

Belleville Wesleyan May Newsletter



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RENOVATE BEFORE '28

In the Summer of 2027 Belleville Wesleyan Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Our building has served us well since being built in 1979. She needs a little TLC before our 100-year celebration. Okay, a lot of TLC!



What can you do to help us Renovate Before '28? Below are some of the ideas your leaders are pursuing. Where can you and your family make a difference?

We need to form several teams of 3-5 people to begin the process. Each group will have a key leader that will help coordinate the work in each specific area.

We need a group of some who are gifted at determining colors, styles, etc. Then we will need workers to put those ideas into motion such as demolition, framing, building, painting (a lot of painting), etc. Please consider the ideas below and ask yourself, where can I best use my God-given ability to make a positive difference? And please, understand, you may be asked to do something a little out of your comfort zone, but please, be ready and willing to help. We need each other and we are better together.

“From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, *as each part does its work.*” Ephesians 4:16

RENOVATE BEFORE '28 Partial PROJECT LIST

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1. Playground Upgrade – the playground wall needs to be rebuilt + the base needs to be pulled up, cleaned and new ground cover installed
 2. Motion-activated light switches installed in the restrooms and basement
 3. Basement Bathrooms: completely redone
 4. Foyer: paint, purchase new furniture/fixtures/wall decorations, replace drinking fountains, new coffee/snack bar, more TV's
 5. Upstairs Janitor's Space: cleaned and reorganized
 6. Basement: Combine storage and small office space + build new storage system
 7. Youth Room: new projection and sound system and add storage
 8. Children's Room (next to office): paint, remove everything, purchase large toys for toddlers, cut down wall between kid's room and nursery
 9. Parking Lot Replacement – This will need to be professionally done
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Pastor Mark's Minute:

Membership - *Why haven't you joined that church you love?* Maybe that question applies to you right now. In an age that suspects and even despises authority, church membership is a loud, clear statement of our devotion to Christ.

Whatever's keeping you from committing to BWC, I want to help you hurdle over your fears by reminding you of who you are without a church committed to you.

First of all, you are a toe without a body. With no church commitment, you're an amputated arm. You're a part of the body - an eye, a kidney, an elbow - but without an actual body. And eyes and elbows don't survive apart from the body. "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."

1 Corinthians 12:12

This isn't optional to Christianity; this is Christianity. Biblically speaking, trying to follow Jesus without committing to a church would look a lot like a toe flopping around on the sidewalk. You're not helping anyone walk, and no one's helping you see and taste and smell. The apostle Paul goes on: "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'"

Membership stitches your toe to rest of the body - to all you need to follow Christ. It joins you to a group of people who are now committed to your spiritual and eternal good.

Second, without committing to a church, you are prey without protection, you're a sheep without the direction, provision, and protection of a shepherd and a spiritual family.

Whether you feel this way or not, your soul is on the outskirts of the flock, in danger of starving or being devoured. Christ has called and given under-shepherds to watch over you, but you've chosen to take your chances among the wolves.

Without a commitment to a church family, you are a stranger without a family.

One of the lessons from Covid is that we were made to belong. Social distancing wasn't just uncomfortable or inconvenient; it was painful. We felt it, didn't we, after many of us had been lulled into forgetting, lulled into thinking that community was a nice but optional feature of the good life. No, we desperately and constantly need one another. We've relearned the value of what we heard all along: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

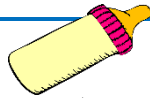
From birth, you were meant to belong - to know and be known, to encourage and be encouraged. That kind of love happens through commitment - not through a group of regular attenders, but through a devoted family.

So, if you're a toe without legs and arms and a head, if you're a lost sheep with bad eyesight and an empty stomach, if you're a brother or sister without a father, mother, or siblings, join that church and experience what it really means to be home. Reach out to me about our upcoming membership class.

I love each of you so much and can't wait to see you on Sunday!



Change for Life - Baby Bottle Project



The Baby Bottle Project is an easy way to support life. All you have to do is pick up a baby bottle at church on Mother's Day. Take it home and drop your spare change in it and then return the filled bottle to church on Father's Day. The money will be collected and sent to Heart Choices and/or Kansans for Life. Every cent will be used to help women and children in need and support our most precious commodity...life.

"Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from Him." Psalms 127:3

Nancy Millington - Retirement Reception



After 45 years of slaving away at Astra Bank, Nancy is finally hanging up her calculator! Please join us to celebrate her many years of dedicated and faithful work on behalf of our community. Her 'Come and Go' Reception is scheduled for June 6th from 1:00pm-4:00pm at the bank.

Graduation May 11th

Graduates Needed! If you have a family member who is graduating from pre-school, junior high, high school, trade school or college please let us know. We would like to honor their achievement and celebrate with them.

Please email the church office @ markwesley@nckcn.com or text Pastor Mark @ (785) 527-3510 or Pastor Pam @ (785) 527-3512.



Let us know the graduate's name, their graduation level and the school as well as any special honors or awards they have earned.

Graduates of which we are aware: Kierra Bates, Caitlynn Lamore & Jose Torres - Republic County High School, Travis Davis, China Davis, Lakyn Gieber & Ryan Weatherhead - Republic County Junior High, Michael Moravek - Salina, Bentley Melby, Trinity Sugars & Emberlyn Simon - Pike Valley Junior High.

Awana

Thank you leaders for making Awana a great success! You did an amazing job with the kids!!! We praise God for you: Mabel, Angie, Gary, Linda, Hannah, and Marlea.

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.

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.

The last meeting for both groups will be on Wednesday, May 14th. All ages will meet together at 6:00pm.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Youth Garage Sale. \$1503.00 was raised to help send our kids to Summer Church Camp. This year Summer Camp will be at Lakeview Christian Camp from June 1st-6th.

The Youth will be running the concession stands at the ball fields during the month of June. If you are able to help any evening during the week, please contact Pastor Pam.

Communion

We will remember Jesus and all He does for us on May 18th.

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!

Prayer Time

On May 4th 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.

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.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th

Bring your mother to church and we'll celebrate her special day and honor her.



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