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Greetings Church Family,

I want to share with you that I've been getting a lot of positive feedback about our new sermon series we started with the New Year focusing on The Book of Exodus. Already, we've been in Exodus for four weeks now! And, we'll be continuing in this series up to Easter. If you have yet to join us, I hope you will soon.

Because things are moving along so fast, in general, I want share some dates with you well in advance so you have opportunity to reserve your calendars. First, we will be offering a

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS this

February. The class runs three consecutive Sundays beginning February 9th. We will meet in the Pastor's Office during the Sunday School hour (9:35 a.m.) New members will be received on Sunday, March 2nd. If interested, please contact the church office at 740-369-5956 or me at 740-816-2675 (Pastor Paul).

That first Wednesday of March we'll celebrate the beginning of The **Season of Lent** with Ash Wednesday. The Ash Wednesday service will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Coinciding with Lent and appropriately going along with our sermon series in Exodus, we'll be offering a special short-term, midweek study that will complement the Exodus story. It is a video series and discussion called Patterns of Evidence. Filmed on location, it explores powerful evidence for the Hebrew captivity in Egypt, the Exodus, as well as the Red Sea Crossing. This Lenten study will commence on the 12th of March and conclude the Wednesday before Easter. (I'll share more about celebrating Holy Week in The March Peal.)

I do want to let you know about one special activity for our children, grades pre-K through 5th Grade, however.

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We're looking forward to having an **Easter Party** for them on Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This will include an Easter Egg Hunt and will be open to the whole community! Please, feel free to spread the word.

Two more important dates you'll want to note. Our Children's Council has set the date for the **2025 Summer's VBS**. We're going with the same three-day format we found so great last year. It's called *True North* and will run from Friday, June 6th through Sunday, June 8th. We'd love for you to be able to help with this endeavor.

Another effort you may want to roll up your sleeves for is our first **Youth/Adult Summer Mission Trip**. We are tentatively looking at partnering with Samaritan's Purse and helping do construction work in North Carolina as they recover from that devastating hurricane season. Mark you calendars for Saturday, July 5th through Saturday, July 12th. Details concerning this mission will be announced shortly.

One Final Request: The response to help Carol and Bob Barker on the Wednesdays that Carol has her chemotherapy has be truly touching. Every slot has been filled, except for Wednesday, April 9th. If you have yet to sign up to help the Barkers and would like to do so, please let me know and I will send you <u>The Meal Train link</u>.

Your Servant In Christ,

Pastor Paul



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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

February 9 New Members Class Begins 9:35 a.m.

February 21 Worship & Prayer Night 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

March 5 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

March 12 Patterns of Evidence Study Begins 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Traditional Service - 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:35 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service - 10:30 a.m.

K-4th graders, come join us in Bible Adventures during second service, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Bellpoint Community Church Groups

(all groups meet at church unless otherwise stated)

- Adult and Youth Sunday School: Sunday Mornings, 9:35 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
- **Men's Bible Study**: Every other Monday, 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Paul for additional information.
- Sunday Women's Bible Study: Every other Sunday, 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. at the McCullough home. Contact Lori McCullough for additional information.
- Monday Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (Please note: This group is meeting once in February due to winter travel and resuming weekly studies in March).
- **Bible Study Book Group**: The second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
- **Teen Disciples** (6th 12th grades): Sundays from 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

February Birthdays

Doug Sayer Feb I **Andy Prior** Feb 3 Feb 5 Matthew Kraick Feb 9 Cindy Michael Mike Kapraly Feb 12 Kara Haney Feb 13 Laura Tiller Feb 16 Dorsey Gilliam Feb 18 Tim Kelleher Elizabeth Finley Feb 28 Patty Womeldorf

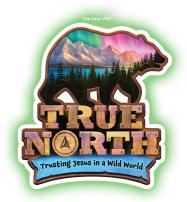
Happy Anniversary

February 3 Mark & Belinda Davis 34 years

February 9 John L. & Sandra Davis 68 years

Children's Council

 Save the Date for VBS 2025! - Friday, June 6th -Sunday, June 8th



- **Bible Adventures** Kiddos in K-4, after the opening worship music during second service we head down to our room. Anyone interested in helping in any capacity can see Susan Ritchie for more details. It is not your average Children's Church, it's an Adventure!
- Nursery Volunteers Thanks to all who have stepped up to play with and minister to our littlest ones! If you are not yet on the list and would like to be, please see Susan Ritchie to sign up.

