



Pastor Mark's Minute

Have you ever been around someone who is always in a good mood? No matter what is going on they have an upbeat disposition. It's rainy and they're glad for the rain. The sun shines and they are thankful for that.

In so many ways 2020 was a disaster. It was a disaster in that Covid revealed the weaknesses in our bodies and in our spirits. It was a disaster when the election put on display for the world to see the shortcomings in our system and in our leadership. And yet, at the same time, Covid revealed our tenacity and resilient, can-do spirit. And the election in many places and in many people displayed our commitment to truth, justice and the American way.

Here is my point. For 2021 to be any better than 2020, it is going to take something more than an antidote for the virus and it will definitely take something more than the same leaders or different leaders depending on your political persuasion. What it will take is TRANSFORMATION. Transformation in my life and in your life. Transformation in my family and in your family. Transformation in our hearts and in our minds.

In 2021, would you like to grow closer to God? Live life with less stress? Reconcile a broken relationship? Handle your money better? Be more confident at work? It takes transformation and we are going to provide that for you at Belleville Wesleyan Church in 2021.

Romans 12:1-2 outlines for us the transformation process. Paul writes, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers (and sisters), in view of God's mercy, (because of what Jesus did on the cross to save our souls we are) to offer your bodies as living sacrifices (because He died for us we are to live for Him), holy and pleasing to God (holy and pleasing means we do what's right even when the pastor isn't looking)—this is your spiritual act of worship (you can worship God anytime anywhere). Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world (as Christians we are to be different and it begins with our thinking), but be TRANSFORMED (that means changed, improved) by the renewing of your mind (what are you feeding your mind?). Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will (God's plan or will for you is good, really good, it's so good it's perfect)."

In the coming year we are going to discover how to be transformed. My hope and prayer for you is not that you will have a great 2021 or that you will always be happy and in a good mood. My greatest desire for you is that you will invite Jesus Christ to transform your life from the inside out so that no matter what this world throws at you, you will be in a good mood because you know Jesus is with you, He is in you, and He is going to see you through.

I love each of you very much and can't wait to see you!



New BWC Web-site

Everything you need to know about Belleville-Wesleyan Church is now located on our brand new web-site.

Would you like to get connected to Right Now Media which makes available thousands of Christian videos of all kinds for all ages?

Go to: www.bellevillewesleyan.church

Are you looking for a calendar to find a birthday or anniversary?

Go to: www.bellevillewesleyan.church

Do you have a question about where the church stands on a certain issue?

Go to: www.bellevillewesleyan.church

Are you looking for the time when church or Sunday school begins?

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Do you want to find a good plan for reading through the Bible in a year?

Go to: www.bellevillewesleyan.church

Are you looking for a good recipe for knockwurst?

Sorry, we can't help you with that one. But you get the idea. Anything BWC, related can be found on our brand-new site.

A GIANT thank you goes out to Pastor Seth for creating and managing our site. Try it out, free of charge, and you'll see why we are so excited!

Youth Group

Our BWC Youth Group meets almost each Wednesday evening. From 6:00-7:00pm kids from 5th-8th get together. And then from 7:00-8:15pm or so the high school teens gather. Both groups have a meal and snacks served, enjoy a Bible lesson by Sister Pam, and participate in a fun game or activity. Join us!



Our **Youth Group** members will be selling Little Caesars items during the month of January. What's on the menu: Crazy Bread, Pizza, Personal Pizza, Chocolate Chuck and Oatmeal Cookie Dough, and so much more!

ALL OF OUR CHURCH SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO MEET ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30AM IN PERSON AS WELL AS ON-LINE @ WWW.BELLEVILLEWESLEYAN.CHURCH

We have moved! No, we have not moved our church building. It is still located at 909 Wesleyan Drive. What has moved is our on-line Sunday morning services. As of January 1st they will be located on our new web-site @ www.bellevillewesleyan.church

Do you know Jesus? Here are four steps to beginning a fantastic New Year with Him.

Step 1 - Know God loves you and has a great plan for you. The Bible says, “God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16 Jesus said, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

Step 2 - Here’s the problem: people are sinful and separated from God. We have all done, thought or said bad things, which the Bible calls sin. The Bible says, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23 The result of sin is death, spiritual separation from God. Romans 6:23 Here is the good news.

Step 3 - God sent His Son to die for your sins! Jesus died in our place so we could have a relationship with God and be with Him forever. “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 But it didn’t end with His death on the cross. He rose again and still lives! “Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures.” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 Jesus is the only way to God. Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me.” John 14:6

Step 4 - Would you like to receive God’s forgiveness? We can’t earn our salvation; we are saved by God’s grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. All you have to do is believe you are a sinner, that Christ died for your sins, and ask for His forgiveness. Then turn from your sins—that’s called repentance. Jesus Christ knows you and loves you.

We suggest praying the prayer below to accept Christ as your Savior.

‘Dear God, I know I’m a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.’

If you prayed that prayer, we’re excited that you have made a commitment to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and serve Him as your Lord. This is the most important day of your life! We also want to pray for you and help you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Please take a moment and contact Pastor Mark @ (785) 527-3510 or www.markwesley@nckcn.com and he’ll have a gift for you and can get you started on your walk of faith.

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