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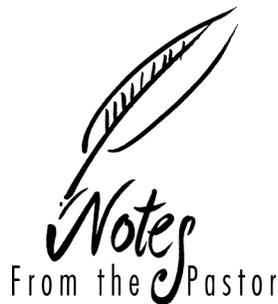
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Thank you! I must begin with a word of gratitude for how you are church to me and the ways that you minister to me. My gratitude could be expressed on numerous fronts, specifically for your support ,as I work

towards the Doctor of Ministry degree through Northern Seminary.

Thank you for the sabbatical you have granted me for the month of March so that I can complete the dissertation phase of this degree.

Graduation is scheduled for June 10, 2017. My goal is to be present that day to receive this diploma. That objective would not be possible without the sabbatical time to focus solely on the school work and write the approximately 150 pages that are required.

As many of you know, I have been working on this project. I have interviewed a dozen of you as part of the research and have attempted to write along the way. In attempting to balance the roles of pastor, student, husband and father, I have come closer to flourishing in some of these roles than others.

Out of the five chapters, I currently have a solid foundation with the first one. I have wrestled with negotiating the daily demands of pastor with my commitment to the church through this educational venture. More often than not, the student responsibilities have been slighted because of recent needs in our congregation. I am grateful for your encouragement to fully commit to the writing that is required to see this venture

to the finish line so that you really can call me "Doctor," even though that will not be necessary.

The deadlines are approaching for this year's graduation. I covet your prayers during this month as I take on this project. The process will involve submitting my work and then awaiting approval from the professors and committee. I am aware that this interaction often involves some revisions. Hopefully, those will be minimal so that the required deadlines can be met for the 2017 graduation date. In the event that does not occur, the sabbatical will allow the bulk of the work to be completed and the graduation requirements completed by the end of the summer.

I am excited that you will worship with Dr. Michael Cheuk in the following weeks. As I will be away for the month. Michael has 20 years of congregational experience. He has served as senior pastor of Farmville Baptist Church and University Baptist Church in Charlottesville. Michael is a gifted minister and one of the nicest individuals that you will meet.

I look forward to hearing about your time together as Michael leads with his gifts. Please know that I will miss being with you, but you will be at the forefront of my thoughts and prayers. After all, those 150 pages are focused on Belmont Baptist Church and our mission together. Again I offer my heartfelt thanks and love as I am off to work.

Blessings,

Greg



Dear Belmont Friends,
 As I was going through this month, since the last Beacon. I was given two articles to read and a comic strip on the same topic. Maybe that was a sign to write about this topic.

The first article was about under-appreciated church musicians. I do not believe that is the case in our church, but I decided to take that topic and run with it in a bit of a different direction. The second, was on the importance of music in worship. The cartoon was the Family Circle where the children stated that their favorite time of service is when the organ rattles the windows.

Musicians and their musical contributions to the service are an important part of our church service. Many congregants are moved in many different ways. For most of my family and myself, music falls in line with prayer and faith. No matter what I am doing or what kind of mood I may be in, I always have a song in my head. That song then can sit within my heart and add to my blessings of the day.

It is surprising how much the music leaders do before the doors are unlocked on Sunday. The choir music is picked and rehearsed, the hymns are chosen; preludes, recessionals, calls and benedictions are chosen and practiced. One selection that is chosen in thoughtfulness and prayer is the Prayer of Meditation. You want the congregation to clear their minds and open their hearts to the importance of prayer

So many people look at this and see work. For the church musician, we look at this task and see how blessed we are to have this abundance of music to choose from. We enjoy this great gift we are given to be able to read, sing, and play this beautiful word of God every day.

I think about the lives of the people who write this music and the blessings and struggles they are going through to create the beautiful message and melodies. I wonder how many of them pray they touch just one heart each time their music is played. I know my prayer for each Sunday is that our music family's gift reaches your family in a positive way each Sunday.

Blessings,
 Peggy

**Comcast Channel 13 will
 Rebroadcast the Worship Service
 Sunday at
 7:00 pm.**



The Family of **Phyllis Ingalls** would like to invite our Church Family for a time of food and the celebration of her **90th Birthday!**

We will celebrate Phyllis's Big Day on March 25, 2017 in the fellowship hall from 1p.m. until 4p.m.

