



The Spire

BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 2009

**BEL AIR UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
21 LINWOOD AVENUE
BEL AIR MD, 21014-3914
Phone: 410-838-5181
410-879-2797
Fax: 410-893-8363
Email: info@baumc.com

Sunday Worship Services

Bel Air UMC

8:00 & 9:20 AM

Traditional

9:20 AM

"Ignite" Youth Worship

11:00 AM

Contemporary

Mt. Carmel Chapel

(Corner of Wheel And

Emmorton Roads)

7:00 PM

HopeVine

(Off Site Ministry)

Rev. Stan Cardwell

(cardwells@baumc.com)

Sunday School

9:20 & 11:00 AM BAUMC

Infants-Grade 5 & Adults

11:00 Confirmation

(September-January)

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

What's Inside?

Up & Coming

Page 2

Did You Know?

Page 2

Celebrate & Give Thanks

Page 2

What's New At BAUMC

Page 3

Kingdom Kidz

Page 3

New Sermon Series

Page 3

Youth News

Page 4

Mission Corner

Page 4

Adult Discipleship

Page 5

Who's Who?

Page 6

Parenting Simulcast

Page 6

From The Pastor...

The start of the new school year is always a time of excitement, anticipation and a good dose of uneasiness and fear! Holly and I have pictures of Sarah, Rachel and Garon heading out the door with their backpack and a "smile" on their face. Maybe the smile was for the camera, or maybe they couldn't wait to ride the school bus for the first time. For Mom and Dad, it was a time of both excitement and loss. We were excited about the opportunities that were ahead for our children, but we also felt the loss of what was familiar and comfortable. We knew that some day, we would be waving good-bye as they rode away on their first day of school, or headed off to college, or drove off in a car with "Just Married" on the back window.

The reason we put our children on that school bus is that we know that we are only parents for a season. **Children are a gift from God** and God allows us to raise them, love them, discipline them, teach them and finally let them go. We will also be parenting them, but we first must understand that each child is a gift from God!

As you read this newsletter, you will find several ways in which we as a church will help parents and children be all that God wants them to be! My sermon series called "**Parenting Works**" will focus on the "Work" that each of us needs to do, so that all children grow up to know and serve God.

All of us have parenting responsibilities! At least once a month, during baptism services, we all make a promise to help parents when we agree to nurture one another in the Christian faith and life; we include the "babies, children and adults" as part of our care! Parenting is not easy and our children need more than a MOM and a DAD to parent them. They need the Body of Christ!

So what are we doing at Bel Air to help?

1. The Parenting Simulcast on November 14 9-430PM is one place where parents will get good insight from some other parents who have had some success! What can you do if your children are out of the house right now? Offer to babysit for a family or occupy their teenage children so they can attend the simulcast. Buy a couple of tickets and give them to your children or neighbor as a gift. Volunteer to help with the planning team. Contact Joni Behrendt.

2. KINGDOM KIDZ – Sunday School will be an exciting place for children to experience the love and life of Jesus. Check out what is happening in the Kingdom Palace in Room 101.

3. Confirmation – We want every youth to meet Jesus and not just learn a bunch of Bible facts. We want to partner with parents, so their youth will want to learn more about a life-changing faith in Jesus Christ.

4. WOW Worship – We are changing how we do worship at 11:00 service because sometimes as parents, we struggle when our children go off to college, get married or move out of the house and then don't find a place to worship that meets their spiritual needs. As parents, we know that our children see the world and life differently from us, so our church is committed to trying something new, in order to be spiritual parents to some of our children or somebody else's children.

I invite you to join with me and do the hard work of parenting. We know the greatest rewards in life are when we see the successful and godly life of a son or daughter, student, athlete, or grandchild. I invite you to pray for the many ways we can help people to grow up in their faith and become spiritual "parents" for others.

Up And Coming

Grief Share begins on September 1. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one or know someone that is, please call the church office (410-838-5181) to register for this 13 week course.

Blood Drive. Did you realize that donating blood doesn't cost you anything except a little time? If you qualify as a blood donor, please consider donating at the next Blood Drive on September 14. You may register for an appointment on the sign up sheet on the wall across from the church office. Walk-ins are always welcome. Stop by on September 14 from 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM and give the gift of life.

