking forward to this SPECIAL time here at Belmont Christian Church. We try to do as many as possible. Come join us!



## Car Show/Bake Sale

The day everyone has been waiting for is almost here. The Seventh Annual Belmont Christian Church Car Show and Bake Sale.

Saturday, September 25 is the day. The time is 9:00 am—2:00 pm. See the insert in this Newsletter with all of the details.

Not only will there be cars, cars, cars, but there will be hot dogs, beverages, and all kinds of baked goodies for sale. Come join us for a fun-filled day!!



# News From Around the Church

## 2011 Slate of Officers



President: Barbara Blair  
 Vice President: Mike Terry  
 Board Secretary: Frances Runyon  
 Treasurer: Sharon Stoneman  
 Assistant Treasurer: Coy Weaver

Trustee: Dan McCoy  
 Trustee Emeritus: Clark Davis

Elders: Doug Moore, Ayles Mabrey,  
 Maggie Angell & Terry Reed

Deacons: Barbara Farmer, Mark Chocklett,  
 Mary Hartman, Fran Gamble, Glenna Lee, Gail Sparks,  
 Bill Austin, Linda Moody, Allison Clarkson,  
 & Jay Sparks—Stand-by

## Important Meeting!

Please be informed there will be a **Congregational Meeting** during the Worship Service on Sunday, September 26. Please be in attendance.

## Free Mobile Mammogram Clinic

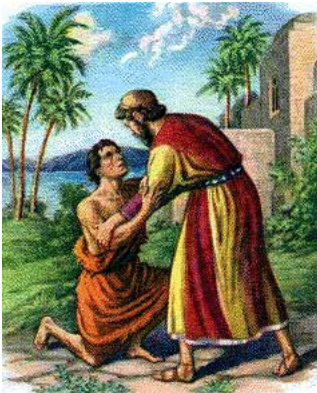
Wednesday, October 13th , 8:30 am-4:00 pm. RVHC at Belmont Christian Church. Call 344-4200 or Brenda @ 312-6302.



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

freed by the primary connection and is free to develop any number of secondary associations based upon the value discovered during the primary one. Then the second thing that makes a Christian different from those who are not is a Christian's ability to concentrate on relationships with others.

This usually means for the Christians is that our interpretations of our relationships are not based upon our own understanding. When the Christian enter into any relationship with any other person, that relationship is not governed by worldly views or under-



standings. When the Christian enters into a relationship, it is filtered by the Christian's relationship with God.

Therefore, when the Christian enters into any relationship, that relationship should be a mirror image of the relationship that they hold with God. This understanding is seen in the relationship by the Christian viewing the other part of the relationship as having value and this value is passed down by God. Therefore, our spouse, our children, our friend, our enemies, our boss, or anyone else that we have entered

into some form of relationship should be seen in the same eyes that God sees them. Having this understanding of our relationship places a higher standard on any sort of relationship that we have. We must not treat our relationships with anything but in the same sort of importance that God sees in God's relationship with us.

Since this understanding of relationships confronts how the world usually defines how relationships are viewed, then we should understand that those who do not call themselves "Christians" have a difficult time in figuring this type of perceptive. Allowing worldly people to see how we handle our relationships with others provides us with an opening to begin the conversation about how it is that we allow our relationship with God to influence our relationship with each other and to them as well. We become the "salt to the world" that Jesus talks about.

So first we are viewed by God differently than the world views us, and second, this different understanding of our relationship is then moved into world and our relationships with others. We love each other by the fact that God loved us first. (Sound familiar doesn't it!!) Let this understanding filter in to you and it will change that way that you see others.

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

Craig

## Prayer Cues for Belmonters

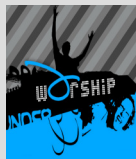
*As you go to God in prayer this week, consider including the following prayer cue in your devotions.*

Father, we need not worry about anything for you are in control. Thank you for the Great God that you are!



Amen

## Attendance Figures:



Sunday School: 69  
 Worship Attendance: 119  
 Memorials for:

## Roanoke Valley Healthcare Connection



(Tuesday, September 21,  
6-7:30 pm)

Everyone is invited to our monthly event, held in the Parlor of Belmont Christian Church. NO eligibility requirements and EVERYONE is welcome.

At this month's event you can pick up tips to help **prepare you for the winter months ahead.** You will learn how to help prevent getting & spreading communicable diseases, antibiotic resistance & what happens to our immune system when we age, information about SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) and tips for safe winter driving and how to avoid weather related falls.

As always, FREE blood pressure and blood sugar screenings will be provided. RVHC has resource material for health-care services provided throughout the Roanoke Valley. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, call Brenda Allen @ 312-6302.

## Wonderful Wednesday Menu for Sept. 22nd

- Sliced Turkey with Dressing & Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Hot Biscuits
- Dessert

Come join us for one of Barbara Blair's tasty meals. Dinner is at 5:15 pm. 6:00 pm is Adult Bible Study & Youth Group. Adults: \$4.00 and Children: \$2.50. **Reservations are requested.** List on your attendance form Sunday and drop in the plate, or call the church office @ 343-7502 if you plan to eat.



