

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 20
Friendship Time, Congrega-
tional Meeting during Wor-
ship Service
- Tuesday, September 22,
10:30 am CWF 6:30 pm
Disciples Men, @ First
Christian/Roanoke, 7:00 pm
CWF Night Group
- Wednesday, September 23,
5:15 pm Wonderful
Wednesday, 6:00 pm Adult
Bible Study & Youth Group
- Thursday, September 24,
10:30 am Knitting, 7:00 pm
Choir
- Friday, September 25 10:00
am Church Women United
Fall Forum @ First Church
of the Brethren
- Saturday, September 26, 9:00
am.—2:00 pm 6th Annual
Car Show & Bake Sale

This Needs Your Attention Now

Check your newsletter & mark
your calendar with all the impor-
tant dates.

Continue to bring food for the
Presbyterian Center.

Remember our sick & shut-ins.

Pastor's Pen

As I Look Out the Window.

One of the great bene-
fits of having a new office
here at Belmont Christian
Church is the windows
that look out of the office.
My last office had been a
“last minute” conversion
of what had been planned
to be a classroom. The ar-
chitect had followed the
request of that congrega-
tion to add more class-
room space to the new
building. However, he had
done so by overlooking
any space for the pastor or
the secretary. Therefore
there was no office space
at all in the church build-
ing. My office had not one

single window and being
slightly claustrophobic,
this caused some diffi-
culties.

Windows are won-
derful things to have.
They let you sit behind
them and be able to view
all the things on the
other side in comfort and
sometimes with protec-
tion. I have always loved
those big picture win-
dows that you find in
homes or large office
spaces. Some even give
a panoramic view of
some splendid view of
God's world. For our
25th wedding Anniver-
sary, Carrie, Conner and
I went to the restaurant
atop the “Tower of

America” in San Anto-
nio Texas. It is one of
those revolving restau-
rants and turns one com-
plete revolution every 30
minutes. The view from
the restaurant was spec-
tacular as the city vista
spread out below.

But windows can
show a darker side also.
If you have ever been in
one of the many jails or
prisons that exist, you
have seen the thick glass
windows that allow
guards to watch the men
or women behind them.
From the window of our
cars we can either see
the grand views of

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Congregational Meeting—this coming Sunday

Our annual congrega-
tional meeting is scheduled for
this coming Sunday, Sept.
20th, during the 11:00 a.m.
worship service. The purpose
of this meeting is to vote on
the slate of officers for the
2010 year.



They are: Wanda Law, Betty Ballengee,
Eloise Wright, Glenna Lee, and Letha
Holland. Thank you also to those who
accepted the call to serve. The Christian
Church (Disciples of Christ) functions
only when the lay people take these im-
portant leadership positions.

A special thank you needs to go out
to the Nominating Committee who worked
very hard making phone calls and contacts.

The slate of officers is listed on page 2.
Please take time to read over the list and plan to
be in worship this Sunday to support the leader-
ship of our church.

News From Around the Church

Belmont Christian Church
 Nominations of Officers for
 Church year beginning January 1,
 2010

One Year Term:

President—Doug Moore
 Vice President—Ayles Mabrey
 Secretary—Bonny Sparks
 Treasurer—Sharon Stoneman
 Asst. Treasurer—Coy Weaver

Three Year Term:

Elders:
 Richard Angell
 Vicki Newburn
 Charles Taylor
 Mike Terry



Three Year Term:

Diaconate:

Randy Blair	Wanda Law
Marsha Burton	Elaine Michael
Joyce Chewning	Bob Oliveira
Barry Farmer	Terry Reed
Bobby LaPrade	Sharon Stoneman

Term Expires—2011

Diaconate:

Garland Ballengee
 (To fill vacancy of Charles Taylor)

Deacon Emeritus—Roger Law, Paul Thompson, Hyle Perdue, Shirley Fulp, Gertrude Trussler, Reginald Garner

Nominating Committee:

Wanda Law
 Glenna Lee
 Letha Holland
 Eloise Wright
 Betty Ballengee



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

mountains, lakes, sea shores and fields of wheat or we can see the homeless of our big cities. We can see a lot through our windows.

easy to sit behind those wonderful windows and let the world pass around us without any thought being given to what is going on outside of our window.

