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LET'S GO FOR A WALK

The following passage from The Bible is a powerful account of two of Jesus' followers encountering Him after His resurrection from the dead. It is taken from The Gospel of Luke (24:13-35).

"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.
"He was a prophet, powerful in word
and deed before God and all the people.
The chief priests and our rulers handed
him over to be sentenced to death, and

they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

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When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread."

These two Jesus followers' lives were changed as they unexpectedly met Jesus traveling from Jerusalem to their home village. My own life was significantly impacted 35 years ago when I went on my Walk To Emmaus. I was newly ordained and serving my first appointment in Lebanon, OH. I knew Jesus before my walk but came to experience Him in a fresh and powerful way on that 72 hour weekend retreat.

For years following I served on Walks as well as on the youth version of Emmaus called Chrysalis. The demands of raising a family curtailed my involvement for some time with this great program. However, this August, I'll be serving again at the next Men's Walk at Cornerstone GMC in Marysville (August 22-25). I'm very much looking forward to this opportunity, as I expect to see men from central Ohio draw closer to the Lord and deepen and strengthen their relationship with Jesus.

Having shared this, I would like to personally invite the men of our congregation to join me on this upcoming Emmaus Walk. A number of our members have already participated and had equally encouraging experiences. If you'd like to hear more about Emmaus, I'd encourage you to seek these folks out. Of course, I'd be glad to tell you more about it. Any of us who have been on a Walk, are able to sponsor you if you'd choose to attend. Just let us know as soon as possible. You'll not be disappointed!

One additional opportunity. For those regularly attending Bellpoint Church, but not members, we will soon be offering a membership class. You can register for this now or contact me for more information. The dates for the classes are August 11, 18, and September 1. For these meetings, we'll met in the pastor's office on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour from 9:35 to 10:25. New members will be received on Sunday morning, September 8th.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Paul



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

Upcoming Events

July 17 Children's Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

July 18 Ice Cream Social 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

July 19 Worship & Prayer Night 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

August 22-25 Men's Walk to Emmaus at Cornerstone GMC in Marysville

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.
- **Men's Bible Study**: Every other Monday, 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Paul for additional information.
- **Bible Study Book Group**: The second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Current Study: The Holy Spirit, Activating God's Power in Your Life by Billy Graham.
- Sunday Women's Bible Study: Every other Sunday, 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. at the McCullough home. Contact Lori McCullough for additional information. Current Study: Jesus The One & Only by Beth Moore.
- Monday Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- **Teen Disciples** (6th 12th grades): Sundays from 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- Emerging Adults (high school seniors through mid-30s): 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.

July Birthdays

July 2 T.J. Westover July 5 Larry Hopper Bonnie Hatcher July 9 Damon Barnett Jr. July 10 Troy Coughlin Jr. July 18 Pam Williams Mark Davis July 19 Michelle Shelly July 23 Mark VanGundy July 24 Georgeanna Mills July 30 Dominic Solli

Happy Anniversary

July I

Fred & Susi Rinehart Married 37 years

July 5

Jane Graebner & Mike DeChicco Married 23 years

July 7

Chris & Virginia Finley Married 24 years

Children's Council

- **THANK YOU** to all who contributed to and participated in VBS this year!
- **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 Ritchie to sign up.

Teen Disciples

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

July 6 - 14: Mission Trip to Atlanta, Georgia

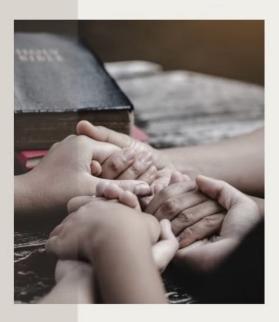
August 18: Car Wash at 5/3 Bank in Powell 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests

- Virginia Daugherty's Daughter diagnosed with an aggressive skin cancer, stage four
- Gideon three-year-old with a failing heart now has an infection that had to be surgically cleaned out (Kidd)
- Anonymous young adult who may have Mad Cow disease (Kidd)
- Will Liphart has had a year of infections due to a surgical error during a cancerous tumor removal, has now decided to remove his kidney (Kidd)
- Susi Rinehart gallbladder surgery, in lots of pain
- ◆ Tonya Rees pulmonary embolism in both her lungs (Sayer)
- **Jessica Wolf** prayers for healing
- Anonymous marital problems
- ♦ Anonymous broken back

- Mark VanGundy recovering from surgery
- ♦ Barb sciatica
- Ty migraines
- Mary Klunk recovering from a double lung transplant
- Tom Pustinger blood clots in his lungs (West)
- Michelle Witherspoon breast cancer (Williams)
- ♦ Kyle melanoma
- Lisa needs a double mastectomy and is in economic distress
- Charles cardiac issues (Davis)
- Noelle struggling with severe emotional problems (Sayer)





Prayer & Worship Nights

7:00p - 8:00pm in the Sanctuary Every Third Friday: June 21st, July 19th, and August 16th

If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Sisters in Faith

The Sisters in Faith are collecting items for Turning Point (Delaware County Domestic Violence Shelter). Please see the list below of those items needed. **Items can be dropped off in the labeled box next to the church office**. Please help us, help them. Thank you.





Donate

www.paypal.com

Monetary donations make an incredible and impactful difference in the lives of those we serve. For more information, please visit turningpoint6.org or contact Jenise Lefevre at jlefevre@turningpoint6.org

Needs List

- Toiletries-Baby to Adult
- Self care items
- Twin XL Bedding Sets (New)
- New Pillows-Twin (New)
- Blank and guided journals
- Diapers-3, 4, 5, 6
- Toilet Paper

- Cleaning Supplies
- Towels/Washcloths
- Laundry Supplies-
- · Child to Adult PJ's
- OTC meds-Non-drowsy
- Wipes
- Paper Towels

Thank <u>YOU</u> for your generosity and support of the work we do and the individuals and families we serve!

Ice Cream Socials

Tis the season – for Ice Cream Socials! Be a part of the tradition by donating food items for the menu, helping during the social (see the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall), or joining us for dinner that night. Carryout is also available. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun. See you there!



Save the Date for our upcoming Ice Cream Socials!

July 18 | August 15

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 is a sign-up sheet available in Fellowship Hall** if you'd like to sign up to provide for the Friendship Table. It is intended to be just a light snack, not a full breakfast, so anyone could do it!



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 <u>bellpointchurch.com/prayer-wall</u>.

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 August Peal to Rachel Kapraly at peal@bellpointchurch.com by <u>Monday</u>, <u>July 22nd</u>. Thank you in advance for your assistance!