

DOUG'S CORNER!

I want to wish everyone a happy New Year's Eve! We are in Arkansas for now. I will leave tomorrow for my youth conference. Sarah and the girls will be taking Lainey back to LCU next weekend as I travel back.

Thanks to Jady English for teaching the youth class while I am gone. He and Susan are such a blessing to us all.

Today is the last day to sign up for the Mountain View high school retreat on Friday, January 19th through Sunday, January 21st. The cost is \$60 plus the cost of 2 meals on the way. I need you to sign up on the youth bulletin board. I have register everyone tonight, so there can be no late additions.

This Is The Way! - Doug

Upcoming Events

Jan. 19th-21st—MVCC High School Retreat

Feb. 9th-11th—Ski Trip

Feb. 16th -18th —T3

June 17th-19th—MIA

June 23rd-29th—MVCC Session 1

July 7th-13th—MVCC Session 2

Order of Worship

Welcome

627: The Gloryland Way

55: Beyond This Land of Parting

Prayer

354: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion

599: Stepping in the Light

213: He Gave Me a Song

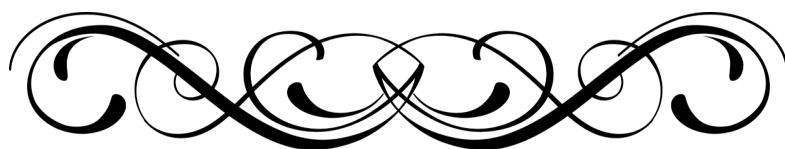
2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Resolutions for 2024

255: I Am Resolved

Prayer

Announcements



Isaiah 53:7,8

What it Means to Preach Jesus

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Carl's Dye-a-logue

In my office I have a book. The book bears the title *My Best Sermons*. It was given to me by some, still, dear friends when we left Delight, AR. The author of this particular book of sermons is a guy named Carl Dye.

When they gave it to me, I was touched. I figured they had put a lot of time and effort into going back and transcribing several of my sermons that were the most impactful to them.

When I started thumbing through the book, though, all the pages were blank! (One of the family members worked at a printer and this book was printed blank, so he "repurposed" it.)

My first thought was that nothing I had done during my three years there had been meaningful. But these people were my friends, or so I thought!

Then, when they started to laugh, it dawned on me. Yes, this was a gag gift . . . but there was also a profound message: my best sermons were still ahead of me! We were leaving one ministry to start another and the best was yet to come. Oh, and for the record, this family is the only family from a previous place I ministered to actually come and visit at the new place.

I have been in places where all they could talk about is the past. "We used to fill this building, but now there is no way to grow;" "I can remember having to put folding chairs out just so the ladies would have somewhere to sit" were two phrases I often heard.

As one year ends and another one begins, I cannot help but believe that our best days lie ahead of us. Yes, Bell Avenue used to have more members, then COVID and other things happened and, well, you know the rest . . . but who is to say that we cannot grow back to that point.

I believe 2024 is a year of enormous potential. I believe that God really is ". . . able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20).

Where do you want to see Bell Avenue go in 2024? God is already at work to do far more than we imagine!

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

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For the Record

December 17, 2023

AM Worship.....	110
Sunday Classes.....	94
PM Worship.....	71
Giving.....	\$6,482.00
Weekly Budget.....	\$5,272.96
YTD Giving.....	\$220,997.02
Budget.....	\$279,466.88

Elders

Cled Click

Eddie Hankins

Gene Mayfield

*Mural Worthey

**indicates current contact person for the month*

Deacons

Jady English

Youth

David Gustin

Worship/Adult Education

Jerry Lee

Technology

Colby Patterson

Transportation

Nate Roehr

Missions

Rob Thompson

Visitation/Elderly

Casey Wall

Building Maintenance & Grounds

Richard Wright

Involvement

Tommy Wright

Finance/Security

Other Ministries

Richard Mayfield

Contribution & Tract Rack

Mural Worthey

Amarillo Bible Chair Director

Joe Brown

Fellowship

Congregational News

Classes for All

Auditorium: Danny Haney-Galatians

Fellowship Hall-A Study of Acts: Jerry Lee-December; Nate Roehr-January; Colby Patterson-February

Wednesday: Mural Worthey-December-The Life of Paul; Sam Collins-January; February-Eddie Hankins

What to “Acts” For

Our library is a great resource for books for extra study. The Sunday Fellowship Hall class is studying Acts and Danny Haney is teaching Galatians. Rita Click will be glad to help you locate that special study guide.

Busy New Year

Coffee, Coloring and Conversation! Saturday, January 6th at 9:30! Bring your coloring books. Relax and enjoy good coffee and conversation.

Our first 2024 Fellowship Meal, Sunday, January 14th, will be Italian food. Bring your favorite Italian dish and let's fellowship. A signup sheet is on the monitor's desk.

Farkle Friday is on January 26th at 7:00pm. Popcorn will be provided.

There is Work to be Done!

There are signup sheets on the little table in foyer for helping plan upcoming events. Please look them over and add your name!

Happy Holidays!

The office will be closed Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

Prayer List

Nancy Brown; Martha Campbell; Rebeckah Castillo, Suellen Cross; Paula Gilliland; Sandy Hadaway; Ted Hardwick; Patrick Harris, Rhea Hicks; Jill Johnson; Jerry & Sherry Lee; Kenley Martin; Sammye Martin; Nelda Morgan; Deedie Thomas; George & Betty Vinson; Casey Wall; Norma Worthey; Debra Zoller

In charge of meals for December for those in need:

Norma Worthey

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
- Berkshire Preacher Support

AM

Song Leader-Cled Click

Opening Prayer-Jady English

Lord's Supper

Prayer: Eddie Hankins

Front - Gene Mayfield, Randy Carter, Rob Thompson, Danny Haney

Back— Eric Sturkie

Scripture: Troy Brown

Speaker: Carl Dye

Closing Prayer—Joe Brown

Cards— Micah Wall, Evan Roehr

Door Monitor-Michael Foster

AV-Harper Coleman, Hank Brown

PM

Song Leader--Nate Roehr

Prayer - Richard Mayfield

Scripture - Jim Gonzalez

Speaker-Carl Dye

Closing Prayer-Casey Wall

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