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Belleview United Methodist Church
(352)245-2100

February 2017



Sunday, February 5, 2017
after the second service

Come and join us for many varieties of homemade soup!

\$ 3.00

Includes soup, dessert & beverage

Hosted by the United Methodist Women



From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the Name of Jesus our Savior and Friend!

Do you have a goal for 2017? Does it include a spiritual component? The sad truth is that we will be in the exact same spiritual condition next year at this time (or possibly a worse condition) if we don't have a solid plan to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

But how do I grow? Glad you asked! Here are a few ideas:

- 1) Attending a weekly Bible study or small group (like Sunday School, Hope at Hardee's, or either of two Bible studies mid-week, or a Bible Study in your neighborhood)
- 2) Participating in an immersion experience like The Walk to Emmaus, or a men's, women's, or couple's retreat, or going on a mission trip
- 3) Attending trainings, Christian concerts, or conferences
- 4) Plugging into a ministry where you can serve and grow in your faith
- 5) Attending weekly worship services faithfully and consistently

A great opportunity to give your 2017 a JUMP START is to come to our HEALING ACADEMY here at BUMC on Saturday March 4. (Former pastor) Debbie Nelson will be here with her team for a full day of teaching and break-out sessions on what the Bible has to say about achieving a greater level of healing and freedom in our lives. The cost of the workshop is \$50 (which includes lunch), and registration will be open soon. Please call me if you have questions about this opportunity.

I pray blessings, healing, and revival in your spiritual life!

Pastor Kris



Prayer & Witness Ministry

Please join us on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.

HE WHO DWELLS IN THE SHELTER OF THE MOST
HIGH WILL REST IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY.
I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, "HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY
FORTRESS, MY GOD IN WHOM I TRUST."
(PSALM 91:1-2 * NIV)

God has promised us: "AS A MOTHER COMFORTS HER
CHILD, SO WILL I COMFORT YOU. (ISAIAH 66:13)
Therefore never doubt, instead put all of your trust in Him.
The following poem sums it up best. I hope that you will
enjoy it.

I Know...

- ** I know He is the beginning, so why do I worry about the end?
- ** I know He is the creator, so why do I wonder who will destroy?
- ** I know He has forgiven me, so why can't I forgive myself?
- ** I know He is a healer, so why do I speak of sickness?
- ** I know He can do all things, so why do I say I can't?
- ** I know He will protect me, so why do I fear?
- ** I know He will supply all my needs, so why can't I wait?
- ** I know He is my strength and my salvation, so why do I feel weak?
- ** I know that everything and everyone has a season, so why when
someone's season is over do I weep instead of rejoice?
- ** I know He is the right way, so why do I go the wrong way?
- ** I know He is the light, so why do I choose to walk in darkness?
- ** I know that whatever I ask of GOD, GOD will give me,
so why am I scared to ask?
- ** I know tomorrow is not promised, so why do I put off
for tomorrow what I can do today?
- ** I know that the truth shall make me free, so
why do I continue to lie?
- ** I know He gives us revelation, knowledge and
understanding, so why do I lean on my own understanding?
- ** I know I should live in the spirit as well as walk in the spirit,
so why do I choose to live in the spirit but walk in the flesh?
- ** I know that when praises go up, blessings come down,
so why do I refuse to praise Him?
- ** I know I am saved, so why do I refuse the word He has given me?
- ** I know He has a plan for me, so why am I rushing it because
- ** I am eager to do His will, when it is His time not my time?

Pray continuously and give thanks for all things.

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I would like to take this chance to say Goodbye to Powerhouse, and all those involved in it.

First I would like to thank my wife Vicki, Mark Schultz, Pastor Don Corbit, and Powerhouse. Because of these 4 my life was changed forever. Some of you know the story, but one day I came home from work, and Vicki handed me a Mark Schultz CD " Stories and Songs", and asked me to listen to it. I listened and loved it. She said that BUMC has a Saturday night service and they play music like this, and if I would go with her. I said yes and we went that Saturday night. We were met at the door by Pastor Don. He welcomed us and told us to enjoy. We loved the service and afterwards Pastor Don met with us, asked us how we liked it and invited us to come back again and also to come on Sunday. We went on Sunday and every Saturday night, and Pastor Don led me to give my life to Christ. He is very special to me.

