

BELLEVUE HI-LIGHTS

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February 2020

Save the Date:

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS DAY™

Saturday, February 15, 2020



**MORE
INFORMATION
ABOUT THESE
TWO EXCITING
EVENTS MAY BE
FOUND INSIDE
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CHILI & MEATS **COOK-OFF**

Sunday, Feb 23rd
5 PM - Fellowship Hall
See Josh Funderburk
for details.

FREE Tastings
\$10 Entry Fee for 1 Category OR
\$15 to Enter BOTH
Winner selected via \$ Donations

BELLEVUE

**BAPTIST
CHURCH**



Don't just **GO** to church...**BE** the church.

You've heard me say that a lot over the last couple of years. That statement comes from a deep-seeded conviction in my heart about the local church. As I read the book of Acts and the letters of Paul, Peter, and John, I am amazed at their success.

Think about it. They didn't have air-conditioned worship centers with padded chairs or pews. They didn't have screen and projectors or hymnals. They didn't have pianos, organs, guitars, or drums.

They didn't have lights. They didn't have electronic Bibles or even hard copy Bibles. They didn't have KJV or ESV. No NIV either. There was no PA system, no PowerPoint. And **NO SUNDAY BULLETIN**. How in the world did they survive...much less thrive.

The first century church did not enjoy governmental favor or constitutional religious freedom. They didn't have the right to vote for a candidate of their choice. They didn't have to worry about losing their tax exemption status. They had no exemption.

There was no Sunday school, no Wednesday night prayer meeting, and no committee. Imagine that. No committees. How did they ever get anything done?

Yet for all they **DIDN'T** have, they were largely responsible for the spread of Christianity throughout their known world. Yet, we have all of the above and not only are we **NOT** spreading the faith, we are losing ground to our culture. The world in which we live is less Judeo-Christian than it has been since our nation's founding.

I believe their secret is found in the first four words of Acts 2:42, "And they devoted themselves..." They were devoted first of all to their spiritual growth. They made personal Bible study and prayer a priority in their lives. Since they **WERE** the church, the church would grow only if they grew.

They were devoted to each other. We see words like fellowship, breaking bread, in common, together. They placed the needs of others ahead of themselves. The first century church was successful because there was not one hint of selfishness. They went to the temple together. They had all things in common together.

Then finally, they were devoted to serving their community. They found "favor with all the people" (vs 47). The fellowship of believers loved each other and people outside of the fellowship held them in high esteem. They cared about their community.

So as 2020 marches forward, let me challenge your thinking about church. Quit going to church. Yes, you read that correctly, but read on or you will be mistaken. Quit **GOING** to church and start **BEING** the church. Assemble with the church on Sunday. In fact, if you don't assemble with the church, you will find it more difficult to be the church. But **BE** the church wherever you are the other 167 hours of the week.



PASTOR JOSH'S STUDENT NEWS

Hello church family! I hope January has been a great month for you and you're excited about the upcoming opportunities in February. Let's praise the Lord in the new year.

January was a great month in the youth department. We have been working through a new study on the basics of the Christian life. God's creation of life, the fall of man, God's gift of redemption, and the final restoration to come. So far we have learned about our fall from grace and how our sin has separated us from the great God who created us. Coming up in the next lessons we will be taking a close look at the life of Christ and what he's done to save us. Also in January, we had our winter/Christmas party with the youth. It was a great time of fellowship, fun, and gift giving.

February is poised to be another awesome month. We are preparing for the upcoming chili and smoked meats cook off. This youth fundraiser will be Sunday February 23rd starting at 5pm. If you would like to enter to compete, there is a \$10 entry fee for either competition or \$15 to compete in both. If you do not want to compete we would love for you to come out and vote on the chili that you love the most. All of the proceeds will help raise money for our youth to go on our summer mission trip. We are very excited about the cook off and hope you are too. The winner of each competition will get a personalized apron and gift, and their name will be placed on the trophy in the foyer of the church for the whole year. Please see me if you are interested in competing or helping in anyway.

