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IT'S ALL ABOUT GLORY

What is meant by the word “glory”? From a human standpoint it connotes high renown or honor that has been won by notable achievements. It’s frequently applied to great athletes. We hear it used as well to describe certain countries and governments down through history. The glory of The Roman Empire, for instance, has been celebrated and written about extensively.

But what does “glory” mean from a biblical perspective? In both the Old and New Testaments, we find references to the visible display of God’s presence, shining forth like a million suns. One theologian has described glory “as a way of revealing the essential nature and character of God.”

A little over a week ago we began a new sermon series in The Gospel of John. Interestingly, the entire book of John is built around this word “Glory”. In chapter 1, verse

14 we read, “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14, NIV) Then throughout the rest of John’s 21 chapters we are “seeing His glory displayed before our eyes and ears, not in spectacular bursts of light as described by Moses in the Torah, or in the books of Isaiah or Revelation, or St. John’s account of Jesus’ transfiguration to three of His closest disciples, but in the miracles, life, and teachings of the God-man, Jesus Christ.

As a result of these, says St. Paul, we are being changed. You and I are being transformed from the inside out! (2 Corinthians 3:18) We are in the process of, not becoming gods, but certainly - becoming like God.

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Fascinatingly, there is reference in the Bible to those who believe, reflecting God's glory in quite a literal way, shining in other words. In that universal favorite, "Amazing Grace", John Newton alludes to this as he writes, "When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we first begun." Yes, I believe we who are in Christ, will look very different than we do now – we will glow, much as Moses' face glowed when he came down from meeting with God on Mt. Sinai. We will go from mortality to immortality, from darkness to light, from a state of reprobation to perfection and reconciliation.

Let me invite and encourage you then to join us in worship as we Journey Through John; that as we explore God's glory in Christ, we may indeed be changed, ongoingly perfected in every way as The Apostle Paul writes about in his Letter to The Corinthians and be, each one of us, personally inspired to continually bring glory, praise, honor, and adoration to our beloved God and Savior, Jesus Christ.



To God Alone Be Glory,

Pastor Pau? ? ?

Friendship Table

Don't forget about our Friendship Table on the **second** and **fourth** Sundays each month! Enjoy some coffee, juice or milk, and a donut, etc. during Sunday School or before the worship services. Please keep all food and beverages in the Fellowship Hall or in your Sunday School room (if your teacher is okay with it). There will be a sign-up sheet available if you'd like to sign up to provide for the Friendship Table in the upcoming months. It is intended to be just a light snack, not a full breakfast, so anyone could do it!



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Church Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming Event?

February 14
Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

February 21
Children's Council Meeting
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

February 23
Worship & Prayer Night
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Traditional Service - 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:35 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service - 10:30 a.m.

K-4th graders, come join us in Bible Adventures during second service, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Bellpoint Community Church Groups

(all groups meet at church unless otherwise stated)

- **Adult and Youth Sunday School:** Sunday Mornings, 9:35 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Currently Studying: Micah.
- **Men's Bible Study:** Every other Monday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Current Study: Ten Men of The Bible by Max Lucado. Contact Pastor Paul for additional information.
- **Book Study Group:** Every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Current Book: "A Passion for God" by Greg Laurie.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Current Study: The Book of John.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Every other Sunday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Contact Lori McCullough for additional information.
- **Teen Disciples** (6th - 12th grades): Sundays from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **Emerging Adults** (high school seniors through early 30s): Second Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Solli home. Contact Kelly Solli at 740-816-9383 for additional information.
- **Young Family:** Biweekly at the Kraick home. Contact Holly Kraick at 317-670-5725 for additional information.
- **The Founders' Speech to a Nation in Crisis by Steven Rabb:** Sunday mornings. Contact Larry Hopper at 614-551-3832 for additional information.

February Birthdays

Feb 1	Doug Sayer
Feb 3	Andy Prior
Feb 5	Matthew Kraick
Feb 9	Cindy Michael Michael Kapraly
Feb 12	Kara Haney
Feb 13	Laura Tiller
Feb 16	Dorsey Gilliam
Feb 18	Tim Kelleher
Feb 21	Barbara Kirk-Chapa
Feb 28	Elizabeth Finley Patty Womeldorf

Happy Anniversary

February 9

John L. & Sandra Davis
Married 67 years

Children's Council

- ♦ **Bible Adventures** - Kiddos in K-4, after the opening worship music during second service we head down to our room. Anyone interested in helping in any capacity can see Susan Ritchie for more details. It is not your average Children's Church, it's an Adventure!
- ♦ **Nursery Volunteers** - Thanks to all who have stepped up to play with and minister to our littlest ones! If you are not yet on the list and would like to be, please see Susan to sign up.

Teen Disciples

6th - 12th grades - Meets Sundays at Church from 5:00 ? 7:00 p.m.

February 4: Teen Disciples 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

February 10: Sub Making 10:00 a.m.

February 11: Super Bowl Party

February 18: Teen Disciples 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

February 25: Teen Disciples 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Worship and Prayer Nights

Come join us on the following Friday nights from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for a guided time of prayer and worship. Participate to the degree you are comfortable with in a cozy space in the presence of the Lord. These worship and prayer nights are open to church members and anyone in the community.