Next I would like to thank all the members of the band: Pastor Don, Kevin, Steve, Amanda, Alicia, Matt Tripp, Andrew, Linda, Susie, John, and Pastor Kris. You always kept the place alive and were the big difference between Powerhouse and a traditional service. Caroline, Jeanne and Carolyn worked the computer and put the words up on the screen. Luanna, and Virginia for all the work that you did was a true blessing from God. Also I would like to thank all those guest speakers that we had.

A special thank you to everyone who came and supported Powerhouse through all the years. If I have forgotten anyone I am truly sorry. If we effected anyone else's life like it did me we have done our job. Powerhouse and everyone of you will always have a special place in my heart. Thank you so much. I love you all and I know that God says thank you too.

Steven H Swanson

Friendly Neighbors

February 7, 2017

We will meet and greet at noon with lunch at 12:30. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. As always, everyone is welcome so bring a friend and come enjoy good food and fellowship.

We are trying to arrange a sing-a-long for everyone's enjoyment after lunch.

Any questions, call Luanna Harris at 307-9655, or Flo Ross at 347-0604.

"I'm a little groundhog, it's my day.
Wake and stretch, go out and play.
Down in my burrow, down so deep,
Time to wake, from my long winter's sleep.

Grumble, grumble, scratch, scratch,
Grunt, grunt, yawn.
I'll eat my breakfast in your front lawn.
I'm a little groundhog, it's my day.
Wake up and stretch, go out and play.'
- Author Unknown



February Birthdays



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| 01 Jody Moore | 15 Bonnie Schafer |
| 02 Donna Herbert | 16 Bob Benac |
| 04 Edward Barry | 17 Ron Bowers |
| 04 Harris Taylor | 17 Leah Schack |
| 05 Cindy Brodie | 19 Helen Tracy |
| 06 Lenny Doucette | 21 Betty Hall |
| 08 Linda Neisler | 23 Arlene Cartwright |
| 08 Marie Taylor | 23 Luanna Harris |
| 08 Mitch Ward | 24 Terry Howard |
| 09 Lucille Fitch | 24 Cheryl Kenyon |
| 09 David Gibbs | 24 Cecil Neisler |
| 10 Elaine Gillam | 25 Noreen Kenyon |
| 12 Peg Wilkens | 28 Scarlett Burgess |

Many thanks to the Women's Group for the thoughtful and interesting Christmas gift bag I received. What a joy to read all of the beautiful Christmas cards. Thanks everyone! Best Wishes for 2017.

Most Sincerely,
Ruby Pelot

My thanks to all the Council members for the surprise lunch at our recent Council meeting in honor of my years as Council chairperson. It was a total surprise and I really appreciate it. You don't usually expect soups, delicious chocolate cake and flowers at a meeting! It was great.

Thank you so much,
Ila House

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with our dog adoption/ fundraiser /pet blessing.

Although we had some "ruff" weather, 2 of the shelter dogs, the biggest dog and the smallest dog, got adopted!!

Also, we had lots of donations of cat and dog food, blankets, and some cash and checks.

Marion County Animal Services was very appreciative of all of the donations ,getting 2 of their shelter dogs adopted and for Pastor Kris blessing their dogs. Thanks you to all who helped these dogs!!

Hugs,
Cindy Polcyn



Art in the Narthex

The Worship Team is looking for art to display in our greeting area. The art should represent themes such as spirituality, joy, inspiration, peace/brotherhood, grief and healing. The objective is to display artwork that touches on both spiritual and personal levels for those who view it and that it may be a source of healing and strength. Please complete a simple form that is available at the Hospitality Desk. The Worship team will review it and plan for using it in the future.

Crosses wanted for display during Lent. We are planning to create a display of crosses. The crosses may be any size and will be grouped together. Each cross needs to have a "hanger" on the back to hang it on a hook. If it does not have hook, we might be able to use fishing line to create a hanger. If you have a cross that we could use, please complete the form that is available at the Hospitality desk so that we can plan for it. The crosses will be displayed March 1st through April 13th.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Smith (nsmith109@cfl.rr.com).



SHROVE TUESDAY

To celebrate the beginning of Lent, we will be having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 28, 5-6pm. Shrove Tuesday officially ends the season of Epiphany and is the vigil for the starting of Lent.

Some background on Shrove Tuesday. Traditionally viewed as a day of repentance, Shrove Tuesday has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting that is traditional during the Lenten season. The name "Shrove Tuesday" is derived from the word "shrive", which means to confess and receive absolution. It indicates a period of cleansing, wherein a person brings their fleshly appetites under subjection through self-sacrifice.

