

Bellwether August Newsletter

R – Rise with God

Sunday Morning Service

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

This August, we will be highlighting our RAISE campaign and discuss 5 areas to grow spiritually. We will kick off this Sunday as we look at how to "Rise with God".

Are you interested in joining the Worship Team?

The Worship Prayer Team is looking for additional team members. If you are interested please contact Chris at ckellum@bellwetherchurch.org

Baptism Sunday

We will be having a Baptism Sunday on August 17. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact John Hugh at jhtate@bellwetherchurch.org.

Phone App!!

Bellwether now has an APP! For tablets and phones, both Apple & Android. Please download from your App store! Check social media in the upcoming weeks for informative videos on app features, including online/electronic giving! Other features include sermons, music, order of services, events, photo galleries, and more! One request – PLEASE enable push notifications. We promise not to abuse this! Enjoy!!!

A – Affirm the Family

Family News

For the month of July we would like to thank the following teachers for teaching our precious children: Holly, Hannah, and Emma Collums, Misti Sims, Kelly Angulo, Austin and Deidre Barbour, and Quentin and Ginger Whitwell

We also had more wonderful volunteers in our toddler room: Linda Tate, Emilee Brasell, Derek and Genny Ginn, Marcus and Ashley Dukes, and Brandi and Londyn Dorsey

We need volunteers who are willing to serve once a month at the Family Check-In Table. If you are interested, please email Jill Bowdon at jbowdon@bellwetherchurch.org.

Please email Jennifer Morgan at family@bellwetherchurch.org if you would like to volunteer in this ministry.

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." John 12:10-11

Upcoming Dates:

August 3- Promotion Sunday

August 10- Family Sunday

Family and Youth Ministry Sunday- The children will be singing during the beginning of the service. We will practice in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. sharp. We want all families to worship together this day, so **we will have childcare only for ages 2 and below**. This will allow our volunteers to be in church with their family.

August 17 – Baptism Sunday. Praise the Lord that we already have several who will be baptized this month!

Youth News

Back to School Party

We will be having a Youth Back to School Party at the Duckworth's on August 3 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Joseph Jordan jjordan@bellwetherchurch.org.

I – Invest in your Church

Covenant Lunch

We would like to invite you to our Covenant Lunch on August 24 at the White House. We will meet immediately after church and enjoy lunch together, then John Hugh will go over our Membership Covenant. This is a great way to learn more about Bellwether's history, including what we believe and how our leadership is structured. If you have not joined, but would like to go deeper into knowing more, please make plans to attend.

Who is New at Bellwether?

Please stop by the "New Faces in New Spaces" board located in the Family Ministry Hall to see our new Bellwether members and babies.

Bellwether Prayer Team

If you are interested in being part of the Bellwether prayer team, please contact Jill Bowdon at jbowdon@bellwetherchurch.org. You will begin to receive prayer requests from our church family. This is a great way to pray for the day to day trials of our congregation and staff.

If you are in need of specific prayer, please submit a request on our website or email Jill Bowdon at jbowdon@bellwetherchurch.org.

Are you interested in joining the Sunday Morning Team?

There's a lot that goes into preparation for Sunday Mornings! We'll gather at 9:30 for a short prayer time and devotional, and then we'll get to serving! If you are interested please contact Jeremy at jwolfe@bellwetherchurch.org

RAISE More Campaign

Bellwether has launched the "RAISE More" campaign. John Hugh will be highlighting it in the upcoming months. Through this, we will be raising a million dollars by the end of 2015 to pay off renovation costs and establish a mission fund to spread the Word of God.

S – Share in a Group

We want you to "do life together" beyond Sunday mornings and offer a variety of on-ramps.

We have small groups, known as "B Groups" that meet weekly and if you are interested in being connected in this way, here are some options:

Fall Schedule for B Groups:

Sunday Night Jackson B Group – Sundays at 5:15 p.m. Meeting throughout the summer for topical study of the Bible. Contact Cathie Phillippi at cphillippi1@gmail.com for more info.

Sunday Night Madison B Group – Sundays at 5:00 p.m. at various homes in Madison. Childcare is available. We will start back on August 17th. Contact Linda Tate at lrate2@me.com for more info.

Monday Night Jackson B Group – Meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at various locations in Jackson. Contact Jeremy Wolfe at jwolfe@bellwetherchurch.org for more info.

Rankin Co. B Group – Meets Tuesday evenings at various locations in Brandon/Flowood. Contact Lori Reed at lorireed12@gmail.com for more info.

Bellwether Men's Group

Our men's group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 am. Meet in the sanctuary of the church. All are welcome. Contact Ben Jones at ben.jones.tl@gmail.com for more info.

Bellwether Ladies Group

We will restart our weekly lunch devotion group on Tuesday, August 19 from noon until 1:00 p.m. We will then meet weekly at the same time. Come as you can and bring a lunch! We meet in the White House.

Good Morning Girls (GMG)

GMG is an email devotional group for busy women. If you need encouragement in your daily walk with God and you are super busy – this is a group for you. Email lindatate2@me.com to join.

E – Engage the World

Feed the Need

It's time to cook again! Feed the Need will get together next Friday, August 8 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The group will be preparing 11 meals this month. Emilee is throwing in an extra breakfast meal to help out with those busy school mornings. Childcare can be provided. The cost is \$8 per child if we have at least 5 children signed up. We also have security during our evening events.

The link to sign up is: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dadac2aa0f49-august>

We hope you will join us! If you have any questions, please email Emilee Brasell at emileekingbrasell@gmail.com.

India Mission Trip

November 3-13 - We MAY have only one or two spots left

This Mission is some hands on but more of a focus group of what role we can play throughout the year once we return home. It is a 12,000 mile journey to the other side of the world where Jesus needs to be spread (to say the least). We will use what we see “as we go” and focus our efforts to grow God's word and to help the oppressed women (girls) in sex trafficking, which is unbelievably rampant there.

Hyderabad 4 days: With our own MUSTARD SEED FAITH FOUNDATION INDIA started by Brother James & Raji Maddirala we will visit the local school in the slums of the city that MSFFFI “started” and operates with funds from Mississippi! We (MSFFFI) want to expand the grades there and are looking forward to seeing how we can grow our very own school and the students that are getting an education that they normally would not.

Kolkata (Calcutta) 4 days: We will take an in country flight to Kolkata that is known for being the “sex trafficking hub” with countless girls, most under 12 years old. We will visit IJM (International Justice Mission) and talk about what they

are doing and the opportunity for us to help back home. We will visit the place that is a Home for rescued girls called, Mahima 2. There is a huge need for the rehabilitation of these girls after they are rescued. We as a team will focus our efforts on how we can get this Home off the grounds and continue to sponsor it. While in Kolkata we will visit Mother Teresa's home which is a Holy place that is visited by people all over the world in the heart of the poor.

Dubai (United Arab Emirates) 1 Night: We will spend an evening in worship with a Christian Church that has been started by a friend of John Hugh's. Although Dubai is very tolerant of other religions (except Judaism), a Christian Church is rare in this part of the world where Islam is practiced very strictly. This is truly a Mustard Seed church.

We will return home with information and knowledge on where and how to battle for Christ and Justice in India which we will share with our Bellwether family and as a Church will work all year on these efforts! *This is just the beginning..... This is Bellwether!*

For more info on all mission trips, contact Tabor Weissinger at tabor.missions@gmail.com.