

## We Want You To Know

**Sunday Morning  
February 28th, 2021**

We welcome our visitors! Thank you for joining us in this Worship. We invite you to join our Wednesday Evening Livestream at seven o'clock. You'll find a link on our website listed at the bottom of this page.

Remember our Sunday Morning Fellowship Coffee & Sweets beginning around 8AM and available until the

10:30 Worship. Come enjoy the fellowship!

### **Those Needing Prayers & Visits**

- Continue to remember the Banks Family in the passing of Joe. He was the brother-in-law to Mary Bell and the uncle of Dolores Job.
- Doug Klingman's uncle, Frank Gates, passed away in Missouri. Remember Doug and the rest of Frank's family.
- Ray Reiss fell and broke his ankle last Wednesday; remember to pray for his recovery.
- Jennie Alderson requests prayers for her brother, Cliff, He has been hospitalized with pneumonia.
- Connor Evans requests prayers for his health issues.
- Vickie Shuster ask prayers for her daughter, Logan, as she recovers from a recent surgery.
- Remember the Duffy family as they deal with their health issues.

### **Other Announcements**

Our Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class continues to meet at 9:45. This week they begin a new video study "LOVE FIRST." Now is the time to join if you haven't been taking advantage of these midweek encouragement sessions.

Our Evening Ladies Class meets in the Fellowship Area at 7 o'clock. They start a new study this week entitled "JOY" from the Book of Philippians. You can also join this class by Zoom. See Staci about a book and your Zoom invitation.

Efforts are being made to resume our Wednesday Evening Bible Classes on March 10th. We would like to have the same Youth Class breakout as we're using on Sunday Morning. This means we need teachers. If you will help get this started, see Jeff or Parker. Our Adult Study will remain the same with Jeff & Randall sharing a study in Systematic Theology. This auditorium class will continue to be livestreamed, and will end with a question and answer session on the subject of that evening's class.

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# Welcome!

## *Our Philippian Challenge*



## *Bella Vista Church of Christ*

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# Shining Like Stars In The Universe

## Stars Are Fascinating Objects

### What Scripture Has To Say About Stars & Light...

Genesis 1.2 & 3

1 John 1.5

John 8.12

Matthew 5.14-16

Ephesians 6.8-9

1 Peter 2.9

1 John 1.7

Reading our text – Philippians 2.12-16a

### What We Can Learn About Shining Like Stars...

Become a people and person of integrity – vs 12a

Integrity is what's inside is also seen on the outside

Our Christianity should be written on our faces

We must work out our salvation – 12b

Controversy of the passage – Salvation is a complex issue

Reconciliation

Sanctification

Consider the Holy Spirit as God's Light in us...

An illustration of quenching the Spirit – Jonah

An example of being led by the Spirit – Abraham

We are to live in reverence and respect – vs 12b

Seeing His absolute awesome transcendent nature

Examples of those who saw His Sovereign nature

Stop grumbling and complaining – vs 14

Israel in the wilderness was a poor witness for God's grace

Murmuring and complaining destroy our testimony

Who decides if God is fair

Shining lights must be different – Standout from the world – vs 15

Sometimes a lamp needs attention (Context)

### Meeting The Challenge Before Us

### Matthew 5.14-16

14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.



16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

### Philippians 2.12-16a

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

14 Do everything without complaining or arguing,

15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe

16 as you hold out the word of life...