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THAT’S WHAT COUNTS

The Acton Institute blog pointed to a recent short video of Denzel Washington offering some spontaneous career advice to a group of young actors. Although the setting is informal and his remarks are off-the-cuff and unrefined, his views align with some key themes of Christian stewardship. Given that we typically focus on stewardship during the month of November, I thought I’d share what Washington had to say:

“I pray that you all put your shoes way under the bed at night so that you got to get on your knees in the morning when you wake up to find them. While you're down there, thank God for grace and mercy and understanding. We all fall short of the glory ... but if you just start thinking about all the things you got to say "thank you" for, that's a day. That's easily a day! You'll never see a U-Haul behind a hearse ... Now, I've been blessed to make hundreds of millions of dollars in my life. I can't take it with me, and neither can you. *It's not how much you have but what you do with what you have.* And we all have different gifts: some money, some love,

some patience, some the ability to touch people. But we all have it. Use it. Share it. That's what counts.”

“Use it. Share it. That’s what counts.” The Scriptures certainly teach that it matters how we use the resources with which God has blessed us. That’s what counts! God gives us these things in order to provide for ourselves and our families, of course, but it goes far beyond this. We believe He desires for us to model His own generosity, that through giving a percentage of our income to support the mission and ministry of Bellpoint Community Church, we can help others in our congregation, in our local community, and beyond - grow in their relationship with God, and in His name demonstrate mercy and kindness to those in need. So, we believe stewardship is far more than just meeting a budget and paying the bills. It’s a much higher purpose than that.

In truth, it has the equally high purpose of forming the character of God, Himself, in us, Who, out of His great love, gave His all for our benefit.

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On **Sunday, November 24th**, we will have our **Annual Stewardship Emphasis**. At **9:30 a.m.**, a **Hot Complementary Breakfast** will be served. (There will be no Sunday School on the 24th.) Everyone is encouraged to come for this time of fellowship. At **10:30 a.m.**, we will have a single **combined worship service**. At that time, we will ask our members and regular attenders to make their financial commitments for 2025 using an **Estimate of Giving Card**. An Estimate of Giving Card is included with the edition of The Peal and will be sent to every member's home address and email address as well. Please bring the card with you on the 24th or mail it into the church office if you will be absent that day. In addition, please see the enclosed tables that show what it would look like if you tithed your income or took "**1 Step Up**" in your giving for the coming year. We encourage you to use these as you pray about your stewardship for 2025.

Lastly, since we're serving breakfast, we need to get a good headcount for food. Please, RSVP with the church office at 740-369-5956 no later than Wednesday, November 20th. If you can't make breakfast, we want to encourage you to still plan on joining us for worship at 10:30.

Our sincerest thanks in advance for your participation in this year's stewardship emphasis,

The Bellpoint Finance Team



Barn Dance

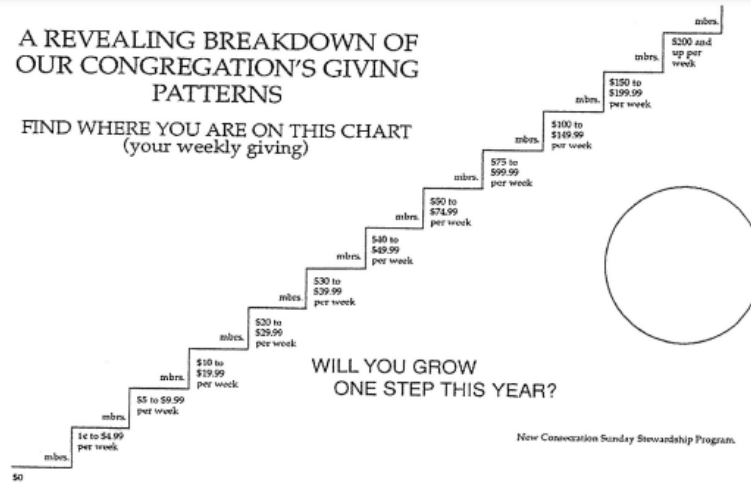
The Annual Harvest Barn Dance will be held **Sunday, November 3rd**. This event is hosted by Carol & Gary Davis at 6040 Dublin Rd. Delaware, OH 43015. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome!

- ◆ Kids activities start at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Dancing begins at 7:00 p.m.



A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS CHART (your weekly giving)



WEEKLY INCOME	BEYOND A TITHE		TITHE 10%	UPPER RANGE GIVING			MIDDLE RANGE GIVING			LOWER RANGE GIVING		
	15%	12%		9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$ 200	30.00	24.00	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$ 300	45.00	36.00	30.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$ 400	60.00	48.00	40.00	36.00	32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$ 500	75.00	60.00	50.00	45.00	40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$ 600	90.00	72.00	60.00	54.00	48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$ 700	105.00	84.00	70.00	63.00	56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$ 800	120.00	96.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$ 900	135.00	108.00	90.00	81.00	72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$1,000	150.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$1,100	165.00	132.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$2,000	300.00	240.00	200.00	180.00	160.00	140.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$3,000	450.00	360.00	300.00	270.00	240.00	210.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00

Provisioned to Sunday Journal of Faith & Hope. Use page for use with the New Congregation Sunday Stewardship Program.

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income/giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.

**BELLPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH
2025 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD**

In the coming year...

- I am stepping up beyond tithing.
- I will tithe (give 10% of my income to God's work).
- I will take a step closer to tithing.
- MY COMMITMENT FOR 2025 IS \$_____ per week.
- If this is an increase over last year, please indicate with a check mark.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

November 3

Barn Dance

5:00 p.m.

