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*"Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" Psalm 119: 10*

**From the Pastor's Desk: Happy Thanksgiving!**

I can remember as a little boy growing up in the 1960's, what a sense of blessed relief and joy it was after we had collected our fruits and vegetables from the garden and orchard at the end of the summer. We grew green beans, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, peas, beets, onions, cucumbers, cabbage and lettuce. Apples, strawberries and blackberries were also plentiful. But the job was not finished, just beginning!



Mom would then start cleaning, cutting and chopping all these fruits and vegetables, place them in those old fashioned Mason jars, and cook them. I helped pile the firewood outside and mom heated the Mason jars full of goodies in a large Number 2 tub filled with steaming hot water. We also dried a lot of nuts and fruit. One of my favorite tasks was helping my paternal grandmother string her green beans for drying. We would thread a large sewing needle with a long, heavy thread and string the green beans on it just like popcorn. After a month or so, they were ready to be soaked in a kettle of water (rehydrated) and then cooked. Alongside a side of home-cured bacon, they were "smackrumpsous!"

In addition, we would pick berries (my favorite was, and still is, blackberries) during the summer and mom would then make homemade jelly and jam and blackberry cobbler. Smuckers cannot duplicate such a delicious treat. Of course, let's not forget the raising of the cows and hogs. In late fall, after the first frost, the livestock would be slaughtered and butchered, placed in the smokehouse, and covered with salt to preserve them. It filled one's heart with gratitude to God to see that the storehouse was full and winter could come in all its fury but inside

The city of Philadelphia has been good to Sandy and I but I miss getting my hands dirty in the rich soil of the farm. We miss something important, a blessed connection with God and His wonderful creation, when we depend on going to the supermarket for our daily food. Down home on the farm, so much can go wrong—drought, poor soil, hail, too much rain, too little rain, bugs, too chilly, too hot, and plant disease. When life and death depends on what you gather from the fields for sustenance during the winter, you tend to rely upon God more, and tend to be much more thankful when you sit down at the breakfast and supper table with your family.

Aaaah, those were tough days, but I do miss them. Thank you God for the memories of a blessed childhood! We invite you, your friends and family, to a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, November, 25, 2009. It promises to be a very special service. First, Pastor Ahn from the Korean Church will be our featured speaker. Secondly, the Korean musicians—their instrumentalists and vocalists, will present us with several musical selections. Thirdly, Pastor Ed will bring a children's sermon. Fourthly, . . . (well there has to be *some* surprises)! Please join us in worship because Thanksgiving just cannot be "Thanks giving" without assembling ourselves together and thanking God for all our choice blessings.

From our home to yours is the prayer for a most blessed Thanksgiving season.

Love, Pastor Ed and Sandy.

# **Belmont Baptist Church Services**

## ***Sunday***

**9:30 a.m.**, Sunday School  
**11:00 a.m.**, Morning Worship  
**6:30 p.m.**, BYG 4 Jesus  
**6:30 p.m.** Jr. Youth Group

## ***Wednesday***

**7:00 p.m.**, Prayer Meeting  
**8:00 p.m.**, Choir Practice

## ***Thursday***

**7:30 p.m.**, Home Bible Study

## **November Sermon Schedule**

November 1	<i>"How to Destroy Your Church" (Part 2)</i>
November 8	<i>"Why Not Walk on What Jesus Walked on When He Walked on Water"</i>
November 15	Missionary Sunday
November 22	<i>"Talking Turkey on Thanksgiving Day"</i>
November 29	Special Speaker, Michael Talluto

## **Belmont Baptist Pre-School**

Teachers -

**Mon-Fri.—9:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m.**  
 (Serving children age 2 to 4 years)

**Joann McDougald**  
**Jane Kofroth**  
**Rose Gallagher**



## **Worship Leaders**

Nov. 1	Gary Kimmel
Nov. 8	John Kofroth
Nov. 15	Bob Peters
Nov. 22	Ruth Sheehan
Nov. 29	Jane Kofroth

## **Song Leaders**

Nov. 1	Gary Kimmel
Nov. 8	Fred Eliasen
Nov. 15	Gary Kimmel
Nov. 22	Barbara Duffy
Nov. 29	Bob Flubacher

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## Door Greeters



Nov. 1 Ida Chappell & Alice Gorman  
Nov. 8 Winnie Marshall & Ruth Severino  
Nov. 15 Violet VanZelst & Debbie Lawson  
Nov. 22 Fred & Marlyn Eliassen  
Nov. 29 Djawotho & Asinata Kisa