**New Cookbook** coming soon. Get your recipes in by Oct. 15th please. Forms are available in the Church Narthex or call the church office and they will mail you one.

## Reminders

- Craig Springs Retreat for Men & Women is Sept. 17-19.
- Ladies, Another Study of Esther? Contact Pastor Elaine.
- Ladies, contact Faye Askew concerning CWU meeting, September 24, or The Va. Christian Women's Retreat at Blackstone, Va. On October 2 & 3 for further details.
- Disciples men meet on Tuesday, September 28th at Fort Lewis Christian Church at 6:30 pm for a Dinner Meeting. Let the church office know if you plan to attend by Monday, September 27, 10:00 am please.
- DWF meets on Tuesday, September 28th at 10:30 am. There will be Special Guests to tell of their Mission Work in South Africa. A light Lunch will follow. Please bring a salad to share.



**Don't Miss**

## The Belmont Kids Connection

### Children Worship & Wonder



Did you know that we have a wonderful program for our three to eight year old children during the worship hour? It is called "Children Worship & Wonder." It is a worship service geared especially to children. We sing songs, collect an offering, hear Bible stories, have prayer time, and our own "Feast." Our Bible stories are special because they are told using wooden figures and other props. There is even a "Desert Box" in our Worship Center." Children are also allowed to work with the Bible stories and to spend time alone with God. Our Worship Center is a "special place to be with God," just like the sanctuary. Please come and join us every Sunday for our special worship time.

### Pastor's Class to Begin

If you have never been baptized, if you wonder what it means, if you wonder if you are ready, then you need to sign up for our upcoming "Pastor's Class." Pastor Elaine will be leading this study during the Sunday School hour, beginning October 10th. It is a good time to explore what it means to be baptized, what it means to be a member of Belmont Christian Church, as well as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The class will last for six weeks. See Pastor Elaine or call the church office to sign up.



**Volunteers on Wednesday nights are still needed!!!! Please give one hour a week, or even a month. See Pastor Elaine to sign up.**

### Wednesday Nights are Special

Belmont Christian Church is a great place to be on Wednesday evenings. We always have a delicious dinner at 5:15 and then we go to our youth groups. We have lots of fun, studying, playing and making crafts, just to name a few things. There is a group for everyone, from age four, on up.

On third floor, we have three groups for our children and youth. Our **JYF** is for children, age four through third grade. They always enjoy playing games, making crafts, and sometimes watching movies. Our **ChiRho** group is for young people, in grades four through seventh grade. They enjoy a lot of fun learning about character traits, making crafts, doing mission work and just being together. Our **CYF**, for grades eight through twelve, is always busy studying, playing, doing mission work, and learning about the Church. They just painted their room; it looks great!!

So come and join in the fun!! There is a place for **YOU!!!**

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**Service Times:**

Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM



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**For Your Information**  
**News You Can Use**

**Prayer List:**

**Our Church Family:** Richard & Maggie Angell & family, Shirley & Claudine Cannaday, Clark Davis, Erica Derrick, Debbie Cromwell Heck, Cindy Higgins, Letha Holland, Maegan Puckett, Vicki Newburn, Gary Sands, Eunice Smith, Natalie Smith, Madison Stoneman



**Our Extended Church Family:** Wendy Allen, Jerry Allen, Sandy Brooks & family, Jim Brown, Tim Callahan, the Carver family in the loss of Ricky Carver, Crystal Clinebell, Pastor Jim Crockett, Glenn Dudding, Jerry Fernatt, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Goggin, Eddy & Deb Hannabass, Delores Helms, Eugene Johnson and family, Dennis King, Mariam Kingery, Doris Montgomery, Sue Mullins, Brenda Neel, Allen Orange, Connie Quarles, Maurice Strausbaugh, David Walton & family in the loss of his Mother Mary Alice Walton, Charlotte Woodvell

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

**“All Saints Sunday”**

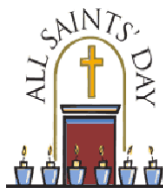
This is a NEW tradition our Church hopes to continue. It will take place on Sunday, November 7th. We will give honor to those that have gone on before us to be with Jesus and God.

It is especially for the “Saints” of Belmont, but can include family members.

On that Special Day, we will show a montage of pictures displaying the “Saints” who have passed on in the last year or two.

Please get these pictures to the church office no later than October 15th. Include the name, birth and passing year of the individual.

Contact Pastor Craig at the church office if you have any questions.



**Reconciliation Sunday**

Sunday, October 3 is Reconciliation Sunday. You will find a Bulletin Insert with information and an offering envelope on September 26 and again on October 3.

Your donations will certainly be appreciated.

**Mailing Information**

For those of you who do not have E-Mail and would like David Walton's address in the passing of his Mother, it is as follows:

Rev. Dr. David F. Walton, Jr.  
1040 Monticello Ave.  
Davie, Florida 33325

