

## Please PRAY for...

**Blaine Redmon** – (Corynn & Peyton Redman's father) going through a trying time; needs prayers for strength and faith  
**Pauline McCarty** – (Cheryl Dougan's mother) having some issues that are making her very uncomfortable

**Brad Taylor** – (Ted Taylor's nephew) diagnosed with Factor V Leiden, a genetic condition that will keep him on blood thinners for the rest of his life

**Vernon Craddock** – (Claudia Lawrence's brother) recent surgery for an aneurysm in his aorta; doing well

**Linda Ning** – home now, but still not feeling well

**Betty Carson** – (Howard's mother) heart will not stay in rhythm; has been monitored

**Lillian Null** – in Oak Creek Terrace Nursing Home in Kettering

**Thomas Marcum** – (Tom's uncle) recent stroke

**Mary Armstrong** – (Naomi Shield's mother) health and encouragement

**Naomi Shields** – knee pain

**Don Clasby** – still restricted to remain close to hospital in Portland, OR; suffering pain in feet and nausea from chemo

**Zane Haught** – home from the hospital  
**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

**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

**Lesya 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** – (Sydney Lister's sister) recent brain surgery

**Donald Broyles** – health problems, in his back down to his hips and knees

## 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**

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 – June 6th

**Toddler Room** – Christine Hampton

**Booth** – Sam Dougan

### April Greeters

Hamptons

### April Communion Trays

Claudia Lawrence & Peggy Spears

## **FOCUS GROUP MEMBERS**

### **Joe Hampton**

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### **Secretary's Office Hours**

Monday and Tuesday – 9a.m. to 1p.m.

### **www.belmontchurch.org**

Sunday sermons may be heard on our website.

## **Belmont Ladies' Brunch**

Sherie Marcum is hosting a Ladies' Brunch at the Marcum home on June 12th (unless the garage sale scheduled for June 5th is rained out and June 12th would be used for that and the brunch would be rescheduled).

Please get in touch with Sherie to let her know if you plan to come (either e-mail or phone).

This will be a good way for the ladies to get acquainted with Sherie. Our thanks to you, Sherie!

### **Marc Dougan's New Address**

Marc has just traveled back out to Colorado, and his new address is:  
945 Moraine Ave, Estes Park, CO 80517

# 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** – Hamptons

**Toddler Room** – Amanda Nichols

**Booth** – Mike Gutwein

## Belmont Youth Calendar

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

## Today's Worship – 10:30am

578 – We Will Glorify (1-4)

*Welcome/Opening Prayer*

140 – Love Devine (1-3)

286 – Wonderful Story of Love (1,3)

768 – Jesus, Let Us Come to Know

You (1,2)

### *Prayer*

100 – Holy Ground (1,2)

*Lord's Supper*

(*Release Carpenter's Kids*)

781 – Thank You Lord

*Offering*

*Scripture Reading* – 1 John 3:16-20

719 – Love One Another

**Sermon** – "God's Irresistible Love"

– Tom Marcum

922 – Jesus Paid It All (1,3)

490 – It Is Well With My Soul (1-3)

*Closing Prayer*

**potluck  
today!**

May 30, 2010

## Family News & Announcements

**Community Yard Sale** – Is NEXT SATURDAY, June 5 from 9 AM to 1 PM, with setup at 8 AM. If you would like to reserve a table, please sign the list on the bulletin board TODAY. We also need help with putting out signs on Smithville directing people to the sale, help with making signs and also a nice sized group of people from the church available the day of to greet sellers and buyers. Please volunteer for this community outreach by seeing one of the elders, or Cheryl or Sam Dougan.

**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.

**Church Camp** – Applications are available in the foyer for our young people and their friends to consider spending a week in a Christian lifestyle at Northwestern Ohio Christian Youth Camp (NWOCYC). You can be assured that this could be a valuable experience for the future as has been demonstrated by many who have been there in the past years. There will be some of those from Belmont going again this year to the week managed by our former Minister Tim Nowlin. Please give this some consideration.

**Furniture Needed** – A lady called the church office to ask if anyone had living room and/or bedroom furniture that they want to get rid of. This family had their house burned recently. Her name is Janet Allen and the phone number is 397-8694.

**Congratulations to the Clasby's!** – William Charles Clasby was born to Corey and Emily Clasby in Columbus on Monday, May 24th. He was 7lb, 3oz, 21in long. Mom and baby are home and doing well.



*In memory of all who have sacrificed and those who risk their lives for our freedom.*

### WEEKLY FEAST

The word "lie" is an abstraction about known-and-deliberate falsehoods that are told to take unfair advantage of another. The term functions coldly and even safely to define a concept in ethics. But a deliberate untruth told at the office that gets someone fired or passed over for a promotion is neither cold nor safe. It is a way to hurt someone deeply and perhaps to ruin a career.

The term "murder" is an abstraction about the unjustified taking of a human life. Again, words that define another word have a clinical neatness to them. A body oozing away life because an angry soul has taken a club or gun or knife to another human being who bears the image of God is an obscenity that makes one scream in horror or get bloody and messy to try to render aid.

Elie Wiesel, the noted Holocaust survivor who writes so eloquently and passionately about the human condition, was the one who set me to thinking about this. "Never accept abstractions as the ultimate truth," he said. "There is no such thing. If you take a human being and you turn that human being – him or her – into an abstraction, you will have no respect for that human being. Ultimately, you have already discarded her or his existence."

Wiesel's own illustration of an empty abstraction is the grim fact that one million Jewish children were killed in the Holocaust. Yet they were not "children" who were "killed." They were Moshe and Deborah, Azariah and Thirza. They were brutalized, suffocated, shot, or slashed. Even so, names and other verbs are distancing devices too. They were daughters and sons whose lives were snuffed out, and their parents could not put into words their pain.

We use abstract ideas in our speech. Terms as distancing devices are almost surely necessary to deal with the human condition. But there is still some sense in which abstractions don't count. Only *people* and *relationships* count.

So the trick is to take abstract notions and bring them down to living men and women of our experience. "Love for the poor" doesn't count; food or rent money or use of a spare room in your home or apartment does. "My mate's happiness" is pretty meaningless; listening, touch, and shared time are filled with meaning that even a poet can't put into words. Even "ethical concern" is an empty concept; telling the truth that reflects poorly on yourself or gives someone else an actual advantage over you is a human act that appears to lie beyond many of us.

I suppose we will always need abstractions for the sake of discussion and clarity. But bringing them to life in the human arena will always be what matters.

Abstractions must give way to real-life behaviors that honor human beings.

In Him,  
Tom Marcum, II

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**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

**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, 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

**Cecelia Smith** – Cecelia will be traveling through Ohio on a road trip through many other states with her boyfriend Rick. She will be in Ohio around June 1st and is going to try to visit with as many people as she can. Her cell phone is still 937-901-8264. She plans on being at Belmont Church of Christ on June 6th.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 30 – Nancy Clasby  
June 1 – Sheldon Williamson  
June 2 – @ Mark & Margie Hubbs  
June 3 – Ruth Hampton  
June 4 – @ Lew & Meg Surber  
June 5 – Don Dehart  
June 6 – Al Stroop

