

BWC NEWSLETTER

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“The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation!” D. L. Moody

50 Days of Transformation – The world is shouting for our attention with answers to our relationship struggles, solutions to our financial trouble, and explanations to our search for meaning. But the world’s promises leave us empty and searching for more. God’s Word is the only answer that promises to TRANSFORM our lives from the inside out. Join us each Sunday morning at 10:30am, leading up to Easter, as we explore what the Bible has to say about every essential area of our lives: Spiritual, Physical, Mental, Emotional, Relational, Financial and Vocational. Unite with us as we are TRANSFORMED to be all that God designed us to be. “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:2

Marriage Vow Renewal - Congratulations to our couples who renewed their marriage vows! They are: Chris & Teresa Bowers, Glenn & Nancy Millington, John & Rita Goodwin, Ron & Jane Erickson and Marlin & Diane Woodman.

Youth Group - Youth Group is every Wednesday evening. From 6:00-7:00pm grades 4th-7th enjoy a Bible lesson, a hot meal and a game. And from 7:00-8:15pm grades 8th-12th take over and do their thing. If you are in 4th-12th grades, join us, it’s fun!

Communion - We will serve communion on March 21st.

Nursery & Children’s Church - We have restarted our Children’s Church and Nursery but we can’t do it without your assistance.

During Children’s Church you are provided a lesson and snack for the kids. You will be with 5-10 youngsters, ages of 6-10 years old, during the sermon time (30-40 minutes).

If you enjoy reading books, doing puzzles and rocking babies, have we got a deal for you! Sign up to help in our nursery. In the nursery we appreciate you arriving about 10:15am and staying until the parents pick up their kids after the service. For both Children’s Church and the Nursery, we encourage two people to work together. If you have an interest in helping or have questions, feel free to contact Delaney Hamel @ (785) 955-0626.

Giving - Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support. We would not be able to reach people with the love and support of the Lord Jesus Christ without you!

Palm Sunday - Palm Sunday, sometimes called Passion Sunday, is March 28th. This is the first day of Holy Week and is the Sunday before Easter. On this day we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and we acknowledge Him as our one, true king.

Best Choice Labels - Please collect your Best Choice labels and bring them to the church.

There is a basket in the foyer in which you can place them. All monies provided through this fundraiser are going to help us purchase new carpet.

Pastoral Vote - In the Wesleyan Church our pastors serve under either a two or four-year agreement. In August of this year, Pastor Mark and Pam will have served Belleville Wesleyan Church for 22 years and will have fulfilled their current four-year agreement. Your church board has met with Pastor Mark and are recommending to you, the church body, that he be offered another four-year agreement. This agreement can only be ratified if the majority of the membership votes to approve it. On Sunday morning, March 14th, we will conduct a pastoral vote. For this vote, there will be two ballots available. One for those who are church members and one for those who are friends of the church. If you would like either a friend or a member absentee ballot, contact our board secretary, Ann Bebermeyer @ (785) 527-0609.

Daylight Savings Time - DST is scheduled for early Sunday morning March 14th. On Saturday night, March 13th, be sure to 'Spring Forward one hour.'

Annual Local Church Conference - Each Spring (except last year because of COVID-19) we have a meeting of the membership to conduct all of the church business. Electing officers, finalizing a budget and considering the future of the church are a few of the items on the agenda. You are encouraged to attend and support the work of the church.

Right Now Media - Have you ever been concerned about what you or your children are exposed to through the television? Have you ever said or thought, "There's nothing good on TV tonight?" Then you need Right Now Media. RNM is a web-site provided for you by BWC and it is completely free to you. It contains cartoon for kids with Bible lessons, encouragement for parents, Biblically sound teaching on finances, books of the Bible, marriage and so much more. To gain access to this valuable resource contact Pastor Mark and provide him your email address and you'll be sent an invitation to Right Now Media. Don't be frustrated because there's nothing good to watch, turn on Right Now Media.

Noah's Story Today - It's the year 2021 and Noah lives in the United States.

The Lord speaks to Noah and says: 'In one year I am going to make it rain and cover the whole earth with water until all is destroyed. But I want you to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on the earth. Therefore, I am commanding you to build an Ark.'

In a flash of lightning, God delivered the specifications for an Ark. Fearful and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build the Ark. 'Remember,' said the Lord, 'You must complete the Ark and bring everything aboard in one year.'

Exactly one year later, a fierce cloud covered the earth and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw Noah sitting in his front yard weeping.

'Noah,' he shouted, 'Where is the Ark?'

'Lord, please forgive me!' cried Noah. 'I did my best, but there were big problems. First, I had to get a permit for construction and your plans did not comply with the civic codes. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans. Then I got into a fight with OSHA over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system and floatation devices.

Then my neighbor objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission.

I had problems getting enough wood for the Ark, to protect the Spotted Owl there was a ban on cutting trees. I finally convinced the U.S. Forest Service that I needed the wood to save the owls. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service won't let me catch any owls. So, no owls. The Carpenter's Union went on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Union. Now I have 16 carpenters on the Ark, but still no owls. When I started rounding up the other animals, I got sued by an animal rights group. They objected to my only taking two of each kind aboard. Just when I got the suit dismissed, the EPA notified me that I could not complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the universe.

Then the Army Corps of Engineers demanded a map of the proposed new flood plan. I sent them a globe. Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that I am practicing discrimination by not taking godless, unbelieving people aboard!

The IRS has seized all my assets, claiming that I'm building the Ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes.

I just got a notice from the state that I owe some kind of user tax because I failed to register the Ark as a recreational water craft.'

Finally, the ACLU got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction saying that since God is flooding the earth, it is a religious event, therefore unconstitutional.

'I really don't think I can finish the Ark with another 5 or 6 years!' Noah wailed.

The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine and the seas began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up hopefully. 'You mean you are not going to destroy the earth, Lord?' 'No,' the Lord said sadly, 'Your government already has.'

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"Because we care!"