November 9

Make a Difference Day

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

November 15

Worship & Prayer Night

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

November 20

Children's Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

November 21

Senior Citizens Thanksgiving

Luncheon

12:00 p.m.

November 25

Charge Conference

7:00 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.

*****Please note we will have a combined service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 24th. We will not hold Sunday School that day due to having breakfast. See page 2 for details.*****

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.
- **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.
- **Monday Women's Bible Study:** Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Bible Study Book Group:** The first and third Thursdays of this month, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- **Teen Disciples** (6th - 12th grades): Sundays from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **Emerging Adults** (high school seniors through 30s): Contact Kelly Solli for additional information.
- **Young Family:** Biweekly at the Kraick home. Contact Holly Kraick for additional information.

November Birthdays

Nov 7	Fred Rinehart
Nov 10	Aidan Hafner
Nov 11	John Gilliam
Nov 12	Lindsay West
Nov 14	Carol Barker
Nov 15	Nathanael Ellerbrock
Nov 18	Wendell Michael
Nov 19	Cindy Kuhn
Nov 20	Garrett Miller Greg Jaudzems
Nov 22	Becky Miller
Nov 24	Cord Lehman
Nov 25	Margie West
Nov 26	Josh Kuhn
Nov 27	Rachel Kapraly
Nov 28	Tim Harding
Nov 29	Cheri Maxim Travis Miller Todd Ellerbrock
Nov 30	Gary Davis

Happy Anniversary

November 2

Tim & Amy Harding
22 years

November 6

Terry & Kelly Williams
42 years

November 10

Roger & Christy McCombs
40 years

November 24

Bob & Peggy Sable
52 Years



Teen Disciples Schedule

November 9: Make a Difference Day, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

November 17: Teen Disciples, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 24: Teen Disciples, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

December 15: Christmas Party

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 Ritchie to sign up.

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.



Upcoming Events - Save the Date!

Sunday, November 3rd - **Sisters in Faith Meeting** - Following Second Service

Sunday, November 3rd - **Barn Dance** - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 9th - **Make a Difference Day** - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Friday, November 15th - **Worship & Prayer Night** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20th - **Children's Council Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 21st - **Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon** - 12:00 p.m.

Monday, November 25th - **Charge Conference** - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 5th - **Sisters in Faith Christmas Cookie and Ornament Exchange** - 6:30 p.m.

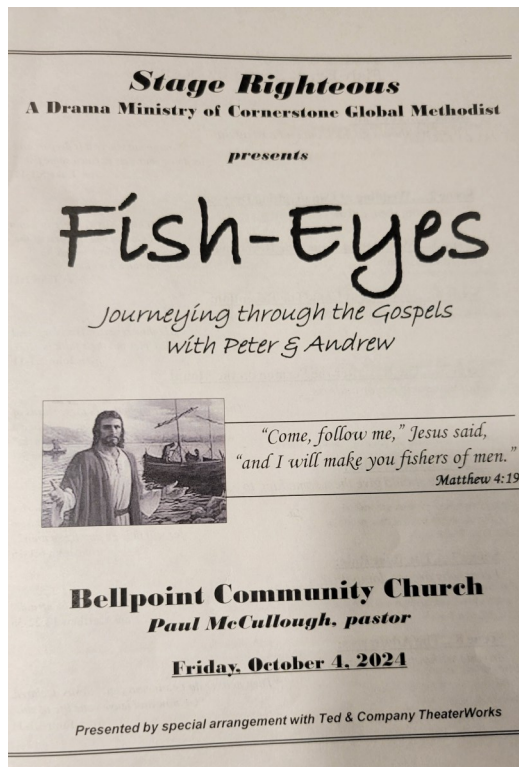
Wednesday, December 18th - **Children's Council Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 20th - **Worship & Prayer Night** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Fish-Eyes

Thank you to Stage Righteous for their presentation of "Fish-Eyes" on October 4th!



Prayer Requests

- ◆ **David** – 3 ½ -year-old who’s been in the hospital for over a month is being released
- ◆ **Ridge Webb** – having an MRI this week for a possible tear in his knee
- ◆ **Bernie** – his wife passed away (VanGundy)
- ◆ **Emily Carpenter** – travel mercies as she goes to interview with a missions agency
- ◆ **Kevin** – he and his wife are coming home from the mission field, prayers as they make the transition (Kapraly)
- ◆ **Jamie** – recovering from falling from a tree
- ◆ **Barbara** – neurological issues and brain trauma (Spellman)
- ◆ **Linda** – diagnosed with cancer (Norm’s sister)
- ◆ **Bill** – diagnosed with cancer (Spellman)
- ◆ **Cheryl** – diagnosed with Alzheimer’s (Spellman)
- ◆ **Wendy** – stage 4 breast cancer (Spellman)
- ◆ **Benjamin** – respiratory issues (West)
- ◆ **Becky** – respiratory issues (Webb)
- ◆ **Penny** – undergoing chemo (Miller)
- ◆ **John McCullough** – ulcers on his esophagus



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.

Sisters in Faith

Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon

- ◆ Planning Meeting after Second Service on Sunday, November 3rd
- ◆ Sign-up sheets will be placed out for workers and food
- ◆ Date: **Thursday, November 21st at 12:00 p.m.**



Christmas Ornament and Cookie Exchange

- ◆ Date: **Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.**
- ◆ Each person needs to bring 1 Christmas ornament and 2 dozen cookies to share
- ◆ Cookies and punch will be provided



Birthday Party

Thank you to all who contributed to and attended the Birthday Party on September 29th!



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 December Peal to Rachel Kapraly at peal@bellpointchurch.com by **Monday, November 25th**. Thank you in advance for your assistance!