

NOVEMBER 2020

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Church Family,

Thanksgiving will look different this year, as far as the holiday goes. But Thanksgiving should not be different. Gratitude is not about holidays or seasons or circumstances. Gratitude is a humble redeemed sinner being thankful for and expressing thanksgiving to the Holy Redeemer. The child of God always has much to be thankful for.

Cindy and I are grateful to be serving our Redeemer here with you. As we reflect on our first year in Bella Vista, we do so with joy and thanksgiving for Christ and His church. We love you and thank you for how you have received us into your family and have encouraged us throughout the challenges of the COVID pandemic.

Whatever Thanksgiving looks like for any of us this year, we look forward to being thankful together with you.

For the Gospel,
Brent Summerhill

Join us November 1 as Pastor Brent concludes the series "Life Against the Flow" and calls us to prayer for our nation in advance of the election.



Join us this Thanksgiving season as we remember what we have to be grateful for.

8th – An Unshakeable Kingdom · Hebrews 12:28-29

15th – The Lord is Good · Psalm 100:1-5

22nd – One Another · Romans 16:1-16



by: Ashley Abernathy, Director of Preschool Ministries

Preschool Ministry

Being friends and making friends--there's really nothing better in life than that. Jesus is the best friend of all! In I CAN BE A FRIEND, we will learn just how awesome it is to be friends. We'll see how King David, the Good Samaritan, Job and Peter all had special friends. We'll even learn a special "friend" song during SONG TIME. And of course, we will spend time with our friend PROFESSOR SOCK. We'll also learn from BIBLE ADVENTURE, REMEMBER VERSE and our new KNOCK KNOCK jokes. So bring a friend to and join the fun with I CAN BE A FRIEND!

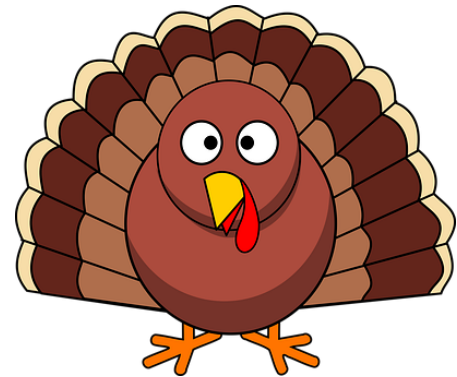


Lessons:

- I can be a loyal friend - Jonathan and David : 1 Samuel 18-20
- I can help my friends - The good Samaritan : Luke 10:30-37
- I can be a kind friend - Job's Friends...NOT! : Job
- I can pray for my friends - Peter's friends pray for him : Acts 12
- I can be a friend like Jesus - Jesus heals the blind men : Matthew 20:29-34



Wednesday Nights 6-7:30pm Join us at church for lesson, snack, and fun!!



Thankful to serve and for my church family! Blessings to all this Thanksgiving!



A sweet friendship refreshes the soul! Proverbs 27:9

November Dates to Remember:

- 11/4 – Wednesday Night Kids 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- 11/7 – Family Fun Day – Springfield Zoo (details to TBA)
- 11/11 – Wednesday Night Kids 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- 11/18 – Minute to Win it Turkey Games during Wednesday Night Kids 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- 11/25 – Thanksgiving Break (no activities)

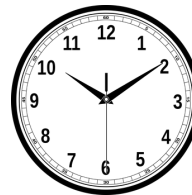


The Gospel Project for Kids - Children's Worship:

- November 1 - Jesus' Temptation*
- November 8 - John Pointed to Jesus*
- November 15 - John Pointed to Jesus*
- November 22 - Jesus Called Disciples*
- November 29 - Jesus' Early Miracles*

Birthdays

- Addison S..... 11/02
- Ashley P..... 11/07
- Gracie W..... 11/28



Fall Back Time Change
Sunday, November 1,
Daylight Saving Time ends
at 2:00 a.m.

Thank you to the Gilbert's for putting up our Drive -Thru Treats Sign!



