

## please PRAY for...

**Naomi Shields** – general health; recent biopsy; hysterectomy scheduled in January  
**Lesla Broyles** – (recent visitor, friend of Karen Williams) awaiting biopsy results; also, prayers for her son to find a job so he can support his family  
**Sandy Hogstrom** – was notified 12/18 that she will lose her job around 1/1/10. She is very concerned about how she will pay her bills; her boyfriend Gary hasn't found work yet either  
**Linda Johnson** – under a lot of stress  
**Jim Patterson** – blood clot removed  
**Jim Webb** – broken shoulder & hip due to fall  
**Mary Schlemmer** – cancer found in shoulder and lung; new medication to regulate heart rate; pacemaker put in on Dec. 24th  
**Becky Creech** – recovering from infection  
**John Kuenle** – (son of a co-worker of Barry Stroop) leukemia  
**Hershell O'Dell** – (friend of the Dougan's) awaiting biopsy results  
**Don Clasby** – having problems with chemo reactions  
**Celia Bond** – not feeling well  
**Jo Pugh** – continued prayers, new medication  
**Amanda Curdette** – (recent visitor) asked for prayers of guidance and strength for her family  
**Linda Ning** – ill health  
**Peggy Spears** – recent tests and blood work  
**Lou Copeland** – stroke  
**Linda Kirkbride** – (friend of Cheryl Dougan) radiation after lumpectomy  
**Thelma Burns** – broken arm  
**Marsha Barnett** – (Jean Rayburg's daughter) surgery and possible heart trouble  
**Wade Hampton** – fractured pelvis; now at Oak Creek Terrace nursing home  
**Karen Williams** – a lot of leg pain  
**Mary Armstrong** – (Naomi Shield's mother) congestive heart failure; dementia; strength and peace of mind  
**Max Dillie** – (friend of Bowen's) cancer; recent surgery  
**Celina Linville** – (daughter of a co-worker of Dorsey's) 42 yrs. old; diabetic; losing eyesight  
**Amanda O'Dell** – (student at Brookville H.S.) diagnosed with leukemia  
**John Dafler** – (Jean Rayburg's nephew) back pain  
**Kate Killion** – (Peggy Spear's neice) high blood pressure  
**Angela Scribber** – (Lew Surber's co-worker) young mother with breast cancer, undergoing radiation

## ministry contacts

### Elders

Gary Clasby 293-6290 (Home)  
Wayne Hampton 429-9454 (Home)  
672-2418 (Cell)

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

### Deacons

Shane Bowen Outreach/Missions  
Bill Pittman Bldg. & Grounds

### Minister

Interim – Shane Bowen

### Prayer Requests

info@belmontchurch.org



## contact information

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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.

Samantha Dougan is our Webmaster.

## notes "The Road to Damascus" – Philippians 3:7-11 (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.

### The New You

As the year draws to a close and the new one is set to begin, many people are making lists of New Year's resolutions for the occasion. My father has always been one of those people who makes a list each year. He sets personal goals for the coming New Year in an effort to improve some facet of his life. This tradition recognizes the fact that we, as human beings, have many shortcomings and bad habits that we wish to improve or conquer. This is the noble quest for self improvement.

While I have been known to make New Year's resolutions, it is not an annual tradition of mine. Not because I don't believe in making an effort to improve oneself, but because I don't link the idea to a specific date on a calendar. Everyday is a new day and everyday is the beginning of a new year. You don't need to wait for January first to make a change, you can become the new you today.

If you have made a list of resolutions this year, I wish you success in your endeavor. If, however, you find on February 17th or March 22nd that you have slipped on your

### Today's Worship

309 – In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified (1-3)

*Welcome/Opening Prayer*

15 – Step by Step (1, as written)

68 – Give Thanks (1, as written)

*Prayer*

180 – Jesus Is Lord (1-3)

*Lord's Supper*

*(Release Carpenter's Kids)*

683 – I Am Mine No More (1-3)

*Offering*

Thy Word

*Scripture Reading*

Philippians 3:7-11

794 – Unto Thee, O Lord (1-3)

**Sermon** – "The Road to Damascus"  
– Shane Bowen

948 – I Am Resolved (1,2,4)

694 – Servant Song (1)

*Closing Prayer*

commitments, don't wait until next year to re-commit to your list, do it that day. It's a new day, a new year, and it's the perfect time for the new you.

