

Please PRAY for...

Betty Carson – (Howard's mother) heart will not stay in rhythm; has been monitored
Lillian Null – not feeling well
Thomas Marcum – (Tom's uncle) recent stroke
Lew Surber – doing well
Mary Armstrong – (Naomi Shield's mother) health and encouragement
Naomi Shields – knee pain
Don Clasby – had stem cell transfusion for leukemia confined in Portland, Oregon hospital
Zane Haught – hospitalized for possible heart attack
Sydne Lister – feeling bad from infection
Betty Kincaid – (Edith Zinkiewicz's sister) in recovery from pneumonia
Amanda O'Dell – (student at Brookville H.S.) continued prayers are requested for her leukemia recovery
Betsy Thurow – (Karen William's niece) cyst found on brain; going to OSU hospital
Brad Taylor – (Ted Taylor's nephew) has been on blood thinner for a clot found in 2008 between his groin and ankle; problem was thought to have been resolved, but the clot is now back
Karen & Tiffany Williams – both having a lot of leg pain; Karen's due to her RSD, and Tiffany's due to her rheumatoid arthritis and also experiencing pain and swelling in fingers
Lesa Broyles – (recent visitor, friend of Karen Williams) recent surgery to have tumors taken out of neck; also, prayers for her son to find a job so he can support his family
Jean Rayburg – not feeling well
Bill McClain – blood count improving
Jack Sage – (friend of Karen Williams) lung cancer
Benita Lambert – (Sydne Lister's sister) recent brain surgery
Adrian Rose – (friend of Ron Cooper) injured leg; trouble with mobility and standing
Donald Broyles – health problems, in his back down to his hips and knees
Amanda Curdette – (recent visitor) asked for prayers of guidance and strength for her family
Marsha Barnett – (Jean Rayburg's daughter) surgery and possible heart trouble
Celina Linville – (daughter of a co-worker of Dorsey's) 42 yrs. old; diabetic; losing eyesight

Ministry Contacts

Elders

Gary Clasby 293-6290 (Home)

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

Deacons

Shane Bowen Outreach/Missions
Bill Pittman Bldg. & Grounds

Minister

Tom Marcum

Minister's Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:30a.m. to 3:30p.m.
Other times, by appointment only.

Prayer Requests

info@belmontchurch.org

Assignments – May 23rd

Toddler Room – Myra Harmeling
Booth – Joe Hampton

May Greeters

Dougans & Surbers

May Communion Trays

The McClains

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Secretary's Office Hours

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Sunday sermons may be heard on our website.

Did You Know?

Help is available to Seniors from the Area Agency on Aging at 223-HELP (223-4357).

This agency funded by the State of Ohio offers a wide variety of free information and services. Additional programs are available to low income individuals and families. If you have a particular need, call them about your options. Even if they do not provide it, they are a good source of information about services available elsewhere. If you have access to the internet, you can get more information at www.info4seniors.org.



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.

Class Schedule – 9:30am

Sunday Morning

Youth (downstairs)

Kristy Bowen – Toddlers

Wayne Hampton – Grades 1 – 4

Cheryl & Sam Dougan – Grades 5 – 8 Girls

Ron Cooper – Jr. & Sr. High Boys

Adult (main auditorium)

Howard Carson

Sunday Evening – 6:00pm

Tom Marcum

Wednesday Evening – 6:30pm

Youth (Carpenter's Kids Chapel)

Wayne Hampton

Adult Class

Tom Marcum

Assignments Today

Greeters – Dougans & Surbers

Toddler Room – Nancy Clasby

Booth – Kevin Nichols

Belmont Youth Calendar

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

Today's Worship – 10:30am

147 – I Stand Amazed (1)

Welcome/Opening Prayer

410 – He Leadeth Me (1-3)

391 – Savior Like a Shepherd (1,4)

Prayer

683 – I Am Mine No More (1-4)

695 – None of Self

Lord's Supper

(Release Carpenter's Kids)

464 – Because He Lives (1,3)

Offering

876 – Where He Leads Me (1)

Scripture Reading – John 10:7-10

Sermon – "God's Unmistakable Voice"
– Tom Marcum

666 – I Am Thine O Lord (1,2,4)

694 – Servant Song

Closing Prayer



May 16, 2010

Family News & Announcements

Community Yard Sale – As an outreach to our community we will be hosting a yard sale right here in our parking lot on Saturday, June 5th from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to participate, each seller receives 100% of their sales (the church will **not** profit from anyone's sales), use of **one** of the church's long tables (tables must be reserved in advance), and the option to load anything that isn't sold onto a charity truck at the end of the day. Set up will begin the morning of the sale at 8am. This sale is open to sellers AND buyers in the public, so if you know of anyone that would like to participate, please let them know and have them reserve a table. To reserve a table and/or help post flyers, please talk to one of the elders, or Cheryl or Samantha Dougan.

