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Sunday Worship Services

Bel Air UMC (21 Linwood Avenue)
8:00 & 9:20 AM* ~ Traditional
9:20 AM* ~ "Ignite" Youth Worship
11:00 AM* ~ "The Vine" Contemporary

Mt. Carmel Chapel

(Corner of Wheel & Emmorton Roads)
5:00 PM ~ Traditional

Sunday Christian Learning

(21 Linwood Avenue)
KINGDOM KIDZ
9:20 & 11:00 AM BAUMC
Infants-Grade 5 & Adults

11:00 Confirmation

(September-January)

Adult Christian Learning

9:20 & 11:00 AM

*Childcare Provided

We, the congregation of Bel Air UMC, are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ, as we *SHOW* all people the way to the Father, teach them to *KNOW* the Son, Jesus Christ, and prepare them to *GROW* in faith and ministry, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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FROM THE PASTOR

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35 NLT

These words by the Apostle Paul are at the center of what you do, when you serve here at Bel Air. The reason we have over 700 people serving in a variety of ministries, is you get it! It **is** better to give than to receive! You would much rather serve a meal at Manna House, than sit and have someone serve you. You give of your time to teach a class, to pray for the needs that come in the Prayer Chain email, or greet or usher or hang out in the waiting room of the County Jail.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, we want to **CELEBRATE** everyone who serves in one of about 100 serving opportunities here at Bel Air. I know that some of you don't want "applause" or "recognition" for what you do, but we are told to always be thankful and the Clergy and Staff of Bel Air want to let you know that we are **THANKFUL** for how God is working in and through you!!!

I like how Pastor Steve Sjogren, who in his book, *Seeing Beyond Church Walls*, wrote: *"We love, serve, and care for others because that is normal behavior for people who are filled with God's Spirit. We are Christians. Christ was the ultimate servant. We can't help but serve because the Spirit of the Servant has filled our hearts. When we serve, we are just being who we naturally are."*

Recently I was at a worship conference where Mike Slaughter, Lead Pastor at Ginghamburg UMC, talked about how he was creating a church culture where there are no volunteers. Rather, at his church they refer to volunteers as "Unpaid Servants". The difference he explained is that people who volunteer do it on their time when they have time to spare, here as "Unpaid Servants" are Christ followers who are in the service of their Lord and Savior and realize that service is a response to the Holy Spirit living within them. The result is that the church and world is transformed as we look at service as a natural and expected part of being in the body of Christ, not something we do when we have extra time on our hands.

I want to invite each of our "Unpaid Servants" to join us in worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, and let us give thanks for your acts of service! After each of the services, we invite you to gather for some refreshments as we celebrate the difference you are making in our church and community!

Serving together,

Barry

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Men's Fellowship Group meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:00 AM in Room 115?
- The next mission dinner will be on Wednesday, May 12 and will be a turkey dinner to benefit the Russian Outreach Ministry?
- Vacation Bible School will be held June 21-June 25 and registration forms are available from the church office?
- Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 16 and we will be recognizing our high school and college graduates of all ages?
- We need the name of your student and the school from which they are graduating (either High School, college, etc.) by May 10?
- The snow removal bill for the church this winter was over \$30,000 and you may still make a gift to offset the snow expense?
- The next Blood Drive will be on Monday, May 10?
- The Sjogren's Syndrome Support Group, a chronic autoimmune inflammatory disease in which moisture-producing glands are damaged, meets at the church quarterly and the next meeting is May 15 at 10:00 AM in room 103?
- The Bel Air United Methodist Sing a Long Group have received The Volunteer of the Year Award from The Bel Air Health and Rehab Center?
- Kingdom Kidz at 9:20 and 11:00 will continue through the summer months and will need some additional volunteers? Contact Joni Behrendt, behrendtj@baumc.com for more information.
- Vacation Bible School is in need of props that have to do with sailing? Mark it with your name and drop it off at church. We will return it following VBS (after June 25).



