

Bellevue Presbyterian Church

BELLEVUE TIDINGS



*Bellevue is a family of faith who lifts up the name of Jesus Christ in Worship,
teaches the Truth of Christ to those who follow Him, and shows the Way to Christ to those who do not know Him.*

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NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP NOVEMBER 5-13

The New Orleans Mission Crew (N.O.M.C.) wants to thank everyone who has helped us to get ready for our week in Louisiana. We greatly appreciate your support in the form of prayers, gifts and supplies. Please continue to pray for us as we leave early in the morning (4:00 a.m.) on November 5th and minister in this section of our country during the following week. The following members of the Bellevue family make up the N.O.M.C.:

Alex Melson	Jody Melson
Chris Mann	Mary Ann Berthoud
Roland Berthoud	Chris Horst
Frank Rotella	Rob Bitts
Duane Roelands	Anissa Maholland
Richard Melson	Rob Baney
Shari Englerth	Sam Smoker
Tim Doutrich	Phil Castor
Evelyn Herr	Beckie Castor
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Howard Parmer	Stephanie Johnson

BELLEVUE TIDING NEWS

Beginning with the December/January newsletter the Bellevue Tiding will be published every other month. The schedule for the newsletter is as follows.



December/January
February/March
April/May
June/July
August/September
October/November

The deadline for the December/January Newsletter articles is November 15, 2011

Thanksgiving Breakfast

November 24th - 8:00 a.m.



Thanksgiving is a day to give thanks to God for all of His blessings. What a better way to start the day than

to gather with your church family to worship, give thanks and enjoy a wonderful breakfast. You can bring your family and friends to sing a few hymns, hear a message by members of the New Orleans Mission Team and share some of the things you are thankful for. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th. There is a sign-up sheet at the *Welcome Center*.



**Daylight Savings Time
ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday
November 6th!**

Turn your clocks BACK before you go to bed!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
12 NOON



A special Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session for Sunday, November 20th, at 12:00 noon for the purpose of asking the congregation to concur with the 2012 budget, to approve the change in terms of call for the pastor and to receive the report of the 2011 Nominating Committee and elect Elder-Trustees and Deacons for the class of 2014.

Thank you, God!



William S. Davies, Jr.

The M.O.B. has been studying John Piper’s book Don’t Waste Your Life. It has been a wonderful study and has brought us to the very heart of what it truly means to be God’s person in this day and age. The lesson in October was on how God calls us to both mission and mercy. In the midst of this study Piper shares some very help information; what missions is really all about and the difference between missions and evangelism. I want to pass on some of Piper’s thinking to you.

It is common in churches to hear someone say, “God calls all Christians to preach the Gospel. Therefore we’re all missionaries, no matter where we live or what we do.” While this is certainly true in one sense, calling every Christian a missionary can sometimes create confusion about different types of ministries. Therefore, for the purposes of this study we have chosen to distinguish between evangelism and missions.

Evangelism is the ministry of a local church to preach the Gospel to people of the same cultural background as those within the church. The aim of evangelism is to win as many people as possible where the church exists. Missions, on the other hand, is an activity of the church that seeks to establish churches among all the various people groups throughout the world. The aim of missions is that “there be a church who worships God through Jesus Christ in all the peoples and tribes and languages and ethnic groups of the world.”¹ According to this definition, missions has to be cross-cultural. Under the umbrella of missions, missiologists (scholars who study missions) often distinguish between “regular missions” and “frontier missions.”

Regular missions is “cross-cultural Christian work that spreads the gospel within people groups where churches have already been established.” Frontier missions is “cross-cultural Christian work that seeks to establish churches within people groups where it does not yet exist”—in other words, in “unreached people groups,” a term that will come up in your reading.

Not only was Piper’s writing helpful in our understanding of missions but it is also the rationale behind this year’s Thanksgiving Offering. The EPC has a strong desire to take the Good News of the Gospel to unreached people groups (Frontier Missions). As you will read elsewhere in the newsletter this desire has taken flesh in their “Engage 2025: Church Planting Teams in the Muslim World.” It is exciting to be a part of a denomination that has a heart for a world living apart from Christ. Soli Deo Gloria – to God Alone be The Glory!



