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The Pastors and Deacon Council met May 26 to discuss and lay out a plan for moving forward with worship in the midst of the ongoing Coronavirus. The decision was made to continue a Drive-In Service at this time and add an In-Person Service in the Grace Hall Worship Center. Please give attention to the planned changes upcoming in our worship schedule.

First, because of the warming weather, the Drive-In Service will move to 9AM on Sunday, June 7.

Second, the In-Person Service is scheduled to begin June 14. This will give us time to

assess how many will plan to attend an In-Person worship service, educate people on what such a service will look like, and allow us to be fully prepared to launch the service.

You can help us by completing the brief survey you should have received by email. If you do not receive the survey by email, you can access it at bvbaptist.com or you can call the church office.

The Pastors and Deacons are grateful for your patience, prayers, and faithfulness.

Brent Summerhill

Summer Coronavirus Schedule



May 31 Drive-In Worship 11 AM

June 7 Drive-In Worship 9 AM

June 14 & Following Drive-In Worship 9 AM
Grace Hall Worship 11 AM

While the offering plate will not be passed, church expenses, payroll, benevolence, and missionary commitments continue. The church's continued ministry is dependent upon the continued generosity of God's people. Please continue your tithes and offerings.



- Drop off at the church office 8:30AM–4PM Monday – Thursday
- Mail to BVBC, 50 E. Lancashire Blvd., Bella Vista, AR 72714
- Use your bank's online BillPay system
- Use the church's online giving at bvbaptist.com

Children and Youth Birthdays

Clarissa M..... 6/01
 Madison W..... 6/03
 Titus G 6/04
 Cooper A..... 6/11
 Caroline B..... 6/14



We will be collecting donations for Loving Choices from Mother's Day until Father's Day. We won't be able to use baby bottles like we normally do, but if you would like to give please make your check out to Bella Vista Baptist Church with Loving Choices in the memo or on your offering envelope.

June, 2020

Hello Church Family,

I'm writing this newsletter to bring you up to date on Operation Christmas Child (OCC) activities in 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been disrupting the nation and the world, and every one of us for the last four months. But, OCC is still moving forward to spread the Gospel throughout the world, especially to the unreached people groups. And, Bella Vista Baptist Church (BVBC) is an important part of this wonderful ministry.



First, always keep in mind that the primary focus of Operation Christmas Child is to bring the Word of God to children around the world and to over 50 Native American tribes, through a shoebox filled with joy and love. For most children, it will be the first gift they have ever received. Many countries (officially called Hard to Reach) will not allow missionaries or any form of the Word of God. But, they welcome gifts to be given to their children, and the children quietly learn about Jesus through the distributions. Hard to Reach areas require special shoeboxes that are not obviously coming from a Christian organization. The goal for 2020 is to pack 500,000 shoeboxes for these countries.

Next, I want to give you some official 2019 statistics about OCC, and how BVBC has supported OCC in 2019:

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BVBC packed 1,384 shoeboxes (second largest count in NWA), an increase of 13.6% over 2018
Northwest Arkansas packed 17,465 shoeboxes, an increase of 7.2% over 2018

The United States packed 8,950,144 shoeboxes

International partners (Canada, France, UK, Germany, Spain, Australia, New Zealand) packed approximately 1,549,000 shoeboxes, totaling approximately 10,500,000 shoeboxes packed worldwide in 2019. And, South Korea will partner with OCC soon, adding many more shoeboxes.

Shoeboxes from 2019 have been sent to over 100 countries. Northwest Arkansas shoeboxes are sent to the Dallas Processing Center, which shipped shoeboxes to Mexico, Belize, Jamaica, Ecuador, Tanzania, Dominican Republic, Peru, Panama, Lesotho, and Gabon for distribution. Approximately 21.7% of all children receiving shoeboxes surrender their lives to Jesus. Based on the number of shoeboxes packed by BVBC in 2019, approximately 300 children came to Jesus.

It is important to realize OCC is a year-long mission in two primary ways. First, shoebox items can be dropped off at the OCC room at any time. Spreading your donations, both material and financial, through the year is less stressful, and you can take advantage of sales when they happen. We are always on the hunt for bargains to add to shoeboxes. Second, OCC provides shoebox distributions when Samaritan's Purse responds to disasters around the world, bringing some joy to children who may have lost everything.

Our hope this year is that every shoebox will have a minimal set of school supplies, hygiene items, and a stuffed toy. The school supplies should consist of pencils, sharpener, and eraser for all, 2-4 year-olds also need crayons and coloring books; 5-9 year-olds need crayons, coloring/activity books, and maybe notebooks; 10-14 year-olds need notebooks, pens, and colored pencils. The hygiene kit should include soap and washcloth for all (we have approximately 1,150 bars of soap and maybe 200 washcloths); for 2-9 year-olds, small toothbrushes (covered) and small combs/hairbrushes (combs are covered); for 10-14 year-olds, large toothbrushes and large combs/hairbrushes (note, large toothbrushes and combs will be ordered in bulk from MDSupplies). Other items such as metric rulers, calculators, dental floss, etc. is always welcome. We have a good start on the stuffed toys, but need a lot more.