The concept behind this practice is found in 1 Corinthians 9:27, where the Apostle Paul states: "I buffet my body and make it my slave....." Ironically, Shrove Tuesday has evolved into a day of frivolity and indulgence, during which people participate in as much pleasure and self-gratification as they can before Lent begins.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers are traditional in many churches, going back to the practice of using up many of the "luxury" items such as meat, flour, milk and eggs before the fasting of Lent begins.

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What is a Salty Ticket?

(reprinted from the Florida Annual Conference website)

Sending out Salty Servants in ministries of mercy, justice and earth-care

Jesus was clear that his followers are to be servants: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:26-28). Service flows naturally and inescapably from the teachings and example of Jesus. "Let me tell you why you are here," says Jesus. "You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness?" (Matthew 5:13 The Message).

The best measurement of a congregation's effectiveness in discipling Salty Servants is: The average number of persons weekly in worship who say that they have joined Jesus in Salty Service to persons outside their congregation for at least one hour.

"Salty Service" is defined in terms of any of four elements:

- Hands-on mercy ministry alleviating the suffering of others;
- Justice ministry addressing systems that cause suffering;
- Earth-care as a steward of God's creation;
- Relationship building to ease the emotional or spiritual needs of others.

Unlike measurements for the other four practices, worshipers will weekly self-select whether they have met the criteria of "Salty Service." Their self-selection will not be as verifiable as the other practice measurements. But again, the goal is to focus on and encourage Salty Service, not gaining absolutely accurate numbers.

Many persons will self-select that they have been a Salty Servant this week who were involved in church-sponsored ministries. They may be part of a mission trip, be part of the congregation's monthly volunteers in a soup kitchen or teach English as a second language classes offered at the church. While many people are involved in important ministries that are not church sponsored, the conference asks that you only submit salty tickets based on time you spent in salty service in church-sponsored ministries. This way, we can help measure if the church is offering opportunities to the congregation to be in service to others, or if you would have to find these opportunities else.

The gathering of this measurement will have to go hand-in-hand with communicating to worshipers what is meant by "Salty Service." This will require the pastor and/or liturgist regularly shaping people's understanding about what is meant by "mercy," "justice," "earth-care" and "relationship building" ministries. Local examples will need to be given. Opportunities for people to share how they are being a Salty Servant will create Salty Servant role-models in the congregation. The intent is that over time, being a Salty Servant will become as fundamental to being a normal Christian as attending worship, being involved in an intentional discipling group, being an agent of Christ's love to others, and tithing.

From the Finance Committee - Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder -

Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? But He detected their trickery and said to them, "Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?" And they said, "Caesar's." And he said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Luke 20:22-25)

Attendance

December 2016 - 152

December 2015 - 168

Giving and Operational Expenses

	<u>December 2016</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving	\$20,170.36	\$217,074.63
Operational Expenses	<u>\$19,200.04</u>	<u>\$211,925.02</u>
+/-	\$970.32+	\$5,149.61+

Year to date our giving has totaled \$217,074.63 while our operational expenses were \$211,925.02, leaving us a year to date surplus of \$5,149.61.

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 6:30pm	2 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am GriefShare 2pm Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm Trustees 6:30pm Visual Arts 7pm	3 Thrift Shop 9-3	4 Thrift Shop 9-12 Men's Group 9am
5 Worship 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Worship 11:00	6 Thrift Shop 9-12 Square Dance 1pm Choir 3pm Bell Choir 4:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm	7 Bible Study 10am MMU/UMW 11am Friendly Neighbors 12:30 Hope at Hardees 2pm Girl Scouts 5pm	8 FOOD PANTRY Bible Study 6:30pm	9 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am GriefShare 2pm Tri-County Emmaus Gathering 6:30pm	10 Thrift Shop 9-3 Parents Night Out - 6pm	11 Thrift Shop 9-12
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March 4th 2017
Healing Academy
9:30am to 5:00pm

