Announcements

The updated printed member directories are available for pick up in the foyer. Please pick up one per family for now. Extras may be available later.

The annual Christmas card exchange ends today. You can pick up your cards this morning.

The church office will be closed December 23^{rd} – January 3^{rd} . There will be no mailout bulletin for until after the New Year.

Our Sunday Evening services will resume January 2^{nd} . The time for these services will be at 5:00 pm.

There will be an Elder/Deacon breakfast meeting, Saturday, January 8th, at 8:30 here at the building.

Please join us for a Wedding Shower for Alexis Albers, Sunday January 9th at 3:00 pm. We are compiling favorite recipes of Alexis's family and friends and we would love for you to participate. Please go to <u>createmycookbook.com/projects/Tbh49nwCz</u> to get started.

Our Wednesday evening ladies' class will begin a new study through the book of James on January 5th. If you are planning to attend, you can use the QR code below to sign up. You can also use the tablets outside of Cory's office or sign up on the website. Please register as soon as possible so we can get books ordered.



Live Faithfully - Google Forms docs.google.com

Prayer List

Sue Gartrell is facing surgery and asks a place in our prayers.

David Reeves had heart surgery last week and is recovering.

Andrew Albers was hospitalized with heart issues last Thursday. Please keep him in your prayers.

Tim Short had surgery on December 15th for kidney cancer.

Vicki Lunsford's father had gall bladder surgery last week.

Continue to remember:

- Brody Wappler
- Debra Lewis's family
- Doug Klingman
- Becky Donceel
- Charlotte Akridge's nephew
- Ramin Salimi
- Pat Musson
- Susan Duffy

Bible Classes

Sunday morning Auditorium — God to the Exiles – Study of Ezekiel

Sunday morning 20's and 30's Living Against the Grain: A Study in Daniel

Wednesday evening (also Live-Stream) – *Revelation* 7:00 pm every Wednesday evening

Wednesday evening Ladies' Bible Class, Jan. 5th. Live Faithfully: A Study in James

Wednesday morning Ladies's Bible Class, Crowned: Adorned with Kingdom Blessings 9:45 every Wednesday morning

Those Serving Next Week

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer -8:15 – Aaron Sloan 10:30 – Bryan Busbee Song Leader a.m. – 8:15 - Sammy McCain 10:30 – Marquis Elliott **Communion Lead** – 8:15 – Dallas Dobbs 10:30 – Don Butcher **Closing Praver** – 8:15 – Randall Hunt 10:30 – Perry Johnson Greeters -8:15 – David Saunders Mark Tucker 10:30 – Howard Hurst Eric Gibson Worship Coordinator – Harold Phillips Video Operator - Chris Johnson Audio – Homer Makinson **Streaming** – Elijah Johnson

Youth Notes

Upcoming Events

Nerf WarsTonight at 5:00 Coffee at Coler...Tomorrow at 4:00

The Winter Calendar is on Band. Please check for other upcoming events

Scripture Reading

And he said. "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to

him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father

has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father. 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."" (Luke 15:11-32 ESV)

Reaching Farther

Who are the prodigals in our lives that for whom we need to continue to pray?

Moving Closer

What areas of our lives need to be shaped more like the traits we find in the father from the parable?

Growing Deeper

Read the Parable of the Prodigal Son again and reflect on the ways in which God continues to reach out to us.

Notes

Bella Vista Church of Christ

Sunday morning, December 19, 2021



Welcome Visitors

Thank you for being with us today.

We hope the service today is meaningful and inspiring. We also pray that you will come back to be with us every opportunity you have. We have an attended nursery for children 2 and under. <u>Please fill out one of the</u> <u>attendance slips located throughout the</u> <u>auditorium and place in the collection</u> plate when it is passed.

Service Times

Sunday Morning Worship – 8:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 am Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00 pm

> Visit us online at: Bellavistachurchofchrist.com

Worship This Morning

8:15 a.m. Welcome, Scripture and Prayer: Roger Arnold Song Service: Lee McCain Communion Lead: Joe Hott Looking Like Our Father: Jeff Grisham Event Reminder and Closing Prayer: Chad Dobbs

10:30 a.m. Welcome, Scripture and Prayer: Jerry Orr Song Service: Chris McSweeny Communion Lead: Tom Verkler Looking Like Our Father: Jeff Grisham Event Reminder and Closing Prayer: Ray Reiss

Order of Worship

Song Welcome, Scripture Reading and Prayer Songs Communion Service Song Sermon Invitation Song Closing Song Event Announcements and Closing Prayer