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM

*Katherine Ann Burgess
Christian Gale Charlton
Benjamin Patrick Dull
Shyanne Marie Greene
Carter Michael Grenoble
Brendan Michael Treat*



*“Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.”*

The Baptismal Covenant Service Of
The United Methodist Church

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry hosted a workshop on Saturday April 17 in McComas Hall. We had 81 participants from 19 congregations in Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. It was great to see so many people interested in the Christian care giving ministry from St. Louis. Our parish has been part of the Stephen Ministry since 2006. We have nine Stephen Ministers and two leaders.

Would you like to know more about the Stephen Ministry? There is an eight minute piece featured on PBS that vividly describes how Stephen Ministry is changing the lives of people and their congregations. You may go to www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics and then click on the Stephen Ministry feature of April 9. Please see Connie McNey or Rev. Carol for any questions.



MINISTRY AND MISSION

Please hold Dave Walker in prayer as he begins his mission as Interim Director of Children of Zion Village, Namibia, Africa. He will serve as spiritual leader and director for AIDS orphans, staff and volunteer missionaries. Part of his joy will be providing daily devotions for staff and younger children. Dave says he especially loves how the little ones cuddle next to him and sing praise songs as they are so filled with joy. Among other duties, Dave will:



- * Act as the legal guardian of 57 orphaned African children (1-19 years of age)
- * Supervise a 22-member staff and a number of volunteers
- * Oversee the Children of Zion School (private Christian school)
- * Interface with social services and government agencies
- * Provide for the children's medical needs and appointments
- * Shop for food (can you imagine shopping for 57 kids plus volunteers?)
- * Supply food for the neighboring village at Mfuta Feeding Center (usually the only food they get for the week)
- * Provide transportation to sports activities in remote bush areas
- * Move the older children into a brand new transitional home (which he helped to build on his last trip)
- * Build chicken coops which will provide income from eggs and meat
- * Repair the road leading to the village because of flooding

As you can see, Dave has quite a job before him – but it will be a labor of love. He views his mission as seeing to the needs of the beautiful children who have lost their parents to AIDS. At the mission site, these boys and girls receive love, nutrition, shelter, health care, academic, vocational and Bible education. Dave says, “God has undeniably called my heart to share with those beautiful children the love and grace which He has given me. It is an awesome privilege to live with them, to love them, and to experience their joy in the Lord. By our standards they have little...though they do have the necessities (which they would not have as village orphans) but these kids are so rich in gratitude and love for God and for each other. Like kids everywhere, they love to have someone who takes time to listen to them... to care about them...to love them.”

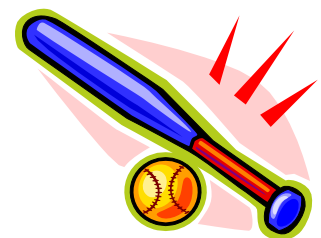
On this trip, Dave will have the privilege and blessing of preparing to welcome the new permanent missionaries who will arrive in about 6 months who will become “parents” to the children and who will provide stability after a year of change.

God is at work in the world. Join in God’s work by praying for Dave, the children, the staff, and the volunteers.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN IRONBIRDS GAME

The Baltimore Suburban District will go to the IronBirds game at Ripken’s on **Friday, August 6**. We have reserved the picnic pavilion once again and will have dinner there. Cost is \$30 per person which includes your ticket, free hat; program and all-you-can eat meal. Parking is free. Game time: 7:05 PM

You may send in your reservation along with your check to the attention of Sandra Cockrell, Baltimore-Washington Conference, Baltimore Region/ IronBirds, 7178 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21045. If you have any questions please feel to contact Sandra Cockrell at scockrell@bwcumc.org.



