

## Doug's Corner

Please be praying for us, as we are away at the retreat this weekend. There are 16 of us gone from Bell, out of an expected 130 from 8 different churches. We will be returning this morning around noon, and are praying for a safe trip home. Parents, don't forget to pick up your teens about noon at Comanche Trail.

I want to say thank you to everyone that helped prepare burritos for this weekend's retreat. It was a lot of fun also.

Thanks to Joe Brown for teaching my teen class this morning. I really appreciate all Joe does for the church here at Bell.

Teens we can use your help with our upcoming marriage seminar on Saturday, April 13th. We need you all to help with child care. If you will be available to help, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

## Coming Soon

March 29th-31st: Spring Youth Retreat

May 19th: Senior Sunday Lunch

June 3rd-5th: Vacation Bible School

June 16th-21st: High School Mission Trip

July 14th-20th: Pine Springs, 7th-12th Grade

July 28th-August 2nd: Pine Springs, 4th-8th Grade

**Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart—Psalms 119:2**

## Order of Worship

19: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
388: Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing

### Prayer

764: When We Meet in Sweet Communion

### Lord's Supper

951: Majesty  
624: The Church's One Foundation

### 1 Peter 1:22-25

788: Wonderful Words of Life

## "Jesus, Scripture, and Church"

389: Let Him Have His Way with Thee

### Prayer

527: Paradise Valley

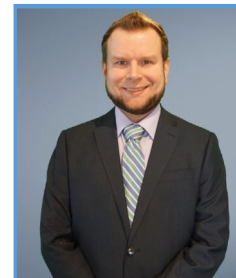
### Announcements



### 5 PM Service:

## "Jesus, Scripture, and Church"

John 1:1-9



### The Degradation of America

In the January 24, 1994 edition of *Newsweek*, the political commentator, Rush Limbaugh, made the following observation:

*"Americans seem to require more and more violence, more...degradation and rot to capture their attention. Just look at the so-called 'talk shows' of daytime television – the museum of modern American societal decay. We have mothers who sleep with their daughters' boy-friends, cross-dressing fathers, rape victims who later date their rapists. These are the people held up as your neighbors, your fellow citizens – revealing, it is claimed, 'the dark side of life' lurking everywhere. We are bored with the normal. ... It seems we are bored with the good and the decent."*

Twenty-five years later, Limbaugh's words still ring true. Hollywood and the media have continued their constant barrage of propaganda on the silver screen and on television sets throughout the country. As a result of their efforts, concepts that were once unthinkable and shameful are now regarded as normal, or, at the very least, acceptable.

Paul hit the nail on the head when he warned Timothy, *"...in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..."* (2 Timothy 3:1-4).

In such a pervasively corrupt world, it's not impossible for Christians to become desensitized toward sin. If we allow our hearts and minds to be shaped by the voices in society rather than by the voice of the Lord, we will be open to all kinds of repulsive and ungodly lifestyles.

As followers of Christ, are we contributing to the degradation of America, or are we the beacons of light that provide hope for a society that is tossed by the waves?

# Speaking the Truth in Love

## Assembly Times

### **Sunday Worship**

9:30 AM and 5:00 PM

### **Sunday AM Bible Class**

Following Services

### **Wednesday Devo/Classes**

7:00 PM

## Ministers

### **Pulpit**

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### **Youth and Family**

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### **Secretary**

Beverly Hays

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## For the Record

### **March 24, 2019**

Sunday Classes.....108

AM Worship.....186

PM Worship.....91

Giving.....\$4,718.00

Weekly Budget.....\$5,903.46

YTD Giving.....\$62,457.31

YTD Budget.....\$70,841.52

## Elders

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\*Eddie Hankins

Gene Mayfield

*\*indicates current contact person for the month*

## Deacons

**David Gustin**

*Fellowship*

**Colby Patterson**

*Transportation*

**Casey Wall**

*Building Maintenance & Grounds*

**Jeff Williamson**

*Visitation & Youth*

**Mural Worthey**

*Missions*

## Other Ministries

**Cled Click**

*Adult Education*

**Gene Mayfield**

*Finance*

World Bible School

**Richard Mayfield**

*Contribution & Tract Rack*

**Mural Worthey**

*Amarillo Bible Chair Director*

## Reminder:

**In reverence to God and respect toward other worshipers, please remember to silence all cell phones and pagers at the beginning of the worship assembly.**

