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Our Purpose...
To make fully committed
disciples of Jesus Christ

Our Process...
To help people

Come to Christ

Connect with
Each Other

Contribute to the
Kingdom

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Blended Worship
8:30 am

Contemporary Worship
Sunday School
(Nursery through Adult)
9:45 am

Blended Worship
Sunday School
(Nursery-Preschool and
Teens through Adult)
Children's Worship
11:00 am

**Sunday Evening
Activities will Resume
August 29**

Recently I was at the gym going through my normal exercise routine. While I was there, I started talking with a guy who was also exercising. We engaged in the normal small talk, then we started talking about God, faith and salvation. It's unusual how often people want to talk to me about those things.

During our conversation he made the statement, "God and I have an understanding. I try to live a good life and God takes care of me." I was surprised by his view of God, but I shouldn't have been. There are probably a lot of people in the world that have a similar understanding with God. Unfortunately, this understanding is not based on biblical truth or the teachings of Christ. This is simply a worldly view of God they have created for themselves. They haven't read the Bible or given much thought to the life of Christ. They've made God into who they want Him to be, rather than try to understand Him for who He is.

Generally, people don't want to be dependent upon a Savior or accountable for their actions. Instead, they re-define God into what they want. And instead of comparing their lives to the perfection of Christ, they compare themselves to less honorable figures. They're content to say things like, "I'm not as bad as Hitler" or "At least I'm not a murderer." They believe that God will grade on a curve and since they're not as bad as the worst figures in history, they believe they'll make it into heaven based on their "pretty good" deeds.

The truth is, all of us have sinned and fallen short of God's perfection (Romans 3:23). God does not grade on a curve and no one is good enough to get to heaven based on their actions. We ALL need a Savior to deliver us from our sins. If you're reading this newsletter, you probably already know this. The challenge for Christians is to take this message into the world around us and share it in a loving manner. Our goal is to share the message of Christ in such a way that people desire to become disciples. Remember Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore, 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*".

-Jerry

Family Fest Returns for 2010

Our FREE Community Outreach event, Family Fest, will be held **Saturday, September 4**, from 1:00-4:00 on our Vision Property!

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to be introduced to Belmont!

Anyone interested in helping plan this year's event is encouraged to attend the **planning meeting on Monday, August 2**, at 7:00 pm, in Room 105.

Our final planning meeting will be Monday, August 30, at 7:00 pm in Room 105.

Bodybuilders' Convention Service

On Sunday evening, August 8, at 6:00 pm, the 6th-12th graders will share their experiences from their summer conventions:

Summer in the Son at KCU (6th-8th grade) and
CIY Move at Lee University (9th-12th grade)



Church Picnic



Where: Blue Ridge Christian Camp

When: Sunday, August 22, beginning at 3:00 pm

Enjoy swimming, basketball, volleyball, playground, and fellowship!

Bring a dish to share for dinner!

50+ Ministry Events

- Friday, August 6: Trip to Carter Fold (\$20)—the van leaves at 7:30 am.
- Friday, August 13: Heritage Hall & Kroontje Center—van leaves at 9:30 am.
- Thursday, August 19: Day Trip & Lunch—van leaves at 10:00 am.

Scripture Reading Schedule for August

AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
8/1 Psalm 65-67	Romans 2	8/12 Psalm 93-95	Rom. 11:22-36	8/23 Ps. 119:105-176	1 Cor. 5
8/2 Psalm 68,69	Romans 3	8/13 Psalm 96-98	Romans 12	8/24 Psalm 120-123	1 Cor. 6
8/3 Psalm 70-72	Romans 4	8/14 Psalm 99-102	Romans 13	8/25 Psalm 124-127	1 Cor. 7:1-24
8/4 Psalm 73,74	Romans 5	8/15 Psalm 103,104	Romans 14	8/26 Psalm 128-131	1 Cor. 7:25-40
8/5 Psalm 75-77	Romans 6	8/16 Psalm 105,106	Rom. 15:1-20	8/27 Psalm 132-135	1 Cor. 8
8/6 Psalm 78	Romans 7	8/17 Psalm 107,108	Rom. 15:21-33	8/28 Psalm 136-138	1 Cor. 9
8/7 Psalm 79-81	Romans 8:1-18	8/18 Psalm 109-111	Romans 16	8/29 Psalm 139-141	1 Cor. 10:1-13
8/8 Psalm 82-84	Romans 8:19-39	8/19 Psalm 112-115	1 Cor. 1	8/30 Psalm 142-144	1 Cor. 10:14-33
8/9 Psalm 85-87	Romans 9	8/20 Psalm 116-118	1 Cor. 2	8/31 Psalm 145-147	1 Cor. 11:1-15
8/10 Psalm 88,89	Romans 10	8/21 Psalm 119:1-48	1 Cor. 3		
8/11 Psalm 90-92	Romans 11:1-21	8/22 Ps. 119:49-104	1 Cor. 4		

