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LEADERSHIP

Ruling Elders of Session

2017

Rob Bitts

Adam Snyder

2018

Paul Allison

David Doutrich

Alex Melson

Frank Rotella

2019

Lee Brown

Kevin Byma

Andy Kinkaid

Howard Parmer

John Perella – Clerk

Board of Deacons

2017

Annie Blank

2018

Amanda Doutrich

Susen Leary

Sue Rotella

2019

John Emmons

Ellen Parmer

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PRAYERS & COMMENTS

Please use this card if you have any prayer concerns or comments you'd like us to know about.

You may place this in the offering plate, hand it to one of the ushers, or place it in the church office mailbox.

Please use this space to let us know of your prayer requests:

I would like to speak to someone about my prayer request. Please contact me at: day evening

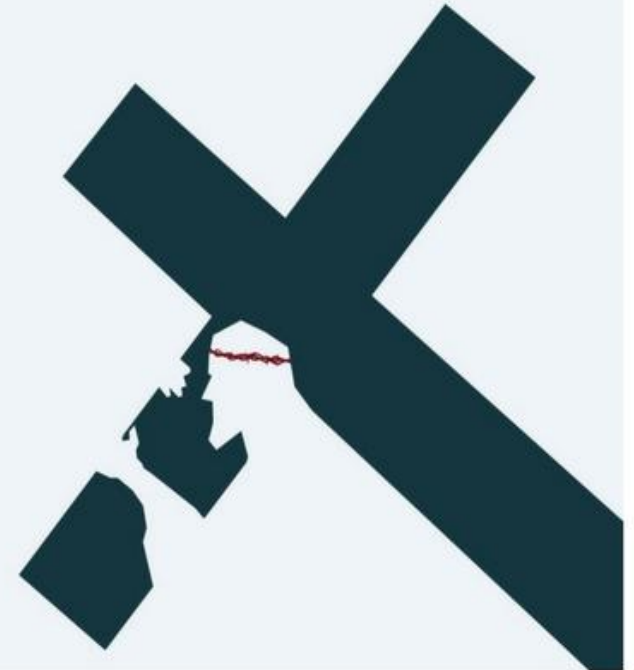
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If you are interested in becoming a Christian today, please let a Christian friend or the pastor know.

Bellevue Presbyterian Church

A member congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN **So That You May Believe**



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.

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us to worship the Lord today. We hope we can serve you today and would love for you to be a regular part of God's ministry here at Bellevue. We invite everyone to sign your name in the Friendship Pads in the pews, and if you are visiting or new to our fellowship to also please include your address and/or email address. If you have any questions, please ask one of our *Welcome Center* Hosts, a Pastor, or an Elder. We are delighted to have you with us this morning. It is requested that no food or drink be taken in to worship.

PRAYER CARDS

We encourage you to fill out prayer cards located at the *Welcome Center*, and hand them to an usher before the service. These requests will be lifted up during the Pastoral Prayer.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Our Sound System allows us the opportunity to offer Assistive Listening devices, which can be found at the *Welcome Center* every Sunday morning. If you would like to make use of this service, please stop at the *Welcome Center* when you come in and ask for a "Sound Mate" which can be returned to the *Welcome Center* at the end of the morning service. If you have any questions about these devices, please ask someone at the *Welcome Center*.

VISITORS WITH CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE

Children of all ages are welcome in the worship service. Children are a gift to our church, and a tangible reminder that our church family is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents, they probably need it! We offer Nursery for ages 0-3. Please follow signs or ask a *Welcome Center* Host for directions.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children from 4 years of age through 2nd grade will be dismissed following the Children's Sermon for age appropriate activities and will return at the end of the last hymn. Of course, children of all ages are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for the entire service.

AFTER THE SERVICE

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in Friendship Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. We have classes for all ages with a nursery provided for children under two. Our adult classes are involved in different studies of God's Word. All are welcome to come and study and learn together.