## Communion Preparers

Jeff Kimmel

## Communion Servers

John & Jane Kofroth; Emma Jean Murphy  
& Jeff Kimmel

## Head Ushers

Lynn Reinhart

## Childcare Ministry

November 1 Lynn Reinhart & Maryanne Yates  
November 8 Denise Williams & David Jones  
November 15 Debbie Lawson & John VanZelst  
November 22 Erin Nastasi & Danielle Lawson  
November 29 Jenny Siddons & Michele Yates

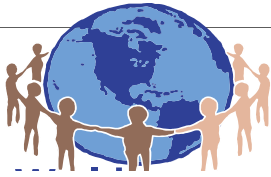
## Cleaning Teams

November 7 Church Work Day  
November 14 Don & Terry Yates; Pastor Ed & Sandy  
November 21 Tom & Ruth Sheehan; Bob & Denise Peters  
November 28 Kevin, Michele & Jimmy Yates



## Belmont Driving Schedule

November 1 Rog Naimoli  
November 8 Jim Yates, Sr.  
November 15 Michael Talluto  
November 22 Jeff Kimmel  
November 29 Jim Yates, Jr.



## BYG 4 Jesus News

As we mentioned in last month's article, BYG 4 Jesus is sponsoring our own missionaries. Their names are Bill and Gina Laky and they are working with the missions organization World Venture. Bill and Gina were married in 2004 but were passionate about world missions for many years before that. They prayed for some time for God's direction in their lives and have now answered the call to minister to North African Muslim immigrants living in Spain. They will be leaving early next year and will be working for a term of 2 years.

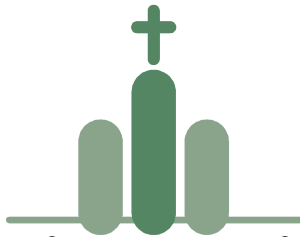
The number of Muslims living in Spain is estimated to be between 2-3 million. North Africa is only a brief ferry ride to Spain; so many immigrants go to Spain seeking a better life. Unfortunately when they arrive, they find that jobs are scarce, so they have a difficult time integrating into that culture. As we know, reaching Muslims with the Gospel of Christ is very difficult as most Muslim countries do not allow Christian missionaries. So Spain provides an interesting opportunity to reach the Muslim community in a different way.

Bill and Gina hope to establish credibility with the Muslim immigrants by building relationships with them and then sharing the Gospel with them. Although ministering in Spain would be easier than reaching Muslims in Afghanistan, their task is not easy. There is still a lot of mistrust between the Spaniards and the Muslims due to the 2004 bombing of the Madrid train system, so establishing rapport with the Muslim community will not be easy.

BYG 4 Jesus hopes to help Bill and Gina by partnering with them through prayer, through regular correspondence and through financial contributions. We have agreed to sponsor them for \$100 per month, which the youth will raise on their own, along with their families and the advisors. It is our hope that through partnering with them we can also be a part of reaching the Muslim world for Christ.

We are very happy to have Bill and Gina minister to the entire Belmont congregation during the worship service on November 15th, and then again at our BYG 4 Jesus meeting that evening. We hope that you will all be in attendance on that day to further hear how the Lord is planning to use the Lakys' to spread the Gospel. We also hope that some of you may consider sponsoring them just as the youth group has, either through a monthly contribution or a one-time donation, as well as through prayer.





## Management Department News—Fall 2009

Your Management Team, and other volunteers, have been very active over the summer and fall months keeping up with the normal repairs as needed, as well as upgrades as our finances have permitted. Please let any member of our team know when you see something that needs repairing. Your suggestions are never a bother and we will always try to take care of them as soon as possible. Our management team is Bob Ashjian, Robert Naimoli, Bob Wilhelm, Don Yates and Jim Yates, Sr. The following is an update on what has been going on:

**Cleaning Teams:** all teams have been faithfully taking care of keeping our facilities looking clean and attractive every week without fail. We even made a special project of cleaning the whole lower level prior to the beginning of our preschool program for the season. We currently have 10 teams of 3-4 volunteers serving on our cleaning teams. With work days handling some of the cleaning responsibilities, each team cleans only four times per year, saving the church at least \$7,500 per year in janitorial services. We could really use 4 or 5 more volunteers to fill in on a few of our teams. If you can help please contact Jim Yates, Sr.

