

please PRAY for...

Church of Christ Missionaries & Ministers
Jimmy & Becky Jones – (friends of the Wood’s) recently lost their son in a drowning accident
Carson family – Betty in bad pain; may need to move into a nursing home soon
Rook family – (friend’s of Wood’s) health & economic issues; Ronnie (husband) in hospital
Caden Liles – brain surgery Jan. 5 and 2nd surgery to be done after he has two seizures; had 1 last week; he’s in good spirits & doing well
Charlie Campbell – Lakewoods resident; had two toes amputated last week
Jennifer Sauder – (Cecelia’s granddaughter) possible job offer in Korea; big decisions to make
Lauren – (Bond’s daughter) pneumonia
Richard King – prostate cancer
Dave Cornett – (former member) very weak
Family of Richard Cly – (Krissey Truex’s uncle) he passed away friday morning
Family of Trisha Carruth – (Francis Stroop’s niece) battled cancer; passed away last week
Heath Fields – (Krista Long’s friend) 22 yer.s old; Leukemia; in very ill health
Deb & Kevin Jones – (friends of Cheryl Dougan) prayers for reconciliation
Linda Ning – surgery; tumor in lung
Grant Felzien – kidney transplant last week; mild heart attack during surgery; doing okay, but some damage to his heart
Naomi Shields – back pain; hips
Traveling – John & Diana (Nashville, Fri. & Sat.)
Expectant mothers – Leyanna Oster (February)
Please continue to remember...
 Clyde Parker, Wallace Parker (Clyde’s brother), Clyde Johnson, Nicholas Rook (friend of Wood’s), Thaim-Choy Pang (Yin-Fong’s father), Betty Kincaid, Thelma Burns, Glenda Thomas (Ursula’s daughter-in-law), Betty Pittman, Grant Felzien (former Belmont member), Francis Stroop, Fay Young
Our Shut-ins – Mattie England, John Miller, Ursula Thomas

ministry contacts

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 Please call an elder if you’d like to schedule a meeting.

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Secretary’s Office Hours
 Monday and Tuesday – 9a.m. to 1p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES
Sundays
 Classes 9:30a.m.
 Worship 10:30a.m
 P.M. Worship 6:00p.m.
Wednesdays
 Classes for all ages – 6:30p.m.

www.belmontchurch.org
 Sunday sermons may be heard on our website.
 Mike Gutwein is our Webmaster.

notes “Presented & Revealed” - Luke 2:21-35 (NIV)

Belmont
 church of Christ

*A Family of Faith,
 Glorifying God
 by Reaching Out to Others,
 Sharing the Good News*

To Our Visitors: Welcome! You are our honored guests! Please fill out a visitor’s card located on the back of the pews and place it in the collection plate.

Before the worship service, please check your cellular phones and other electronic devices to ensure they will not disrupt our time of worship.



Today’s Worship

555 – Seek Ye First (1-3)
Welcome/Prayer
 676 – Living For Jesus (1-3)
 554 – O Jesus, I Have Promised (1-3)
 768 – Jesus, Let Us Come To Know You (1,2)
Prayer
 376 – He Paid a Debt (1-3)
Lord’s Supper
(Release Carpenter’s Kids)
 68 – Give Thanks (1)
Offering
Scripture Reading -
 Luke 2:21-35 (NIV)
 650 – Send The Light (1,2,4)
Sermon - “Presented & Revealed”
 918 – Out of My Bondage (1,4)
 744 – God’s Family (1)
Closing Prayer

family news & announcements

Operation Outreach – We are starting “Operation Outreach”. Please check the back wall of the fellowship area (between the restrooms) to see material for that. This has a two-fold purpose - (1) a getting better acquainted with and encouraging our brothers and sisters here and (2) reaching out to those outside Belmont. Among material there, you will see lists giving suggestions on sending notes of encouragement to Belmont members. Of course, you do not have to limit your cards to those particular ones. Cards are provided there for your use. If you prefer to e-mail, that is fine, too. Please check with Jo Pugh if you have any questions or suggestions.

Wednesday Evening Meal – There WILL be a Wednesday night meal this week before services.

Items for the Homeless – Thanks to everyone for the good participation in the collection of items for the homeless. Some items have already been given to those who were in need. Thus the purpose is being served. We plan to continue collecting items until at least sometime in February. Some items will be given out here at Belmont and others will go to shelters. We have set up shelves in a room downstairs to store the items until we can get enough and can package them in a form requested by the shelter. For example, one shelter requests backpacks filled with items the homeless can use. So PLEASE keep bringing items for the homeless and needy. In addition to the items listed on the bulletin board, we have a particular need for lots of Ziploc quart bags, warm socks, gloves, mittens, and backpacks. May God bless your support.