June/July Statistics

	<u>27</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>
8:30 Worship	100	115	114	97
9:45 Worship	149	144	179	161
11:00 Worship	110	94	128	113
Children's Church	<u>46</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>46</u>
Total	405	400	479	417
Sunday School	182	151	176	182

General Fund Offering	\$36,661
General Fund Monthly Goal.....	\$28,560
Vision Fund Offering.....	\$3,835
Vision Fund Monthly Goal.....	\$8,803
Missions Fund Offering	\$6,302
Missions Fund Monthly Goal.....	\$7,550
Offering totals from 6/27-7/18	

Promotion Sunday & The Return of Sunday Evening Activities: August 29!

Children promoting to a new class will celebrate in their current class on August 29.

Sunday Evening Schedule:

Adult Study—6:00 pm in the Auditorium
 Bodybuilders—6:00-7:15 in the Fellowship Hall—7th-12th Grade
 NRGs—6:00-7:15 in Room 105—4th-6th Grade
 Cool Kids—6:00-7:15 in Room 102—K-3rd Grade
New!! Discovery Club—6:00-7:15 in Room 108—2 1/2 to 5 years



Introducing Family VBS
 Friday, August 5 (6:00-9:00 pm)
 Saturday, August 6 (9:00 am -3:30 pm)
 VBS Programs are being planned for
 18 months through 5th grade.

Register for VBS online at:
Belmontchristian.org or at the
 Registration Table on Friday night.

The kids will be singing during the
 worship services on August 8!
 Bring them hungry at 8:15..
 we'll have breakfast!



Club EGG (K-5th Graders)

Exploring God's Goodness: Meets every Wednesday
 August 4: Pandapas Pond—9:30-1:00—FREE—Bring a packed lunch!
 August 11: Mill Mountain Zoo—9:00-2:30—Kids: \$4.50,
 Adult Leaders: \$6.25—Bring a packed lunch!



Parents' Time Out

Quality care, crafts & activities for
 5th grade and under
 Saturday, August 21, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
 "Beat the Back-To-School Blues"
 (Wear Blue!)
 Register one week prior—\$5 per child



**Kids' Mission Project for
 2nd -6th Graders**
 Tuesday, August 10:
 Making Back-To-School Kits for
 Project Hope. Bring \$2 for Pizza!
 9:00 am-12:30 pm



- 1 Bodybuilders' Cookout at Patsy Duncan's House—4:00 pm
- 2 Family Fest Planning Meeting—Room 105—7:00 pm
- 4 Club EGG—Pandapas Pond—9:30-1:00—FREE, bring a packed lunch
- 5 Bodybuilders working at the Rescue Mission—4:00 pm
- 6 50+ Grip to Carter Fold—7:30 am—\$20
- 6 & 7 VBS—Friday—6:00-9:00; Saturday—9:00-3:30
- 8 VBS Kids singing for all 3 worship services
- 8 Bodybuilders' Convention Service—6:00 pm—Auditorium
- 9 Bodybuilders working at the Rescue Mission—4:00 pm
- 10 Go M.A.D.—9:00-12:30—Back-To-School Kits for Project Hope—Bring \$2 for pizza
- 11 Club EGG—Mill Mountain Zoo—9:00-12:30—\$4.50, bring a packed lunch
- 13 50+ Ministry Service at Heritage Hall & Kroontje Center—9:30 am
- 15 Bodybuilders working at the Rescue Mission—4:00 pm
- 16 Elders Meeting—7:00 pm
- 19 50+ Ministry Day Trip and Lunch—10:00 am
- 21 Parents' Time Out—9:00-1:00—"Back To School Blues!" (wear blue!)
- 22 Church Picnic at Blue Ridge Christian Camp—3:00 pm
- 24 Elders & Deacons Meeting—7:00 pm
- 29 Promotion Sunday—During Sunday School hours—9:45 & 11:00
Sunday Evening Activities Return—6:00 pm
- 29 Missions Night: Tina & Palmer Gregg (CrossRoads Missions) and Dan Kelly
(recent medical mission trip)—6:00 pm in the auditorium
- 30 Final Family Fest Planning Meeting—Room 105—7:00 pm

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