YOUTH NEWS

Youth/Adult Help Needed For Baltimore Mission

For the past 7 summers, the Youth Mission team of Bel Air Methodist Church has been going to Baltimore for a week to work with inner city children and youth and teach them about Jesus. I initially believed that was the purpose God had in mind for sending us there. But every year He has shown us a different and broader purpose for us being there and I now know that teaching the children about Jesus through Vacation Bible School and our example and our love is only one part of His plan. You see, God never wastes anything. He wants to do a work in EVERYONE! In this ministry, our youth are actually the ones who do most of the planning/ teaching in the Vacation Bible School program and in the “afternoon groups” that we do (i.e. cooking, crafts, games, sports, jewelry making, science experiments, etc.....whatever the gifts/passions of the group are each year). As adult leaders, we help, encourage and mentor them in learning to discover and use their gifts for the Lord. This experience is helping to build our youth into Christian leaders.

Several years ago, we also started a “mom’s group” in the afternoon and are also feeling called to minister to the neighborhoods around the Agape House—the mission at which we serve. God has opened up the hearts and minds of our youth and adults to a much larger worldview than what we have here living in Bel Air and we have learned to have compassion, acceptance and love for people of other cultures, races and socio-economic backgrounds. As always, He has done just as big a work in our hearts as He has done in the children whom we serve. Our presence and help down there each summer and each month during “Saturday School,” supports and encourages the pastor and his staff and congregation to press on—even in the face of hard ministry. What a work He has done and will continue to do in all of us!

We are looking for youth AND adults (who have a heart for youth, children and Christ) to serve on the Baltimore Mission team this summer. We can also use people who cannot go on the trip, but can help with the planning, shopping, fundraising, making materials, prayer partner, paying for a youth or leader to go, etc. Please prayerfully consider how you might help in this important mission opportunity. Pastor Robinson, the pastor from the Agape House will be preaching at Ignite at 9:20 on May 9th and there will be an informational meeting for youth, college students, parents and other adults in the Youth Center on May 11th at 6:00 p.m. Weekly team meetings will follow on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.—right before TNT. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the youth center or call/e-mail Tom Hodges (hodgest@baumc.com), Mark Ciampaglio (markciampaglio@gmail.com) or Sue Muir (suesmuir@yahoo.com), if you have any questions or can help.

Youth Dates To Remember

- Saturday, May 15
Saturday School to Agape House, Baltimore (leave church 11:30 am – 4 pm)
- Wednesday, June 9
Mission Dinner – 5-7 pm (mark this date to help serve)
- Friday, June 11
Orioles Baseball game at Camden Yards Cost: \$12 RSVP by May 23 (Leave church around 5 PM)
- Saturday, June 27 – July 3
- Sunday July 4
Sno-Cones Fundraiser during Bel Air parade
- Sunday, July 25 – July 30
Mission Trip to Baltimore Cost: \$100



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Tom & Kelly Albright joins by confession of faith. They have two children Gabby and Gavin. Thomas is an Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton and she is a Fitness Instructor/Personal Trainer. Thomas is originally from California, and grew up in many places and Kelly is originally from Nebraska and they moved here in December 2005. His hobbies are soccer, golf and both are into Fitness. They became interested in BAUMC through friends and have been attending since June 2009. Features that they looked for in a church were small group and family activities. They attend 9:20 service.

Steve & Robin Argabright joins by confession of faith. They have two children, Paige and Riley. Steven is a sales manager at Vector Security. They were both born in Baltimore, MD. His interests are History and Sports. They went to a couple of churches to find the best fit for them. The first time they attended BAUMC, they felt very welcome and decided that this was the church for them. They've been attending since 2005. Features that they looked for in a church are feeling welcome and spiritual growth. They attend 9:20 service.

Lauren Barber joins through confession of Faith. She is married to Damien Barber and they have two children, Hayden and Mitchell. She majored in Early Children Education at Towson University. She is a kindergarten teacher for Harford County Public Schools. She is originally from Maryland. She likes staying fit, swimming and cooking. She was married here at BAUMC and had both children baptized here. A feature that she is looking for in a church is people she can trust to help her grow in her Christian faith and to learn more about the bible. She would like to be an outreach volunteer and work with youth. She attends The Vine.