- ♦ February 23rd
- ♦ March 29th

Sunday School

Please join us for Sunday School at 9:30am each Sunday as we explore the Minor Prophets. Currently we are in the book of Micah. If you are interested but unable to attend in person, please email or call me and we can get you hooked up with our lesson. We look forward to seeing you!

In His Service,
Deb Carpenter
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Prayer Requests

- * **Becky Miller** – landed a new job
- * **Robinette Family** – a pastor and two of his children died in a house fire
- * **Kyle May** – he and his family are being transferred to Bahrain for a 2-year deployment
- * **Emma Jane** – many of her family members are having serious health issues, their names are Danielle, Brittany, Kaci, Sharon, Toni, and John (Miller)
- * **Mary Anne & Duane** – health and recovery (Jaudzems)
- * **Kraicks' Niece** – heart issues
- * **Jim** – having trouble moving one of his legs
- * **Lee Daugherty** – still in the hospital after having two strokes
- * **Gail Aumend** – his carotid artery is narrowing
- * **Michelle Shelly** – receiving treatment for thyroid cancer
- * **Buzz** – experiencing health issues and lost his job (Spellman)
- * **Trisha** – kidney issues
- * **Corinne** – she and her husband are experiencing health issues (Webb)
- * **Janet Artz** – ovarian cancer (Kidd)
- * **Avah's Aunt** – colon cancer
- * **Ron** – recurrence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- * **Vicki** – battling lung cancer
- * **Lanie** – undergoing radiation
- * **Russ Ulmer** – cancer treatments



Prayer Chain

Are you looking for a way to serve Bellpoint Community Church and our community? Prayer is a powerful way to make an important difference in someone's life. The Prayer Chain is always looking for new members for this vital ministry, so please call the church office if you are interested.

If you hear of a concern or praise there are multiple ways to share the information with our Prayer Chain:

- ◆ Complete a paper prayer request located on the back of each chair and drop in an offering bag or one of the clear boxes in the entrances to the fellowship hall and sanctuary.
- ◆ Contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager, by phone at 740-369-5956 or by email at office@bellpointchurch.com.
- ◆ Post to the online prayer wall at bellpointchurch.com/prayer-wall.

BELLPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH AND THE BUCKEYE VALLEY CHAPTER OF LIFEWISE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY INVITE YOU TO

THE REALITY *of Healing*

PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, & MENTORS WORKSHOP

MARCH 9, 2024 | 9:00AM - 12:00PM
BELLPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

REGISTRATION
IS FREE!

TEEN WORKSHOP (7TH-12TH GRADERS)

MARCH 16, 2024 | 9:30AM - 1:30PM
BELLPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH
LUNCH PROVIDED!



The Reality of Healing is...

A 2 part workshop exploring practical insights and tools to help you and your community increase your intentionality in helping each other becoming healthier in mind and soul. This program is clinically informed and biblically grounded. Each Session is 45 minutes long with a 15 minute break in between sessions and a 15 minutes Question and Answer time at the end (2 hours total). You can expect to participate in both small and large group discussions, as well as activities for individual reflection. We will be providing a notebook for you as well as tools to write with.

Below, is a summary of both sessions.



Session 1 - Getting Ready to Heal

Session 1 helps us take stock of where we are in our readiness to start restoring broken areas of our lives. Understanding where we are can help us understand what we may need to start moving toward readiness.



Session 2 - The 5 Fingers of Healing Actions

Session 2 explores how we can begin to truly begin to take hold of healing. These 5 principles are meant to help guide you to discover personal strategies, resources, and tools that work for you. The intention is to give you a framework that you can personalize to fit your unique healing journey.

RSVP TODAY

✉ kellysolli@realityofhealing.org

Deadline to register is March 4th



2023 Donation Statements

Donation statements for last year are now available. Just let the church office know if you'd like one.

Update from Lay Leader

Happy New Year

I want to share some numbers with you for our new conference. A year ago, the second wave of churches were just beginning to migrate from our former denomination into the Global Methodist Church.

There were less than 100 churches in the Allegheny West Conference. Today, there are over 580 churches and over 420 pastors. First Annual Conference, ordained 143 clergy, organized 23 circuits, 100 appointments, and organized eight new church starts.

*From an article written by Jeff Greenway, President Pro-tempore Allegheny West Conference.

Bob Himes,
Lay Leader

Reminder

A few members of the congregation have reported receiving requests for financial help from someone posing as Pastor Paul. As we've said in the past, Pastor Paul will never contact you in this manner, so please continue to disregard this scam.

The Peal

If you do not have access to the internet or email, or simply prefer to have a hard copy mailed to you each month, please contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager at 740-369-5956 or by email at office@bellpointchurch.com.

Just a Reminder...

Please email all articles, pictures, and content for the March Peal to Rachel Kapraly at peal@bellpointchurch.com by Friday, February 23rd.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!



HAPPY
Valentine's
Day

FEBRUARY 14