Acappella – In Concert! – The singing group, Acappella, will be performing at Cincinnati Christian University next Saturday, May 22nd at 6pm. Tickets are \$6 for youth up to age 17, and \$14 for adults. For every 10 tickets purchased, you receive one free! You can view videos of some of the featured groups on YouTube at www.acappellacincinnati.com or call/email to request a complimentary listening CD. To purchase tickets, call 859-802-3922 or you can purchase online at www.acappellacincinnati.eventbrite.com. There is a flyer on the bulletin board with more information.

Ruth Hampton – Ruth's 90th birthday is coming up on June 3rd! If you would like to send her a card, her address is currently 56 Augusta, Abilene, TX 79606.

Note from Linda Johnson – To the Belmont Family – Thank you for the beautiful flowers for Clyde. I would also like to thank everyone that came to Clyde's viewing and funeral. The support was truly appreciated. Thank you for all the help you all have given to me and my family. – A friend in Christ, Linda Johnson & Family



WEEKLY FEAST

A couple of months ago the whole world had its attention turned toward the tragedies unfolding in Haiti. The initial tragedy was a 7.0 earthquake that did unimaginable devastation to a poor country with inadequate construction codes, deficient infrastructure, and ineffective government. Subsequent tragedies range from sadly predictable loss of life to chaotic international relief efforts to violence and looting.

In the midst of all the tragedy and loss, there was a widespread display of compassion – and an occasional flash of cruel absurdity. The cruelest of the cruel absurdities so far is Pat Robertson's widely quoted explanation for the "why" of the earthquake. He told his 700 Club audience that Haiti "swore a pact to the devil" two centuries ago to get free of France. As a result, he posits, Haiti is cursed; the earthquake is God's just wrath on the Haitian people.

The incredible arrogance of such a pronouncement! This is the same would-be spokesman for God who has spoken about the reasons behind Katrina, 9/11, and any number of heart-rending disasters. Robertson sees an angry God getting even. No, getting innocent people centuries too late! And vacationers and aid-workers!

Since I seriously doubt he has the definitive connection with God to speak HIS mind about judgment that Moses, Isaiah, or other prophets had, I not only regard his pronouncement as fanciful (as relates to Haitian history) and hurtful (as relates to Haitian suffering) but a despicable misrepresentation of God's nature and a justification for unbelief by anyone who takes him seriously.

But isn't that response "judgmental"? Indeed, it is. It is judgmental in the same way Jesus was one day when He and some friends came near a blind man. Someone in the group asked him, "Who sinned? This man or his parents, that he was born blind?" The spirit of needing to explain tragedy and pain was in Jesus' little band. Somebody needed to be blamed for what had happened.

"You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame," said Jesus. "There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do. We need to be energetically at work for the One who sent me here, working while the sun shines. When night falls, the workday is over" (John 9:5 MSG).

Would that Robertson had looked into a TV camera and said, "This is no time to be asking why this quake hit. It is time to ask what we can do to show God's heart to its victims and to relieve the suffering of our fellow man." An unbeliever might have found reason to consider faith for the sake of the fruit he saw it bearing – rather than using what he heard as grounds to mock Christ.

Auto accidents, heart attacks, cancer, hurricanes, earthquakes – they happen in the world shared by believers and unbelievers. They force the "why" question to the surface. More often than not, though, we are wiser and more spiritual to avoid glib answers and to weep, pray, and help someone in pain.

In Him,
Tom Marcum, II MS MDiv

Please PRAY for...

Expecting – Amanda Nichols (Aug.)

Seeking Employment – Pam Hormick, Tammy Paxton, John Wood, Paul Johnson, Rebecca Dye, Gary Thurow, Kenny Yancey, Eric Paxton

Please continue to remember... Belinda Miller, Jo Pugh, Tim Miller, Mark Crist, 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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 17 – Rhonda Strong

May 18 – Wayne Hamptor

May 20 – Sherrie Marcum

May 21 – Sophia
Greenwood

May 22 – Amelia
Greenwood