Steven & Jennifer Barry joins by confession of faith. They have three children Lily, Zachary and Nicholas. Steven is a Software Engineer at Northrop Gruman. Steven is originally from New Jersey and moved to Maryland in 1993 while Jennifer lived in Maryland most of her life. Her interests and talents are cooking, playing the piano and exercising. They've been attending BAUMC since 2002. Features that they looked for in a church were to have a feeling of togetherness and plenty of opportunities for their children to become involved. They attend 9:20 service.

Laura Bolt joins by confession of faith. Laura and her husband, Jerry were married by Rev. Peggy Groseclose in 2001. They have three children, Brittney, Robert and Jordan. She bakes cookies for the hospitality team when cookies are needed. She attends 9:20.

Dick Cook VMD joins by confession of faith. He has been involved in the Chabadza Team He has been attending the 8:00 service since March 2006 Dr Cook is a Veterinarian at the Bel Air Veterinary Hospital.

Debbie Crabtree joins by confession of faith. She is married to Rommel and they have two children, Cari Ann and Curtis. Deborah is a Registered Nurse at Upper Chesapeake Health and works on a general medical/surgical floor that specializes in Oncology. Deborah is originally from Maryland. She enjoys reading, crocheting, hiking, baking and traveling. She volunteers with the Scout Troop that meets here, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Altar Guild, bakes cookies and attended the Alpha class in Fall 2009. Her son, Curtis joined three years ago and she's been coming ever since. She attends 9:20 service.

Gary Davis transferred his membership from Loch Raven UMC and **Karen** joins by confession of faith. They have two children, Adam and Meghan. Gary is a TV producer for Maryland Public Television and Karen is employed with Harford Mutual. Gary and Karen are life long Marylanders. He coaches lacrosse and is a Cub Scout leader. They became interested in BAUMC through family connection, Doug & Janet Dorer and have attended since 2008. Features that they looked for in a church were an active Youth and Children's program. They attend 9:20 service.

Kevin Dull transferred his membership from Shiloh UMC in Hampstead, MD and **Christy** joins our congregation by confession of faith. They have two children Brayden and Benjamin. Kevin is a Systems Engineer at Northrop Gruman. They are originally from Maryland and his interest is golf and Christy likes to play tennis, volleyball, swimming and watching movies. They became interested in BAUMC through friends, Jon & Jill Miller and Tiny Tots since 2009. Features that they looked for in a church were the organized activities for their family and the fact that we are community oriented. They attend 9:20 service.

Douglas Ellington transferred his membership from Timonium UMC and **Dannielle Ellington** joins by confession of faith. They have three children, Steven, Kevin and Kristen. Douglas works with US DEA and she is a store manager at IKEA. They were born in Maryland and loves spending time with their family and Douglas also likes sports. They've been attending since September 2001. Features that they looked for in a church were a good Sunday School program, Youth and Family activities and a strong Music Ministry. They attend 9:20 service.

Griff Evans joins by confession of faith and **Debbie** will be transferring her membership from St. Johns Episcopal, Glyndon, MD. They have two children, Grace and Cole. Charles is a VP/Partner at Ecological Restoration & Management Inc. Debra is self employed in Marketing communications and is originally from Atlanta, GA. What she looks for in a church is fellowship and children's activities. They attend 9:20 service.

Bill & Barb Fosnaught transferred their membership from Bethesda UMC. William is a software engineer at CSX Technology. They are originally from Maryland. They both like to play golf and he likes the beach and she likes scrapbooking. They've been attending MT Carmel since 2004. Features that they looked for in a church are a family atmosphere, great people, and weekly message to guide them through the week.

Kenny Gibson joins by confession of faith. Ken is originally from Maryland. His special interests/talents/hobbies is music, working with Youth so they stay off the street. He would like to become involved with Manna House, Homeless Shelter, sort food and blood drive. He's been attending since October 2009. He attends 9:20 service.

