

Bellwether December Newsletter

R – Rise with God

Sunday Morning Service

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

December 7 - Bishop James Swanson will be preaching during the 10:30 a.m. service

Special Christmas Services

December 14, Special Family Christmas Service, 10:30 a.m.

December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 p.m.

A – Affirm the Family

Community Movie Night

In partnership with the Lefleur East Foundation, we invite you to bring the family to watch an outdoor movie with us! We're watching ELF! December 7, at 6:00 p.m. Bring your scarfs, blankets, and hot chocolate!

Family News

December 7- This will be the last week for the children to practice for our Christmas program. We need everyone here.

December 14- Please have your child in the sanctuary by 10:00 a.m. to practice for our program. We will have a birthday party for baby Jesus after the children sing.

December 21- Regular Sunday school

December 24 (Christmas Eve) - We will have childcare for 5 and under.

December 28- No Sunday school. We will have childcare for 5 and under.

Praises... We have our teachers for 2015!! Thank you so much to those that have volunteered to join our family team. Let me know if you would like to be added to our sub list or the toddler rotation (once a semester).

Thanks so much to our November teachers and helpers: Morgan Ladner, Holly, Hannah, and Emma Collums, Misti Sims, Kelly Angulo, Austin and Deidre Barbour, Marcus and Ashley Dukes, Nikkole Inman, Linda and Jack Tate, Derrick and Genny Ginn, Polly and Anna Kellum, Jack, Lindsey, and Laura Moriarty, Laura Sheely, and Janna Brown.

Looking forward to a wonderful Advent season with our church family!!

Luke 2:19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart!

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

Youth News

December 7 - Community Movie Night & Youth Christmas Party!!

December 14 - *Why Not Now?* We will be preparing and serving lunch to the homeless alongside *Why Not Now Ministries* directly after Church on Sunday. Lori Reed will send out an email with more information on how you can get involved. You can also email her with any questions at lorireed12@gmail.com.

December 21 - No Youth Group - Christmas Holidays

December 28 - No Youth Group - Christmas Holidays

I – Invest in your Church

Bellwether Christmas Decorations

Bellwether will be decorating the sanctuary on **this Friday at 10:00 a.m.** for the Christmas season. If you love to decorate, come on & help us with our trees and wreaths. We need 4-5 decorating volunteers and 2-3 strong guys or ladies to help lift the trees into position. Please let Kristi Clayton know if you are able to serve this way. Her phone number is (601) 672-7288. If any youth guys are out of school on Friday and can come by for a quick few minutes to help with the trees, we would appreciate it!! We will be happy to give service hours for school, too.

Christmas Poinsettias

This year in honor or memory of loved ones, we will have poinsettias in our Sanctuary on December 21 and during our Christmas Eve Service. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please email Jeremy Wolfe jjwolfe@bellwetherchurch.org and make a \$10 donation. We will be collecting money during the December 7 and December 14 services. We will list all of the names on our Christmas Eve Order of Service.

Are you interested in joining the Worship Team?

Worship Team is looking for singers. If interested in singing email Chris at ckellum@bellwetherchurch.org

Check out the Bellwether 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!!!

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 a.m. 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's Vision to be a 50/50 church. This is our goal to RAISE more - 1 million by the end of 2015. Half of this goal goes outside the walls of our church to ministries in Jackson, MS, Honduras, India, United Arab Emirates, and beyond to Raise the Kingdom.

Contact John Hugh if you are led to give to our RAISE more Vision in 2014 & 2015 - jhtate@bellwetherchurch.org

S – Share in a Group

Bellwether's Christmas Challenge

Will you be a John 10:16 home? Will you open your home to others this Christmas season?

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:

"Come for Breakfast, Stay for Church" Breakfast - Sunday, January 4 -9:30-10:15 a.m.

Join us in the White House gathering room. Come and get to know one another and let us feed you and your family breakfast before our Sunday morning worship service. For more information, contact Deidre Barbour at deidrebarbour@comcast.net.

Fall Schedule for B Groups:

Sunday Night Jackson B Group – Sundays at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome to this group. A diverse age range. This fall, they are all finding life application bible verses to share as a group. 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. This group is a mix of families with young children and teenage children. Childcare is included. This fall, they are studying “*Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He wants to do with You*”. Contact Stacy Strain for more information at strain@hubbardmitchell.com.

Rankin Co. B Group – Meets Tuesday evenings at Kelly and Kristian Angulo's house in Farmington Station and is open to anyone interested. This is a diverse group of singles and marrieds and kids are welcome. They will be studying the book of James to coincide with the sermon series in the fall. Contact Lori Reed at lorireed12@gmail.com for more info.

Radical RAISE Group

Meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. at Sneaky Beans. This is a Holy Spirit experiment of bringing diverse people together to study the bible from August to May and committing to a global mission trip together. Discussion facilitated by John Hugh Tate and Jack Moriarity. New group starting this August. If you would like to join the group this year, contact John Hugh at jhtate@bellwetherchurch.org.

The Radical RAISE Christmas Party will be Sunday December 14th – 6:00 p.m. - contact John Hugh at jhtate@bellwetherchurch.org

Wednesday Night RAISE Group

Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Bellwether Church Sanctuary led by Jeremy Wolfe. This group is open to all and will be a discussion group focused on the difficult questions of faith. The group will go through Tim Keller's book, "The Reason for God". For more information contact Jeremy at jwolfe@bellwetherchurch.org.

Bellwether Men's Group

The men's group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of the church. All are welcome and feel free to drop in anytime. Contact Ben Jones at ben.jones.tl@gmail.com for more info.

Bellwether Ladies Group

Meets Tuesdays from noon until 1:00 p.m. in the White House. Join a bible study aimed at working women and busy moms. We meet for 1 hour but feel free to come and go as needed. Bring your lunch and a friend. We will be studying straight from the Bible and encouraging one another to be leaders in the season God has us in right now. Open to All and drop ins welcome! For more information, contact Linda Tate at lindatate2@me.com.

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.

Women's IF Table

If you cannot make a regular group, you can spend an evening in a home sharing what God is doing in your life with 5 other women. A simple home cooked meal will be served. For more information, contact Kristen DiBiase at kris10ktt@gmail.com.

E – Engage the World

Feed the Need

Do you want to stock your freezer and help feed another family at the same time? If so, consider participating in the next Feed the Need cooking session on January 16th from 6-9 p.m. Contact Emilee Brasell at meals@bellwetherchurch.org or 859-391-5579 to get more information. The signup email will go out at the end of December.

Missions

Thankful our team to India and United Arab Emirates returned home safely! We will be giving to these ministries and planning trips for 2015 and beyond. Contact John Hugh with questions - jhtate@bellwetherchurch.org

Honduras

Please begin to pray and prepare for our Honduras trip in 2015. The dates are set! July 9-16, 2015. Please email jwolfe@bellwetherchurch.org if you are wanting to go!