As Christians, windows are sometimes God's way of letting us see the world around us. They are, however, not there to separate us from that same world. While they may allow us to see this world, they should not be some sort of barrier to us from participating in the world. We must be able to open up the window and either pass through or go around it so that we can be a part of the world. It is far too

Jesus taught his disciples to be involved in the world around them. You must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in hospital and those in prisons. We are not to let anything come in our way from those around us. We are called to walk among the creations of God's world and to interact with it.

While you look out your windows this week, recall that you are suppose to get outside and be a part of the world in what ever means that you can.

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

Craig

Farewell to Sal & Gilee Corral Cancelled.



You know the old saying, "the best laid plans of mice and men..." well there was some miscommunication and the farewell for Sal and Gilee has been cancelled. We had the understanding that Gilee was flying out the end of Sept. and she is now leaving this weekend. Your gifts will still be given to them.

Our Stewardship for the Past Week

Attendance Figures:

Sunday School Attendance: 80
 Worship Attendance: 130

Offerings and Income:

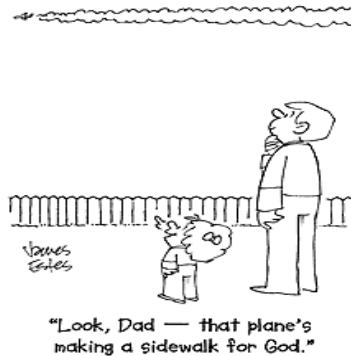
Current and Mission: \$ 2,869.50
 Building Fund: \$ 32.50
 Memorials: \$ 220.00
 Grand Total : \$ 3122.00
 Memorials for: Roof Repair
 By: Donnie & Pat Plunkett

Prayer Cues for Belmonters

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

Jesus, even if loved ones or friends change, you are always the same. Thank you for your unchanging love.

Amen



"Look, Dad — that plane's making a sidewalk for God."

They are, however, not there to

Save the Dates

Annual Women's Retreat at Blackstone, October 9-11, 2009. Watch the Newsletter for more information.



Church Women, United Fall Forum will meet Friday, September 25, @ First Church of the Brethren.

The time is 10:00 am. The location is 2001 Carroll Ave., NW, Roanoke, Va.

Disciples Men will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 22, at First Christian in Roanoke, Va.



Handbell Season Begins!

The cool crisp air means it's time to turn our thoughts to preparing for the Hanging of the Greens, and that means Handbell Choir will be gearing up. This is a fun and unique ministry here at Belmont that allows anyone to participate in the music ministry. The best part about playing handbells is that you don't have to be able to read music! You simply have to be able to count to 4 (sometimes all the way to 6!) and to tell the difference between the colors pink, blue, green, orange and yellow.

Anyone who is interested in being a part of our handbell choir please meet in the Choir Room on Wed. Sept. 23rd at 7:00 p.m., as soon as Bible study is complete. This will be a short meeting to determine when is the most convenient time to rehearse and see how many

Sixth Annual Car Show and Bake Sale



Saturday, September 26, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Come join us for lunch! There will be hot dogs, homemade chili, cold drinks, and all kinds of goodies.

If you would like to be a sponsor, please make your check for \$25.00 payable to Belmont Christian Church.

If you would like to help with the car show, see Barbara Blair, Gordon Blair, or Sharon Stoneman. If you would like to donate baked goodies, see Joyce Chewning.

See our insert in this newsletter for all the details, and we look forward to seeing you here at Belmont Christian Church on our parking lot!