ALPHA: A Practical Introduction to the Christian Faith

Introductory session on Monday, September 21, 2009 7pm - 9 pm; Classes are September 28 through November 30, 2009 6:15 - 9:00 pm, with a special retreat day Saturday, November 7. **Be our guest on this ELEVEN week journey through the basics of Christian faith. Each session of Alpha includes a meal, an engaging message and interactive small group time. Ideal for anyone who desires to learn more about Christian faith. Bring your friends! To register, contact Lisa Wolf in the church office at 410-838-5181 or wolfl@baumc.com**

DivorceCare will be held September 16 through December 16 at 6:30 pm. This course is led by Vicki Klingmeyer and Ted Whittock and you may register by calling the church office (410-838-5181).

UMW Social Awareness Program

The Bel Air United Methodist Women, in cooperation with Eden Mill Nature Center, will present the award-winning film ***Kilowatt Ours: A Plan to Re-Energize America on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM.*** This is the story of filmmaker and conservationist Jeff Barrie's journey across the country to document our energy-related problems and present practical, cost-saving solutions for consumers. The film illustrates practical solutions that can help homeowners save on energy bills, while also protecting our health and the environment.

The Kill-A-Watt meter will also be demonstrated. This device can be used by families to "test" energy usage of electrical appliances in the home, including finding "phantom loads" (electricity used even though appliances are turned off) and how dollars can be saved by smart usage.

Everyone is invited to this informative program which will present simple, practical, and affordable solutions to America's energy crisis. These ideas will help the consumer save electricity, money, and reduce the carbon footprint on the environment.

For more information, contact Colleen Dombroskie at 410-838-6198 or colleendombroskie@comcast.net.

Let's Celebrate And Give Thanks!

Thank you for your financial/material donation to Alpha's Glory Crisis Pregnancy Center. This outreach to the community requires a team effort. Those of us who work day to day on the front lines depend on you who pray and support the center financially and through material donations. You help form the strong foundation on which this ministry stands. Together we give God the glory for rescued lives, new lives in Christ, and changed lives.

Alpha's Glory Crisis Pregnancy Center

To the members and staff of Bel Air United Methodist Church: Your generosity and hospitality to NAMI Harford County continue to be a loving, welcoming expression of the love of Christ. Thank you for allowing NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) to continue to use your wonderful church building for our support and educational meetings for the families with mental illness.

Mary Lee Hutchins

I wanted to thank you for your prayers, your cards, your phone calls, etc. Also much thanks to Rev. Carol and to Lee Lederer for their anointing. I felt well covered and surrounded by God's grace. I praise him for my uneventful and much less difficult than expected recovery.
Velma Sherwood

Did You Know?

- Did you know Morning Fellowship is moving to Room 202 (by the Library) on Sept. 28?
- 144 families have responded positively to receive the SPIRE by e-mail?
- Approximately 60 Baltimore City youth spent Friday, July 31 at BAUMC as part of the Baltimore City Mission?
- The Wesley Choir is looking for a pianist? The Wesley's practice on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.
- Rev. Doug Hollida is looking for someone to direct the Hand Bell Choir?
- The next Baptism Class will be held on September 1 at 7:00 PM?
- The next Wednesday Mission Dinner will be on September 9 at 5:00 PM? This chicken and garden vegetable dinner will benefit Habitat for Humanity.
- The Men's Fellowship Breakfast Group is held every 1st and 3rd Saturday at 8:00 AM in the Community and is open to all men in the congregation?
- We currently deliver food to 245 Seniors the last Thursday of each month?
- Small group leaders are still needed for *Kingdom Kidz* at both 9:20 and 11:00?
- Openings for preschool children are still available in the Tiny Tots School at BAUMC for the 2009-2010 school year?
- The Children's Christian Center of BAUMC provides before and after school care for Kindergarten-Grade 8 children and all day child-care for ages 3 & 4?
- Over \$1400 was raised in the "Hair Wars Challenge" for the purchase of mosquito netting for families in Africa. (*Pastor Tom is celebrating that he got to keep his hair and Joel is now sporting hats everywhere he goes!*)



"Now you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."
1 Corinthians 12:27

What's New At Bel Air UMC?

As many of you have heard, there are important changes occurring with our 11:00 service. Our WOW Team (Worship Organization Workgroup) has spent many countless hours, over one year, researching the best way to reach the un-churched and de-churched, and the missing generations in our community. Our conclusions have led us to the revamping of the 11:00 service into something more contemporary, more casual, more direct, and more compelling, to reach out to the missing and the lost.