– Shane Bowen

## family news & announcements

**Helping Those in Need** – A need has been identified for male clothing. Requested are jeans and a few slacks with 31-32 inch waist size, (29-30 inch length is preferred), along with medium size casual shirts and size 7 shoes (athletic or dress). If you can provide items or have questions, please see Ted Taylor or one of the Elders. If you have other sized clothing, male or female, that is clean and in good condition that you would like to donate, you may bring it as well to add to our collection. Warm durable clothing, hats, scarves, gloves, and socks are especially needed. As announced previously, we are still collecting a wide variety of items for the homeless and needy. In the next couple of weeks we will be sending all the items that we have collected so far to homeless and similar shelters for the winter season.

**Drivers Needed** – Some of our members are unable to drive any longer. Thus, there is a significant need for drivers during the daytime who can take them to medical appointments or for other personal errands. If you are willing to be on a Driver Call List, please contact Ted Taylor or one of the Elders. As the need for a driver arises, one could go down the call list to see who might be available.

**Minister Search Update** – Next Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010, we will be hearing from our first selection for the minister position here at Belmont. Tim Brown and his wife Tiffany and children live in Nashville, TN. They are blessed with two young boys and a third one on the way very soon. Tim is a graduate from David Lipscomb with a B.A. in Biblical Languages and preaching. He also has a M.A. degree in Biblical Studies. Let us all give their family a Belmont Family Welcome on this day.

On Saturday evening, January 2 at 6 PM there will be a spaghetti dinner for the Browns hosted at the home of Steve and Cheryl Dougan, 699 E Whipp Rd, Centerville. Everyone is invited to attend. Please RSVP with your name and number attending by signing the sheet on the bulletin board. Maps are provided there too. This will give us all an opportunity to get acquainted with the Brown family, so we hope you can attend.

**Focus Group** – The members of the Focus Group are currently discussing the on-going web page updates and the donation drive for the needy. If anyone is interested in helping out with any of these things, please let one of the members know. The group consists of Joe Hampton, Ted Taylor, Fergus Lloyd, Kim Eric, and Samantha Dougan. Please send any of the members your thoughts and suggestions, and they will discuss in detail at the next meeting. Emails: Ted – tbtaylor@ameritech.net, Kim – KimE1096@aol.com, Fergus – ferguslloyd@att.net, Joe – scubajoe9200@yahoo.com, or Sam – angelfish723@yahoo.com.

## Belmont Youth Calendar

Schedules and other information are posted on the youth activity board.

### class schedule

#### Sunday Morning

**Adult** (main auditorium) – Lew Surber

#### Youth (downstairs)

Kristy Bowen – Toddlers

Wayne Hampton – Grades 1 & 2

Melanie Hubbs – Grades 3 & 4

Cheryl & Sam Dougan – Grades 5 – 8

#### Sunday Evening

– Clyde Johnson

#### Wednesday Evening

**Classes for Kids** – (Carpenter's Kids Chapel)

– Wayne Hampton

#### Study of James

– Gary Clasby

### birthdays & anniversaries this week

January 1 – Jennifer Hoban

January 1 – @Ed & Patty Beckley

January 3 – James Eric



**Fay Young** – Passed away last Sunday. The funeral service will be held today at Newcomer Funeral Home in Beaver Creek — visitation at 1 p.m. and funeral service at 2 p.m. Burial will be a private service.

**Dave Bond** – Retires from the Air Force at the end of this year. His retirement ceremony is scheduled for 10am on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at the Air Force Museum. Belmont members are invited. You should plan to be in your seat by 9:45am if you desire to attend.

**Christmas Baskets** – Once again the hearts of many from this church family opened up and gave of themselves. On Wednesday evening, 32 individuals divided, boxed, wrapped, and delivered thirteen large boxes of food to the elderly and needy. Some tears of joy and many hugs and thank yous were expressed to everyone. Thank you family -- the Elders



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**Traveling** – John and Diana Wood (for II John's wedding Dec. 31st), Dave & Celia Bond

**Seeking Employment** – Tammy Paxton, John Wood, Jerry Smith, Cory Vokoun, Rebecca Dye, Gary Thurow, Ray Baker, Ann Bateman, Kenny Yancey

**Please continue to remember...** Kevin Nichols, Clyde Johnson, Tim Miller, Charlie Campbell, Jean Rayburg, Mike Greenwood, Belinda Miller, Sarah Oakes, Bill & Eveyln McClain, Edna Smith, Mayra Waymire, Deanne Lawrence, Mark Crist, Mike Spoerl, Helen Nornhold, Don Sottoway, Lou Copeland, Edith Lloyd, Richard King, Frances Stroop, Norman Parker, Betty Kincaid, Glenda Thomas (Ursula's daughter-in-law), Betty Pittman

**Our Shut-ins** – Mattie England, John Miller, Ursula Thomas



### December 27

**Toddler Room** – Linda Ning

### January 3

**Toddler Room** – Sam Dougan

### January Greeters

Bowens & Gutweins

### January Communion Trays

The Hamptons