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IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE A - CHRISTIAN ATHEIST?

“Are you putting your whole faith in God but living as if everything is up to you?”

This is the lead question Pastor Craig Groeschel poses in his thought-provoking book, *The Christian Atheist: Believing In God But Living As If He Doesn't Exist*, which will serve as a guide for our up-coming Fall Sermon Series. I would invite you to grab a copy and use it as a companion in the weeks ahead.

The question asked above is an important one indeed! It is asked with the intention of helping believers discover and live a truly vital and God-honoring life. Do any of these topics pique your interest? Some of the things we'll be exploring are:

- * When You Believe In God But Don't Think You Can Change
- * When You Believe In God But Purse Happiness At Any Cost
- * When You Believe In God But Not In His Church . . . and more!

I hope you'll join us for this powerful experience and even invite a guest to tag along. It all begins Sunday, August 3rd. See you then!

In Him,

Pastor Paul

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

August 2

Sisters in Faith Meeting
10:00 a.m.

August 10, 17, 24

New Members Class
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

August 15

Worship & Prayer Night
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 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. Location varies.
- **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.

August Birthdays

Aug 5	Teresa Watkins
Aug 11	Tyler Emlich
Aug 14	Elva Swearingin
Aug 17	Christian Emlich
Aug 22	Austin Kelleher
Aug 25	Jeff Kidd
Aug 26	Tim McCullough
Aug 30	Ryan Haney

Happy Anniversary

August 5

Mark & Roberta VanGundy
Married 36 years

August 12

Mike & Susan Ritchie
Married 25 years

August 15

Ron & Cindy Kuhn
Married 49 years



Food Donations

Bellpoint Community Church and Ashley Community Church mission teams will be partnering with the Buckeye Valley Food Pantry during the month of **October**. Each week, we will collect for specific needs of the pantry and then donate the total at the end of the month. If you happen to see any buy one, get one sales at your local grocery this summer, please consider stocking up prior to the collection. With your help, we can make this a fantastic donation to families in our local school district. If this is a success, we hope to do this on a quarterly basis. Watch for more information in the fall!



Emily's Mission Work

Thank you all for your support as I pursue a path to full-time missions. The Lord is leading me to serve in Metro Philadelphia (Cherry Hill, NJ) with a mission agency called WorldTeam at an Arabic Church Plant. I would love to share more specifics with you individually. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or about how you can support this mission through prayer and/or financially, please reach out. You can contact me at **emily.carpenter@worldteam.org** or at **740-692-3721**.

Thank you! - *Emily Carpenter*

Sisters in Faith

We are having a meeting on **August 2nd** at 10:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Please plan to attend.

Upcoming Events: Listed on page 5 - mark your calendars!

Additionally, we will have a Ladies Day Tea - date and location TBD.

Prayer Requests

- ♦ **Brad** – cancer (Sayer)
- ♦ **Cindy** – kidney failure (West)
- ♦ **Jake** – brain cancer (McCullough)
- ♦ **Carl** – cancer recurrence
- ♦ **Bill** – illness (John Guy's brother)
- ♦ **Susan Ritchie** – prayers for a friend who has an undiagnosed illness
- ♦ **Marie** – her father has cancer and recently had a stroke
- ♦ **Mark** – cancer
- ♦ **Gary** – recovering from surgery
- ♦ **Cindy's Dad** – cancer
- ♦ **Janet Artz** – continued prayers
- ♦ **John** – lung cancer (Webb)
- ♦ **Kevin** – cancer (VanGundy)
- ♦ **Debbie** – brain aneurysm
- ♦ **Tia's Coworker** – her son has a lesion on his spine
- ♦ **Monroe** – seven-year-old with brain cancer



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 bellpointchurch.com/prayer-wall.

Upcoming Events - Save the Date!



Saturday, August 2nd - **Sisters in Faith Meeting** - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 10th - **New Members Class** - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 13th - **Road to Damascus Play and Lunch** - meeting at church at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, August 15th - **Worship & Prayer Night** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 17th - **New Members Class** - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 24th - **New Members Class** - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Friday, September 19th - **Worship & Prayer Night** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 28th - **Birthday Party Luncheon** - after second service in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 20th - **Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon** - 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 4th - **Sisters in Faith Christmas Ornament and Cookie Exchange** - 6:30 p.m. - Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament and two dozen cookies to share.

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 September Peal to Rachel Kaprally at peal@bellpointchurch.com by **Friday, August 22nd**. Thank you in advance for your assistance!