Thank you, Horton Family, for setting up our final movie night of the year.



Thank You to all the volunteers and everyone that donated candy! Ya'll helped make the Drive -Thru Treats a big hit this year!

Thank you, Chloe Moss, for dressing up every Sunday in October and collecting candy during the drive-in service.



Thank you to all the volunteers for your willingness to serve and your enthusiasm during Wednesday Night Kids.

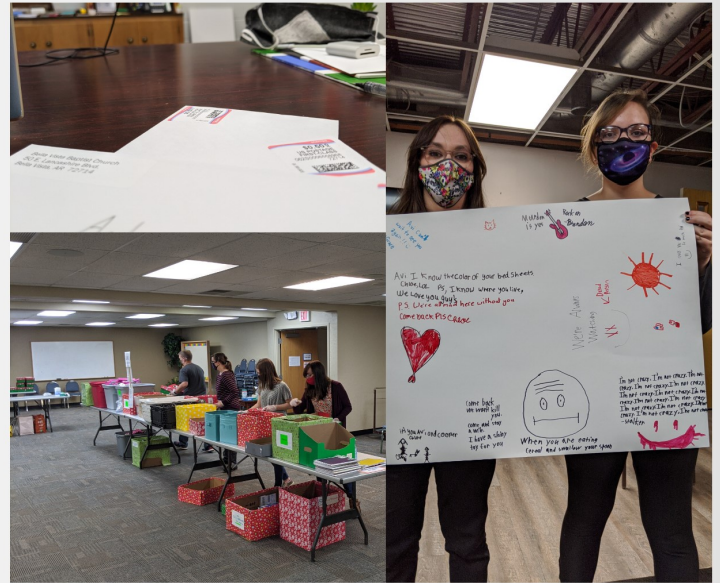


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IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER...

In John chapter thirteen Christ speaks to His disciples. He tells them the lost world will know they follow Him because they love one another. So how are our teenagers showing their love for each other and those around them?

This month we've made posters for students we miss who haven't returned to Student Ministry yet! We've also encouraged, loved on, and made special cards of appreciation for special "Students of the Week" and we've made birthday cards for students celebrating this month. At the OCC packing party we sent that love outwards as we expressed the hope of the Gospel to people in need.



READY TO REASON

I sometimes have alarming conversations with Christians who seem to be under the impression that we need not defend our faith in Christ. I recently saw a church post a public statement which read, "faith needs no proof."

This would have been a surprise to the NT writers! Luke provided meticulous details so his readers could verify the accounts of Jesus' life, death, burial, and resurrection. Paul was an erudite speaker who offered proofs for his theological beliefs. Peter exhorted the church to be ready to give a reason for our hope - and we want the same for our teens.

In a study of moral reasons for openness to God we quoted voices from F. Scott Fitzgerald to Keanu Reeves. We turned to the words of Christ and saw that He came to call sinners to repentance - to provide complete spiritual and physical restoration through Salvation. We also started looking at the arena of science and it's divine relationship to God. From the Big Bang to RNA World, from Charles Darwin to Michio Kaku, we will see what a lost world claims about life and why God alone is the answer for the origin of life and the origin of the divine scriptures.

Let's equip a generation of youth ready to proclaim and defend the Gospel!



Music News

by Pastor Robert McGee

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the gifts and notes of encouragement that I received last month. As November begins, I start my 6th year of service here at BVBC. My wife and I appreciate everything that you have done for us over the last five years. What a wonderful and blessed church family. I am excited for the future and I can't wait to see where God will lead us.

Adult Choir- Right now we are still unable to meet as a group with restrictions still in place. I long for the time when we can meet together again. I am still rehearsing a few ensembles of 6 people that will lead in Sunday worship. If you are interested in participating in an ensemble, please let me know. I am also looking for people that can lead in special music. If you have a solo or duet that you would like to present please let me know.

Everyone stay safe. God Bless!

