

Bellevue Presbyterian Church

BELLEVUE TIDINGS



*Bellevue is a family of faith who lifts up the name of Jesus Christ in Worship,
teaches the Truth of Christ to those who follow Him, and shows the Way to Christ to those who do not know Him, all for the glory of God.*
Purpose Statement of Bellevue Presbyterian Church

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**From the
Pastor**

Pastor JT Holderman

Sometimes the most simple and yet profound truths in Scripture can be found and applied simply by looking at the words. We often, myself included, breeze through verses when we are reading God's Word. We look for favorite words, or comforting ideas, but we pay less attention to how sentences are constructed. Please don't let this talk of grammar put you off! There is gold in connecting words and implied words!

Here is one example to encourage you today, Isaiah 41:10. A verse perhaps you have in memory, or one you have heard me share with you in a hospital visit to give you hope. Look at this verse with me. "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." What a verse! But it takes on new life when we look at how each piece connects within it. What do I mean? Isaiah, speaking to God's people, you(!), begins *Fear not*. Ok, a command to not be afraid. How can He command this? Connect it with the next phrase, *for I am with you*. Isaiah commands fear to vanish, why? Because God is with His people! But then He says, *Be not dismayed*, or distraught, or troubled. Why again? Connect the next words, *For I am your God*. No fear, no trouble, no dismay why? Because God is with you and is your God, personally! Here's where I want you to supply a word given the context of the verse. Because He's with you, because He's your God, we can supply what Isaiah certainly is implying, a "therefore"...*I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand*.

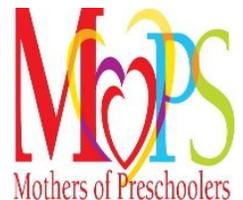
There is a wealth of God in God's Word for us if we would slow down and connect phrases, seeking out statements of hope and asking the question, "How can the author say that?" And Then seeking in the verse or context for an answer! God gives answers to our questions in His Word. Let us diligently seek to know the Scriptures and find hope in the words God has given us. Friends, fear not, be not dismayed, God is with you, for He is your God!

Unified Service Graduation Recognition Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 3

Sunday, June 3 will be an exciting day here at Bellevue. First will be a Unified Service. Sunday School will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., followed by Worship at 10:15 a.m. It will also be Graduation Recognition for all students graduating from High School. Finally, there will be a called Congregational Meeting after the Worship service. Please join us on Sunday, June 3.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 7 – Paradise Park
June 21 – Paradise Park
July 5 – Swimming @ Wilma's Pond (5474 Strasburg Rd. Gap)
July 19 – Wolf's Hollow Hike
August 2 – Paradise Park
August 16 – Paradise Park



COMMUNION SERVED

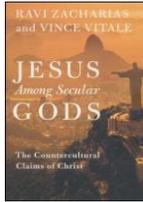


We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, June 3rd at the Unified Service of Worship at 10:15 a.m.

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER

Sunday, June 3, 2018

This summer, we are joining for unified Sunday School courses, offering two six week studies. For the first six weeks of the Summer quarter, we will all be looking together at a practical study, *Learning How To Pray*. This will be a Bible-study aimed at taking what we have learned and worshiped through, in our Sermon Series on *Prayer: Communion With God*, and putting it into practice. Our single aim is to help you grow in your prayer life. For the second half of the Summer quarter, we will be studying together using Ravi Zacharias' new video series, *Jesus Among Secular Gods*. This course will help you defend the absolute claims of Christ against the modern belief in the "secular gods" of atheism, scientism, relativism, and more. We hope to fuel your understanding with rock solid apologetical wisdom on Jesus and the secular idols of this world. We have a variety of teachers whom will be teaching various portions of these classes.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

The 38th General Assembly Meeting of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church will meet June 19-22, 2018 at Hope Presbyterian Church in Cordova, Tennessee. Serving as Ruling Elder Commissioners from Bellevue are: Lee Brown, Kevin Byma and Frank Rotella, and Teaching Elder JT Holderman along with Pastor Brad Moger. Please pray for them as they travel to Tennessee and serve in this important role in the life of our denomination. Pray too for Pastor JT as he delivers a message at one of the Leadership Seminars on Tuesday. He will be speaking on a recently published article, *The Means of Grace in the Scriptures Proclaimed: How God's Grace Works Through Preaching*.

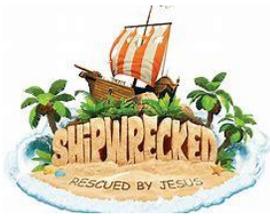
MISSION UPDATE

It seems as if a whirlwind has passed through Bellevue. There have been so many things happening and yet more are to come. Missions would like to thank all who attended the Local Mission Trip. As I saw and listened to Debbie, at Resource Pregnancy at Cornerstone and Betty, at The Factory, I realized that I didn't fully understand just how valuable their missions are to this community. It is amazing to see God's hands working. Then on Mother's Day, Rev. Bill Teate from Glad Tidings India, visited and explained how our "Dollar a Day" money is still being used and the impact it has made in India. God is working in the unreached areas. Bellevue is a part of it!