As you know, OCC suggests a \$9 donation for each shoebox to cover shipping, training, customs fees, support and many other things. For our planned goal of 1,400 shoeboxes this year, that is a total of \$12,600. It's a big number, but if every one of our 229 families listed in the church directory donates just \$11 per month over the next five months (June through October), that amount can be painlessly reached.

I encourage you to learn more about OCC through their webpage, and especially the many videos <https://video.samaritanspurse.org/channel/operation-christmas-child/>. If you prefer, free DVDs can be ordered through the OCC Resources webpage <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/order-materials/>. Copies of recent DVDs will soon be available in the church library.

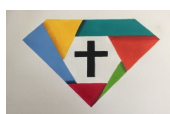
As stated above, our 2020 goal for BVBC is 1,400 shoeboxes, though my heart tells me to set a goal of 1,500 shoeboxes. With the pandemic, packing 1,400 shoeboxes might be a challenge to meet. But if the Lord wills, we will meet and exceed 1,400 shoeboxes for His Kingdom.

On behalf of the Bella Vista Baptist Church Operation Christmas Child team, I want to thank you for your support of Operation Christmas Child in 2019, and we pray you will continue your generous support of the ministry in 2020. Always remember that the more shoeboxes packed, the more opportunities to spread God's Word throughout the world.





Women's Ministry



Dear Friends,

What a challenge we all have faced these past months! The range of emotions have been difficult at times. Frustration with differing medical advice, impatience over inability to socialize, loneliness with the void of important relationships, fear with so much isolation. These have all been common. Now, we're at the beginning of the ending, or so we hope. What do we expect? It's hard to know, isn't it?

If we can see each day as a ministry opportunity it can broaden our perspective of it all. Let's try to look beyond ourselves as we begin to adapt to our changing world.

One definition of ministry is "an activity carried out by Christians to express or spread their faith". If that is true then we all can have a ministry. Pray about your ministry. Be creative. Look for a way to reach out from where you are to the world around you. People need a spiritual "touch" even though the physical handshake and hugs are limited for a time. Keeping a distance, we can take this opportunity to get to know our neighbors. There may be a mission field there where our ministry could impact a life.

Remember, if you have a physical, financial, or spiritual need let someone in the church know. We care about you!

With gratitude, Jerri Mason, (479.418.9084)

F.R.I.E.N.D.S

"Women's Meet-Up"

Wednesdays, 10 AM, Church Parking Lot

Bring Your Lawn Chair

(Day of the week may vary with weather conditions)

CONTACT CINDY SUMMERHILL OR
RACHEL HALSELL FOR INFORMATION

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MISSIONS—"Women on Mission"
Wed. September 2, 10:00. For info
contact Shirley Gilbert.

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OUTREACH - "Food, Fun, Fellowship". Tentative, Mon. July 13, 6:30.
Location: TBD.

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SOUL-SISTERS—Small group activities, both short term and long term.

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ANSWERS - "Lord, Where Are You When Bad Things Happen"? (Tues am) & Precept (Mon. pm) tentatively starting mid June.

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INREACH—"Woman to Woman" - For prayer and crisis support, contact Betty Burr. For "Widow to Widow" info contact Jerri.

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CONNECT EVENTS—
"Tablescapes" coming in Oct. 2020.
Table Decorating Theme:
"Children's Bible Stories".



On FACEBOOK????

You're invited to join
"BVBC Women's"
Group

Just "friend" or contact Jerri Lynn Mason

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June Birthdays 18 & Older

2-Waymon Rivers, Steve
Strohl, Joe Vance

3-Gloria Peterson, Vic
Thompson

4-John Deniston

5-Sharon Shelder

9-Katie Mendoza, Amy
Scales

11-Bob Cooper

12-Zonya Collum

15-JoAnn Russell, Ray
Walker

18-Margie Goff, Robert
McGee

19-Tom Howell

20-Allen Binne

21-Marjorie Shafer

23-Mariella Moyer,
Darlene Nardoni

25-Mason Blaty

26-Nancy Cambier,
Ron Roach

28-Jimmy Foster

29-Mille Bergendahl

30-Milt Walker

June Anniversaries (50+years)

Bob & Kay Cartwright 6/01

Ron & Betty Madsen 6/01

Jim & Margie Goff 6/05

Pat & Rhonda Ross 6/14

John & Mary Edmunds 6/16

Bill & Shirley Gilbert 6/18

Dick & Joyce Kramer 6/18

David & Eloise Brown 6/27

**FOR THOSE SENDING CARDS,
BIRTHDAYS FROM
July 1ST—5TH**

1-Don Moor

2-John Madden

4-Erin Madden