Our February series will be focusing on the many dynamics found in a family who is striving to love one another, understand one another, and support one another. Using faith-based principles, we will discover direction for parents, spouses, grand-parents, and children that can be applied to your relationships and your future together.

February 4   “Family Foundations”  
February 11  “The Model Marriage”  
February 18  “21st Century Parenting”  
February 25  “21st Century Family Ministry”

Belmont Community – Your Online Church Portal
We have made the switch to our new online portal. By setting up your account, you can manage your personal information, give your financial gifts online and check-in your children. Also, don’t forget to go to your App Store on your mobile device and download our church app. Look for “Elexio Community.” If you need to set up your account, please contact Jenni (jenni@belmontchristian.org) in order to get your log-in information and then begin using this valuable ministry tool.
God loves you! Of course you already know that. We hear it so often there are times it loses its significance. We don’t realize the innumerable blessing God bestows, and we take so much for granted. Certainly we take for granted our health, our families, and the material blessings we receive. We also take for granted the simplest things in life. During the winter we look at a snowfall and the billions upon billions of tiny white flakes that fall to the ground. Each one is unique from the billions of others. God could have taken the easy way out and make all the snowflakes exactly the same. From a production standpoint, it would make more sense, but God didn’t do that; each one is unique. Or the brilliance of the white snowy blanket that covers the earth. He could have made the snow gray and bland, but He made it pure white and it reminds us of His purity.

If you’re looking forward to spring, you may be looking forward to green grass, blue skies, and flowers of all different colors. A God who didn’t love you could have made all of creation monochrome, but He wanted to give you the gift of tremendous beauty.

He could have made food nutritious, but tasteless. No flavor or variety, just the basic vitamins and nutrients necessary to keep us alive. Instead, He gave us such a wide variety of edible items, that we could not try them all in a lifetime; each one with its own unique flavor and texture.

God has thought of everything, and He’s blessed us in amazing ways that we take for granted. L.B. Cowman tells of visiting the Matterhorn in Switzerland. He and his group stood at a distance admiring the grandeur of the mountain, when a gentleman produced a pocket microscope. The man had caught a fly and placed it under the glass. He reminded the group that the legs of the household fly in England are bare, but then he pointed out that the legs of this little fly were thickly covered with hair; thus showing that the same God who made the magnificent Swiss mountain attended to the comfort of His tiniest creatures, even providing extra protection for the fly resembling socks and mittens to keep the insect warm in the cool mountain weather.

If God created everything that’s good and beautiful on this planet, and He has not neglected a single detail, then perhaps we should stop on occasion and thank Him for all the amazing gifts He provided. Sometimes we just need to slow down for a few minutes to appreciate the countless blessings He has provided. – Jerry

“He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.”
– Psalm 146:6

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**Sunday Morning Notes**

With more and more people joining together for worship on Sunday morning, we would like to ask for your assistance in a couple of areas. The first area is seating for the 9:40 am and the 11:00 am services. It would be a big help if you were to make your way into the worship service a few minutes early so that we can see what seats are available for our guests who are being welcomed by our greeters and connect volunteers.

Secondly, if you notice a spill has taken place in the worship center, please seek out one of our volunteers who are wearing a blue Belmont shirt or inform a volunteer at the connect table. We thank you for your help!

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**Wild Game Pot Luck Dinner**

On Saturday February 24, at 6:00 pm, in the Lobby, Belmont will host a wild game dinner. If you like to hunt or fish, we encourage you to prepare your favorite wild game dish to share. If you're not a hunter, please prepare a side dish or a dessert to share. Everyone is invited for this fun time of fellowship and unique dishes. Feel free to bring guests!
January Statistics

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General Fund/Missions Offering $70,948.47
Vision Fund Offering $11,908.00
Total Offering $82,856.47

Total Amount Needed Monthly $76,473
Offering totals from 1/7-1/28

BELMONT’S CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
GREEN HOUSE
A PLACE TO GROW

Do to others as you want them to do to you.
Luke 6:31, NIV

Elevate!
In Elevate this month we will learn that because of God’s great love for us, we can be kind to everyone. By treating others the way we want to be treated, we live out the way Jesus taught us to live. Kindergarten-5th grade, join us at 9:40 or 11:00!

Jesus loves everyone is the sweetest news we will ever share with our preschoolers! Join our Sprouts, nursery-preschool, in February at 9:40 or 11:00 to learn that Jesus loves everyone!

Go MAD!
Tuesday, February 13, 6:00-7:30
All 2nd-6th graders join us as we travel to English Meadows to spread Valentine cheer. Please RSVP for this event by February 11th to ensure transportation. christy.a.sparks@gmail.com

Sunday Night Shuffle
Get excited for Sunday Nights as we kick off an Olympic theme, learning that we can train ourselves up in God’s word so that whatever comes, we can keep our cool.
February Calendar of Events

3  50+ Ministry Planning Meeting—9:00 am, Room 1018-1019
4  Sunday Night Youth & Children’s Programs: 5:00-6:30 pm
4-9  Small Groups Begin!
16-18  CCYC (7th-9th Graders)
18  YAC for 10th-12th Graders—6:00-7:30 pm
19  Elder’s Meeting—7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall, Old Building
24  Wild Game Dinner—6:00 pm, Lobby/Café
25  Explore Belmont—9:40-12:00 noon, Library
26  Board Meeting—7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall, Old Building
March 2-3  VA Preteen Convention (4th & 5th Graders)

RESULTS

The proposed General Budget for 2018 was approved by votes of 107 Yes and 0 No.

We look forward to what 2018 brings for Belmont!

A PDF of the Annual Report is available on our website.

Winter Weather Policy

Sundays: There will be three options for Sunday services—
- All Services as Scheduled
- No Services at all
- 11:00 Worship Service Only, with Nursery-Preschool classes, NO Elevate, NO other Sunday School classes and NO Evening Activities.

Check our website, Channel 7 or Channel 10 for the latest updates.

Weekday Activities: If Montgomery County Schools are closed or close early, no weekday church activities will be held.

End of year giving statements are available through your online Community account, or they can be emailed or mailed to you. If you do not have a Community account, please request your statement by emailing or calling the church office:
   jenni@belmontchristian.org
   382-8521.

New to Belmont or want to know more about our ministry and the ministries of our church family? You are invited to attend our next "Explore Belmont" session on Sunday, February 25, 9:40-12:00, in the Library.
   RSVP by emailing or calling the office: jenni@belmontchristian.org; 382-8521.