The move to McComas Hall on **September 28** will allow seekers and worshippers to see God in a more relaxed atmosphere, free of the trappings and perceptions which prevent many from coming through the door. The more socially friendly environment will also help in the building of community within our church. We are so excited to move forward in God's work, and we sincerely hope the excitement is catching! We need volunteers, teams to handle small and large details, and most importantly, prayer. Our team is reaching out to our church, as a whole community, to rise to the occasion of the new 11:00 service launch, to ensure the Gospel of Jesus Christ will reach farther than our doors, and our mission of love will transform our community and world. Will you consider serving in this new and exciting worship and discipleship opportunity? Contact Stan Cardwell at cardwells@baumc.com.

"Kidz Connect With Christ" At "KINGDOM KIDZ!"

Sunday Mornings ~ 9:20 and 11:00 AM

Children Come Together To:

- **Explore God's Word**
- **Experience God's Grace**
- **Extend God's Love**

Through:

- **Awesome Worship**
- **Amazing Stories**
- **Active Learning**



Here's How It Works At 9:20 AM...

- **Ages 2, 3, and 4** meet in **KINGDOM KIDZ CLASSROOMS (As Assigned)**
- **Kindergarten-Grade 5** meet in **KINGDOM KIDZ PALACE (Room 101)** for worship and learning then move to age-graded small groups for activities to apply God's Word to their daily lives.
- **Childcare Infants-23 Months** in **Room 108**

Here's How It Works At 11:00 AM...

- **Ages 3 and 4** meet in **KINGDOM KIDZ CLASSROOM (Room 111)**
- **Kindergarten-Grade 5** begin in McComas Hall with their families for worship then will be dismissed to **KINGDOM KIDZ PALACE (Room 101)** for learning as well as age-graded small groups for activities to apply God's Word to their daily lives.
- **Childcare Infants-35 Months** in **Room 108**

Something New At 9:20 AND 11:00 AM...

"Family Fifth Sunday" each month in which there are 5 Sunday's, **Kindergarten-Grade 5 children at both 9:20 and 11:00 AM** will attend worship together with their families in the Sanctuary or McComas Hall to experience **"Family Worship"** (Preschool classes remain in classrooms as usual.)

**For Additional Information Contact
Director Of Children & Family Ministries
Joni Behrendt ~ behrendtj@baumc.com**

New Sermon Series To Begin

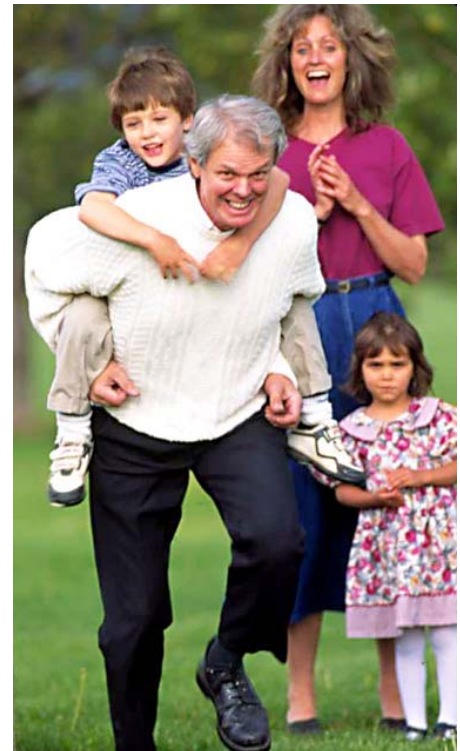
Scripture instructs parents to, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6) but the big question is, "**How do I know how to do that?**" Believing that it is the primary responsibility of the parents to train children in the way of faith, and the responsibility of the faith community to come alongside the parents, Bel Air UMC has developed a way to partner with parents in faith-training beginning with a sermon series specifically addressed to parenting and the Focus On Parenting simulcast on November 14. If you are a parent, we pray that you will join with the Bel Air Faith Family as we address these vital issues in the coming weeks.

Parenting Works! In an ever changing world, what is the work of parenting that makes a positive difference for our children and the world we live and work in?

