

Bellwether May Newsletter

R – Rise with God

Sunday Morning Service

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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

Upcoming Dates:

August 17 – Baptism Sunday

If you are interested in being baptized, please contact John Hugh at jhtate@bellwetherchurch.org.

August 24 – Covenant Lunch

A – Affirm the Family

Family News

I want to thank the following teachers for serving the month of June! Jana Long, Tina Bjournerud, Suzanne Sanders, and Jo Alice Hall. We are so blessed to have them on our Family team!

We also greatly appreciated the nursery volunteers: Caroline Nowell, Dorothy Daniel, Brandy Stodghill and girls, Gary and Anna Grace Morgan, Penny Knight, and Laurie Baldwin.

If you want to join our awesome team, please email Jennifer Morgan at family@bellwetherchurch.org

John 12:26 If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

Upcoming Dates:

August 3- Promotion Sunday

August 10- Family Sunday (children are singing)

We Need Your Family Photos!

PLEASE send photos of you and your "family" enjoying life together. This maybe a photo of your small group, mission group, group of friends, you and your relatives together, ANYONE you call your community of friends and family. You may email these to photos@bellwetherchurch.org by July 25. You will see these photos used in a special way on August 10 as we learn more about "Affirming Your Family".

Youth News

Looking for something to do this summer?

The youth room is set to play XBOX and any students that want a place to come and hang out with their friends this summer are welcome to come play.

I – Invest in your Church

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.

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:

Summer 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 for more info at cphillippi1@gmail.com.

Monday Night Jackson B Group – Meeting sporadically throughout the summer for social outings. Contact Jeremy Wolfe at jwolfe@bellwetherchurch.org for more info.

Madison B Group – Meeting socially throughout the summer. We will attend 2 MS Braves games together on June 8 and July 13. Cookouts are also planned. Contact Linda Tate for more info at lindatate2@me.com.

Rankin Co. B Group – Meeting Tuesday nights throughout the summer – both study and social events. Contact Lori Reed for more info at lorireed12@gmail.com.

Bellwether Men's Group

Our men's group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 am. Meet in the sanctuary of the church. This group is currently studying the Book of Romans. It's an opportunity to grow and mentor other men. Contact Derek Dyess for more info at dsd72@icloud.com.

Bellwether Ladies Group

We will take a break for the summer and will start back in early August. If you would like a connection, contact Kristen DiBiase about the IF Table. This is small gatherings of 6 women to provide deep connections. Times will be flexible. If you are interested email Kristen at kris10ktt@gmail.com.

E – Engage the World

IGNITE Ministry

IGNITE Team 6 is July 31-August 3. Information available at www.ignitesportscamp.com. Any you are interested in serving on IGNITE Team 6 please contact Chris at ckellum@bellwetherchurch.org

Missions

Honduras:

Please pray for the two teams that will be travelling this month to Honduras.

July 10-17

July 17-24

India:

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. The 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 practice 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.