On May 26th, we will serve the last meal at The Factory for this school year, as summer is fast approaching. We will then begin again in the fall. There have been around 60-70 youth each Thursday night and they ALL show their appreciation for the meals Bellevue serves. The Missions Committee is working on dates for more missionary visits. It is a vision of the committee that we are able to meet and get to know our missionaries who have answered God's calling to share His Word and to glorify Him to all. There is more exciting news coming up! Thank you for your continued prayers and support.



Don't you just love to get a note in the mail from someone who is "thinking of you today" or "remembering you in prayer today?" Little acts like this can go far in someone's day or week. The Board of Deacons invites you to join us in our Secret Pal ministry. We will provide you with the name of your "sheep" along with their birthday, anniversary, favorite hobbies and any other information that would be helpful for you. It's fun to keep your identity a secret for the year. We will have a luncheon next May where you will be able to reveal yourself at that time. If you are interested, you may sign up at the *Welcome Center* from June 3-24. We will get your information to you by July 1st. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mandy Doutrich or a member of the Board of Deacons.



**Vacation Bible
School 2018
July 15-19
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Summer is here, which means it's also time for VBS. This year's theme is "Shipwrecked", where we will learn about how Jesus rescues us. We will be making decorations for VBS on Sundays after church starting May 27th through July 15th, except June 10th (church picnic). Everyone is encouraged to help and pizza will be provided.



CLUB 426

Our Club 426 retreat will be held on June 2nd. We will meet at the church at 10 a.m. & head to Wolf's Hollow for a hike and lunch. We will then head over to Go N' Bananas for the remainder of the afternoon. This is the first event where we welcome in next year's fourth graders, so anybody from third to sixth grade is welcome to attend. The cost for the day is \$30.00. Please bring a packed lunch to eat at Wolf's Hollow. Scholarships are available, please see Kevin Wenrich for more information.



KINGDOM KIDS

Our Summer Kingdom Kids schedule will begin on Wednesday, June 27th and we will kick off the summer with Messy Game Night. Come out ready to get messy and maybe even eat some gross things. We will meet from 6:30 – 7:30.

2018 Summer Schedule

- June 27th – Messy Game Night (6:30 p.m.)
- July 11th – Kingdom Kids (6:30 p.m.)
- July 15th-19th – Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)
- August 1st – Water Game Night (6:30 p.m.)
- August 8th – Family Game Night (6:30 p.m.)

Young Adults

- 1. Cookout & Pool Party
@ the Moger's
Tuesday, June 5**



Starting around 5:30, meet at the Moger's, 859 Hidden Hollow Drive in Gap. The pool is heated, and the yard is big enough for various games. Meat, rolls and drink will be provided. Bring a side dish or a dessert and yard games.

- 2. Weekly Bible Study & Fellowship – Hope to begin in June.**

2018 Schedule			
			
Date	Time	Field	Bellevue vs
6/4	8:45	2	Grace Point
6/11	6:30	2	St. John's Hotdog cook-out
6/18	8:45	1	Weaverland #1
6/25	6:30	1	Little Britain
7/2	6:30	1	Pequea Baptist
7/9	8:45	1	Keystone
7/16	6:30	1	Pequea Brethren
7/23	8:45	2	Leacock
7/30	7:30	2	Ridgeview



**HOTDOGS AND A SOFTBALL
GAME**

Membership and Evangelism committee invites you to join them on Monday evening, June 11th, to cheer on the Bellevue team when they play St. John's. The game begins at 6:30 p.m. but you are invited to get to the ball field by 6:00 p.m. to enjoy some hot dogs and fellowship prior to the game. You are asked to bring a dessert to share. M & E will provide the hot dogs, rolls, baked beans and paper products. To help us plan on how many hot dogs, please sign the signup sheet found at the *Welcome Center*. See you Monday evening, June 11th at 6:00 p.m.! Don't forget to bring a lawn chair.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH

Our annual Church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 10th at 12:00 noon. The day begins with our 8:00 a.m. worship in the sanctuary, followed by worship at the park in the pavilion at 10:45 a.m. Following worship, we will gather for a time of fellowship, lunch, and lots of games.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HELD THAT MORNING.