Please come join us, the Ingalls, Mitchell and Sprouse families on this day !

Sincerely,

Pamela Ingalls

CLARK SCHOOL 2017

Please don't forget the needs of Clark School's children:

We have supplied healthy snacks, food supplies and clothing to Clark in the past. Let's continue supporting the school in the year of 2017!



Lotions and/or hand creams--small ones will be given to the children who need them and the larger ones will be kept in the teachers classrooms for use by the students. There are 22 classrooms.

If you would like to help fill these requests, you may leave your donations on one of the side tables in the fellowship hall. if you want to contribute \$\$ towards this mission with Clark School, just mark your check Clark School Designated Fund.

Thanks

Barbara Lowery



**To the
Belmont
Baptist Church
Family,**

On behalf of the entire Burgess family, I would like to thank everyone for all of the kindness, thought, and prayers we received during the recent illness and passing of Henry Burgess. The meal following the funeral was excellent, and the kitchen volunteers were wonderful. A special thank you to Greg Anderson for all of his support.

Carole Burgess and family



I would like to thank my church family for all your prayers, calls and cards during my many procedures over the last seven months.

Kathy Fields



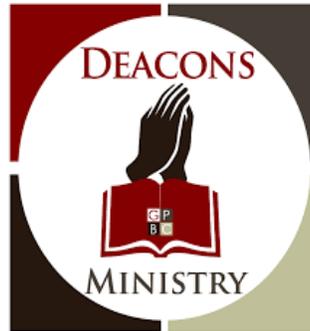
Now is the time to place your order!

If you would like to place spring flowers in the church sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone for Easter, please complete the order form found on the fellowship hall bulletin board and in the sanctuary foyer. Place it, along with payment in full in the offering plate, or bring to the church office.

Your choices are Lilies, Tulips, or Daffodils! The cost of each plant is \$10.00. All orders for flowers must be in the office no later than March 30, 2017.

Please indicate the information you want written in the booklet concerning your loved ones.

[Reaching Out with Music](#)



The public response to our recent Summer Music Camps and the attendance to our Christmas Cantata send a signal for the future. The public is open to a music emphasis and parents are looking for a reliable place to send their children to learn how to play

musical instruments.

Belmont Baptist Church has a talented professional music teacher who can bridge the gap and draw children to our facility. I believe the potential is worth the effort this spring and summer.

Beginning in September 4th and 5th graders from Belmont area schools could come to Belmont Baptist Church on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 5 to 6pm to learn how to play the flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone and drum. Once they learn how to play songs, regular recitals would be scheduled for parents and relatives to see their accomplishments.

The potential for drawing people to our church is there. Other churches are using the same effort, such as Second Baptist Church in Richmond. Mark and Mary Buckner have worked at several churches using this music school approach.

By holding a yard sale the first Saturday in June, we can raise funds to get the music program off to a good start this fall. Parents would purchase instruments and music books for their children from local music shops. We will need to supply some music stands. Also, we would charge a registration fee to cover expenses.

Please be in prayer for our effort to reach out to the Belmont Community and let them know that we care about their children. Please share your thoughts and ideas with Peggy Haluska or me, as this will be a church wide effort.

Richard Wharam,

Deacon Chairman

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Recipes



Calling All Cooks!

The Belmont WMU will be producing a new Belmont cookbook to be available in the fall of 2017 and we need your help. Belmont has so many wonderful cooks and we would love to include favorite recipes from our church family and other family and friends of the church in the cookbook. We would especially like to include recipes from our former members who have passed on through the years if anyone has some of those recipes in your files. We are looking for the following categories to be included in cookbook:

- Appetizers and Beverages
- Soups and Salads
- Vegetables and Side Dishes
- Main Dishes
- Breads and Rolls
- Just Desserts
- Cookies and Candies
- This and That



Please send all recipes to Becky Bowers or Diane Grubbs by no later than May 1st.