SUNDAY SUPPER AND SEMINAR

**Save the date of October 29th!
Reformation Sunday Supper and
Seminar: Martin Luther—
The Life and Legacy of the German
Reformer**

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, we will have our next quarterly Sunday Supper and Seminar. We invite you all to join us for a meal, beginning at 5:30 p.m., and then a new 90-minute film on Martin Luther commemorating the 500th year of the Reformation. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn about what God did through a German monk 500 years ago that shattered history and has given us particular freedoms in worship that we enjoy today. There will be some time for discussion after we have seen the film together. Again these seminars are aimed at being clear, practical, and provocative, so come willing to learn about how Luther has changed how we live today.

5th Sunday Building Fund Update

The Mission and Stewardship Committee recognizes the 5th Sunday of each quarter as Building Fund Sunday. The Building Committee has had a steady year of maintaining our building in all that pertains to keeping our church in excellent condition and fully operational. Our church is not only a place for worship but also hosts many gatherings throughout the week. "Thank you" to each one of you for making this possible with your continued giving to the Building Fund for the care of Bellevue Church.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

In addition to weekly worship, we offer many different small groups that meet throughout the week in our surrounding communities. We believe as brothers and sisters in Christ we should be actively involved in one another's lives. Our Community Groups exist to *glorify God by sharing in the transforming power of the Gospel at work in community*. We therefore have four aims for our community groups,

1) Gospel-centered *relationships*,
2) growing as *disciples*, 3) *care* for one another, and 4) serving on *mission* together in our communities. If you would like to get involved in a Community Group, please contact Pastor JT or Pastor Brad.

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Fall is a busy time for Bellevue! Visit the board in Fellowship Hall and see who is coming to Bellevue and when! Be sure to check our mission wall for updates from our missionaries. Get ready to share your love and bring joy and excitement to young children at Christmas time as well. Operation Christmas Child will begin on October 29th and continue through November 11th.

USHER TRAINING

Thursday, October 26
6:00 p.m.

All ushers are asked to attend this very important usher training meeting. Even if you have been an usher for many years, we are asking you to attend. Please notify the office if you are unable to be there.

WEEKLY CALENDAR		October 22 – October 28
SUNDAY	- 7:30 a.m.	- Prayer time in the Library
	- 8:00 a.m.	- Worship
	- 9:30 a.m.	- Sunday School – Abu Saad
	- 10:30 a.m.	- Prayer time in the Library
	- 10:45 a.m.	- Worship (Children’s Church)
	- 12:00 p.m.	- Abu Saad luncheon
	- 6:00 p.m.	- Youth Group
MONDAY	- 6:30 p.m.	- <i>Sunday Night Live</i>
	- 6:00 p.m.	- Bellevue Trotters
TUESDAY	- 7:00 p.m.	- Season of Prayer
WEDNESDAY	- 10:00 a.m.	- Covenant Community Group
	- 6:15 p.m.	- Resounding Joy
	- 6:30 p.m.	- Kingdom Kids – Harvest Party
	- 7:15 p.m.	- Sr Choir
THURSDAY	- 6:00 p.m.	- Bellevue Trotters
	- 6:00 p.m.	- Usher Training
	- 7:30 p.m.	- Committee Taskforce

WORSHIP SERVICE **OCTOBER 22, 2017**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: “As The Deer” arr. Boch

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** #215 “When Morning Gilds The Skies”

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| <p>1 When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries;
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised!</p> | <p>2 The night becomes as day
When from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The pow’rs of darkness fear,
When this sweet song they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!</p> |
| <p>3 Ye nations of mankind,
In this your concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!</p> | <p>4 Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th’eternal song
Thro’ all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!</p> |

***INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER** (sins)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

TODAY IN THE PULPIT
Pastor JT Holderman
Assistant Pastor Brad Moger
Ruling Elder Andy Kinkaid
Piano Steve Hoopes

NEW MEMBERS CLASS
New Member Classes will be held this fall for those individuals who are interested in uniting with Bellevue Church in membership or simply wish to know more about the life and ministry of our church. The three-week New Member Classes will be held on Sunday mornings, October 29th, November 5th and 12th at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. We will be meeting in the Church Library, which is located in the office wing just off of Friendship Hall. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please sign up at the welcome center and or to Pastor JT.