# Congregational News

## **Visitation/Fellowship Potluck Sunday**

We will have a potluck lunch following Sunday Morning classes April 7th. All who are willing to encourage our visitors, our shut-ins, and our sick by visiting them in person, calling, or sending a card, are welcome to attend.

## **His Shoes, Her Shoes**

We will host a marriage seminar, Saturday, April 13th from 9:30am to 3:30pm. More information is available on the foyer table. Also, we are still looking for several individuals who are willing to help our teens provide childcare.

## **It's Picture Time!**

New members, if you have not yet had your picture for the board and directory, please see Cled Click!

## **Giving**

Ronald McDonald House for March-gallon jugs of vinegar NMCH, April 4th—microwave popcorn and corn syrup Children's Home of Lubbock, May 24-kleenex

## **Study Groups**

Both the Ladies Bible Class and the Men's Prayer/Study groups meet each Wednesday morning at 10:00. The men will be studying the book of Isaiah.

## **It's Game Time!**

The Young at Heart group has their game days on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 2:00pm.

## **Ladies Day**

Golden Plains Church of Christ will have their Ladies Day Saturday, April 7th. The speaker, Weezie Berger's, topic will be "Write on My Heart."

## **Thank you!**

Today is Stephanie Turvaville's last day as custodian. Recently, she made the decision to step down in order to work more at Bryan's shop, so Robert Johnson will be filling her old position. Thank you, Stephanie, for all that you have done for Bell over the last three years!

In charge of meals in April for those in need:

Mary Neal

# Prayer List

Please keep Jim Simon in your prayers as his cancer as returned and he is starting chemo again.

Also, please pray for Nicole Pruitt and family as her father, Elmer Keller, is at Baptist Health in ICU in Little Rock AR. He had a spinal stroke and is now paralyzed. They are hoping to get him back to Amarillo soon in a rehab that specializes in spinal strokes.

Alex Bell, Jon Cartwright, Joe Copeland, Frances Dennis, Marie Gardner, Sarah Garton, Rowena Hall, Betty Hamner's sister, Brenda Skraastad, Don & Rhea Hicks, Kenley Martin, Otha Mae McMorries, Mark Pruitt, Don Renner, Jack Scott, Amber Scott, Jim & Pat Simon, Wiley Smith, Jessie Faye Thomas, Stephanie Turvaville's mother, Debbie Arnold, George Vinson, Nicole Pruitt's mother, Carolyn Keller.

## Bell Avenue Missions

- Amarillo College Bible Chair
- Panhandle State Bible Chair
- WTAMU Bible Chair
- Brazil
- In Search of the Lord's Way
- Key to the Kingdom
- Northern New Mexico
- Prison Ministry
- High Plains Children's Home
- New Mexico Christian Children's Home
- Eastern European Missions
- Spanish Literature Ministry
- Bangladesh School of Preaching
- Cameroon School of Preaching
- South America Preacher Training School

## **Song Leader**

Stephen LupPlace

## **Opening Prayer**

Casey Wall

## **Lord's Supper Servers**

Milton Miller, Gene Mayfield, Terry Walker, Randy Carter, Jim Gonzalez, Terry Brittain

Back

Jim Simon, Moises Ramirez

## **Lord's Supper Prayer**

Marc Lathem

## **Scripture**

Robert Johnson

## **Closing Prayer**

John Chance

## **Cards**

Cohen Patterson, Ethan Hays