The new year has started off great and we are hoping to keep that wonderful momentum going. Please be in prayer for our youth as they are steeped in their second semester of school and encourage them every chance you get. Let's look for chances to share God's grace and love with those around us. Be a light to the world that cannot be snuffed out and tell others about Him. Praise God! Have a great month!!



SATURDAY, FEBRAURY 15TH

Kids will meet at the church at 10:00 am and make
Candy Gift Bags to take to the Middle Georgia Rescue Mission
They will return at 1:00 pm.

The **CHURCH** is asked to bring packs of toilet paper to help supply the Rescue
Mission with this much needed supply.



I'd like to share these words from an article entitled: **Tune Our Hearts: The Call to Worship!**

It's my desire that the articles I find and share with you will be helpful to encourage, teach and grow us as disciples in our efforts to be followers of Jesus!

I can almost hear the bells of our church steeple still ringing in my ear. Every Sunday morning as a child church bells would echo through our town. From our steeple tower, a proclamation would sound to all who could hear that God was summoning his people to worship. The walk from the back door of the parsonage to the church sanctuary took less than a minute at a ten-year-old stride. As the pastor, my dad would wake up early, marching that same path in the dark. He would prepare his heart for worship with prayer and meditation over his text. I would mostly rely on the bells. When Robert Robinson penned the words, "Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace," he wasn't speculating. He knew the reality of the human condition. We come from a long line of people who are restlessly prone to wander. The heart is a fickle thing and needs to be tuned regularly. The call to worship serves as a tuning of our hearts.

God Calls Us to Worship

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 117)

There is a quiet reminder in the call to worship that worship is not our idea. We worship because it is God's idea. Psalm 117 is God's word, which means it is God who is speaking to his people – commanding, inviting, and exhorting us to praise Him (verse 1). This call is rooted in a firm commitment to both His glory and our joy. When God's people are gathered in His name, He serves as the host. He has initiated and invited us into fellowship with Him.

Next month we'll look at **The Response of Worship and Hearing the Call.**

We had a great Christmas season of celebration. I appreciate all the time and effort our Celebration Choir gives each week, especially during these special times of the year, to make our music a blessing to us. As we begin working on our Easter musical, please be in prayer for your Music and Worship Ministry team. It's a team effort and I can tell you that much effort is put into all that we do to lead you in worship as we strive to lift up the name of our Lord Jesus Christ each week!

Blessings!

Bro. Harry

HAPPY
Valentine's
Day



Regular Sunday Schedule

9:45—Sunday School
 11:00—Worship
 5:00—REACH

Regular Wednesday Schedule

6:00—Prayer Meeting, Kingdom
 Kids & Student Ministry
 6:15—Choir Practice & Adult
 Bible Study

