


Belleville Wesleyan Church

April Lamplighter



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Pastor Mark's Minute

Have you ever been afraid? We've all dealt with one form of fear or another. So I should more accurately ask, When have you been afraid? And what was it that brought fear to your mind?

There are all kinds of ways to label fear. We might call it terror or fright, being alarmed, having anxiety or worry. It might be referred to as dread, dismay, distress, angst, unease, apprehension, nervousness, even timidity.

And then there is foreboding (like that word), fear can cause doubt, and suspicion, we can even call it the creeps, the willies, the heebie-jeebies, the butterflies (in the stomach), maybe it's a phobia.

Webster's defines fear as an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat.

And yet, the Bible looks at fear a little differently.

How does God's Word define fear?

In the Bible, "fear" covers both a positive and a negative. In regards to God, fear refers to awe and respect for God. On the other hand, there is also a second understanding of the word, it means danger or evil. The first (God) is something to embrace, the second (evil, harm or pain) something to avoid.

As I find myself drawing closer and closer to God, the more I respect and revere Him, the less and less I worry about the 'fears' of this world.

I love the way Isaiah puts it. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Almighty God is with you and for you, you have nothing to fear (respect/be in awe of) but Him.

If you struggle with fear in this life, and we all do at times, I encourage you to pray this prayer every single day. 'Dear Lord, I seek Your guidance and wisdom as I navigate the challenges of life. Help me to discern Your will and to follow Your path. Fill me with the Holy Spirit, that I may be empowered to live a life that is pleasing to You.

Give me the courage to trust in Your goodness and to surrender to Your will.'

Remember, Jesus loves you, He died for you and he says to you, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

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

Prayer Time

On April 6th at 6:00pm we will come together to pray for the youth of our community. You are invited. And you do not have to pray out loud.

Good Friday

The Belleville **Good Friday Service** will be on Friday, April 18th @ The Methodist Church @ 12:10pm.



Easter Sunday #1

On Easter Sunday, April 20th, we will have a special service with communion and special gifts for each visitor. So invite your friends and family! We will also have an Easter Egg Hunt after the service for all of the kids. We do *not* need any eggs, but if you could provide a bag or two of candy to fill our eggs, we would appreciate it. Just drop your candy off in the foyer at church on or before Wednesday, April 16th.

Red Cross Blood Drive

On Wednesday, April 23rd, from noon to 6:00pm, we will host the Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall. Please donate if you are able.

Dr Peter Burgos

Dr Peter is an amazing and Godly man who has served as our missionary to East Asia for many years. With all of the changes happening in our world, you will want to be here on Sunday April 27th for our morning worship service to hear what he has to say. He will be sharing about all of the ministry opportunities and adjustments to ministering in an area of the world that is hostile toward Jesus. "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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-10

City Wide Clean Up Day

Monday, April 7th

Awana

Awana meets each Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Kids from 5 year-olds to 6th grade are invited to join us. We play games, have snacks, learn Bible stories and memorize Bible verses.

Our last Awana will be Wednesday, April 17th.

Easter Sunday #2

On Easter Sunday, April 20th, we will visit the folks at each of the three senior care homes and provide a church service. We will be at Country Place @ 2:00pm, Belleville Health Care Center @ 2:30pm and Long Term Care @ 3:00pm. If you are able to join us to greet and encourage those who attend, please contact Pastor Mark or Pam.





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by Active Minds
Using a dynamic story telling format of mixed mediums, SSP illustrates the voices of young people as they guide us through their mental health journeys. Their come and go exhibit will be in Scandia at the football field on April 3rd from 10:00am – 5:00pm. On April 4th it will be at the Republic County Courthouse from 10:00am – 5:00pm.

Free Lunch

They say there is no such thing as a free lunch. Well, we disagree. On Youth Sunday, April 27th after church, we'll have a special FREE Taco Bar Meal provided by our Youth. This is a FREE MEAL. Donations are not necessary but are appreciated. If you would like to donate, a basket will be placed by the door. Any gift given will be appreciated and used to help the youth attend summer church camp.

WE NEED YOU!

Belleville Wesleyan Church needs you!

On Sunday, April 27th, we've got a fantastic day for you! First, Dr Peter Burgos, our medical missionary to Eastern Asia will share with us what God has been doing there. Secondly, our Youth Group will be leading the service. Then we will have a yummy Taco Meal provided by our youth with a free will donation to support sending them to summer church camp. And finally, we will be holding our Annual Local Church Conference which is more exciting than it sounds. During this time, Pastor Mark will paint a picture, a vision, of where we are going as a church and how you can fit into the plan. We need each other and we are so much better together! We will also elect our church officers for the next year. Get in on the ground floor and join us at this year's ALCC!



