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ALPHA IS COMING TO BELLEVILLE WESLEYAN!

What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of conversations about things we all question in life: Why do bad things happen to good people? What's the purpose of life? What's next?

If you're looking for a judgment-free space to ask hard questions and share your own opinion, there's a place for you.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you are new to BWC, we would love to be able to celebrate your anniversaries and birthdays with you.

Please place that information on a Connection Card on Sunday or email it to Pastor Mark at markwesley@nckcn.com.

Thank you!

Alpha helps create a space for honest conversation around some of life's biggest questions. It is designed to provide all of us an opportunity to connect with one another while sharing thoughts, ideas, and opinions in a safe and caring environment. Alpha helps bring people together while providing the chance to encounter Jesus.

New Members

Join us in welcoming our newest members into the BWC family: Dessie Christian, David & Kristine Dahl, Marlea James, Steve Medina & Leann Strnad. They are great people. Take a moment and say hello or maybe even invite them out for a meal.

Back to School Sunday

will be August 17th. We'll pray for our school age kids, teachers, administration and staff and have a Back-to- School-Pot-Luck-Meal, bring your favorite school lunch item and join us!



Awana

Awana is where kids gather together for Bible teaching, verse memorization, announcements, snacks, games, and awards. This is a tremendous opportunity for kids to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, learn with their friends, and have some fun.

Our Fall kick-off will be Wednesday night, September 17th @ 6:00pm.

If you would like to work with our kids on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30, contact Pastor Mark to sign up.

Meals-on-Wheels

We will be delivering meals to our local shut-ins during the week of August 11th - 15th. If you are able to spare an hour to an hour and a half any day that week, please sign up on the clipboard in the church lobby.

SALVATION

by Reverend Billy Graham

People have become well versed in Christian terminology but are remiss in the actual practice of Christ's principles and teachings. Our greatest need is not more Christianity but more true Christians.

Salvation is free to us, but it cost Jesus His life. It will also cost the sinner his or her sins when a person receives His gift. This does not mean that we have to clean up our lives in order to be saved. The Lord knows we don't have the power to do that. But we must come to Him in repentance, and then His Holy Spirit will take up residence and empower us to walk away from sin. That's why Jesus paid for our sins with His blood—to set us on a new path.

Now many people quickly say, "Well, I do love God and follow Him," but we must put it to the test. Do we prove our love to God when we go against His commands? The Bible says, "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:3-4

How can we imagine living in disobedience while claiming the Holy Spirit is guiding us? If we do so without conviction and repentance, we prove we do not love Jesus—because Jesus said His Spirit would convict of sin.

We can be convicted of sin—we can pray and confess our sin—but the real test is our willingness to obey. Find peace with God today.



**Communion will be on
Sunday, August 24th.**

Alpha emphasizes the essentials that all denominations agree on. We believe that what unites us is infinitely greater than what divides us. Alpha is at its most effective as an evangelistic tool when done by and through the local church. By focusing on the essentials of the Christian faith, it opens the door for Alpha to be used in almost any context so that everyone has the opportunity to see their friends' lives transformed by the gospel.

Renovate before '28

Next up on our project list are the basement bathrooms.

Can you tape a room for painting? Can you paint? Can you pull up or lay flooring? Can you take down the partitions and take them to be painted? Contact Pastor Mark (785) 527-3510 to volunteer for any of these needed jobs.



"Before I formed a relationship with Jesus, I felt on my own. Jesus changed that story." – Kyle, Alpha Guest

Men's Group

Our Men's Bible Study Group meets each Sunday evening at 6:30pm. If you know you are a man, you are highly encouraged to join us!

'Save a Sole-Shoe us the Love!'

Barefoot Sunday will be September 28th. On that Sunday, we will wear our shoes to church and then donate them to the shoe drive. A \$50.00 gift card will be awarded to the top two families or individuals who collect the most shoes between August 1st and October 5th.

This opportunity is so exciting! I just know, with your help, we're going to knock this out of the ball park! It's going to be a WIN-WIN-WIN! My friends, 'Shoe Us the Love!'