February

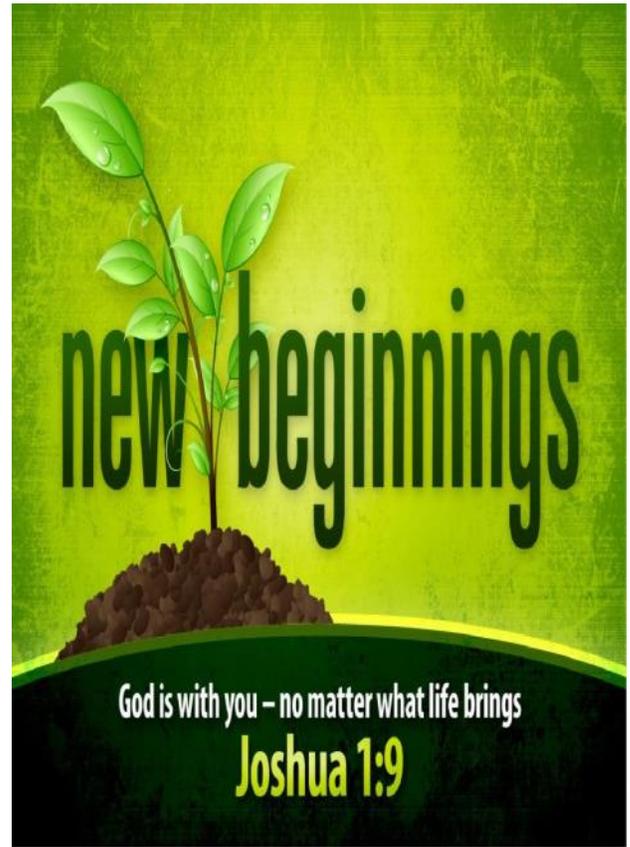
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 3:30pm—Deacon's Meeting 5:00pm—READY	3 6:00pm—Personnel Committee meets	4	5	6 6:00pm—Ladies' Bible Study	7	8
9 2:30-4:00pm—WMU Inspirational Meeting @ Lawrence Dr. 5:00pm-AWAKEN 6:00pm—Bonus Rehearsal	10 6:30pm—Men's Ministry & Joyful Servants meet	11	12	13 12:00noon—KEENAGERS LUNCHEON w/ guest singers, Soul's Desire 6:00pm—Ladies' Bible Study	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 10:00am—1:00pm CHILDREN'S MISSION DAY
16 5:00pm-ENGAGE A hot dog cook out with The Hotdog Club	17 PRESIDENT'S DAY	18 7:00pm—Baptist Young Women meet	19	20 6:00pm—Ladies' Bible Study	21	22
23 5:00pm—Youth's Chili Cook Off 6:00pm—Bonus Rehearsal	24	25	26	27 6:00pm—Ladies' Bible Study	28	29

Birthdays

February 1—Dick Mathews
 February 4—Kendyl Bryant
 February 7—Shawnte Scott
 February 9—Johnny Ball
 February 10—Debbie Grimsley
 February 12—Jay Bengé, Jr.
 February 22—Billy Perry
 February 23—Joe Toney, Jr.
 February 24—Colette Shelton
 Taylor Story
 February 26—Rich Winsor
 February 28—Katurah Johnson

Anniversaries

February 10
 Jeffrey and Kaycee Powell
 February 12
 Lester and Carol Johnson
 February 16
 Tommie and Mary Donaldson
 February 20
 Larry and Marcheta Myers



PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

CHURCH HOUR

February 2 Vivian Shelton and Mary Donaldson
 February 9 Paula Piper
 February 16 Sandy Shelton and Sharon Martin
 February 23 Lisa Hardy

SUNDAY NIGHTS

February 2 Marcheta Myers and Kaycee Powell
 February 9 Julie Norwood and Kaycee Powell
 February 16 Andrea Duggan and Kaycee Powell
 February 23 Angie Henry & Kaycee Powell

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Children's Ministry Team

Deacon of the Week

February 2—February 8 Joe Toney
 February 9—February 15 Robert Abbott
 February 16—February 22 William Yarbrough
 February 23—February 29 Arthur Henry



GREETERS

February 2 Sharon Martin, Judy Ashley, & Youth
 February 9 Paula Piper
 February 16 Nita Ryle, Mary Graham, & Youth
 February 23 Cindy Powell & Deborah Mathews





Joyful Servants
Monday, February 10th
at 6:30pm

Baptist Young Women
Tuesday, February 18th, at 7:00pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN ONE
OF OUR GROUPS!



Thursday, February 13th
at 12:00 noon

ALL Seniors Are Invited!

**Bring your favorite covered
dishes...Invite a Friend &
Join Us!**



Men's Ministry
Monday, February 10th
at 6:30pm



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Rev. Jim Duggan.....Senior Pastor
Rev. Harry Graves.....Music Minister
Josh Funderburk.....Student Minister
Mrs. Peggy WebbChurch Secretary
Mrs. Annette Toney..... Financial Secretary

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