The Belmont Kids Connection

Worship for our Youth



Belmont offers two great programs for our young people during the 11:00 worship service. If you are ages 3—8, you leave after the Children's Moment to go up to the third floor to the Children's Worship Center for Children Worship & Wonder. This is a great worship experience, which includes singing, storytelling, prayer time, feast time and response time. The Bible stories are shared using figures and props to tell the stories. It is a great way to worship.

Our nine to twelve year olds leave following the Doxology and offering to also travel to third floor to hear a Bible story and to have prayer time and learn about Jesus and who He was and who He is to us

Youth Groups Are Off

Our weekly youth groups are off and running. We began on September 16th. There are groups available for youth, ages four through twelfth grade. Our JYF (age four through third grade) are off to a great start as "Agents in Action." They are having a great time being detectives for God.

Our ChiRho (grades four through six) are continuing their study of "Character Building." They enjoy games, fellowship and learning together. Our CYF (grades seven through twelve) are working on plans for the year, involving mission, study and fellowship events. They occasionally enjoy an afternoon of video games as well.

There is something for everyone.



Sunday School is a great Way to begin the Day



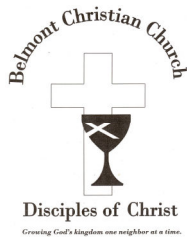
We kicked off our new year with Sunday School this past Sunday. All classes are off to a great start. There is a class for all children and youth. We have a Preschool class for ages 0-3. Hazel Moody teaches that class in the nursery on first floor. Our children, ages 4-fourth grade, meet in the Children's Department room. They are busy studying about Jonah this quarter. We have several teachers who rotate with this group. Robbin Womack teaches our fifth through seventh graders. They are doing some great Bible studies. Our senior high class, for grades eight through twelve, is headed up by Michelle Novitsky. They are always sharing and learning in different ways.

Come and try out our program on

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: Gilee & Sal Corral, Robert Early family, Barbara Farmer, Barry Fisher, Debbie Cromwell-Heck, Loyal Berean class for attendance, Bill Moody, Doug Moore, Michelle Novitsky, Alma Pollard, David Snyder



Our Extended Church Family: Jo Ann Bibb, Martin & Janet Cliser, Mary Cliser, Lloyd Conner, Mike David, Cindy Dunbar, Jerry Fernatt, Kim Guy, Erica Johnston, Mike Monk, Posie Montgomery, Martha Moore, Frances Overfelt, Tammy & Ronnie Naff, Debbie St.Clair, Susanna Schraeder, Family of Olivia Schaubach in the loss of Nicole Lee, Bob Schuermann, Bill Smith, J.C. Smith, David Walden's Mom, family & pet, Joan Walters, Betty Wheeler,

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

Dates to Remember:

September 22nd:
10:30 a.m.—The Morning CWF group will meet to install officers and to begin their new year.

7:00 p.m.—our evening CWF group will meet here at the church for their monthly meeting and to continue their study of The Shack. (We will continue with chapters 11-12.) All women are invited to join a group.

October 10th:
10:00-2:00—our annual Harvest Festival at Jackson Park. This is a great evangelism opportunity. There will be music, food, games and fellowship. We do this event in cooperation with the Southeast Roanoke Christian Partnership.



“Right From The Start”

From the beginning of creation he loved us, He gave us choices to make on our own, then temptation came in and we failed him, the human in us did do wrong....

Mistake after mistake we keep making, he still loves us in spite of our ways. His forgiveness and love for the asking, why don't you do it starting today??

His son Jesus was sent as our Savior, he died on the cross for our sins. What a sacrifice he made for us, Now what can we do for him??

Right from the start he loved us, though undeserving we are. Right from the start he loved us. What a wonderful, wonderful God!!

By: Pat Lumsden

Needs from the Belmont Community Health Center : The center needs bookshelves to store supplies which are used for their monthly events. If you can help out, please contact Brenda Allen at 563-7708 (work) or 345-9477 (home).