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LET'S MAKE GOD'S HOUSE FULL!

Most folks at Bellpoint are aware that we are blessed to host LifeWise Christian Academy every Tuesday. It's all about nurturing the children in our community in the faith and helping to develop in them good Christian character. It's about passing on the Good News Jesus entrusted to us. This was actually the theme of the LifeWise lesson for this past week. After Jesus' resurrection from the dead and before He ascended back to His Father, He instructed all of His followers, not just His remaining disciples to: ***"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*** (Matthew 28:19-20) This charge, consequently - falls to us 2000 years later! As Jesus' followers, you and I are called by our Lord to keep passing on the Good News that He brought to us in His first advent.

The Apostle Paul took this responsibility seriously and instructed his own disciples to do the same writing, ***"What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."*** (1 Corinthians 15:3)

"I PASSED IT ON!" Every believer, every congregation needs to be able to say this, for the simple reason that it is God's will for them. Yet, many believers and churches have had difficulty honoring this holy job that has been given to them by Him. In this they have both deprived themselves of the joy of leading another person to Jesus Christ and neglected to add to the number of God's family, including their local congregation. Let us remember God's imperative, ***"My house will be full!"*** (Luke 14:23)

Will you help fill God's house? (*I'm not limiting this to our congregation. We must have a bigger vision than this. Although, as a congregation, we will see great spiritual fruit as we do what we can to fill God's house.*) Below, I'm going to share a couple of ways you can help us fill God's house and continue to pass along what has been passed on to us.

MAKING YOUR CASE FOR CHRIST: First, let me encourage you, if you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, to join us for a 6-week Sunday School class called "Making Your Case For Christ". It is a video course led by NYT Bestseller, Lee Strobel.

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Through it, our members will learn how they can better share what they believe and why with those who need to know. The class will meet in the Youth Room off Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. **beginning October 5** and ending **November 9**.

MISSIONS FAIR: Did you know our congregation has three missionaries connected to it, three servants that are passing along the Good News, in three unique ways and in three different settings? We are blessed with the opportunity to partner with them and to extend our ministry far beyond our local community. Not only are we encouraged by our denomination (The GMC) to do this; the Scriptures do the same. In Philippians 4:15-16, for instance, St. Paul describes how the believers at the Church in Philippi supported him in his efforts to pass on the Good News throughout the Mediterranean world of his day. So, we will have a Missions Fair on **Sunday, November 2** from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in The Fellowship Hall to raise funds to help support TMS Global, World Team, and Standing Stone. We'll have a great time of fellowship as we enjoy a big Chili Cook-off and learn about these ministries. We'll have harvest themed activities for the children too. Our goal is to raise \$3,600.00 to be split three ways. *(More information will be forthcoming but please put the date on your calendar and prayerfully consider what God would have you give to advance the work of His Kingdom.)*

EMMAUS: A Walk to Emmaus is a 72-hour spiritual retreat. Central Ohio Men's Walk #77 is being held on **November 13 – 16** at Cornerstone GMC in Marysville. A number of people in our congregation have attended Emmaus over the years and have greatly benefited from it. It has deepened and strengthened their faith. For some in attendance, it has even served as the starting point for their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Any man interested in attending can see me (Pastor Paul) for more information and as how to register. If you've already attended, consider encouraging someone you know to participate and sponsor them for this upcoming walk.

EZEKIEL BIBLE STUDY: With the goal of deepening our walks with the Lord and increasing our effectiveness of passing on the hope of The Good News, the Men's Monday Bible Study will be starting a new study in The Book of Ezekiel. This 10-week study begins on **Monday, October 6th** at 7:00 p.m. and meets in the Youth Room off Fellowship Hall. There is an accompanying optional study guide that can be purchased for \$8.00. Contact Pastor Paul if interested, especially if you need to order a study guide. We'd like to have these to all participants in advance of the first class.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED: Lastly, we have a good problem! We are increasingly in need of nursery workers for the second service (10:30 a.m.) You could say that part of God's House is filling up more consistently.

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We'd very much like to bless the littlest ones in our faith family and make it easier for their parents to participate in the worship service. Ideally, we'd like to set up a rotation of two volunteers a week, recurring once every four to five weeks. In this way no one will miss being a part of worship but once a month or even less. (You don't have to attend the second service to help. We'd love to have volunteers from the first service.) If available please contact Jody Miller or Pastor Paul. In compliance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy we do ask that all volunteers complete a short, free online training from our GMC Conference called Ministry Safe. Free background checks will also be requested.