PULPIT PREVIEW

- November 6 “The Lord Will Provide” Genesis 22: 1-19
- November 13 “Sight to the Blind” John 9:1-12
(The Seven Signs – Part VI)
- November 20 “New Life to the Dead” John 1:1-14
(The Seven Signs – Part VII)
- November 27 “Prepare the Way of the Lord” Isaiah 40:1-8

NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



We are doing a new pictorial directory and pictures for our new Church Directory will be taken on the follow dates in March of 2012:

- Friday, March 23 – 2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, March 24 – 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, March 29 - 2:30 p.m. to 9 pm
- Friday, March 30 - 2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, March 31 – 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sign up will begin in February 2012

A free 8x10 and a Church Directory will go to all who participate.

Now is a great time to update your information, e.g. address, phone number, e-mail, with the church office so that it can be correct in the directory next year.



Engage 2025

Bellevue and the EPC Working Together for the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Engage 2025: Church Planting Teams in the Muslim World

World Outreach (the world mission’s arm of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church) has established a goal of sending 10 new teams to unreached Muslim people groups by 2025. These teams will target areas where there are high concentrations of Muslim immigrants. These teams will be sent by networks of churches within EPC presbyteries, under the oversight of World Outreach. The bulk of these teams will be locating in areas where there is currently no Christian outreach. Key areas of focus for this project will be the promotion and development of these teams within the presbyteries, research and training for team members and platform development, and ongoing coaching for the teams. Funding from this account will enable World Outreach to better serve the churches and presbyteries as they see these teams become a reality.



COVENANT GROUP NEWS



“In our consumer-oriented society, people would like the opportunity to combine elements of several religions or even to design one of their own, but Jesus will not allow us this comfortable option. He insists that ultimately there is only one choice.”

John Stott in Sermon on the Mount

Join the Covenant Group Bible Study for the last two studies on Jesus’ greatest sermon. On Wednesday, November 9th, we will study Matthew 7: 13-20 “Detecting the Lies of Our World”. On Wednesday, November 23rd we will study Matthew 7: 21-29 “Making the Choice of a Lifetime.” Come at 10:00 a.m. to the church library on those Wednesdays for a good snack and lively discussions. Everyone is welcome!

G.A.P.

(Gals Are Praying)

Monday, November 14th – 7:00 p.m.

or

Tuesday, November 15th – 10:00 a.m.



G.A.P.

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G.A.P. will conclude the study of Daring to Be Different: A Study on Deborah by Judith Couchman at our November meetings. If you are not familiar with Deborah it is not too late to look at this Old Testament woman who is a great example of hearing and answering God's leading.

Evening G.A.P. will meet on Monday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library. And, Daytime G.A.P. will meet Tuesday, November 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library.

Join your Bellevue sisters for a time of fellowship, study and prayer. If you have any questions or need more information please speak to Ruth Davies or Louise Quillin.

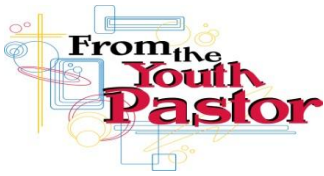
among friends DON'T GO IT ALONE ALL LADIES! Make plans now to join us on April 20-21, 2012 AMONG FRIENDS CONFERENCE! Ladies' Retreat – conference Overnight accommodations optional! Kathy Troccoli, Chondra Pierce & Lisa Harpter Need a little encouragement, hope and joy in your world? Jesus surrounded himself with his close friends for a reason. Taking reservations now! Limited number of tickets purchased already for the conference at Early Bird pricing!