George & Angie Gill joins by confession of faith. George is self-employed doing installation and repair of telephone systems and Angie is retired. They are originally from Maryland. His special interests/talents/hobbies is boating and working with his hands while she loves spending time with her grandchildren. They became interested in BAUMC through Rick & Angie Schulte since November 2009. George helps Rick with handyman work around the church. Features that they looked for in a church is fulfilling and inspirational services and volunteer work. They attend 9:20 service.

Wayne Goddard transferred his membership from La Plata UMC .He is married to Mollie and has two children, Sabrina and Carson. Wayne is an attorney at Cuomo & Goddard, LLP. Wayne lived in Maryland his entire life. He lives on a farm and has an antique tractor that he is restoring. His special interests/talents/hobbies is real estate, tractor pulling, construction and property management. He has served as an usher. He became interested in BAUMC through his mother Dottie Goddard. Wayne's been attending BAUMC since 2001. Features that he looked for in a church are good sermons on relevant topics. He attends 9:20 service.

Libby Hafer joins our congregation by confession of faith. She is married to a "wonderful man" Randall Hafer for 38 ½ years and has two lovely daughters. She is an office manager for Paul's Utility Co., Inc. She's lived in Maryland all adult her life. She likes to needlepoint, cooking soups, she is a super "Meemaw" to four grandsons and she likes to work with seniors and young children. Her daughter Lauren Barber is also a new member. She was looking for a church to strengthen her faith. She attends The Vine.

Joy Maynard joins by confession of faith. Joy is a mother and caregiver of seven children Aurora, Nicholas, Christopher, James, Cale, Kyle and KJ. Joy moved in 1997 to Columbia, MD then to Abingdon in July 2008. She home schools and takes care of a large family and she became interested in BAUMC when she moved to this area back in July 2008. She is co-leader of the acolytes and is involved with the Flower Mart, is a Sunday School helper for the 1st graders and is also in the Altar Guild. She attends the 8:00 service.

Isaya Mutombo joins by confession of faith and **Michelle** transferred her membership from Elverson United Methodist Church. Isaya is an Engineer at Constellation Energy and she is a Speech pathologist at HCPS. Isaya is originally from Zimbabwe and moved to Maryland in 2007 and Michelle is originally from New Jersey and moved to Maryland in 2008. Isaya and Michelle just got married on 03/06/2010 and now they are a family of 5, Emmalyn, Legault, Tsvaki, Mutombo and Panash. Isaya's special interests are helping kids through their school activities and hers are children's activities, reading, sports and music. They've been attending BAUMC since 2007. Features that they looked for in a church is fellowship and building a strong relationship with the community. They attend 9:20.

Sandy Parker-Monk joins our congregation by confession of faith. Sandra is a Program Manager in the US Army and gets to do some fun traveling. She is originally from Colorado and moved to Maryland in 1987. Her special interests/talents/hobbies is reading, knitting, skiing, golf, home improvement and gardening. She would like to become involved with the casserole ministry and service projects at BAUMC. Her son Ryan is a Full Member and has been attending since 1997. Features that she looked for in a church is service to the community and spiritual growth. She attends 9:20 service.

Steve & Kim Pugh transferred their membership from Edgewood Baptist Church. He attended Harford Community College and is self employed doing home improvements and she is employed by US Property & Fiscal Office as Supervisory Supply Systems Analyst. They have two children, Joshua and Amanda. Steve has been living in Harford County since 1962 and he likes sports, cycling and camping while Kim has lived in Maryland all her life and her special interests/talent/hobbies is Ballet teacher/choreographer, camping, and bike riding. Kim and Steve became interested in BAUMC through a friend who no longer attends. They've been attending since 1989. Features she is looking for is community and friends with same beliefs. They attend 9:20 service.

