

We welcome our visitors! Thank you for joining us in this Worship. We invite you to our Wednesday Evening Bible Classes at seven o'clock. Our adult auditorium class continues to be Livestreamed. There's a link to our website at the bottom of this page. Our Wednesday Evening Ladies Class meets in the Annex and is Zoomed. Remember our Sunday Morning Coffee & Sweets beginning around 8AM and available until the 10:30 Worship. Come enjoy the fellowship!

Our Eldership meets Tuesday Evening in the Library. If you would like to meet with them, call the church office and let them know and be here at seven o'clock.

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

- Billy Helms' mother, Pearline, passed away Friday. They're in Pocahontas with family.
- Glenn Kirkes' brother, Don, passed away last week in New Mexico.
- Stephen Hunt's uncle passed away and his sister-in-law has lung cancer. Remember this family in your prayers.
- We're sad to announce the passing of Louise Perry. Remember her family.
- Sharon Van Pelt's mom, Leon English, is on home hospice.
- Pat Musson & Judith Carmical continue their chemo treatments.
- Dee Ann Roberts had cataract surgery last week.
- Cliff Wheelock is scheduled for back surgery Tuesday in Springfield.
- The Hott's ask prayers for their daughter, Heidi, in Northwest Medical.
- Pray for Michelle King in Johannesburg; She's suffering with cancer.
- We've been asked to pray for Glenn Whitman in Gravette; he is suffering with serious health issues.
- Continue prayers for Phyllis Spaw's sister, Hilda Jones, Robert Horton, Mike Lacey, Ron Beaty, Krista Magness, and JB Tarr.

#### **Other Announcements & Notes**

We welcome Kyleigh Lynn Dobbs into this world; and congratulations to Chad & Melissa, Dallas & Jerri.

Harding University Northwest is looking for an Administrative Assistant. You can find information on the bulletin board.

Don't forget our Community Family Fun Day, June 12th. You'll find sign-up sheets in the foyer. Remember to sign-up for goodies for the Cake Walk along with two-liter sodas for the Ring Toss.

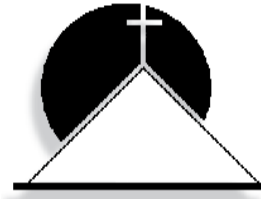
We're updating our Church Directory. Please check all your information on the table in the foyer. If it's correct, initial, if not change. See Nan if you need a new picture.

Register for VBS on the tablets outside Jeff's Office, on the website or Facebook Page. Volunteers are need!! Green Valley Day Camp is 6/14-17. Overnight Camp is 6/20-26. There's limited space, so get signed-up!

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## **We Want You To Know**

**Sunday Morning  
May 23rd, 2021**



# **WELCOME!**



## **Bella Vista Church Of Christ**

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# This World Is Not Our Home

## Christian Persecution Begins...

Rome is burned by Caesar Nero  
Christians are blamed  
Severe persecutions continued from Nero to Constantine

## Peter Writes To Encourage Suffering Christians...

We are strangers - Pilgrims - Aliens - Sojourners here  
Those suffering need to hear and heed this message

2 Timothy 3.12  
Philippians 1.29  
Hebrews 12.7  
James 2.2-4 & 12  
Revelation 2.10

## Reading Our Text – 1 Peter 1.3-9 4.12-14 & 19 5.10

## What We Learn About Christian Suffering...

We will suffer in all kinds of trials  
1 Peter 4.12  
James 1.2  
2 Timothy 3.12  
Our trials will be temporary  
A "little while" may speak of Days - Months - Years  
It may speak of the time when all suffering will cease  
Suffering has a purpose  
God promises to see to this purpose – Romans 8.28  
It proves our faith to be genuine  
It Remolds - Remakes - Shapes us into His image  
Suffering matured & perfected Jesus – Hebrews 5.8-9  
We share in His Suffering - Maturing - Perfecting  
2 Corinthians 1.5  
2 Timothy 2.11-12  
Suffering brings inexpressible Joy and the Crown of Life  
Romans 8.18  
2 Corinthians 4.17  
1 Corinthians 2.9

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## Our Invitation

## 1 Peter 1.3-9

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you,

5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

7 These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,  
9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## 1 Peter 4.12-14 & 19

12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

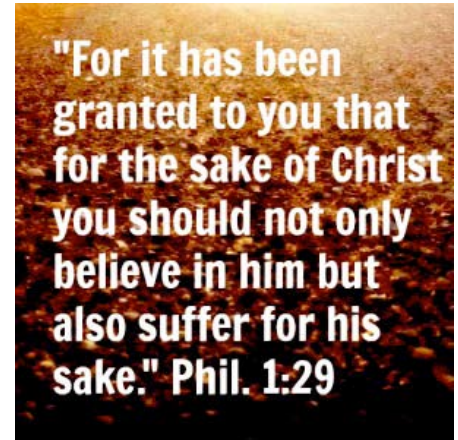
13 But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

19 So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

## 1 Peter 5.10

10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.



**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Welcome**  
**Song**  
**Song**  
**Song**  
**Communion Song**  
**Communion Remarks**  
**Communion Served**  
**Prayer & Scripture**  
**Sermon**  
**Invitation Song**  
**Dismiss With Song**