2024 Giving Statements

Giving Statements for 2024 are now available. Email or call the church office to request yours if you'd like one (office@bellpointchurch.com or 740-369-5956).

Upcoming Events - Save the Date!

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Friday, February 21st - Worship & Prayer Night - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5th - **Ash Wednesday Service** - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12th - Patterns of Evidence Study Begins - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 21st - Worship & Prayer Night - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12th - Easter Party for pre-K through 5th grade - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Friday, June 6th - Sunday, June 8th - 2025 VBS: True North

Saturday, July 5th - Saturday, July 12th - Youth/Adult Summer Mission Trip

Mya's Mission to Thailand





Prayer Requests

- **John** recovering from hernia surgery
- Jamie recovering from falling from a tree
 having difficulty
- Monroe seven-year-old with brain cancer
 continued prayers
- Margie having cataracts surgery on Thursday
- Dan having severe pain after having back surgery (Harding)
- **John** diagnosed with lung cancer (Webb)
- The Webb Family Dog, Remington –
 has degenerative eye disease, pray he
 responds to treatment
- Kevin diagnosed with cancer (VanGundy)
- Family of Ben Ben passed away (Spellman)
- **Debbie** brain aneurysm

- Tia's Coworker her son has a lesion on his spine
- **Reida** respiratory issues
- Dorian Alzheimer's
- Carol Barker undergoing chemo
- Bob Barker recovering from surgery
- **Barbara** neurological issues and brain trauma (Spellman)
- Linda diagnosed with cancer (Norm's sister)
- **Bill** diagnosed with cancer (Spellman)
- **Cheryl** diagnosed with Alzheimer's (Spellman)
- Wendy stage 4 breast cancer (Spellman)
- **Penny** undergoing chemo (Miller)



Prayer Chain

Are you looking for a way to serve Bellpoint Community Church and our community? Prayer is a powerful way to make an important difference in someone's life. The Prayer Chain is always looking for new members for this vital ministry, so please call the church office if you are interested.

If you hear of a concern or praise there are multiple ways to share the information with our Prayer Chain:

- Complete a paper prayer request located on the back of each chair and drop in an offering bag or one of the clear boxes in the entrances to the fellowship hall and sanctuary.
- Contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager, by phone at 740-369-5956 or by email at office@bellpointchurch.com.
- Post to the online prayer wall at <u>bellpointchurch.com/prayer-wall</u>.

Scarlet Hope Valentine's Day Outreach



Want to give a SWEET gift this Valentine's Day that also supports the spread of Gospel-centered Hope in our city? Scarlet Hope invites you to be a part of their Valentine's Day outreach - sharing the hope and love of Jesus with women who are experiencing exploitation in our city.

Until February 10th, give \$25 to Scarlet Hope's Ohio Programming Campaign, and receive a personal (feeds 1-2) 4 inch Cheesecake for you and your Valentine, and GIFT one 4 inch Cheesecake to a woman through our Club Outreach efforts! Each gifted Cheesecake will be presented with a message of Gospel Hope to a woman on our February 13th Outreach.

(Flavors Available: Chocolate Chip, New York Style, Chocolate with Raspberries)

Visit https://scarlethope.org/events/ and click on "Gift a Slice, Get a Slice" for more information and to participate!

The Peal

If you do not have access to the internet or email, or simply prefer to have a hard copy mailed to you each month, please contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager at 740-369-5956 or by email at office@bellpointchurch.com.

Just a Reminder...

Please email all articles, pictures, and content for the March Peal to Rachel Kapraly at peal@bellpointchurch.com by **Monday, February 24th**. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

