

Announcements

Promotion Sunday is June 7th. All classes will meet in the auditorium.

We will be having a Summer Singing Class beginning June 3rd. All adult classes will meet in the auditorium.

May 31st will be our Fifth Sunday Brunch between services. There will be no Bible classes that morning.

There will be a diapers and wipes shower for Carlie Haskins on May 31st at 3:00 pm at the home of Cindy Johnson.

Volunteers are needed for this year’s VBS! If you are interested in helping, see Presley. This year’s VBS will be July 26-29th.

Prayer List

Gary McCool had triple bypass surgery on Friday.

Maryann Bowman's sister, Susan Massie, is at home following surgery she had as a result of a fall.

Brenda Wild's sister, Patricia Hamilton, had surgery to repair a cracked vertebrae on Thursday.

Also please continue to remember:

- Carolyn Reeves
- Hillary Porter
- Dolores McBride
- Phyllis Spaw
- Janis Thompson's brother

Fair Haven Children's Home Needs

- Flour
- Hot Chocolate Mix
- Olive Oil
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Salad Dressings
- Shampoo (kids and adults)
- Paper Plates
- Trash Bags

SHEPHERDS

Tracy Bowman.....479-899-3089
John Caylor.....903-520-2131
Dallas Dobbs.....479-640-4943
Roger Arnold.....479-866-6378

DEACONS

Mark Bagwell John Bowman Randall Hunt Mike Martin
Terry Roberts Aaron Sloan Mike Spencer Jack Johnson Josh Coberly

MINISTERS

Jeff Grisham.....479-531-9135
Presley Williams.....479-567-0993

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SUNDAY		8:15 AM
Early Worship		
Bible Class (Livestreamed)		9:30 AM
Worship (Livestreamed)		10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY		9:45 AM
Ladies' Class		
Bible Classes (Livestreamed)		7:00 PM



Learning to Hear

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest." (Psalm 95:6-12)

The words of the Psalmist, which are repeated in Hebrews speak to the importance of being able to hear the voice of God our shepherd. This passage is repeated in Hebrews as a warning to those who will not listen to and follow the direction of the voice of Jesus. In fact, the instruction to listen to and follow the voice of the Shepherd is found all throughout Scripture (a few examples would be Deuteronomy 18:15-22; John 10:1-10; Matthew 13:18-23; 17:5). It seems important that we learn to listen, learn to hear the voice of the Shepherd. What does it take to accomplish this?

First, is taking the time to get to know him. There are people in our lives whose voices we



recognize immediately. As a general rule, these are the folks with whom we spend a considerable amount of time. I think this is the first and possibly the most important step in being able to recognize the voice of God. We have to spend time with him. We have to listen. We have to become so familiar with his voice, that we know what he sounds like.



Next, we need to eliminate the background noise. I spent a good portion of my early life exposed to a lot of loud noises. The soundtrack of my growing up years included tractors, chainsaws, shotguns, power equipment, concerts, and other loud things. Those things were just a part of life, and for the most part, were quite enjoyable. However, years of that type of exposure has impacted my ability to hear now, especially if there is background noise.

For many of us, we spent years listening to other voices. The trouble is not just with the noises from the past that tend to dull our hearing, but the sheer volume of current background noise that assaults our ability to hear Jesus clearly. There are a lot of other voices vying for our attention. Many of them claim to offer peace, security, hope, happiness, and a future. The fact is that only the Good Shepherd can deliver those things. We have to learn to tune out the background noise.

Fortunately, the Psalmist gives us the key to doing both of these things. It is worship. Worship puts us in the position to hear his voice. The opening lines of this section reminds us of the God who created us and the God who leads us.

Our natural response to him should be to incline our ear to his voice. He is the one who made us, who knows us best, who knows what we need in order to flourish, and the one who desperately wants to be with us. As we worship him, he becomes our singular focus and the background noise from all the other voices are silenced.

How much time are we spending listening to the voice of the one who created us, the one who shepherds us, the one who knows and wants what is best for our flourishing? What might need to change so that we can become more attuned to his voice? How might our lives be different if we make listening to him a daily focus?

- JEFF GRISHAM

Elders' Corner

“Paul to the church in Phillipi : ... “ be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind” Phil 2:2 [ESV]

- Congrats to Ella Martin, our only Senior to graduate this year! AND thanks: Gibson guys, Jacob Haskins and Grant Dodson for putting tables and chairs away.
- When Care Group leaders have opportunity for a group meeting, please invite us as well.
- We are scheduled to meet with Care Group 1 on the 29th of May. Thanks for the invite!
- Your Elders continue to reach out and visit with men of the congregation to fill Deacon positions.
- Some of us have recently welcomed folks into our homes or visited at theirs to discuss concerns. You can always set up a meeting with us in the church Library.
- Always praying for the Body here at Bella Vista, Your Elders.

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!” Psalm 133:2 [ESV]

MUGS MUFFINS & A MESSAGE

young adult led

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH @9AM

WHERE: Bella Vista Church of Christ in the Fellowship Hall

WHO: For women & teen girls! Bring a friend & let's grow together in faith!

WHY: Come for the muffins, bring a mug, stay for the message, leave feeling encouraged & renewed.

SUNDAY SERVANTS May 31, 2026

First Service

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture Presley Williams

Song Leader Bright Newhouse

Closing Prayer Roger Arnold

Communion Lead Randall Hunt

Greeters.....Dallas Dobbs, Gary McCool, Josh Metheny

Nursery WorkersPatsy McCool, Janet Alumbaugh

Second Service

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture..... Presley Williams

Song Leader Lee McCain

Closing Prayer.....John Caylor

Communion Lead Dylan Bowman

Greeters.....Dallas Dobbs, Nathan McCurry, Terry Balentine, Robbie Balentine

Nursery WorkersRobin Spencer, Andrea Wald

Van Driver Bryan Busbee

May Worship Coordinator

Worship Coordinator..... Kim Metheny

For the Record, May 17, 2026

Sunday Morning Worship 280

Sunday Bible Class 153

Sunday Evening Worship 60

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