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CORNER!

I hope you had a good start to your new year. We celebrated Christmas with Sarah's family on New Year's day, and that evening Sarah put me on a van with 10 other youth workers. We drove all night and have started our youth conference in Daytona Beach. I see the beach and can listen to the waves at night, but no time to go enjoy it. Hopefully I will be back in Amarillo as you read this Sunday morning. If not, I hope to be back today.

For those going on the MVCC retreat, I will have an itinerary available for you on Wednesday.

For those wanting to go to T3, you need to sign up by Sunday, January 28th. I made a mistake, and if you want a shirt, there is an extra \$15 for the shirt, and I need to know if you want one by Wednesday, January 17th. Sorry for the inconvenience.

This Is The Way! - Doug

#### **Upcoming Events**

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

Feb. 9th-11th—Ski Trip

Feb. 16th -18th —T3

April 12th & 13th—Youth Retreat

June 17th-19th—MIA

June 23rd-29th—MVCC Session 1

July7th-13th—MVCC Session 2

## Order of Worship

Welcome

500: O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**618: Sweet Hour of Prayer** 

**Prayer** 

310: In Gethsemane Alone

Communion

419: Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

Matthew 7:21-23

**Cafeteria Style Religion** 

179: God Is Calling the Prodigal

288: I Need Thee Every Hour

Prayer

**Announcements** 



Romans 8:15-17

The Holy Spirit-An Important Subject for Our Study

# The Bell Avenue Church of Christ Beacon



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#### Carl's Dye-a-logue

Here we are, one week into a new year. If you will allow me to get a bit personal with you: How are your new year's resolutions coming along?

I would guess that a week is pretty easy to keep a resolution. If I were to ask the same question in three weeks, you might give me a different answer.

Once we have "failed" to keep a new year's resolution, many times we conclude, "Oh well, I guess I'll try again next year." For many, they believe that the new year is the only time to make a "fresh start." So they think they have to wait until the next year to try again.

The Old Testament book of Lamentations is, by and large, a sad book (as the name would imply). The destruction of Jerusalem, described in Jeremiah 39:1-9, prompted the writing of the book. The book is a river of tears for those who fail to live the righteous life God calls them to live.

Yet tucked away in chapter 3 is an incredibly positive reminder. As the prophet is beginning to gain an understanding, he writes: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in Him'" (Lamentations 3:22-24).

Do you see the hope found in those verses? What was true for the Jews 2500+ years ago is true for Christians today.

God's love for us does not move and never ends. His mercy ever for us never ends as well. In fact, His love and mercy are "new every morning."

New EVERY morning. We do not have to wait for the calendar to change. Every day is a new day and a new opportunity to live the righteous life that God calls us to.

Paul will write that he is not perfect, but he keeps trying. He says he forgets the past and presses on to live the life God called him to (see Philippians 3:12-14).

Did you fail to keep a new year's resolution? Do not worry about it. Just pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and realize that EVERY morning is a new chance to live for God!

# 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**

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# For the Record December 31, 2023

AM Worship Sunday Classes PM Worship	71
Giving	
Weekly Budget	\$5,272.96
YTD Giving	\$228,283.49
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

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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

#### **Prayers and Sympathies**

Our prayers and sympathies go to Linda Coker, on the passing of her sister, Cathy Dowell, On December 30th. Memorial services were Thursday.

#### **Classes for All**

Auditorium: Danny Haney-Galatians

**Fellowship Hall-A Study of Acts**: Nate Roehr-January; Colby Patterson-February

**Wednesday:** Sam Collins-January-Some Insights on Ephesians; 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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 January for those in need:

Kathy Haney

#### **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

#### ΑM

**Song Leader**-Eddie Hankins **Opening Prayer**-Danny Haney

Lord's Supper

**Prayer:** Marc Lathem

Front - Tommy Wright; Cohen Patterson, Nate Roehr, David Gustin

Back— Harold Jones

Scripture: Randy Carter

Speaker: Carl Dye

Closing Prayer—Jady English

**Door Monitor-**Joe Brown

AV-Hunter McColl, Hank Brown

#### PM

Song Leader--Patrick Harris
Prayer - Jerry Lee
Scripture - Eddie Hankins
Speaker-Carl Dye
Closing Prayer-Richard Mayfield

#### Contact

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