Mark your calendars for our one-day, spring seminar on freedom in Christ! On Saturday, March 4th, Belleview UMC will host a special day that centers on knowing our true identity and freedom in Christ. Pastor Debbie Nelson and her team from What If Ministries will be with us to explore powerful biblical teaching on forgiveness, wholeness, getting past our past and embracing all that Christ died to give us. Galatians 5:1 reminds us that "It is for freedom that Christ died to set us free—therefore we no longer have to live under a spirit of slavery." Why not set aside a day to lay down the hurts, habits and hang-ups that inhibit your freedom in Christ, and instead then pick up the liberty and power of His Holy Spirit for your life? Registration for the Healing Academy is open and we hope you will seriously consider attending this transformational day. There will be live worship, main sessions, break-out sessions, and a great atmosphere of healing. Cost for the day is \$50, which includes your training manual and lunch. Some scholarships are available (see Pastor Kris). (Submitted by Pastor Debbie Nelson)

***SEE REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 12

Healing Academy Registration Form

Thank you for taking the time to register for our One-Day Healing Academy! This form may be sent via e-mail or by postal mail (addresses below). The total cost for the day is \$50, which includes lunch, training sessions and training materials. Walk-ins are welcome but manuals will be issued as supplies last. A non-refundable \$25 deposit is required to guarantee your manual. This may be paid using PayPal on-line or by mailing a check. Balances may be paid the day of the Healing Academy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 352-573-0333. Blessings and peace... *Debbie Nelson (What If Ministries)*

Name: **Home**
Church (optional):

Address:

Phone: **E-mail:**

Lunch will be served. Please make us away of any **food allergies** or **special dietary needs**:

Emergency Contact: *(Optional)*

Payment Information: Please "x" one of the following options....

I will be paying my deposit/payment by mail. ***(Please make checks to "Debbie Nelson")***
(Please note the amount of your enclosed check: _____ . Thank you!)

I will be paying my deposit/payment on-line using PayPal.
(When on Pay Pal, use the following e-mail for payment: ***whatwas2whatif@gmail.com***)

Registration may be sent either...

By Email: whatwas2whatif@gmail.com

By Mail: Martha Liverman
11449 S. Greenfield Ave.
Floral City, FL 34436

Note: For additional information, please feel free to e-mail us at whatwas2whatif@gmail.com or contact our registrar, Martha Liverman at 352-573-0333. We look forward to seeing you on March 4th at **Bellevue United Methodist Church located at 5640 SE Brown Road, Bellevue, FL 34420.**



SOUND BOOTH

We will be having a training session on the sound board on Monday, February 6 at 7 pm. This is for anyone who is currently working in the booth at the computer or sound, or anyone new to it that wants to learn.

It is very important that you attend because there are new changes happening as well. It is also important to know as much as you can , in case we need you to jump in if someone isn't there, you won't feel like you don't know what you are doing.

The training will be led by Sean from New Covenant .

Thank you,
Cindy Monroe

FROM THE EDITOR

Please submit articles to cam9508@embarqmail.com or leave them in my box outside the church office. Articles must be in by the 15th of the month.

Thank you!
Cindy Monroe





The Kitchen Stove

We need to replace our stove in the kitchen. It is over 40 years old and it is now giving us a lot of problems. The cost to repair it is high plus the parts if they can find them. We have looked at new stoves and come up with a replacement. The cost is around \$5,000. It is commercial quality and should last us many years. In the future when we decide to redo our kitchen we will already have the stove. We have started a stove fund and already have some groups who would like to donate to it. We are asking the congregation to help fund it. If you like to eat and enjoy the dinners here please consider helping with the cost. You can make checks out to the church and indicate it is for the stove fund.

Thank you,
Carol Pauze'



Looking for "Actors / Readers"

During the Lenten Season there will be some dramatic readings at each service. The Worship Team is looking for MEN to be part of this special Lenten experience. We need two men each Sunday for each service. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Smith.



Bible Study/Small Group Opportunities

Sunday 9:40am: Wired Word—looking at a current headline and applying scripture and life application. Room 304. Facilitator: Mike Schonewolf

Sunday 9:40am - Down to Earth (Advent Study) Fellowship Hall.
Facilitator: Pastor Kris

Sunday 9:40am—Bible Study on Ephesians and Colossians. Facilitator: Sandy Hood

Sunday 9:40 - Women's Study- "The Best Yes" Facilitator: Cindy Brodie

Tuesday 10am - Bible Study on Luke in Room 302. Facilitator: Pastor Kris

Tuesday 2pm - Hope at Hardees

Wednesday 6:30pm - Bible Study on The Psalms. Facilitator: Pastor Kris

First Saturday of every month at 9am - M.E.N. (More Encouragement Needed)

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Worship
Schedule

Worship
8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School
9:40 am