August 30, 2009 The Head Work of Parenting - What we think about and value in life, impacts how we raise our children. "God blessed Adam and Eve and said to them, "Be fruitful"... " Genesis 1:28

September 6, 2009 The Heart Work of Parenting - Say Love, Do Love, Write Love, Keep Love, Listen for Love & Live Love I Corinthians 13

September 13, 2009 The Hard Work of Parenting - If it was going to be easy to raise children, it never would have started with something called labor. "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6



Youth Happenings

CONFIRMATION begins September 13. If you have any questions regarding Confirmation or the registration process, please contact Cheryl Firth at firthc@baumc.com or 410-838-5181, ext 18.

Youth Activities in September

Overtime at the Floodgate After all C. Milton Wright home football games, we will have "**Overtime at the Floodgate.**" Sr. High Youth come and hang out in a safe environment and enjoy food and fellowship and some live music.

September 23rd is the annual See You at the Pole gathering where teens gather around the flagpole at their schools before classes begin and pray together. Most schools meet at 7 AM.

September 25th and 26th, female youth and adults will spend those days at an incredible event called Revolve. Revolve was begun by the Women of Faith movement and is designed especially to reach and encourage young ladies in their faith and life.

Dodge ball: We will begin having monthly tournaments for Middle school and High school again in September. Friday, September 25th is the next Middle School tournament. Registration begins at 4:30 and games will start at 6:30. The Sr. High and up tournament will be on Saturday, September 26th. Registration begins at 2:30 and games start at 5 p.m. You can go to our **NEW DODGEBALL WEBSITE... www.belairdodgeball.com** for team registration forms or pick them up at the church, as well as download the rules. The cost per player remains the same, \$5 per person.

Rock Retreat 2010 - The Rock Retreat is the annual get together/rally of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference in Ocean City, MD. Over 5,000 teens and adults gather there each year for great music, breakout sessions, drama and inspirational speakers. This years Rock takes place **January 22-24, 2010**. The total cost for the weekend in Ocean City which includes transportation, hotel, conference, t-shirt and Saturday night dinner is \$160. A non-refundable deposit of \$80 is needed to secure your reservation. Last year we took 83 people and we'd love to go way above that number this year. So, get your deposit in quickly so we can reserve tickets... this event sells out quickly.



Missions Corner

Baltimore Mission

Twenty-three youth and four adult leaders arrived at the Agape House filled with anticipation and a little apprehension about the coming week. Everyone was excited to see how God would work throughout the week. Each morning, the team led Vacation Bible School for the preschool and elementary age children. From crafts to games to the Bible story, kids learned about God's love for them in exciting ways that helped them grasp the focus point each day. On Monday and Wednesday afternoons, the youth led afternoon groups, such as cooking, crafts, and sports, which gave the kids an opportunity to have fun creating and competing. On Tuesday, the group watched Madagascar and munched on popcorn as part of Movie Day, and on Thursday, the group visited a local pool. On Friday, the kids were invited to travel to Bel Air for a carnival that included a giant waterslide that even the team members had a blast with.

Bel Air has been partnering with the Agape House for six years and through the years, the team has truly been blessed to see the changes in the kids' hearts. Once young, disruptive elementary school-ers have grown to be teenagers, and the work of the Holy Spirit is evident in their lives. Even those who come from broken families and tragic circumstances warm to the team and open their hearts to learning about Jesus Christ. Many kids accepted Christ into their hearts during the week and are no longer alone in their tumultuous worlds. Many others are continuing to learn how to be disciples and actively seeking a better understanding of God. This ministry changes lives, and the team returns every month for "Saturday School", in the hope that they can help change Baltimore one life at a time.

Guatemala Mission Trip

This past July, a team of 36 youth and adults traveled to Guatemala, representing the Exit412 Student Ministry. With our matching lime green shirts, we stood out in crowds from the beginning of the trip. After a long day of traveling on July 6th, we finally arrived in Guatemala and immediately started preparation for Vacation Bible School. Through the organization Clubhouse Guatemala, Exit 412 was invited into a public elementary school to do a four-day VBS. This VBS was a little different than the one at Bel Air UMC, both in curriculum and the fact that there was anywhere from 600-800 children there every day. Through clown skits, songs, crafts, and recreation the kids made many happy memories of their childhoods, and touched our teams' hearts.

Vacation Bible School took place in the morning, and in the afternoon, we went to a private school and painted the entire school. It was great to see fresh paint on the walls of a previously dreary school, and many members of our team formed relationships with the students at the school. Between teaching up to 800 children in VBS and painting a school, we were all very tired by the time we got home every night.

