



Belvidere Evangelical Covenant Church's Monthly Newsletter

The BEACON

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Happy Birthday!

- 3-Jacqui Young
- 10-Linda Woods (Missionary)
- 12-Joyce Stroup
- 13-Donna West
- 13-Paul Noren (Missionary)
- 15-Lauren King
- 19-Deen Hulstedt
- 20-Cari Schirmer
- 21-Cal Johnson
- 22-Trudi Ainsworth
- 22-Mike Dunlap
- 29-Gordy Ellingson

Happy Anniversary!

- 5-Todd & Rhonda Yaun
- 8-Chuck & Joy Geortzen (Missionary)
- 12-Tim & Laura Rathburn
- 22-Mattt & Joyce Hulstedt
- 26-Jeff & Cindy Molosz



**The Assemblymen
Gospel Quartet**



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF MINISTRY
HIGHER POWER
IN CONCERT

Concerts in the Park

We are excited to once again host concerts at the Old Baltic Mill in Belvidere Park! These evenings of music and fellowship are a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time together with friends, family, and our community.

Please feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chair, or you are welcome to use one of the chairs we provide. In the event of rain, the concerts will be moved to the church.

We have plenty of flyers available, so please help us spread the word! Take one to share with a friend. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming performances:

July 26 – Assemblymen

August 2 – Higher Power Quartet

We look forward to seeing you for these fun evenings of great music and community! Email (Trudi.Ainsworth@gmail.com), text (608) 698-3745 or fill out the Communication Card on Sundays to sign up to serve.

Summer Classes

Pastor Darrell will be teaching a few summer seminars to help us grow in our relationship with God. Sign up for one or more via email or Communication Card at church. All will be hosted at the church on the lower level and will begin at 6 pm and end by 8 pm.

Wed, Aug. 19: Understanding the Bible & How to Study It. In this class we will learn more about the Bible and how it is meant to be studied and understood.

Tues, Aug. 25: The Attributes of God. This class will focus on God's character traits. What is He like? If you want to understand God better, join us.

Tues, Sept. 1: Can the Bible Be Trusted? This class will seek to answer this important question and why this question is debated, especially in recent decades.

Wed, Sept. 16: World Religions: Islam. This religion is growing throughout the globe and talked about on TV often. What do Muslims believe? What's the history of their faith? How does it compare to Christianity?

"Lunch Bunch"

You're invited to our monthly "Lunch Bunch" luncheon to connect with others and enjoy a delicious meal. It's low pressure, very casual, and a great way to get to know others.

**Tuesday, July 28 @ Ned's Diner,
State Street, Belvidere**

**Tuesday, August 25 @ Smokin' Coop BBQ,
State Street, Belvidere**

RSVP at the information table or via email to
Linda P35flyer@aol.com.

Let's get to know one another better!



MEN'S BREAKFAST
MEN OF ALL AGES INVITED

Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy

Belvidere Evangelical Covenant Church
220 E Harrison St, Belvidere
becov.org

Saturday, August 1
8 AM • Lower Level
Fellowship Center

\$6 per person age 13 & over

Time Flies in Summer!

Have you ever noticed how fast time flies during the summer months? Like in the winter, it seems like days are months and months are years as we persevere through the cold, but summer? It comes and goes before we know it. So, what are you doing this summer to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ? Here are some things to reflect on:

Are you reading your Bible daily? You don't need to spend hours, unless you want to, but spend 15 minutes per day in His Word. You'll be amazed at how much you will grow. Consider Proverbs. It has 31 chapters, thus read one chapter each day during the 31 days of August.

Are you taking notes during Sunday morning messages? Taking notes in church is invaluable, just like it was in school. It gives us one more way to remember what we are being taught. Then, you can review during the week, pray through them, or restudy the passage on your own.

Are you talking to God regularly? Paul calls us to "pray continually." How's your prayer life? You can pray anytime, anywhere, with anyone. You can pray with your eyes closed and hands folded, or you can pray with your eyes open as you drive down the road or as you shower and get ready for your day.

Are you in a small group? Gathering together with others to pray, study the Bible and share our lives is biblical and an important part of growing and maturing as followers of Jesus. Currently, we have three small groups with more coming. Maybe you're interested in leading a small group in your home or at the church? If so, see Pastor Darrell or Heather. We want more groups to choose from so everyone can be in one.

Are you always at worship on Sunday? Don't miss church just because it is summer. Make it the highlight of your week. We have the air conditioning on and are waiting for you. Regular church attendance doesn't mean twice per month or once per month. It means weekly.

Are you inviting your neighbors, friends and family to church with you?

During the summer, we see our neighbors outside of the house. It's a great time to say hello, let them know you have a new pastor, and invite them to join us. Remember, it takes an average of 5-7 invitations before someone says yes.

Let's all focus on Jesus and His church, and grow this summer! I love you all!

Pastor Darrell

Volunteers Needed at the County Fair

We will once again have our Rest Tent at the Boone County Fair from August 11–16. We will be offering fairgoers a cool drink of water, a place to rest, and a shady spot to relax during their time at the fair.

A signup sheet is available so you can volunteer for a shift at the Rest Tent. This community outreach ministry, also known as **servant evangelism**, takes many hands—not only to cover all the time slots during the fair, but also to help set up and take down the tent. **There are still spots available.**

We hope you will consider being part of this opportunity to serve our community. Whether you can help for a few hours or assist with setup or cleanup, your time and presence make a difference.

Thank you for helping us provide a welcoming place of hospitality at the Boone County Fair! Email (Trudi.Ainsworth@gmail.com), text (608) 698-3745 or fill out the Communication Card on Sundays to sign up to serve.

Morning Prayer Meetings

Come out on Tuesday mornings at 9 am for a time of prayer in the lower-level chapel. Pray out loud or pray silently, there's no pressure other than to come and pray. We had ten people at our first prayer meeting and hope to see it grow. Our church will only be as effective as our church family's prayer life.

Have You Discovered Your Spiritual Gifts

During July, we focused on discovering our spiritual gifts. Did you finish your assessment and get back the results? Did you follow-up in proclaiming what you're passionate about? If not, there's still time. Additional assessments are on the information table. When completed, pass them to Pastor Darrell or Heather and then you'll get the results either via email or snail mail. Everyone Matters!

Service Opportunities

Everyone makes a difference in their own way serving the Lord at BECC! Consider one of these service opportunities and see or email Pastor Darrell or Heather with questions. Or fill out the communication card on Sundays, write the team you are interested in, give it to any usher, and we will be in touch with you.

Worship – Vocalists or Instrumentalists

Media Team – Click the computer during services or monitor the sound.

Ushers Team – Make everyone feel at home from the moment they arrive.

Facilities Team—We need folks who love working with their hands to serve God—painting, hanging things, moving things, etc.

Hospitality Team—need one person to serve with Pastor D organizing and refilling the hospitality lobby and pew seat-backs on the weekly basis. Minimal time commitment, but make a big difference.

Weed Whippers—Need people to bring their weed whipper to the church and spend time with others clearing the weeds off the parking lot.

HS Football!

High school football kicks off Friday, July 21! Belvidere North will play at Harlem at 7 pm, while Belvidere will play Hononegah at home at 6 pm. Let's go out and support our community teams!

New Website

We are updating our website name and design! The new web address will go "live" over the next few weeks. You will start receiving pastor@belvidere.church email very soon. The becov.org website will phase out once the new one is fully "live."

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