

# Bella Vista

## Family & Friends..... July 27, 2022

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word, Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know 'Thus saith the Lord.' I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend, And I know that thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end." This beautiful hymn was written by Louisa M.R. Stead in 1880. Se was born in Dover, England and moved to the U.S. in 1871 to Cincinnati, Ohio. She dedicated her life to missionary service, serving in Cape Colony, South Africa and later Zimbabwe. She married in 1875 and later had a daughter, Lily. Louisa had a major turning point in her life. The family decided to enjoy the sunny beach at Long Island Sound, New York. They were having a picnic lunch when they heard cries for help and spotted a drowning boy in the sea. Her husband, Kenneth went to help. The struggling boy pulled his rescuer under water with him before the terrified eyes of Louisa and her four-year-old daughter, Lily. Her husband and the boy he tried to rescue both perished. She wrote this hymn two years after the tragedy of her husband's death in dealing with her sorrow and why this happened. She found peace and comfort in trusting in Jesus, despite her sorrow. These meaningful words were written from the soul of Louisa Stead. To God Be the Glory!

*Indeed, God is my salvation; I will trust Him and not be afraid, for the Lord, the Lord Himself, is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation. (Isaiah 12:2)*

We were blessed with our visitors: Milt & Darla Beauchamp (Yucuaipa, CA), Eddie & Janice Waters (Casa Grande, AZ), Milo & Karen Hadwin (Searcy), Allan & Max Myers (Vilonia), Jeremy, Ashlee, Bailey & Avery Beauchamp (Little Rock), Gary & Karen Oliveira (Center-ton), Jon & Chelsea, DJ and Savannah Reeves (Bentonville), Jessie Greer, Nathanael Green, Sandi Koneman, Jacob McCoy, Joyce Parks, and Greg Woodruff.

Those on our prayer list: Our deepest heartfelt sympathy goes to Mary Bell Banks in the loss of her sister, Delores Forrester, and also to Becky Pittman in the loss of her mother. Charles Jones, Don Cope's brother-in-law, fell and fractured his pelvic bone in two places. Also pray for Don's sister, Glenda. Pat Musson is still at Mercy Hospital, no visitors at this time. Sheila Reese is in Everest Rehab in Rogers following her recent surgery. Continue to pray for Loiselle Tyler, Penny Huskey, Bob & Vicky Douthit, the Hunts' daughter, Anthom, our missionaries, our military and police force, our country, and president.

Items needed for Fair Haven Children's Home: Spaghetti, pie filling, chili powder, cleaning supplies, and fabric sheets. July Food Pantry: Salad dressings, ketchup, oil, kids' snacks, breakfast/granola bars, and canned chicken.

No one understands like Jesus. Love you, stay safe.

*Karen*

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### LORD'S DAY

Early Worship 8:15 AM  
Bible Class (Livestreamed) 9:30 AM  
Worship (Livestreamed) 10:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Class 9:45 AM  
Bible Classes (Livestreamed) 7:00 PM

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## Being Neighborly

I ran across a Facebook post from a friend of mine last week that really got my attention. The post described how he had lost quite a bit of hay to a fire. It wasn't just the tragedy and loss that got my attention. It was the way in which he expressed his appreciation for all of those who came to help, those who did what they could to prevent a total loss. It wasn't a rant against whomever or whatever started the blaze. Instead they were words of thanks for the many people who were willing to be inconvenienced and sacrifice other things in order to lend a hand. There may be many words that come to mind to describe people who drop what they are doing, change plans, and serve those around them. One of the words that Jesus uses to describe such people is neighbor.

*And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."*

*But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set*

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him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise." (Luke 10:25-37)

There are a lot of things we could learn from this well-known parable. Let's look at a couple of them.

The first thing we see is that the lawyer who poses the questions wants Jesus to define his neighbors. Jesus defines neighbor, but not the way the lawyer expected. In this parable, Jesus illustrates for us that we do not get to define our neighbors; we are called to be neighbors.

Sunday evening, July 17th, we listened to Jerry Morgan talk with us about the work in the Ukraine. When he was finished, we filled his trailer with the items that had been donated and still have quite a bit to send. We do not know those folks. We have never met them. We don't share much in common with them. However, this church, you all, sacrificed and gave. You demonstrated what it means to be a neighbor.

From the benevolence ministry, beds for kids, the food pantry, mission efforts, VBS, service week, as well as many other ways too numerous to list here, this congregation continues to demonstrate a love for neighbors. It is a beautiful thing to see. Don't ever lose that.

Secondly, it is interesting to me that Jesus says nothing in this parable about the response of the man who was injured. I think this is very instructive. We may never know the impact that our neighborly actions have on an individual. They may be incredibly grateful or seem completely unappreciative. We may feel as if they have taken advantage of us, of our generosity and sacrifice. We may never know. One thing of which we can be certain; being a neighbor makes us more like the One we follow. He is the ultimate demonstration of love for others, irrespective of who they are. Who knows? Being a neighbor may give us the opportunity to introduce them to Him, and that would be mighty neighborly.

-JEFF GRISHAM

## A Busy Summer Youth News

We have had quite the summer already and at the time of writing we still have 3 more nights of VBS plus our service week and trip to Branson next week and lockout the weekend after that! I am sure there will be plenty more good to come from the next few weeks but there has already been



so much growth and good that have occurred this summer. For those who were able to make it to our El Salvador Mission report I am sure you were blessed to hear from the teens as they shared the impact that trip had on them. For those who were not able to make it, be sure to ask

Abby, Breanna, or Caleb about the powerful impact this trip had on them. I got to see each of them grow and push themselves in many ways as we served together.

Once we got back from El Salvador Ethan and a group of our teens left for another great year at Green Valley. I was able to be out there every day to help teach and



spend some time with our teens. Green Valley has always played a major role in the summer programs of the churches in Northwest Arkansas and I know we had several who were thrilled to suffer in the 100+ heat because of the work Green Valley does.



Finally, we spent our last week of June at Harding University for Uplift. This trip was unique for several reasons

but by far the best thing that set it apart was the numerous deep conversations that were had and the tremendous growth that took place in all that went that eventually led to the baptism of 2 of our own! Lillian Bockholt was baptized Tuesday night at uplift and Ella Martin was baptized the Sunday after we returned. Both of these girls, as well as the others that went,



benefitted from an incredibly enriching week of classes and lessons from the Sermon on the Mount. The theme was "Illuminate" taken from the section that speaks of being a light set on a hill and I am so proud to see the way that all those who went have taken this to heart and continued to keep their

focus on the light they are called to be.

-PARKER WILLIS

### SUNDAY SERVANTS: 7/31/22

#### First Service

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture ..... Randall Hunt      Song Leader ..... Anthony Christiano  
 Greeters ..... Chris Johnson, Gary McCool      Communion Scripture & Prayer ..... Harold Phillips  
 Closing Prayer ..... Bill Alumbaugh  
 Nursery Workers ..... Jerri Dobbs, Tori Hunt

#### Second Service

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture ..... Don Butcher      Song Leader ..... Mark Bagwell  
 Greeters ..... Jack Johnson, Chris Johnson      Communion Scripture & Prayer ..... Kirk Franklin  
 Closing Prayer ..... Mike Spencer  
 Nursery Workers ..... Jennifer Royer, Cammy Jo McCain      Van Driver ..... Jim Branstetter

#### July Worship Coordinators

Worship Coordinator ..... Mike York      Streaming Coordinator ..... James Beaty  
 Audio Coordinator ..... Jim Caylor      Video Coordinator ..... Aaron Bagwell