**Workdays:** much has been accomplished over the last several months by volunteers who meet the first Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Usually we have 10-15 volunteers show up to help. Are you one of them? This is service for our Lord. We want to especially thank Earl & Barbara Russell for their efforts in making the hallway and overflow area more attractive and for putting up new curtains in the preschool rooms. I am sure that you have noticed the improvement in the appearance of our bulletin boards, the front of the Sanctuary and also how much of the clutter has been removed from these areas. Besides the normal upkeep and repairs to our facilities, our volunteers have:

- painted Baptismal room and pool area
- weeded outside gardens and spread mulch
- spread 26 cubic yards of Certified Playground mulch in playground
- installed new sink and spigots in bathroom at the end of hallway
- installed 3 new lighted "EXIT" signs with battery backup (State of Pa Requirement)
- expanded the youth room (at end of hallway) by removing a wall
- painted the youth room
- cleaned leaves off of roof and opened clogged down spouts

**Finances:** it is often said that you can look at people's checkbooks or day planners and determine what or who is first in their lives. If a complete stranger got hold of ours could they tell that we are a Christian? In other words, is our money and time prioritized toward earthly things that have no heavenly significance or is our time and money directed toward investments in the kingdom of GOD. Do we give GOD our best or our leftovers? As we have seen in our church bulletins, through Sept. 30, 2009, we are running a little behind last year's giving and behind our expenditures for this year. We are trusting the Lord for a very strong last quarter to help make up this shortfall. Our Board of Deacons has decided that our special Thanksgiving and Christmas envelopes would be designated for this purpose. Please consider a special sacrificial gift during this time.



## SENIOR VAN TRIPS

### Friday, December 4th—American Music Theater's Christmas Show In Lancaster County

This will be our third trip to this great show, which is filled with wonderful entertainers presenting a variety of secular and gospel Christmas favorites. We have ordered 30 tickets for this show. For all of those who have joined us in the past, this is the highlight of our van trips for the year. Cost for the show and transportation will be \$40 per person and is due by Sunday, November 1st. Lunch will be separate.

Please let May Arra or Jim/Maryanne Yates know as soon as possible if you will be able to join us on one or both of these trips.



### HARVEST SUNDAY November 15, 2009

**Our annual gathering of food items for the students at Palmer Seminary will take place on November 15th. Do nations may be brought in starting Sunday, November 1st, and placed under the coat rack in the church hallway.**

#### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

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| Canned vegetables/fruits | coffee/tea        |
| canned meats             | crackers          |
| cereals                  | puddings/Jello    |
| peanut butter/jelly      | dried pasta, rice |
| canned/bottled juice     | noodles           |
| popcorn/snacks           | cookies           |
| salad dressings/sauces   | cake/brownie mix  |

(non-perishable items only)

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, December 6, 2009

(Immediately following morning worship)



## **Christmas Dinner at Caroline's Restaurant**

Celebrate Christmas with your church family! Our theme this year is "*Christmas Around the World.*" We will be asking individuals or families to make a short presentation of a Christmas custom in another land (possibly something from your family background).

Sit down dinner includes: Entrée—potato—vegetable—salad—dessert—rolls & butter—lemonade—coffee/tea. Price is \$17 per person for adults and \$10. for children. If you would be willing to be a part of our Christmas Around the World presentation, please let Jean Anderson know at 610-527-3639. Thanks.

## **F Y I**



**1/2 Price Groceries!** There is a non-profit program available that buys in bulk so that everyone can save money by placing large orders directly with food distributors, and you don't need to be "in need" to partake. Each month they have several different "packages" available and occasionally they have "specials." So I went to their website to find the nearest place to get these and it turns out that St. James in Prospect Park participates! I've attached a link to this program below and it sounds like a wonderful program. They have several close locations and you can search for different locations from this website. Happy Shopping!

**[www.angelfoodministries.com/menu](http://www.angelfoodministries.com/menu)**

(Submitted by Sandy Smith)

## November Birthdays

November 4	Emma Jean Murphy Tom Sheehan
November 10	Kay Kimmel
November 12	Leah LaPalombara
November 27	Gil Loyle



## **Do You Know the Difference Between Cold and Swine Flu Symptoms?**

<b><u>Symptoms</u></b>	<b><u>Cold</u></b>	<b><u>Swine Flu</u></b>
Fever	Fever is RARE	Fever is usually present w/ flu in up to 80% of cases.
Coughing	A hacking, mucus producing cough is often present w/ a cold.	A non-mucus producing cough is usually present w/ flu (often referred to as a dry cough).
Aches	Slight body aches and pains can be part of cold.	Severe aches and pains are common with the flu.
Stuffy Nose	Stuffy nose is commonly present w/ cold	Stuffy nose is not commonly present w/ the flu.
Chills	Chills are uncommon w/ a cold.	60% of people who have flu experience chills.
Tiredness	Tiredness is fairly mild w/ a cold.	Tiredness is moderate to severe with the flu.
Sneezing	Sneezing is commonly present w/ a cold.	Sneezing is not common w/ the flu.
Sudden Symptoms	Cold symptoms tend to develop over a few days.	The flu has a rapid onset within 3-6 hours. The flu hits hard and includes sudden symptoms like high fever, aches and pains.

