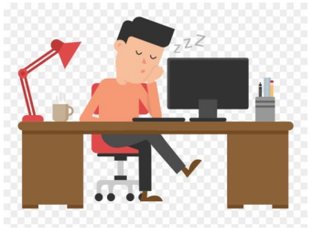

Doug's Corner

Did you have a good Spring Break? We did! My oldest 2 went on a band trip, and so we remaining 3 had our fun also. Ask us about glass blowing.

There are only 10 weeks of school left before summer. Start making plans to join us for things such as MIA and Pine Springs.

With school heading towards the end of the year, I know many of our children have events going on. Please let me know about things such as concerts and awards, so that we can celebrate our children. I always love attending their activities.

Mark your calendars for April 8-10. We will have a Youth Retreat at High Plains Retreat Center. The cost of the retreat is $45. There is a sign up sheet on the board by my office. Please put your name and shirt size. You need to sign up by Sunday, March 27th.

This Is The Way! - Doug

Upcoming Events

March 27: Nexus @ Comanche Trail
April 8-10: Youth Retreat
June 4: Graduate Dinner
June 7-9: Mission In Amarillo
July 10-16: Pine Springs 9th-12th Grade
July 24-29: Pine Springs 4th-8th Grade

Order of Worship

Welcome

10,000 Reasons
708: Heavenly Sunlight
231: Hilltops of Glory

Prayer

271: He Loves Me

Communion

842: A Common Love
438: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Luke 4:18-19

Prisoners of Hope

244: Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Prayer

Announcements

Sunday Evening

Ephesians 4:4-6

Just Another Denomination?

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Burdened Beyond Strength

In 2 Corinthians 1:8, Paul said, *"…we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself."*

Have you ever felt like Paul? Has a particular circumstance or state of affairs caused you a great deal of grief or concern – even to the point that you grew weary of life itself? If so, please understand that you are *not* alone and *not* without hope.

In verse 9, Paul explains that the affliction he and his comrades had experienced was to make them *"…rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead."* That's not to say that God *caused* their woes, but that He used the opportunity to remind them that their strength comes from Him.

The problem is that we want to be in control of our lives. Many times, we want to win our own battles, jump our own hurdles, and climb our own mountains, but in the process, we often exhaust ourselves until we have very little fight left in us. If, instead, we rely on God's strength and allow *Him* to fight for us, then we can stand firm.

Listen to Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 4:8-10: *"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies."*

Our lives may seem miserable at times, but remember that every time we face suffering – especially for the sake of the gospel – we will be victorious and Jesus will be glorified through us. Let's allow God to be our strength today and always.

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

Stephen LupPlace

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Youth and Family

Doug Martin

dslemartin@yahoo.com

Secretary

Beverly Hays

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For the Record

March 13, 2022

AM Worship.....	102
Sunday Classes.....	88
PM Worship.....	53
Giving.....	$6,285.00
Weekly Budget.....	$5,046.87
YTD Giving.....	$53,708.08
YTD Budget.....	$55,515.57

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

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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

Mark Pruitt is back in NWTH, is on a ventilator, and is having multiple issues.

Please pray for Mark Pruitt's brother-in-law, George Schrandt, as he has been placed in hospice care.

Save the Date!

The Ladies Bible Class is inviting all the young women of Bell to enjoy a luncheon and a movie here at the Fellowship Room on Saturday, March 26, 2022, starting at 11:00am. The Ladies Bible Class will furnish the meal, so come and enjoy a time of fun, food, and fellowship! PLEASE let Kathy Haney or Gayle Hankins know if you plan to attend by Tuesday, March 22nd.

Fellowship Meal

Our next fellowship meal will be Sunday, April 3rd, following morning classes. The theme will be announced later.

Bible Chair Building Fund: $408,220

Image of the new Bible Chair building—projected completion date, Summer 2022.

Prayer List

Mitzi Blasingame; Nancy Brown; Martha Campbell; Suellen Cross; Paula Gilliland; Rowena Hall; Betty Hamner; Ted Hardwick; Ted Hardwick's great-granddaughter, Allie; Don & Rhea Hicks; Sam & Mary Line; Kenley Martin; Sammye Martin; Jim McDonald; Billie McDonald; Bob Morgan; Mark Pruitt; Don Renner; Deedie Thomas; George & Betty Vinson; Casey Wall; Debra Zoller; Ollie Zoller

In charge of meals for March for those in need:

Rita Click

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-Richard Wright

Lord's Supper

Prayer: Cled Click
Front - Harold Jones, Mural Worthey, Gene Mayfield, Jim Gonzalez
Back— John Chance

Scripture—Casey Wall
Closing Prayer—Nate Roehr
Cards—Micah Wall, Evan Roehr
Door Monitor-Eddie Hankins
AV-Hunter McColl, Hank Brown

PM

Song Leader--Wyatt Earp
Prayer – Doug Martin
Scripture-Troy Brown
Speaker-Stephen LupPlace
Closing Prayer-Mural Worthey

Contact

Danny Haney, 806 324-7854