Together Let's Fill Up God's House,

Pastor Paul



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Church Office Hours:

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

Upcoming Events

October 5

Making Your Case For Christ
Sunday School Class Begins
9:30 a.m.

October 6

Men's Bible Study on Ezekiel
Begins
7:00 p.m.

October 17

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

November 2

Missions Fair
5:00 p.m. - 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. 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.

October Birthdays

Oct 1	Kelly Williams Virgil Michael
Oct 2	John Miller
Oct 3	Marty Webb
Oct 7	Tim Shelly
Oct 12	Chris Finley Paul McCullough
Oct 13	Tyler Westover
Oct 14	Evan West
Oct 16	Peggy Sable
Oct 18	Barbara Graves
Oct 19	Griffin Haney
Oct 23	Will Emlich
Oct 25	Margaret Webster Evelyn Winter
Oct 27	Jeremy Tiller
Oct 30	Zane Barker
Oct 31	Chris Chapa

Happy Anniversary

October 1 Tim & Jody Kelleher 31 years	October 25 Bob & Mary Jane Himes 39 years
October 8 Bob & Carol Barker 42 years	October 26 John & Pat Gilliam 57 years
October 8 Larry & Pat Hopper 36 years	October 29 Todd & Angie Ellerbrock 30 years
October 10 John & Jodeen Miller 38 years	



Buckeye Valley Food Pantry Collection



We are doing a month-long collection along with Ashley Community Church to replenish the BV Food

Pantry. **Beginning the first Sunday in October**, we are requesting particular food items to meet the pantry's specific needs. The director gave us a list of items we can collect each week:

WEEK 1 - October 5: Cereal (any kind)

WEEK 2 - October 12: Boxed Dinners (Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Knorr's, Homestyle Bakes, Pasta Roni)

WEEK 3 - October 19: Canned Fruit (Pears, Peaches, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple Slices, Mango Chunks, Mixed Fruit)

WEEK 4 - October 26: Dessert Mixes (Cakes, Brownies, Muffins, Icing)

Of course if you want to donate non-food items, like laundry detergent or paper products, they would appreciate it, but at this time they are really needing non-perishable food that is not expired. At the end of October, we will take the food to Ashley Community Church, combine our donations, and then take them to the food pantry.

Your generosity will be very much appreciated! Thank you so much for helping the pantry and feeding your neighbors!

-Bellpoint Community Church Missions & Outreach Team

Bible Adventures

*“Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he grows older, he will not abandon it.” Proverbs 22:6*

This verse captures our desire for our Sunday morning “Bible Adventure” time. We want to help families train their children (Preschool to 5th grade) to follow the ways of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; training them up to be servants who love God and love others.

During our time together, we have “play time” to help the children develop and deepen relationships with each other and older members of the church. During our “story time,” we learn about the Bible and about our God and how He wants us to live, through the many stories written in it. Then, it is time for crafts, games, and snacks! We may even have an impromptu dance party as we listen to and sing some worship songs! All of this happens directly after worship songs in the sanctuary.

Please consider serving with us! You can sign up for a Sunday in the Bible Adventure rooms, (numbers 8, 9, and 10). If you enjoy spending time with babies and toddlers, up to the age of 3, let us know. We would love to have you serve in our nursery.

For more information, you can talk with Jody Miller, Cheri Maxim, Tia Rutherford, Kelly Solli, or Tracy Solli.



Prayer Requests

- ♦ **Dillard** – in the hospital with a UTI, AFib, and a tumor in his bladder
- ♦ **Virgil Michael** – continuing to have heart issues, will be undergoing further testing
- ♦ **Janet** – upcoming surgery
- ♦ **Pam Williams** – she and her friends are stuck in Greece due to a transportation strike
- ♦ **Pastor in Darfur** – facing persecution
- ♦ **Family of Cathy Taylor** – Cathy passed away on last week, prayers for her family and friends as they navigate this loss (a friend of Avah's)
- ♦ **Janet** – recovering from surgery
- ♦ **Sherry** – recovering from eye surgery (Jody Miller's sister)
- ♦ **Friend of Jody Miller's** – cancer
- ♦ **Kathy** – entering hospice care
- ♦ **Doreen** – entering Alzheimer's care, prayers for her husband Dick
- ♦ **Debbie** – cancer
- ♦ **Mikey Solli** – foot infection
- ♦ **Jake** – brain cancer (McCullough)
- ♦ **Brad** – under palliative care (Sayer)
- ♦ **Sherri Lehman's Dad** – pneumonia
- ♦ **Mike** – nerve damage in his brain
- ♦ **Cindy** – kidney failure (West)
- ♦ **Carl** – cancer recurrence
- ♦ **Mark** – cancer
- ♦ **Cindy's Dad** – cancer
- ♦ **John** – lung cancer (Webb)



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 plate 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!