Paul & Kristine Treat transferred their membership from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA. Paul is an Assistant Tech Director at the US Army Test and Evaluation Command. Paul is originally from New Mexico and Kristine is originally from Michigan and they moved to Maryland in 2009. They have a son, Brendan who will be one in May. Paul likes music and Kristine likes to take care of their son, explore cooking new recipes, follow politics and read. They became interested in BAUMC when one day they drove by the church on a Thursday evening last summer when they were on a house-hunting trip. They were impressed by the number of cars in the parking lot on a weeknight. Features that they looked for in a church is a diverse repertoire of activities for members to choose to honor God. They attend 9:20 service

Shawn & Claire Vallowe joins our congregation by confession of faith. They have a son, Noah. Shawn is a teacher at HCPS and Claire is a secretary at HCPS. Shawn moved to Maryland in 2001 and Claire was born in Maryland but lived mostly in AA County. He enjoys watching sports and coaching football at Patterson Mill and she likes spending time with her family and their dog Jimmy. They walked in one Sunday and really enjoyed what Barry had to say and felt very comfortable with everyone and knew it was the right place for them. Features that they looked for in a church are caring and sincere people and open environment. They love the fact that the people are extremely friendly and willing to accept their family. They attend 9:20 service.

Ed & Jane Wahba transferred their membership from Salem UMC. Ed is a civil servant for the Federal Government and she is retired from US Airways. Ed is originally from Egypt and has been in Maryland since 1982 while Jane is originally from Lewisburg, PA and moved to Maryland in 1974. He enjoys yard work and boating while she likes gardening, antiques traveling and boating. They've been attending for about a year. They attend 8:00 service.

Nicole Warner transferred from First United Methodist Church of Aliquippa - PA. She majored in elementary education/Special Ed at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. She is a Special Ed IEP mentor at HCPS, her husband is Steven Warner. She is originally from Monaca, PA (near Pittsburg), and lived in MD since August 2005. She likes to oil paint, draw sing, dance, play piano, work with children and teach. When she moved here, she was drawn to BAUMC. She attended one Sunday and has been attending ever since (August 2005) She is looking for a church that has good community and outreach services. She attends 9:20 and The Vine.

Jon and Dione White joins by confession of faith. Jon is a service manager for FedEx Ground and Dione is a Social Worker. They have a daughter, Kasey. Jon is originally from PA and moved to Maryland in 1999 while Dione is originally from Florida and moved to Maryland in 2001. Jon likes to golf, skiing, football and NASCAR. They became interested in BAUMC through the Tiny Tots program and decided to join because of the Children's programs and activities. They attend The Vine.

*Interested in membership at Bel Air UMC?
Contact Lisa Wolf, wolfl@baumc.com or 410-838-5181, ext 17.*

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Our church will join other believers across this country in the National Day of Prayer. This annual event will be held Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 PM at our historic Mount Carmel Chapel.

Throughout our Nation's history, Americans have gathered together in moments of great challenges and uncertainty to lift up this land, its leaders, and its people to our Lord in repentance and humbleness. This year's theme is *"Prayer, For Such a Time As This"* Please take time from your busy schedule to remember the founding of this great republic and come together with other Christians in a spirit of unity and prayer.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

COMING TO BAUMC

The Russian United Methodist Praise Team, directed by the Rev. Irina Mitina, pastor of Resurrection UMC in Vorenezh, Russia, will sing at Bel Air UMC on Saturday, June 5th and Sunday, June 6th. They will sing at the 7:00 PM Prayer & Praise Service on Saturday night, and at the 8:00 AM and 9:20 AM services on Sunday morning. Rev. Mitina will also speak at these services. She speaks excellent English and her testimony will be a great blessing.



The Praise Team, along with Bishop Hans Vaxby, will be attending the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference in Baltimore, prior to coming to us. The Conference will be emphasizing the United Methodist Church's Russian Outreach Mission. This is a wonderful opportunity to build our relationship with our Russian sisters and brothers, and enjoy their music.

The Rev. Irina Efremova, Director of Camp Chrystal in Vorenezh and the head of the Russian United Methodist Women (UMW), will also be with the group. On Saturday afternoon, she will be meeting with members of the Bel Air UMW. This is a unique opportunity to share our mission and ideas with her.