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

November 2011



- November 6th 7:30 a.m. Margaret Allison & Phyllis Stauffer 10:00 a.m. Roland Berthoud & Jim Martin
November 13th 7:30 a.m. Rob & Patti Bitts 10:00 a.m. Sally Slaymaker & Abby Davies
November 20th 7:30 a.m. Jeff & Cindy Hogg 10:00 a.m. Lewis & Margie Ingles
November 27th 7:30 a.m. Denise Byler & Peggy Stauffer 10:00 a.m. Rich & Sally Riehl



Pippi Villa

Everyone has busy seasons in life. Times where life gets so hectic it feels as though you are just going from one thing to another without thought in between. Then as we go, go, go we anxiously wait for when things will finally slow down. The funny part is that we equally can't remember the last time when things did let up. People are generally actively engaged in life. Each time has its own agenda, things to be done, places to go.

I recently had a period in life that seemed busier than the rest. There were a few weeks where I was averaging one evening a week at home due to meetings, activities, and commitments. One evening doesn't leave much time to do anything at home. All the while Billy has gone back to school this fall. This adds to less time at home as well as the always-dreaded time consuming homework. Luckily, there was a perceivable end in site, and I couldn't wait to get there.

I don't tell you this to lament. It's to acknowledge I'm not alone, and likely not the worst case of a busy life. It was in the middle of this that God showed me something awesome. It was my one night at home and I walked in the door ready to assess the situation; out apartment was in shambles; time left it neglected. I was ready to determine which pile to tackle first. As I looked around, God stepped in and changed the way I looked at what had initially struck me as problems.

The giant (I am talking 8 loads easy here) pile of laundry was a testimony to how well I am provided for in clothing. As the dishes were stacked like towers of Babel in my kitchen, I saw how I eat in abundance not remembering the thought of hunger. Bills are always due; rent a reminder of my shelter, electricity of comfort so I will be warm this winter; Comcast showing that I can afford beyond need and into entertainment. Cleaning my toilet and shower revealed the opportunity of clean running water. Taking the car to the mechanic shows that every driver in my household has their own vehicle. All of the vacuuming and mopping that needs done is evidence of how large my home is. The need for clean sheets was proof of my warm bed at night.

It was a really neat moment when God changed my perspective on my chores that seemed to be piling up. There is so much to be done in my house because I am blessed with just that – so much. Equally as I am not the only person with time constraints on my day, I am certain I am not alone in these blessings. As we go, go, go, it is important to remember the lens in which we look at things. God has given to many of us in abundance. We aren't rich and famous, but we rarely are in need. It is important to not only see, but look for the gifts from God in our lives. As we grasp all we have, we are to turn to God with thanksgiving.

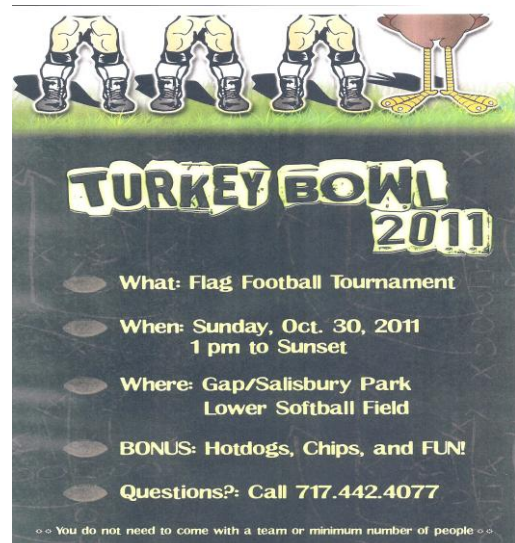
Ephesians 19:-22

“Instead, be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”



CHRISTMAS CHILDCARE DECEMBER 3rd 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

December 3rd the youth ministry will be hosting our fourth annual Christmas Childcare. This is a day in which the youth serve the families of Bellevue by providing free childcare during the day so that parents can go Christmas shopping. The kids get to sing songs, have Bible lessons, do crafts, watch movies, and eat snacks! It's a great day. It will be held at Bellevue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a sign up available at the *Welcome Center*. We ask that if your child will be there during lunch that you pack one for them. Thank you!