Sunday, October 5th - **Making Your Case for Christ Sunday School Class Begins** - 9:30 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

Monday, October 6th - **Men's Bible Study on Ezekiel Begins** - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 17th - **Worship & Prayer Night** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 2nd - **Missions Fair** - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 13th - Sunday, November 16th - **Central Ohio Men's Walk to Emmaus**

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

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

Thursday, December 4th - **Sisters in Faith Christmas Ornament and Cookie Exchange** - 6:30 p.m.

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

Congregation Birthday Party

Approximately 35 people enjoyed the Congregation Birthday Party put on by Sisters in Faith after the second service on Sunday, September 28th. We had good food, fellowship, and fun!



Renovations Update

Dear Bellpoint Friends and Family,

I wanted to send an update on our progress with the renovation process. If you've ever done any remodeling or renovations, you know this is not anything that happens quickly! A while ago, I sent out a request for your ideas on what renovations you thought were needed or wanted. Thanks to your suggestions, I was able to give the trustees quite a list that included maintenance items, suggestions to make things more convenient or easier to navigate around Bellpoint, as well as some cosmetic suggestions.

A couple of the maintenance items that we hope to have done before the end of fall are the tuck pointing of the bricks and other outside repairs to prevent further (and future) damage to the building. One of safety items that we're also planning to have done before the end of fall is to blacktop the south parking areas (by the glass doors). You may not know, but we've had several cars slide down the hill toward the street on ice-covered gravel and at least 3 people have fallen on the ice as well!

As we began our discussion, it was suggested that we should consider talking to Jim Lillabridge, who has had extensive experience in accomplishing major renovations and can also offer advice on things we can be doing to encourage new folks to join us at Bellpoint. Jim shared his wisdom and experiences with us and helped us prioritize things to start on. We've contacted the donors to the Endowment fund and have been given their permission to use that money as the Administrative Council sees fit to accomplish these projects.

Additional ideas for funding these renovations are being considered and include setting money aside to fund future maintenance issues as they arise. Larry Hopper, Doug Sayer, and the trustees are working hard on these projects to make sure we are making wise decisions and choices. Some of the suggestions on the original list are no longer being considered or are modified after additional information is learned.

Some of these decisions will need the approval of the membership at a Charge Conference in late October or early November. If you would like to be able to vote at the charge conference but are not an "official" member of Bellpoint Community Church, contact Pastor Paul as soon as possible to see if any upcoming New Member classes are scheduled or about transferring your membership from another church. If you are not sure if you're a member or not, please check with Brooke Williams in the church office (740-369-5956).

Our goal with this renovation process is to be totally transparent and to keep you aware of the progress. If you have questions about anything involved with the renovations, please ask Larry Hopper (614-551-3832), Doug Sayer (937-537-2369), Pastor Paul (740-816-2675), Bob Himes (614-581-6931), or Dianne May (740-360-3581). We definitely want you to be a part of this process!

In faith,

Larry Hopper

Co-Chair, Trustees Committee

Dianne May

Administrative Council Chair

Nursey Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to serve in the Nursey during second service. If available, please contact Jody Miller or Pastor Paul. In compliance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy we do ask that all volunteers complete a short, free online training from our GMC Conference called Ministry Safe. Free background checks will also be requested.

Seeking New Financial Secretary

This volunteer position serves 1.5 hours per week. Please see Tim Kelleher, Daren Lehman, or Pastor Paul if interested.

Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner

Our traditional Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner will be held once again this year. This year it will be held on **Thursday, November 20, 2025** starting at **12:00 p.m.** Let's make it great for our local seniors who look forward to this annual event! Watch for sign-up sheets for workers and food. All are welcome!



Sisters in Faith

- ♦ **Ladies Luncheon** - to be held in October, possibly at Hank's BBQ, after second service.
- ♦ **Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon** - November 20th at Noon. More information coming!
- ♦ **Christmas Ornament and Cookie Exchange** - December 4th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a Christmas ornament wrapped to exchange 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 November Peal to Rachel Kaprally at peal@bellpointchurch.com by **Friday, October 24th**. Thank you in advance for your assistance!