Robert

Young at Heart—Senior Adult News *by Pastor Robert McGee*

Senior Adult Movie Night- The normal time for movie night in November is during the Thanksgiving holiday so we will move it up a week to Friday, November 19th, 6:30pm. The movie we will watch is "I Still Believe". It is the story of Christian artist Jeremy Camp. Invite a friend. Hope to see you there. I am praying for all of you. If you have a need, don't hesitate to call. God Bless – Keep Safe Robert



"Women's Meet-Up"

Wednesday, November 18

10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Contact Cindy Summerhill for information



Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 4th at 10:00am.
Robert and Sharon Pinkston, will speak
about their work as missionaries in
Quebec, Canada.

Food, Fun & Fellowship

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November 9th at 6:00 pm

*Light snacks and water will be
provided.*

Fellowship Hall

Java Mamas

November 9th 9:30am

6 Plockton Ln, Bella Vista

Dear Bella Vista Baptist Church Friends,

Thank you for your very generous check given to The Shepherd's Food Pantry for the benefit of our community in need. It is very encouraging to know we have your backing and we will do our best to help those who come to us seeking that help. We appreciate the loving support you have for our neighbors.

Sincerely,

The Shepherd's Food Pantry

Bella Vista Lutheran Church

Thank you for your recent donation to Bella Vista Pre-school! Your continued support is much appreciated.

Melanie Nichols

Director

Thank You Church

A PRAYER ROOM NOTE OF THANKS 🙏

Soon we celebrate "**Thanksgiving**". A wonderful time to give thanks to God & His blessed Son, Jesus, for the love, mercy & grace which are so abundant!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good" (Psalm 118:24).

I want to personally thank all the Prayer Warriors who serve with such dedication & faithfulness. Even in the pandemic, the Prayer Room has stayed open & our Lord has strengthened us to serve & also added new people! Thanks to the entire staff, congregation & office for your prayers & also supplying the Wednesday prayer list & supplies.

As intercessors, we have the privilege to pray & be heard by our Father, as we approach the "**Throne of Grace**" (Heb. 4:14-16). Also, we can lift up our brothers & sisters: "**Bear one another's burdens & so fulfill the law of Christ**" (Gal. 6:2). Our prayers do make a difference!

If interested in serving, please call **Kris (Director) 876-8822. Keep Praying!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for your recent gift of food for the Village Bible Church's Oasis Food Pantry ministry. While we only get a glimpse now of the impact this gift will have, someday in heaven we will know the full measure of having shared Jesus in this way.

May God Bless You!

Tony White

Oasis Food Pantry

Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever. Psalms 111:2-3 NIV

Thank you dear church pastors, staff and members for your support, prayers, and encouragement for Operation Christmas Child. And thank you OCC volunteer team members for dedicating your time and effort to make the packing parties very successful. Thank you Bella Vista Baptist Church for providing at least 1,450 gospel opportunities.

All praises to our Loving Father and His Son Jesus Christ for His ministry to sow the seed of the Gospel and to share Jesus' love to the children of the world.

Don Allen

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November Birthdays 18 & Older



- 3–Chuck Ruede
- 7–Rhonda Ross,
Jill Stewart
- 8–Renee Saxon,
Lauri Trigg
- 10–Mary Hooks,
Marykate Maddock
- 11–Edwin Pinkston
- 12–Mary Hughes
- 14–Bill Gilbert
- 17–David Shepherd
- 20–Karen Lanctot,
Larry Rhodes,
Phil Ridout

- 21–Cristiane
Stephenson
- 26–Rick Tramposh
- 28–Kay Cartwright,
Brad Gooding,
Julie Hettel,
Glen Sitton,
Marty Watson,
Hilda Whalen
- 29–Dorothy Foster

If you are celebrating your 50th plus anniversary this month and were not on our list, please contact the office.

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

- 1–Danny Gary
- 2–Joe Baker
- 3–Steve Halman
- 5–Leann Houghton