Mike Wehn

CLUB 425
NOVEMBER 20th
2:15 p.m.



Club 425, our Fourth to Fifth Grade ministry, is going bowling at Blue Ball Lanes Sunday November 20th. The cost will be \$8 for two games and shoe rental. We are meeting outside the sanctuary at Bellevue at 2:15 p.m. and should be back around 5 p.m. You can bring some extra money for snacks and refreshments while we bowl. We do need some parents to help chaperone and drive. Sign-up at Kingdom Kids or email Mike at mikewehn@gmail.com.

KINGDOM KIDS NEWS



November 16th is..... **Sports Jersey Night!** Come wearing a jersey of your favorite sports team or wear a uniform of a team you have been on. Everyone who participates will win a prize.

Kingdom Kids will not meet the evening of November 23rd. It is the night before Thanksgiving and historically a night many who regularly attend Kingdom Kids spend with their families instead of heading to Bellevue. We ask that you help pass that news on and to invite your friends, family and neighbors to Kingdom Kids another night.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



All children ages 4 through 2nd graders! Come and join us on Sunday mornings during the 10:45 a.m. service! Following the Children's Sermon in the sanctuary we take a walk and go to the Kingdom Kid room on the lower level and spend time in Children's Church. We have great teachers that will share Bible lessons with you that you can understand and we sing songs you like to sing as well! Children's Church is just for you...the children! Parents bring your children with you to church and then encourage them to join other children for Children's Church while you spend time in the Bible with others in the sanctuary!! You will be glad you did and so will they!!



Don't forget to bring your books back!
Children's Library day is the first
Sunday of the month during Sunday
School!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2011



Chris Manning, Nursery Coordinator
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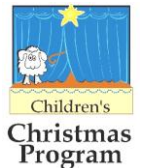
November 6th	8:00 a.m.	Beth Norris
	10:45 a.m.	Anita Grimes & Mackenzie & Gwenyth Perella
November 13th	8:00 a.m.	Susan Houck
	10:45 a.m.	Rich & Robin Buch
November 20th	8:00 a.m.	Duane Roelands
	10:45 a.m.	Sherri & Beka Brown & Marian Burns
November 27th	8:00 a.m.	Heather Shaubach
	10:45 a.m.	Lori Homsher & Carol Thompson



NURSERY NEWS

We want to thank the anonymous donor(s) who in last six months or so has donated a bunch of toys to the nursery. We appreciate it and we also would like to report that the kids have enjoyed the toys as well!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

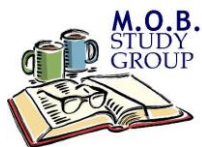


Once again the children in our Sunday School classes will lead us in celebrating the birth of Jesus the Christ in their own way on Sunday night December 11th. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. and is entitled "Christmas Letters: The Musical."

It is extremely important that your children join us for Sunday School each week and especially in the next few weeks because the kids will be practicing their parts and learning songs for the Christmas program during Sunday School in November and early December.

Since it has been a couple of months since I have asked... **WE WILL NEED COOKIES**. Cookies can be dropped off in the church kitchen and left in the area marked Children's Christmas Program.

M.O.B.
(Men of Bellevue)
November 12th – 8:00 a.m.



The M.O.B. will meet on Saturday, November 12th at 8:00 a.m. in the Library. We will continue our study of Don't Waste Your Life by watching a video of a "Don't Waste Your Life" seminar by John Piper. All men and boys are encouraged to attend for a time of study and fellowship.



Although we are a bit early this year, the M.O.B. is once again sponsoring the Operation Christmas Child shoe box project. To participate in this exciting ministry to poor children all over the world, simply pick up a plastic box from the M.O.B.'s table in Friendship Hall, follow the directions on the pamphlet inside the box and return the box by November 13th. Each year, Bellevue fills at least 100 boxes with hygiene products, toys, games and candy. These boxes are delivered to Samaritan's Purse where the gospel message is added to each box. The box is then delivered to poor children in all parts of the world. By following the directions in the pamphlet you can trace your box on line to find out where it is shipped.

