



## Doug's Corner

2 weeks ago, I preached about being “A Walking Encounter for Jesus.” I want to encourage our families to find ways to go and be a walking encounter. Here are some fall service projects ideas for our families to get out and do. As you do these or other “encounters” take a picture and send to me. Let’s put our faith into action.

1. Write a thank you note to your teacher.
2. Leave a snack & note for the mail carrier.
3. Clean something for someone else.
4. Pick up trash in a local park.
5. Write or call one our shut-ins.
6. Donate used towels and blankets to a local animal shelter.
7. Send flowers to someone going through a hard time.
8. Write a holiday card to a soldier.
9. Make a freezer meal for a family in need.
10. Donate to a local food bank.
11. Rake leaves for a neighbor or elderly person at church.
12. Bake and deliver cookies to the staff room at a local hospital.

### Order of Worship

#### Welcome

#### Prayer

682: To God Be the Glory  
 9: A Wonderful Savior  
 822: Heaven Came Down

#### Communion

267: I Believe in Jesus  
 282: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

#### John 3:16-18

#### Thus Saith the Lord (2)

#### Commands for Christian Living

714: Trust and Obey

871: In His Time

#### Prayer

#### Announcements



#### Mission Point Information

#### Sunday Evening

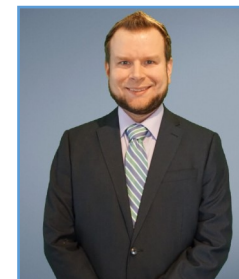
#### The Danger of Erosion

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### Killing the Roots of Bitterness

If you struggle with bitterness, you’re not alone. For some Christians, bitter roots have been multiplying beneath the surface of their hearts for years or even decades, robbing them of their joy. Obviously, that’s not the way that God intended for His children to live.

In this life we ought to take great comfort in knowing that God’s light shines brightly behind the dark clouds of pain and sorrow that occasionally cross our paths. However, if we are slaves to bitterness, we no longer see the silver linings. Rather than cherishing each day as a blessing, we see it as another reminder of how we were hurt.

It reminds me of the story of two monks who were walking alone in the forest. Suddenly, they crossed paths with a woman who asked them for help in crossing the river.

It was against their code of ethics to touch a member of the opposite sex, but the woman was persistent and finally one of the monks, with compassion in his heart, carried her across the fast-moving current. The other monk watched his brother with disgust, and sometime later as they continued their journey he said, *“I can’t believe what you did back there; you know that’s against the rules!”*

The compassionate monk replied, *“Yes, but I already set the woman down. You have been carrying her in your heart the whole time.”*

If we’re not careful, when we get hurt, we will carry the pain, embarrassment, and resentment on our shoulders long after the offence has taken place. Life is too short and too precious to waste time being bitter, or stubbornly refusing to forgive. So, if we want to successfully kill the roots of bitterness in our hearts, we must remember Jesus’ words in Matthew 5:44: *“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”*

# Speaking the Truth in Love

## Assembly Times

### **Sunday Worship**

9:30 AM and 5:00pm

### **Sunday AM Bible Classes**

Following Services

### **Wednesday Devo/Classes**

7:00pm

## Ministers

### **Pulpit**

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### **Youth and Family**

Doug Martin

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### **Secretary**

Beverly Hays

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## For the Record

### **September 19, 2021**

AM Worship.....	117
Sunday Classes.....	N/A
PM Worship.....	38
Giving.....	\$3,635.00
Weekly Budget.....	\$4,894.19
YTD Giving.....	\$173,384.59
YTD Budget.....	\$185,979.22

## Elders

\* Cled Click

Eddie Hankins

Gene Mayfield

Mural Worthey

*\*indicates current contact person for the month*

## Deacons

**Colby Patterson**

*Transportation*

**Casey Wall**

*Building Maintenance & Grounds*

## 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

## **Welcome back to Bible Classes!**

### **Member Update-Prayers**

Mandi Gustin's cousin was born prematurely and weighted in at 4lbs, 4ozs. Please keep him in your prayers.

As of this writing, Lisa Brown is in Nwth with Covid and double pneumonia.

Troy Brown broke his ankle Tuesday.

### **Ladies Bible Class**

Ladies Bible Class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 at the building.

### **Help!**

We need pictures! Our bulletin board needs updating! If you have not had a picture taken, or you are missing children from your current one, please see Cled Click.

### **Grocery Run**

The Tipton Children's Home truck will be here October 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Requested items are: assorted cereals, assorted soups, Pop Tarts, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken, grape juice, ketchup, squeeze mustard, paper towels, toilet tissue, bleach and disinfectant wipes.

### **Bible Chair Expansion Goals**

**1 – Goal to begin construction: \$392,000**

**2 – Amount needed to raise: \$111,725**

### **Daily Schedule for September 26th—October 2nd (Sunday - Saturday)**

26th — Nehemiah 1-5

27th — Nehemiah 6-7

28th — Nehemiah 8-10

29th — Nehemiah 11-13; Psalm 126

30th — Malachi 1-4

1st — Luke 1; John 1:1-14

2nd — Matthew 1: Luke 2:1-38

# Prayer List

Mitzi Blasingame; Lisa Brown, Nancy Brown; Charlie Chance; Suellen Cross; Paula Gilliland; Rowena Hall; Betty Hamner; ; Ted Hardwick; Ted Hardwick's great-granddaughter, Allie; Don & Rhea Hicks; Jerry & Sherry Lee's grandson, Cody Jesse; Sam & Mary Line; Kenley Martin; Sammie Martin; Bob Morgan; Gary & Carolyn Newcomb's grandson, Colton Schwalk; Mark Pruitt; Don Renner; Deedie Thomas; Bryan Turvaville; George & Betty Vinson; Casey Wall; Ron Walton; Betty Wilcox; Clay Wright; Debra Zoller

In charge of meals for September for those in need:

Azalea Barron

## 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
- Berkshire Preacher Support

## AM

**Song Leader-Doug Martin**

**Speaker-Stephen LupPlace**

**Opening Prayer-Joe Brown**

**Lord's Supper -Colby Patterson**

**Scripture—Mikey Sturkie**

**Closing Prayer—Jerry Lee**

## Cards

Sawyer & Liam LupPlace

**Door Monitor-Richard Wright**

**AV-Kendall & Hank Brown**

## PM

**Song Leader--Patrick Harris**

**Prayer –David Gustin**

**Scripture-Doug Martin**

**Speaker-Stephen LupPlace**

**Closing Prayer-Richard Wright**

## Contact

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