Did you know that over 300 million pairs of shoes end up in landfills each year? Our Youth Group is conducting a shoe drive that will redirect foot-ware from outcast to opportunity, from waste to wallet and from trash to treasure.

When you donate your gently worn, new and used shoes, they find new life and benefit our local youth as well as micro-entrepreneurs around the world.

Due to a lack of jobs available in developing countries, micro-enterprises add value to the economy and to lives by creating small business opportunities, improving income and promoting commerce. Your gently worn, used and new shoes are collected locally by the Youth of BWC, they are then transferred to an organization called: funds2orgs and they in turn distribute them to micro-enterprises around the globe.

Our Youth Group receives a check for their time and effort, micro-entrepreneurs in 3rd world countries receive valuable merchandise with which to open a small business and support their families and you receive more space in your closet. It's a WIN-WIN-WIN!

Our shoes drive will run until Sunday, October 5th.

But don't wait, donate your shoes today! Ask your friends and family and neighbors to donate their shoes. Drop them in our collection box at church this Sunday or at one of our drop boxes located at Melby's Home Center in Scandia, Clyde High School, Cuba Cash Store in Cuba, Tuxies Bowling Alley or the Dollar General Store in Belleville.

Save a sole-shoe us the love! It's going to be awesome!



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'Because we care...about you!'

"Going to Alpha was one of the best decisions I made in my life because, I learned the truth about who Jesus was." -Melayna, Alpha Guest

Children's Church

Our Children's Church Ministry is a great time to teach our kids the Bible at a level they can understand. We have an easy curriculum in place for you and video lessons are available. Would you pray about leading Children's Church one Sunday morning a month? A GIANT 'Thank You' goes out to Teresa Bowers and Marlea James for volunteering and doing a great job! Please contact Pastor Mark or Teresa to sign up.

Pastor Marks Minute:

Life is full of new beginnings. Every morning begins a new day; every Sunday brings a new week; every January starts a new year.

Our Lord is the God of new beginnings, and that's the theme of Genesis.

The first words of the Bible are, "In the beginning God." Genesis 1:1

The very word Genesis means origin or beginning. Everyone who decided to follow the Lord needed a new beginning at some point, and often at many points in their lives. Think of Adam and Eve after they were driven out of the garden of Eden; Noah, after the flood; Abraham, who left his home in Ur; Jacob, whose life was one disaster after another until the Lord wrestled with him and blessed him. Don't forget Joseph who had a new beginning in Egypt, where God had sent him as a prisoner to become a prince.

Our Lord is eager to provide as many new beginnings as we need. Without that truth, life is dark and dangerous. But our Creator extends His grace over us every second of every day. Even when the enemy tests and tries us, God's sovereignty will prevail. His plan for us will succeed. Remember #1: The Lord will provide – (Jehovah Jireh). Remember #2: No matter what life brings or how evil intrudes, our Creator has a plan, His sovereignty cannot be frustrated, and His plan is right on schedule. Think of every morning as anew opportunity to trust the Lord with all your burdens and cares; begin each day with a renewed commitment to love and serve Him with all your heart, mind, soul and strength.

All my love to each of you!

Trustees

On Tuesday evening, August 5th @ 7:00pm we will have a trustees' meeting. All of our trustees are highly encouraged to be in attendance. Be sure to thank our men for the work they do keeping the church up and running: Brian-Chairman, Ryan, Lonnie, Kevin, Jason, Terry & Kelly.

Youth Group

- 1.** On Friday, August 9th at 4:30pm the Youth will leave for Smith Center for the Christian concert called: Walk His Way. The concert features Colton Dixon, Kayla Rae Atkins and Lloyd Nicks. The concert begins at 7:00pm and the youth will return home about midnight. See Sister Pam to confirm your tickets.
- 2.** Youth Group (7th-12th grades) will begin on August 14th @ 6:00pm. If you are in Jr High or Sr High School, bring your friends and join us!
- 3.** The Youth Garage Sale will be part of the Highway 36 Sale on September 19th & 20th in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to help set up or donate, contact Sister Pam.