Dating? Engaged? Married? – *Relationship Builders*, a free relationship enrichment class, is coming soon to Belmont Church of Christ! This class will teach couples necessary tools for building a strong, lasting relationship. Classes will be held Mondays from 7:00-8:30 pm, starting tomorrow through March 9th. Free childcare and refreshments will be provided. Please call Marriage Works! Ohio at 937-262-7010 for more information and to register. Space may already be filled.

www.trustmarriage.com

Congratulations to the Gutweins! – The Gutwein family welcomed son, Jacob Wesley into the world early Friday morning. He was born 6lbs. 15 oz. and 20.5 inches long. Everybody is doing fine!

Congratulations to Clay Long! – Clay is in the Air Force and was just recently pineed Captain!

Communion Preparation – If you’d like to volunteer to help out with communion preparation, there is a new sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for 2009.

Save the Date! – Ladies, as you make your new year’s plans, please save Saturday, April 25, 2009 to join the ladies of Alkire Road Church of Christ at their annual Ladies Day. **This year they will welcome the Editor of *Christian Woman* magazine, Janie Craun.** More details to follow!

Belmont youth calendar

January

25 D.A.T.E. Night ~ Timothy Club and the Ambassadors, from OVU here at Belmont Church of Christ. Jan. 25, 2009. We will need to provide an evening meal for this event. If you would like to help with planning, preparing food or clean-up see the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board. If you have questions see Monty.

Upcoming Events

Winterfest ~ Gatlinburg, TN - February 20-22, 2009 – This year’s theme, Love God – Love Others. *All of our rooms we have reserved are full.* If you would like to be placed on a stand-by list, please let Monty know. He will try to reserve more rooms if they become available. Winterfest passes are \$31 and lodging will be \$40 for each person for both nights.

Presented & Revealed

Luke 2:21-35 (NIV)

There is a word people use when they suddenly have a great idea; those moments when people slap their foreheads and say, “ohhh!” That moment of enlightenment, folks often call an Epiphany. Now, the root word really means “appearance, or manifestation, as to show.” It is the word used by “high formal” churches and Eastern Orthodox churches for a feast the first week of January in commemoration of the coming of the Magi, or wise men, as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Or in the Eastern churches the baptism of Christ. Webster says, Epiphany is an appearance, especially of a divine being.

Let me shift thoughts a moment and then come back to this. Have you ever watched our new fathers hold their newborn babies? It is as if they have been handed something Holy. Mother presents Dad with the new child. We sometimes call it a miracle. Might this be an insight to an epiphany?

In Luke 2 Jesus is brought by his parents to the temple, and he is “presented to the Lord.” He is “consecrated to the Lord.” This is required of all first born males, by the way. Then Simeon says, this holy newborn child will cause “the thoughts of many hearts to be revealed.”

God has made an appearance in this world to you as saved in the writings of scripture. There has been something Holy revealed. Now look at your heart. Will you let the appearance of God in your world change your heart and thus your life? Are you dedicated or consecrated to God? He requires that you be presented to Him! How will you be presented?

Dr. John R. Wood

class schedule

Sunday Morning

Adult (main auditorium) - Lew Surber
Adult (old auditorium) - Howard Carson
Fragrance of Faith (fellowship hall) - Diana Wood
Jr. & Sr. Teens - Barry Stroop
Youth (downstairs)
Kristy Bowen – Toddlers
Christine Harris – Ages 5 & 6
Wayne Hampton – Grades 1 & 2
Melanie Hubbs – Grades 3 & 4

Sunday Evening

“Giving to God and to Caesar”
– Dr. John R. Wood

“The Purpose Driven Life” by Rick Warren
– facilitated by Clyde Johnson

K.A.B.O.O.M.! – for kids of all ages

Wednesday Evening

The Parables: “What it Means to be a Disciple of the Kingdom”
– Dr. John R. Wood

January 11

Carpenter’s Kids – Christine Harris

January 19

Carpenter’s Kids – Debbie Nichols & Meg Surber

January Greeters

Bowens and Gutweins

January Communion Trays

Brenda Cooper

birthdays & anniversaries this week

January 11 – Marcus Dougan

January 13 – Yin-Fong Greenwood

January 14 – Betty Pittman

January 16 – Lisa Strawser

January 17 – Leatha Crist

items needed: (for Hands & Hearts)

- * Dollar Store Toy
- * Fruit Snacks
- * Card Games

