



## Doug's Corner

I had the great pleasure of hearing a number of our teens perform in their respective band, orchestra or choir. Good job to all. Please let me know of your students awards as we wind down school. I want to celebrate their accomplishments.

Speaking of accomplishments, Lainey Martin has a senior art display at the Amarillo Museum of Art. It will be there now through May 13th, and admission is free. If you have a chance, please go check it out. Lainey will be minoring in Art at LCU next fall.

The MIA sign up list is up by my office. This is for our current 5th-8th Graders. Today is the last day for the early bird sign up of \$10. After today the cost is \$25.

Make sure you are signing up for Pine Springs. The camp code is bellave.

This Is The Way! - Doug

### Upcoming Events

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

### Prayer

932 & 933: Holy Ground Medley

301: I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

916: Com Share the Lord

### Communion

617: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

523: Our God, He Is Alive

### Isaiah 12:2

### In God We Trust

714: Trust & Obey

### Prayer

### Announcements



### Sunday Evening

### Acts 10:44-48

### Faithful Obedience

# The Bell Avenue Church of Christ Beacon



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### The Degradation of America

In the January 24, 1994 edition of *Newsweek*, the late 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' boyfriends, 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."*

More than 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 5:00pm

### **Sunday AM Bible Classes**

Following Services

### **Wednesday Devo/Classes**

7:00pm

## Ministers

### **Pulpit**

Stephen LupPlace  
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### **Youth and Family**

Doug Martin  
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### **Secretary**

Beverly Hays

## Church Office

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## For the Record

**April 24, 2022**

AM Worship.....	110
Sunday Classes.....	80
PM Worship.....	43
Giving.....	\$3,588.25
Weekly Budget.....	\$5,046.87
YTD Giving.....	\$80,334.91
YTD Budget.....	\$85,796.79

## 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

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Carley Turvaville on being baptized Wednesday, April 27th. Carley, we are proud of you!

## **Sympathies and Prayers**

Our prayers and sympathies go to Dean & Debbie Whaley on the passing of their son Damon, Friday, April 22nd. Services were Tuesday.

Also to the family of Rowena Hall. Rowena passed away Thursday in Weatherford TX. There will be no funeral services.

## **Member Update**

Marc Lathem will have eye lid surgery on May 9th.

Mandi Gustin's mother had shoulder surgery Thursday.

## **Preacher Search**

An announcement for a preacher has been sent to Brown Trail School of Preaching; Sunset School of Biblical Studies; Bear Valley School of Preaching; Lubbock Christian University; Oklahoma Christian University; Harding University; Freed Hardeman University; and Faulkner University.

A copy of the announcement is on the table in the foyer. If you know of someone you think might be interested, feel free to mail them a copy of the announcement. A questionnaire will be sent to all who respond. A special email account has been set up for all correspondence with applicants. That email address is [bell.ave.coc.elders@gmail.com](mailto:bell.ave.coc.elders@gmail.com) and is on the announcement sheet.



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

# Prayer List

Mitzi Blasingame; Nancy Brown; Martha Campbell; Suellen Cross; Paula Gilliland; Betty Hamner; Ted Hardwick; Don & Rhea Hicks; Jill Johnson; Jerry Lee; Sam & Mary Line; Kenley Martin; Sammye Martin; Jim McDonald; Casey Mitchell family; Bob Morgan; Mark Pruitt; Don Renner; Deedie Thomas; George & Betty Vinson; Casey Wall; Tommy Wright's mother, Barbara Thompson; Debra Zoller; Ollie Zoller

In charge of meals for 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
- 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**-Gene Mayfield

**Lord's Supper**

**Prayer:** John Chance  
**Front** - Michael Foster, Jim Gonzalez, Wyatt Earp, Troy Brown  
**Back**— Eddie Hankins

**Scripture:** Eric Sturkie

**Closing Prayer**—Clay Wright

**Cards**—Cole & Creed Wright

**Door Monitor**-Cled Click

**AV**-Hunter McColl, Hank Brown

## **PM**

**Song Leader**--Cled Click

**Prayer** – Patrick Harris

**Scripture** - Jady English

**Speaker**-Stephen LupPlace

**Closing Prayer**-Richard Mayfield

## **Contact**

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