

Doug's Corner

Parents, we will have a quick meeting concerning summer activities for our teens on TODAY in the basement following Bible Class.

On Sunday, May 19th we will be honoring Sydney McColl with a Graduate Lunch as she graduates from Caprock. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. We ask that each family brings a side dish or salad. The main dish and dessert will be provided.

Our teens have many great activities to be a part of this summer, including camps and mission trips. With these comes having to pay for these activities. To help out, our teens are willing to serve you in many ways, all we ask is a donation to our youth group. If you have some jobs you would like done this summer, please talk to Doug and we will schedule you in. Thank you.

Coming Soon

May 19th: Senior Sunday Lunch

June 3rd-5th: Vacation Bible School

June 16th-21st: High School Mission Trip

June 30th–July 3rd: Mission In Amarillo

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

362 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
213 He Gave Me a Song

Prayer

444 Nailed to the Cross

Lord's Supper

234 Higher Ground
598 Standing On the Promises

John 20:29

Without a Doubt

Just As I Am/ I Come Broken
892 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Prayer

Announcements



5 PM Service:

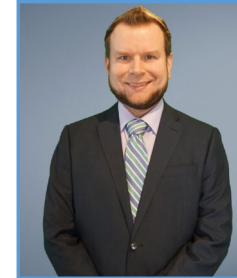
"Forgetting What Lies Behind..."
Philippians 3:13, 14

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The Curse of Meroz

Of all the Bible trivia you know, chances are you have never heard of the ancient village of Meroz. It's one and only appearance happens in Judges 5, when, after the defeat of the Sisera and the Canaanite army, Deborah and Barak dedicated a song to the Lord. Amid the jubilation surrounding their victory, verse 23 says, *"Curse Meroz, says the angel of the LORD, curse its inhabitants thoroughly, because they did not come to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty."*

Those are some pretty harsh words for a people we know virtually nothing about! However, what we do know is that the sin that the citizens of Meroz were guilty of was neglecting a very clear responsibility. They had been called upon for service but had refused to act.

There may be several reasons for their fateful decision:

They may have thought, "God doesn't need our help – He will be victorious anyway."

They may have thought, "We're an obscure and insignificant people; others can do better."

They may have thought, "The enemy is more powerful than we are; we will surely die!"

Whatever the reason, God was not pleased with their decision to exclude themselves during a time of crisis. In fact, Jesus spoke very plainly about the sin of neglect or inactivity in Matthew 25 when He discussed the foolish virgins, the one talent man, and those in the judgment who did not help those in need.

Christians today would do well to remember James 4:17 which says, *"Whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."* We cannot allow fear, self-esteem, or any other excuse come between us and God's desire for us to be harbingers of His truth and justice. For this purpose we have been called (1 Pet. 2:9); now we must act.

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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For the Record

April 28, 2019

Sunday Classes.....108
 AM Worship.....151
 PM Worship..... 78
 Giving.....\$4,371.74
 Weekly Budget.....\$5,903.46
 YTD Giving.....\$88,431.18
 YTD Budget.....\$100,358.82

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

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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

Welcome!

Welcome to Darla Payne who have indicated her desire to worship and work with us at Bell Avenue. Her address is 7308 Gainsborough, 79121.

Fellowship

We will have our Visitation/Fellowship potluck luncheon will today after classes. All members and visitors are encouraged to come.

Giving

Ronald McDonald House for April-aluminum foil and pans. Also keep in mind the donation of \$20 for each night stay at the Ronald McDonald House. We currently have enough donations for 95 nights. Let's make it 100!

Children's Home of Lubbock, May 24-Kleenex

Arms of Hope, June 10th-baby wipes

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.

New Pictorial Directory Pages

New pages will be out at the end of May. However, it is very hard to do a pictorial directory without pictures. If you have not had your picture taken yet, please see Cled Click

Wednesday Auditorium Class

Gene Mayfield will begin teaching the Wednesday auditorium class in May. His topic is "What Does God Say About...?"

1. God Created Woman For?
2. Instrumental Music in Worship—Does it Matter?
3. Baptism—What is it For?

Who Teaches Our Children? The World or Us?

Let it be us! The summer quarter will begin June 2nd. A signup sheet is on the foyer table. Help make sure that our children know about God, His promises and love from us!

Books, Books, and More Books

We appreciate all the book donations for the Bell Avenue Library. We have an excellent library that is available to anyone in the congregation. However, our library shelves are getting full, so please contact Rita Click before donating any more books. Thank you.

Prayer List

Joe Copeland will have surgery May 14th at 3pm at BSA.

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

In charge of meals in May for those in need:

Cheryl Walton

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

Doug Martin

Opening Prayer

Alex Bell

Lord's Supper Servers

A. L. Westmoreland,
Jeff Williamson, Marc Lathem,
Adam Wall, Terry Walker,
Jeff Sharrock

Back

George Vinson,
Tommy Patterson

Lord's Supper Prayer

Joe Brown

Scripture

Gene Mayfield

Closing Prayer

Casey Wall

Cards

Gage Williamson, Hank Brown