



Doug's Corner

It is time to sign up for M.I.A. This is for students 5th-8th grade. It will be all day on June 7th-9th. There is more info on the sign up sheet by my office. Early sign up deadline is Sunday, May 9th and the cost will be \$20.

We are collecting pool noodles and loofahs for decorations for VBS. There is a box in the foyer where these can be left. Also, if you have access to a small boat we can use, please let me know. Teens, I will have a sign-up sheet in class for you to help with VBS.

Starting in June we will be doing a family class in the Fellowship Hall. This will be for parents and children ages 3 and up. I will need help taking care of our children under 3. If you are willing to take a few weeks, please sign up in the foyer.

Congratulations to Lainey Martin on being inducted into the National Honors society.

Upcoming Events

- VBS - Wednesday, June 2nd-Friday, June 4th
- M.I.A. - Monday, June 7th - Wednesday, June 9th
- Pine Springs Week 7 - July 11th-17th
- Pine Springs Week 9 - July 25th-30th

Order of Worship

Welcome

682: To God Be the Glory

226: How Great Thou Art

Prayer

621: Ten Thousand Angels

Communion

Songs

John 3:3-6

301: I will Sing the Wondrous Story

667: There is Power in the Blood

Blood Test

662: There is A Fountain

473: O How I Love Jesus

Prayer

Announcements



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Don't Pull the Weeds!

I don't know about you, but when I read Jesus' "Parable of the Weeds" in Matthew 13, I see a story full of grace and mercy. At the heart of the story is a farmer who generously spread good seeds in order to produce a crop for the harvest.

However, as the parable unfolds, a problem quickly develops. In addition to the good seeds that the man graciously planted, the enemy came and sowed bad seeds. According to Scripture, it wasn't until the plants bore grain that the servants recognized the weeds.

Naturally, their immediate reaction was "Let's pull them up! They don't belong here!" But that's the opposite of what the man in the parable said. He told his servants to let the weeds grow with the wheat until the harvest, at which time they would be separated out. That's mercy isn't it? Those weeds were imposters!

Similarly, Jesus indicated that His church is also prone to weeds – individuals who masquerade as Christians but whose hearts have grown hard and whose faith has grown dormant. Rather than immediately plucking them out, God urges us – His servants – to be longsuffering. "Don't pull them up", He says. "I'll take care of that later."

Perhaps in time, those useless weeds will die to themselves and learn to bear good fruit as God desires, but we are not to be their arbiters. 2 Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." Today, we ought to be grateful that we have a God that abounds in mercy; and, if we know that we've been conducting ourselves in an unworthy manner, we should repent of our sins and seek His favor so that we will not be destroyed with the weeds.

Speaking the Truth in Love

Assembly Times

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM

Sunday AM Bible Classes

Following Services

2:00 PM Worship

Ministers

Pulpit

Stephen LupPlace
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Youth and Family

Doug Martin
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Beverly Hays

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For the Record

April 25, 2021

Sunday Classes	62
AM Worship.....	86
2:00 PM Worship.....	18
Giving.....	\$4,490.00
Weekly Budget.....	\$4,894.19
YTD Giving.....	\$74,298.68
YTD Budget.....	\$83,201.23

Elders

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Eddie Hankins

Gene Mayfield

Mural Worthey

**indicates current contact person for the month*

Deacons

Colby Patterson

Transportation

Casey Wall

Building Maintenance & Grounds

Jeff Williamson

Visitation & Youth

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

Member Update

Jeri Bell 's heart surgery was successful. Please pray for continued recovery.

Eddie and Gayle Hankins' 10-year-old granddaughter, Madeleine Gambill is doing better. As of this writing, she is still in the hospital.

Randy Hamner had knee replacement which went well. He is at Nwth-A569.

For those donating supplies/and or money to the St. Vincent churches, Egerton Ross is asking that it be at Comanche Trails by May 10th.

Prayers and Sympathies

Our prayers and sympathies go the Ted Hardwick and family on the passing of Bobby, Monday, April 26th. Services were Friday.

Bell's Return to Regular Worship Schedule

Bell Avenue Church of Christ will return to our regular worship schedule this Summer Quarter 2021 (June.) Sunday, June 6, 2021: Sunday morning service at 9:30am followed by Bible class from 10:30am to 11:15am, Sunday evening services at 5:00pm, Wednesday night at 7:00pm. Masks will be at your own discretion.

Daily Schedule for May 2nd—May 8 (Sunday - Saturday)

May 2nd — Psalm 133

May 3rd — Psalm 106-107

May 4th — 2nd Samuel 5:11-25, 2 Samuel 6:1-23; 1 Chronicles 13-16

May 5th — Psalm 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68

May 6th — Psalm 89, 96, 100, 101, 105, 132

May 7th — 2 Samuel 7: 1 Chronicles 17

May 8th — Psalm 25, 29, 33, 26, 39

Bible Chair Expansion Goals

1— Goal to begin construction: \$284,000

2— Amount needed to raise: \$115,650.00

3—Time to reach our goal: Fall 2021

Prayer List

Mitzi Blasingame; Nancy Brown, Suellen Cross; Monte Dawson; Paula Gilliland; Rowena Hall; Betty Hamner; Randy Hamner; Ted Hardwick; Ted Hardwick's great-granddaughter, Allie; Don & Rhea Hicks; Sam & Mary Line; Kenley Martin; Bob Morgan; Mark Pruitt; Jimmy Puckett; Don Renner; Pat Simon; Deedie Thomas; Stephanie Turvaville's mother, Debbie Arnold; George & Betty Vinson; Casey Wall; Betty Wilcox; Hank Williams; Clay Wright; Debra Zoller

In charge of meals for May for those in need:

Linda Coker

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
- 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

AM Song Leader
Doug Martin

Prayer
Jeff Williamson

Lord's Supper Prayer
Mural Worthey

Speaker
Stephen LupPlace

Closing Prayer
Nate Roehr

AV Booth
Hank & Kendall Brown
Door Monitor

2:00 PM Service
Masks are Mandatory

(Note: this service will have the same songs and sermon as the 9:30 service and will not be streamed online.)