**DECEMBER ADULT
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES**



For the three weeks we meet in December we will combine all the adult classes in to one class. *There will be no Sunday School on December 25th.*

Starting December 4th we will look at a study guide called *The Scriptures Sing of Christmas*. Week one looks at "Mary's Song", we then will turn to the "Concert in the Field" and lastly at an "Old Man Singing." All are pulled from the Gospel of Luke. We will also spend time as a family praying and singing some hymns. This combined class will meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall.



Deacons' Corner



DEACONS SEEK YOUR HELP TO PROVIDE TURKEYS FOR WATER STREET MISSION

The Deacons will be providing turkeys for the Water Street Rescue Mission Thanksgiving meal again this year. Please continue to bring in your Dutch-Way money savers and place them in the box on the table in Friendship Hall. We thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



It is getting to be that time of year again when we send Christmas greetings to friends and family. Deacons will be providing a Christmas Card bulletin board again this season. Please consider one card for the church family displayed on the board, in lieu of cards in all of the mailboxes. Any savings you have can be donated in the gift box on the bulletin board for the Deacons Fund for community outreach. Thank you!



Thank you to the Youth Steering Committee for giving us a wonderful celebration on the adoption of Dominic. We would like to thank all who helped out and attended our celebration. Also a big thank you for all the wonderful cards that we received. We are deeply blessed with such a great church family! Toni, Buzz and Dominic Holton

Dear Bellevue Friends,
We want to say "thank you" to all at Bellevue for the prayers, cards, calls, visits and monetary donations to the church with which you have supported us over the time of Dave's hospitalization and passing. A special "thank you" to Bud for all of his visits, prayers and words of comfort and encouragement. We really have a dedicated pastor. Also, a big "thank you" to all of the church members who prepared food and served at the luncheon after the memorial service and brought food to our home. Your thoughtfulness in many ways is greatly appreciated. It certainly is a blessing to have a caring church family.

Thank you all again. Sincerely,
Marie, Mark and Amber Bassett

Dear Bellevue Family,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers placed in the sanctuary in honor of my 102nd birthday and many thanks to Pastor Davies for bringing them to me. Thanks to my church family for remembering me every week. I love you everyone and look forward to the bulletins. You are the best, I love you.

Violet Baker

CHATTERBOX

SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

(We celebrate with those who have reached 80 yrs. and older!)

November 25th – Nancy Dennis

November 28th – Red (Irvin) Anderson

November 28 – Stan Barr

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Sarah Adams – CHOP, Philadelphia



**PEQUEA VALLEY
CHAMBER SINGERS
AT BELLEVUE ON
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 6TH**



**Sunday, December 18th
4:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th
Deacon's Gift Tag Tree- tags available**



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY



We extend our sincere sympathy to:

Joe and Phyllis Stauffer on the passing of Joe's brother, Jesse Stauffer, on October 9, 2011.

Bev Good on the passing of her brother, Earl Norris, on October 4, 2011.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chris and Jen Slaymaker on the birth of their daughter, Emily Kathleen on October 9, 2011. Best wishes may be sent to Chris and Jen at 760 Pequea Avenue Gap, PA 17527.




**2012 Stewardship Campaign
October 23rd to November 13th
Have you moved the box?**

SPONSOR
**Our thanks to Marvin and Ruth Hohenstein
for sponsoring this issue of the Bellevue Tidings.**

Sponsorships are needed and available for future issues of the Bellevue Tidings. If you would like to sponsor an issue the cost is \$30.00 and you can send your donation to the church office. Thank you.

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles for the **DECEMBER/JANUARY 2011/2012 newsletter** are due in the office by **November 15th**. If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, please forward to Louise Quillin or leave in her mailbox at the church. Articles can also be forwarded via e-mail to bellevue@epix.net. Thank you.



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