Prior to the Prayer & Praise Service, everyone is invited to come for an old-fashioned picnic supper beginning at 6:00 PM. This month's Saturday evening service will be held in Room 202 (the new Fellowship Room) in Armstrong Center.

DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT VINE



Dear friends of The Vine,

I was asked to share an update on the status of The Vine (the worship service formerly known as WoW). God is doing some great things at 11:00. I am so thankful for the support of Bel Air UMC in giving me this opportunity to build relationships as we vision to moving a launch team off-site in the coming months. When that will be and who will go are still unknowns, not because we are failing to plan, but because we are still discerning and praying over who and when and where. I do know that God is assembling a strong team of core leaders and this is the most critical piece. I also know that we have begun to attract young families and disenfranchised church attendees as we offer creative ways to engage with God. Chocolate for Lent was a great teaching series for us. The prayer labyrinth was a gift to our church and community (we'd love to hear the stories of your walk). Easter was a GREAT celebration and this new Forgotten God series can be defining for us as we seek to live by the Spirit.

Of course many of you will not be called to do mission work offsite. But we are looking for Christ-followers who will support us with your prayers and financial gifts above and beyond your generous gifts to BAUMC. We are missionaries in America stepping out to reach those disconnected from Christ. If you want to stay connected to what we are doing, please sign up to receive our (fairly) weekly Grape.Vine or become a fan of The Vine on facebook. We are also exploring a shareholders newsletter for those who choose to support us with prayer and financial gifts.

What are our needs now? Both mother and daughter need financial resources to be able to start this third campus (Mt.Carmel is second). And we continue to need leaders and unpaid servants to support our hospitality, children and worship ministries. And truly, we need prayer. No endeavor for God should be attempted without prayer – especially in the important work of establishing new territory for the Kingdom of God. There is and will spiritual warfare until Christ comes again. Finally, continue to pray for Michelle and Laz in Uganda. We have hopeful signs that the impasse will soon be broken as our legislators step into fix someone overstepping her powers. We soon hope to share our joy with you.

God Bless,
Stan

BAUMC SCHOLARSHIP

The Bel Air UMC College Scholarship Fund came about by the generosity of Ben and Rachel Tobin who gave a \$10,000 gift in 1980. It turned into a memorial that continues to live, and continues to give yearly. This generous gift, as well as other donations, has allowed the church to give out 115 scholarships to high school seniors through 2009 for a total of \$59,730. Please consider making a donation to the College Scholarship Fund when the Special Offering envelope in May will be available for a contribution. On May 16th the Celebration Sunday will be held when our 2010 scholarship award winners will be recognized.





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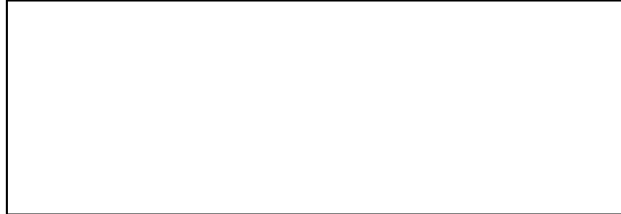
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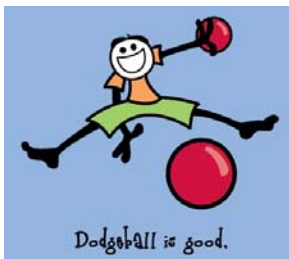
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Dodgeball Tournament

Middle School – Friday, May 21
Registration: 4:30 – 6 p.m.
Games Start: 6:15 p.m.

High School & Up – Saturday, May 22
Registration: 2:30 – 4 p.m.
Games Start: 4:15 p.m.

All teams must have at least 6 players. **Registration cost is \$5 per person/player.**
**All rules and team guidelines are available for download on the
www.belairdodgeball.com website.**

For middle school, 5 of the 6 players must be of middle school age.
By registering, you are agreeing not to hold Bel Air UMC liable for injury.
Hot dogs and cold drinks are available for purchase.

**Location: Bel Air United Methodist Church Gym
21 Linwood Ave.
Bel Air, MD.**