The last two days of the trip were spent on cultural activities. Most of the team rode horses or climbed up an active volcano, and some were able to see flowing lava. After a church service on a gorgeous scenic overlook spot, we went to Antigua, a very tourist-centered city in Guatemala. Everyone had a great time and most would like to return to Guatemala to continue relationships with new friends and let God's love shine to people in a country with very little hope.

THIS CHANGES *Everything* group life conference 2009 October 24 Live Via Satellite

*Authentic change starts when
the next step is the right step.*

What's the next, right step for your small group?

Join us for a laser-focused, one-day training event that offers practical next steps for fostering spiritual growth in your small group.

- Learn from experts on spiritual formation in groups
- Interact and network with fellow leaders
- Leave encouraged, equipped, and inspired

Registration And
Breakfast 8:30 am
Simulcast 9:30am-
4:30pm
BAUMC Member
Price \$35 Lunch \$10
To Register
Call 410-838-5181 or
caldwellc@baumc.com



Unrivaled training from group life experts:

| Andy Stanley | Henry Cloud | Russ Robinson | Mindy Caliguire | David Johnson | Heather Zempel | Bill Donahue |

Sponsored By Adult Discipleship Ministries of Bel Air United Methodist Church



THE SPIRE

BEL AIR UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
21 LINWOOD AVENUE
BEL AIR MD, 21014-3914

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 21
Bel Air, MD
21014

BAUMC ON-LINE...The Spire is posted on the BAUMC website: www.baumc.com.

The e-Spire, a weekly update of information, devotions, upcoming events and activities is distributed via e-mail. If you would like to receive the e-Spire, please send your e-mail address to info@baumc.com. If you do not have e-mail and would like to read the e-Spire, copies are available at the McComas Welcome Center weekly.

CONFERENCE STAFF

Bishop—Rev. Dr. John R. Schol
District Superintendent—Rev. Dr. Karin Walker

BEL AIR UMC STAFF

Lead Minister—Rev. Barry Hidey
Associate Minister—Rev. Carol Pazdersky
Off-Site Minister—Rev. Stan Cardwell
Director of Worship & Arts—Rev. Doug Hollida
Director of Children & Family Ministries—Joni Behrendt
Director of Student Ministries—Tom Hodges
Director of Adult Discipleship—Cindy Caldwell
Church Administrator—Jim Schepers
Bookkeeper—Phyllis Kordek
Pastoral Administrative Assistant—Judy Jones
Office/Facility Manager—Alice Archer
Congregational Care & Wedding Coordinator/Youth Asst.—Cheryl Firth
Membership/Data Base Coordinator—Lisa Wong Wolf
E-mail contact for BAUMC Staff includes last name first initial @ baumc.com (ex: hideyb@baumc.com)

Address Service Requested



Dated Material Please Expedite

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Focus on the Family® presents
FOCUS ON PARENTING™
Seeing your parenting journey through the eyes of God™
Nov. 14, 2009

At Bel Air United Methodist Church

9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Looking for a unique *spiritual* perspective on raising godly kids? Don't miss Focus on Parenting—the premier parenting simulcast from Focus on the Family®!

With trusted guidance and insights from top experts, you'll get the tools you need to raise kids who know and serve God—for a lifetime. Plus, practical tips on discipline, instilling Christlike character, setting up safeguards, experiencing God's design for family and more.

For more information, visit FocusOnParenting.com

A special Children's Program will be provided by the Bel Air UMC
Tiny Tots and Children's Christian Center staff
at no additional cost for Infants-Grade 5.

Deadline for Children's Program registration is 4 PM Friday, October 30.
Limited space available so sign up early!

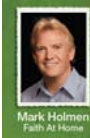
Keynote Speakers



Kevin Leman
Author, *Have a New Kid by Friday*



Larry Fowler
Author



Mark Holmen
Faith At Home



Elisa Morgan
MOPS International®

TICKET PRICES
(Includes Lunch)
\$30 Per Person
Through
September 28, 2009
\$35 Per Person
Through
November 14, 2009

Registration Forms Available
At Display Table In Narthex Or At
McComas and Armstrong
Welcome Centers

Sponsored By Bel Air UMC Children & Family Ministries For More Information Contact Joni Behrendt, 410-838-5181 or behrendtj@baumc.com