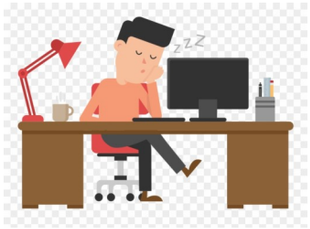

Doug's Corner

I hope everyone is having a great weekend! We are only a week away from our Fall Youth Retreat, and I am so excited! Derek Chance and I have really enjoyed planning for this retreat. There is still time to sign up for it. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by my office. The cost is $45, but don't let that be a reason that you don't go. If finances are an issue, please talk to me. We will be leaving from Comanche Trail on Saturday at 8:30am. We will be back Sunday afternoon. I hope all our teens will plan on joining us.

I am excited about our youth Bible classes that we have going. On Sunday mornings Jady English is going through Ecclesiastes & Proverbs. I have really enjoyed his class, as have our teens. And on Wednesday evenings we are doing a series on Jesus' Farwell Message. A huge thanks to Colby & Jessica Patterson for helping with the Wednesday evening class.

On Sunday, October 2nd, we will have our first Nexus of the 2022 school year. We plan on leaving from the church at 5pm and will be back around 8pm.

This Is The Way!
Doug

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

Sept. 24th & 25th: Fall Youth Retreat
Oct. 2nd: Nexus
Nov. 6th: Nexus

Order of Worship

Welcome

Prayer

866: I Will Call Upon the Lord
581: Sing On
709: 'Tis Midnight and On Olive's Brow

Communion

253: How Shall The Young Secure Their Hearts?
37: Angry Words

Luke 6:43-45

Watch Your Mouth!

337: Is Thy Heart Right With God?

Prayer

Announcements

Hebrews 6:17-20

Spiritual Wellness: How Well Do You Hope?

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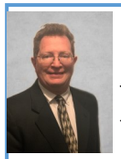

Carl's Dye-a-logue

The first police officer reaches under the one-ton bale of hay and attempts to lift it off of me. Of course, it doesn't budge. He grabs his flashlight and shines it under the hay into my face. I blink. He yells over his shoulder to his partner, "He's alive! He's alive! Help me move the hay."

Even working together two officers can't move it – not a fraction of an inch. A thousand pounds each? Of course they can't move it. "Cut the strings," I whisper. My voice is weak. They can't hear me. I am not going to last much longer. If they will just cut the strings, the bale will break apart, and they can drag me out of here.

"Lift, Joe, lift!" "Just cut the strings," I mumble, "Please cut the strings." "C'mon harder." "It's too heavy! We can't lift it. We gotta go for help! Hang on Chad, we'll be right back!"

I am alone again in the growing darkness. Wonderful painless, peaceful, irresistible sleep beckons. I struggle to remain conscious. One. Two. Three. Four… Where are they? How long does it take for police, fire, ambulance, to arrive? Where is the Coast Guard? Where are the Marines? Where is that one old farmer with enough common sense to just cut the strings?

The desert air grows chilly as the sky darkens. I grow weaker. Dizziness overcomes me and I begin to drift off into that gray space somewhere between the living and the dead. Help finally arrives. One of the police officers bends down so I can see his face. "Hold on! A fire engine is here. There are six men aboard."

I do the math. Two big, strong cops and six burly firemen must move a ton of dead weight off me. That's two hundred forty five pounds each. No way can they possibly do that – but somehow, miraculously, they do. A couple of neighbors who have arrived at the scene stand by to catch me. They lower my limp body to the ground where I lie in a broken heap.

Why didn't they cut the strings? They could have saved a long, tortured hour.

How heavy is hay? A piece of hay is about the weight of a feather. How many pieces of hay does it take to make two thousand pounds? Lots. That package of sixteen bazillion individual pieces of hay wrapped in a gigantic bundle is a crushing weight. But separated, it would have been nothing. I feel bad saying this, because it makes me sound ungrateful – and I am very grateful to the guys who saved my life that night – but there is a point to be made here, isn't there?

Is it too big? Is it overwhelming? Cut the strings – just cut the strings!

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

Carl Dye

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Youth and Family

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Secretary

Beverly Hays

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For the Record

September 11, 2022

AM Worship.....122
Sunday Classes..... 108
PM Worship..... 66
Giving..... $4,726.74
Weekly Budget..... $5,046.87
YTD Giving.....$172,246.51
Budget.....$186,734.19

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

Prayers, Please

Mandi Gustin's sister, Kayla Strickland, has been in the hospital. They were hoping she could go home Thursday or Friday.

Bob Carthel, who has been worshiping with us since moving to Amarillo three years ago, has been placed under the care of hospice. His address is Park Place Towers, 1300 S. Harrison, Apt #504, Amarillo 79101. His phone number is 806 337-5700. He would enjoy cards, calls and visits. Please keep him in your prayers.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 at Bell.

Calendar Alert!

It is never too early to mark that calendar! Phil Sanders will be here Sunday November 13th through the Wednesday the 16th. More info to follow.

Grocery Run

Tipton's Children's Home will have a grocery/supply pickup October 25th-27th. Suggestions: assorted cereals, club crackers, hamburger helper, canned chicken, salsa, shortening, sugar, syrup, canned tomatoes of any kind, assorted soups, toilet paper, paper towels, antibacterial wipes, furniture wipes, body wash.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for the concern, calls, cards, offers of meals and most of all prayers during Rusty's illness and surgery.

Love,
Rusty & Cheryl Craig

Prayer List

Nancy Brown; Martha Campbell; Suellen Cross; Stan Cummins; Paula Gilliland; Mandy Gustin's sister, Kayla Strickland, Ted Hardwick; Don & Rhea Hicks; Jerry & Sherry Lee; Sam & Mary Line; Kenley Martin; Sammye Martin; Casey Mitchell family; Nelda Morgan; Don Renner; Deedie Thomas; George & Betty Vinson; Casey Wall; Debra Zoller; Ollie 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
Opening Prayer-Michael Foster

Lord's Supper

Prayer: Casey Wall
Front - Danny Haney, Kenneth McColl, Hunter McColl, Hank Brown
Back— Colby Patterson

Scripture: Jim Gonzalez
Speaker: Carl Dye
Closing Prayer—Moises Ramirez
Cards—Micah Wall, Evan Roehr
Door Monitor-Joe Brown
AV-Ethan Hays, Evangeline Martin

PM

Song Leader--Wyatt Earp
Prayer – Eddie Hankins
Scripture - Hank Brown
Speaker-Carl Dye
Closing Prayer-Mural Worthey

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