

January 3-5 - Passion Conference (HS Seniors & College Students) January 8 - Grief Share Resumes @ 4p January 13-14 - DiscipleNOW (Students) January 28 - Belden's Got Talent - Student Fundraiser January 29 - Student Band/Choir @ FBC Mantachie



@ Doris Page SS Class Room
(Near Ramp door)
Jan. 8 - April 2 @ 4-5:30p



Wednesday Night

6-7:15p

For the Record: November Budget Need: \$61,777.58 Budget Receipts: \$45,990.18

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday: Sunday School—9:00a Worship—10:00a Student Choir - 4p Children's Music/Bible - 5p

Wednesday: Bible Study—10:00a & 6:00p Youth Bible Study—6:00p

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—2:00 p.m. CLOSED FRIDAY!

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Mission Statement

To build relationships that lead people to become passionate followers of Christ.



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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear BBC Faith Family

Let me begin with a high note of gratitude for blessing me and my family with your love this Christmas. I am deeply humbled, forever grateful, and most of all, I bless God's holy name for calling me to Belden Baptist Church almost three years ago. Thank you for being God's people in a day and age when the world continues to walk away from church. May we all continue to run with all we have to the finish line where we will be embraced by Christ, and hear those words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

May we all enter this New Year with an overwhelming sense of gratitude for all the things and people we've been blessed with, and have often taken for granted. Let us be grateful for each other, for health, warmth, silence, beauty, creativity, friendship, family, fellowship, and those who help us through so many difficult times—the list is endless.

Let us add to whatever resolutions we have made for 2023 to make worship a part of our daily lives, to live with hearts overwhelmed by wonder and awe, to wake up every morning dazzled by grace.

Most resolutions will be broken or abandoned within the first few weeks of the new year. But what if we add to our lists, getting into shape spiritually? What if we make our spiritual life a priority—exercise hospitality every day, immerse ourselves in reading and studying scripture, be intentional about new ways of service personally and communally, blocking off time to pray for one another. In addition, purpose to say some uplifting word to someone every day. Say thank you to those we share our lives with daily. Forgive those who you haven't. Forgive yourself.

We could all set up prayer goals for ourselves, and our families, for 2023.

Setting goals, say the experts, helps us to change our behavior, guides our focus, helps us sustain momentum, and promotes a sense of self mastery—all of which comes down to surrendering more and more of our lives to the Holy Spirit, who leads us into the fullness of life.

May 2023 be a year of growth and maturity for our faith and our faith family. Let us all be diligent to bring the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world in every way open to us. May we all follow the Son wherever He leads us, for we will never be disappointed if we remain faithful and true.

In Christ,

Pastor Shane



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WOW! Thank you for a GREAT year of living life and serving together! We have thoroughly enjoyed our time at Belden and living in Tupelo! Thank you for being such a great church family! We are looking forward to many more together! I am working on some exciting things for 2023! So remember there is a seat sitting with your name on it! If you are called to serve in singing, playing an instrument, or behind the scenes with technology, come talk to me! I would love to plug you in!

> Student Choir – Resumes Jan. 8 at 4p - 7th Grade - 3rd yr of college Belden Kids (Music/Bible Drill) – Resumes Jan. 8 at 5p - K-6th Grades Worship Team (Band, Choir, Orchestra) - Resumes Jan. 4 at 7:15p



Paster David

#doinglifetogether

2023 is going to be an amazing year in student ministry. We have exciting events planned for the year. Starting off with disciple now weekend coming January 13-15. It's going to be an amazing weekend that challenges the students to Walk in Christ. There will be a meeting for disciple now January 8 following service in the zone. There are different events planned each month for the students to help them grow in their relationship with Christ. I'm really looking forward to our summer camp/mission trip to Mission Lab at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. We will be doing many different forms of outreach around the city as we get to share Christ with the people of New Orleans. Students have opportunities to go to a few other camps so be on the lookout for meetings about those camps coming up soon.

Student ministry will be hosting, Belden's got Talent on January 28. This will be a great night of entertainment and fellowship. We will have some crowd interaction as we will play some games show events that you could be a contestant. Tickets will go on sale January 1. Cost of the ticket is \$15 dollars and will come with a meal. Students will be serving and entertaining at the event. All the profit from ticket sales and tips at the dinner will go towards the cost of camp for students. Tickets will be available in the foyer. See Pastor Chris for more details.



Pastor Chris

Keep It Lit - Matt. 5:16

Senior Adult Ministry:

As we enter this new year I am very excited to see what our Savior has in store for our church, our ministries and each of us individually. We are prayerfully considering many opportunities to reach out to others and gatherings to enjoy fun and fellowship together. As we begin to consider what is in store for our Senior Adult Ministers, I would ask that you pray that opportunities will be made available for us. God has a mission for each of us regardless of our age or our physical condition. We tend to forget that Moses didn't start his ministry until he was 80 years old. We are in a very unique position in that we are able to minister to those that others may not be able to relate to or to reach out to. I really look forward to what the Lord has in store for us this coming year and it is my prayer that each one of you plan to come along side and join me in this journey.

Pastor Teddy