Our Stewardship Season kicks off today. Please look in your box for the **2018 Stewardship Packet and pledge card**. We encourage you to faithfully consider your financial pledge for 2018. There are many ways we are called to serve the Lord and His church, this is but one way we proclaim the love of Christ to one another, to our community, and to the ends of the earth.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Festival. We appreciate all the volunteers and donations that were shared in this outreach to our community.

UPPER ROOMS
The November/December Upper Rooms have been placed in the lobby for your taking and use. There are large-print Upper Rooms available also.

- Welcome Center Paul and Margaret Allison
Vi Young & Sally Slaymaker
- Ushers – 1st Daniel Garfinkle, Dale Stoltzfus
Linda Faddis, Dave Garfinkle
- Ushers – 2nd Tim Doutrich, Bob Shaubach
Elmer King, Weston Doutrich
- Nursery – 1st Beth Norris
2nd David and Mandy Doutrich

As the Prelude music begins, we encourage you to use this time to prepare for worship.
*Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of grace and mercy, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Abu Saad

ANTHEM: “River Songs”

Arr. by Martin

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Children are dismissed for the Nursery and Children’s Church (10:45 a.m.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Arr. Buda

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 7: 16-17, 30-32, 37-52 pp. 1659-1661

SERMON: The Gospel of John—So That We May Believe
Part Seven: “The Biggest Question (And Answer) Of All”

***HYMN:** #87 – Fairest Lord Jesus

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| <p>1 Fairest Lord Jesus;
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God
and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish;
Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul’s glory,
Joy, and crown.</p> | <p>2 Fair are the meadows;
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming
garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful
Heart to sing.</p> |
| <p>3 Fair is the sunshine;
Fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling
Starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels
Heav’n can boast.</p> | <p>4 Beautiful Savior!
Lord of the nations!
Son of God and
Son of man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore
Be Thine!</p> |

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Arr. Hayes

Explaining our Liturgy: Benediction

The Benediction. *Bene* in Latin meaning “good,” and *diction* in Latin meaning “pronouncement.” At the end of the service of worship, a Pastor offers a blessing, a pronouncement of good, over the congregation. Calling upon all the promises of God’s grace to us, God’s goodness towards His people is here invoked over them. A biblical benediction, is not about what we do for God, but about what God in His mercy does towards us (Romans 15:13; 16:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:20-21, etc.). Before we leave to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors, we receive the good pronouncement of God’s grace and favor upon us.

FLOWERS: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our great grandson, Landon Scarborough by Dale and Karen Stoltzfus.

John 7:16-17, 30-32, 37-52 (ESV)

SERMON NOTES

The Gospel of John – So That We May Believe
Chapter 7— “The Biggest Question (and Answer) of All”
John 7:16-17, 30-32, 37-52

Introduction: “Was Jesus ‘just’ a Good Teacher & Moral Man?”

I) John 7 Context – Encounters with Jesus

II) Responses To Jesus:

a. Deep Amazement (v. 46, + ...)

b. Arrogant, Proud, Contempt (v. 32, 47-49, 51-52)

c. Humble Pursuit (v.16-17, 50, 38)

III) Answering the Question – One day at a time!

¹⁶ So Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

³⁰ So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. ³¹ Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?”

³² The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰ When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.” ⁴¹ Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? ⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” ⁴³ So there was a division among the people over him. ⁴⁴ Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵ The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” ⁴⁶ The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!” ⁴⁷ The Pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived? ⁴⁸ Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? ⁴⁹ But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.” ⁵⁰ Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, ⁵¹ “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” ⁵² They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”



Welcome Center Hosts 2017-2018

***Welcome Center* hosts are an important part of our Bellevue Family. They greet all worshipers as they enter Bellevue Church each Sunday morning, help latecomers enter the sanctuary, find the nursery, Sunday School classrooms, and answer the phone if it rings. If you feel led to help in this ministry, please fill out this form and place it in the offering or the church mailbox by Friday, October 27.**

I would like to serve as a *Welcome Center* host/hostess

I am unable to serve as a *Welcome Center* host/hostess

1st shift – 7:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

2nd shift – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____