This will give you the opportunity to get to the Salisbury Township (Gap) Park early to join us for the 10:45 a.m. morning worship, followed by the picnic. ***Families are asked to bring a main dish and either a salad or dessert. Everyone is asked to bring a container of drink.*** Paper products and plastic utensils will be provided, however, you will need to bring serving utensils for your dishes. You may also want to bring your lawn chairs. We hope you and your family have this date marked on your calendar and will join us for this time of worship, food, fellowship and games.



Knoebles Camping Weekend
June 14th – 17th
\$50.00 deposit due to the church by
Sunday, April 29.
Sign-up sheet at the *Welcome Center*

STUDENT LOAN FUND

The Student Loan Committee is once again receiving applications for Student Loans for the 2018-2019 school year. Interest free loans are available for all members of Bellevue and their children. Application forms and guidelines are available from the church office. Please have your completed forms returned by ***Sunday, June 17th.***

BARNSTORMERS' BALLGAME

**SATURDAY,
August 4, 2018
6:30 p.m.**



The Membership & Evangelism Committee invites the Bellevue family to join them at Clipper Magazine Stadium on Saturday, August 4th at 6:30 p.m. to see the Lancaster Barnstormers take on the Somerset Patriots. The game will be followed by fireworks. **The price of the tickets is \$9.50** and the sign-up sheet is at the *Welcome Center* in Friendship Hall. You may send a check, payable to Bellevue, to the church to reserve seats. Call the office for details. **Deadline to order is Sunday, July 22nd!**



Dear Bellevue Family & Staff

I want to thank all of you for the birthday cards and wishes. It was wonderful to get so many nice cards for my 95th birthday!

I also want to thank the Deacons for the Easter candy. May God Bless All of You!

Thanks again!
Bill Kauffman

Thank you to my Bellevue Family for all the love, support, cards and especially the many prayers you showered me with after the passing of my husband.

Pastor JT and Pastor Brad, your visits, prayers and words were a great comfort to me.

Connie Campbell

On behalf of the Pequea Valley School District, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$500 to pay off student cafeteria debt.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated and your support of Pequea Valley schools is noteworthy. Thank you very much for this kind gift.

Sincerely,
Dr. Erik B. Orndorff, Ed. D.
Superintendent

Thank you for your contribution of papers related to the history of Bellevue Presbyterian Church.

Anna Groff
The Historical Society of Salisbury Township



CHATTERBOX

SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

(We celebrate with those who have reached 80 years!)

Thelma Fisher – June 14th

120 Daffodil Ct
New Holland, PA 17557

Kathleen Denlinger – June 21st

5281 Denlinger Road
Gap, PA 17527

Martha Walker – June 30th

433 S. Kinzer Ave., GSV
C-111-2 Winter Garden
New Holland, PA 17557

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to:



The family of Dan Beane on the passing of Dan's father, Paul Beane, Jr. on May 12, 2018.

The family of Connie Campbell on the passing of her husband, Joe Campbell on April 28, 2018.



2018 High School Graduates

Each year Bellevue has the wonderful opportunity to celebrate another group of high school graduates. We will take special time on Sunday, June 3rd to recognize our seniors as part of the morning worship service. Please take a moment to talk with the graduates after the service.

Lydia Cacciola

Sarah McBride is graduating from Pequea Valley June 1, 2018. She is involved in chorus, Chamber Singers, Phantom Of the Opera musical and Book Club, which she started. Sarah enjoys playing with her dog, working, reading and drawing. She hopes to go to Veterinarian Technical School to become a Veterinarian Tech.

Alexis Melson is graduating from PVHS June 1, 2018. She is involved in field hockey, wrestling manager, softball, band, choir, Chamber Singers,

marching band, musicals, Braves Club, TSA, National Honors Society, and German American Partnership program. Alexis enjoys camping, photography and spending time with family and friends. She plans to attend Drexel University, majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Jon Norris is graduating from PVHS June 1, 2018, where he is involved in job training. He enjoys hanging out with friends, fishing and attending youth group. He plans to continue with job training in the future.

Amber Stuart is graduating from PVHS June 1, 2018, where she is involved in Chamber Singers, Marching Band, Concert Band and Choir, the fall play, spring musical and Astronomy Club. Amber enjoys hanging out with friends and watching movies. She plans on going to Millersville University in the fall.

Makenna Wolfe is graduating from Avon Grove Charter School where she is in Tri-M Music Honor Society, multiple musicals and plays. Makenna likes kayaking, hiking, going to the beach, traveling, listening to music and doing makeup. She plans on attending Coastal Caroline University in Myrtle Beach and going on a Girl Scout trip to Canada.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles for the **July, 2018 newsletter** are due in the office by Monday, **June 18th**. If you have any items you would like included in the newsletter, you can place them in the church mailbox or forward them via e-mail to office@bellevueepc.org. Thank you.



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