Meals-on-Wheels

We will deliver Meals-on-Wheels the week of April 28th – 2nd. Please sign up on the clipboard in the foyer.



Youth Group

The High School Youth Group (10th-12th) meets each Sunday @ 7:00pm.
The Junior High Youth Group (7th-9th) meets each Wednesday @ 6:00pm.

Upcoming Events:

1. The Youth Garage Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 11th from 5:00pm-7:00pm and Saturday, April 12th from 8:00am-2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
2. Church Lock-in for all ages on Friday, April 18th from 8:00pm to 8:00am.
3. Youth Sunday will be April 27th.
4. After church on the 27th, the Youth will be serving a taco all-you-can-eat meal with a free will donation.
5. Youth Camp @ Lakeview Christian Camp is set for June 1st – 6th.

Men's Group

Our men meet each Sunday evening @ 6:30pm* to study God's Word and encourage one another. All men are welcome to join us in the upstairs classroom.

*On the first Sunday of the month, we meet @ 7:00pm due to our prayer service from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

The Fred Challenge

If you accepted the Fred Challenge, I encourage you to keep reading, even if you have fallen behind a little.

If you haven't yet begun, I encourage you to start today. Just decide to carve out ten minutes or so every day and read one chapter of the New Testament. Life is better with God's Word!

As you read, ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand and retain what you are reading. If you need a reading guide, we've got them at church, ask Pastor Mark.



Change for Life: Baby Bottle Campaign

Do you believe in the value of life? Human life? Life in all its frailties and challenges and glory? This Mother's Day we are bringing back Baby Bottles for Life. This is one opportunity for you to support life in its most fragile state.

On Mother's Day each person that would like to participate will be given a baby bottle as well as suggested prayers for life. You then are encouraged to pray at home, with family, for life and are invited to take your pocket change and place it in the bottle each day.

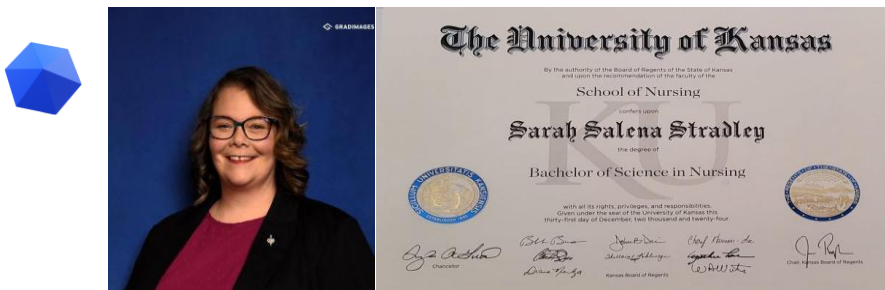
On Father's Day, the bottles will be returned to the church. The funds will then be sent to Kansas for Life and Heart Choices. Both organizations provide resources, education and encouragement for young mothers-to-be and their families. Each and every life is precious and is made in the image of God.

Best Choice Labels

Remember to save your labels and bring them to the church. We then send the labels back to Best Choice and they make a donation to the church.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

If we do not have your special day in our records, or that of your loved one, please contact Pastor Mark ASAP with that information @ (785) 527-3510. Thank you!



Congratulations, Sarah! We are so proud of you!





40 Days of Giving Up

Did you participate with us in Lent this year? Do you have a black bag with items you have placed in it to give up? If so, bring them by the church, and drop them off in the church office, and we'll plan for a special going away party for them. If they can be used to support the Youth Garage Sale, we'll take them there. If they need to be destroyed, they will be without anyone knowing except you and God.

Lent ends three days before Easter Sunday, on Maundy Thursday. The Lenten season is a time of preparation for remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. It is a customary time for giving something up, or abstinence. The purpose of Lent is to fully recognize our need for a Savior. Lent invites us to prepare our minds and hearts for glorifying Jesus' life, death, and bodily resurrection. The main observation of Lent is done to clear distractions and focus on Christ. Giving up something and replacing it with prayer, worship, and Scripture gives way to a deeper relationship with God. I encourage you to finish what you started...get rid of the junk in your life and worship God in a new and exciting way this Easter!

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“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—***think about*** such things.” Philippians 4:6-7

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