### **THE FOLLOWING SIMPLE STEPS CAN STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS AND HELP TO PROTECT YOU FROM GETTING SICK:**

COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE W/ TISSUE WHEN COUGHING OR SNEEZING. If a tissue is unavailable, cough or sneeze into your bent elbow.

AVOID CLOSE CONTACT W/ THOSE WHO ARE SICK.

CLEAN YOUR HANDS OFTEN. Using soap and water for at least 20 seconds or an alcohol-based hand cleanser.

AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE OR MOUTH.

GET PLENTY OF SLEEP AND EXERCISE, DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS AND EAT HEALTHY.



# What's Cooking?

“This month’s recipe is from the Giada DeLaurentis

## Quick and Spicy Tomato Soup

### **Ingredients:**

Servings: 4 to 6

3 tablespoons olive oil  
2 carrots, peeled and chopped  
1 small onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 (28 oz.) jar marinara sauce (recommended: San Marzano brand)  
2 (14 oz.) cans chicken broth  
1 (15 oz. ) can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed  
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
1/2 cup pastina pasta (or any small pasta)  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

### **Directions:**

Warm the olive oil in a large soup pot over medium-high heat. Add the carrots, onion and garlic and sauté until soft, about 3 minutes. Add the jar of marinara sauce, chicken broth, cannellini beans, red pepper flakes, pasta, salt and pepper. Simmer for 10 minutes. Ladle into bowls and serve.

# Attitude of GRATITUDE

The Thanksgiving holiday reminds us that we should always be grateful for the many blessings God provides. Keep a special gratitude journal, and write in it often to keep an attitude of gratitude.

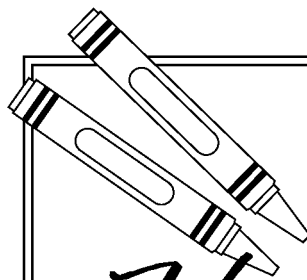


### What you need:

- Paper (8 1/2" x 11" sheets, plain or lined)
- Stapler
- Stickers
- Crayons or markers

### What you do:

1. Fold several sheets of paper in half.
2. Staple the pages together on the folded crease.
3. Write "Attitude of Gratitude" on the cover.
4. Decorate your journal with stickers and drawings.
5. On the inside cover, write "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).
6. Use your journal daily as a reminder of your blessings and as a guide for when you say prayers.



Just for **KIDS**

# He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

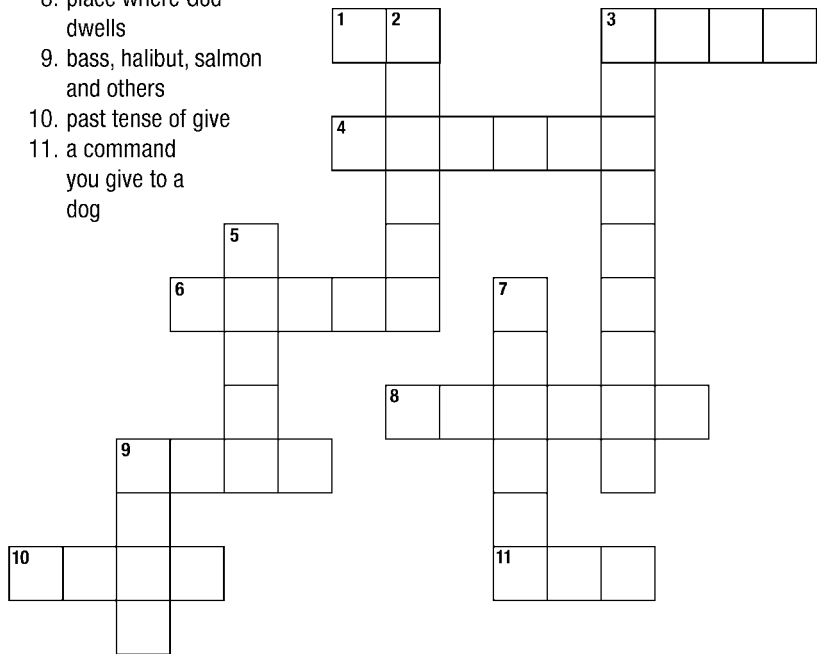
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

### Across

1. opposite of down
3. opposite of up
4. more than one loaf
6. penniless
8. place where God dwells
9. bass, halibut, salmon and others
10. past tense of give
11. a command you give to a dog

### Down

2. another name for humans
7. \_\_\_\_\_ giving
9. odd number after 4
5. what a lawnmower cuts



Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit  
Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

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