



# The Good News

April 2015

## *A Message from Bishop Gary Mueller*



Dear Ones,

There has been an alarming rise in the number of Christians who are being persecuted and killed. Much of this persecution is occurring in the Middle East and Africa, and involves terrorist groups such as ISIS and Boko Haram. But it is a mistake to think it is limited to specific regions or groups, because sisters and brothers around the world are experiencing the same fate.

There has been deafening silence in the face of this crisis. Sadly, much of it has come from Jesus' Church. We no longer can be silent. It is time to speak boldly and join together in prayer on behalf of those suffering and dying simply because they are followers of Jesus.

I am joining with other United Methodist bishops in inviting United Methodists to pray on behalf of Christians facing persecution. Nothing could be more fitting as we grow closer and closer to the final steps on Jesus' journey to the cross, where he died so we might live.

Certainly we must speak out whenever someone is persecuted, tortured or killed – whether or not they are persons of other faiths or no faith. But I feel a special sense of urgency to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in face of increasing persecution, suffering and death.

I invite all United Methodist Churches in Arkansas to join me in praying for our sisters and brothers in Christ facing persecution.

*God of us all,*

*You love us so passionately that You sent Your Son to help us experience the fullness of divine love. And while we love You, we are not often asked to risk our lives because of our faith.*

*This is not true for many of our sisters and brothers in Christ. Our hearts break as we see more of them suffering and dying simply because they are living as disciples of Jesus.*

*We pray for their safety and sanctuary. We pray that You will give them grace in suffering. We are humbled by the witness of these martyred for their faith. We pray for their persecutors, and that acts of violence and persecution will cease.*

*Help us to grow in our commitment to live as Jesus' disciples. Remind us that we are the One Body of Christ: when one member suffers, all suffer. Stir us to pray unceasingly. And empower us to speak boldly. We pray all of this in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.*

Grace and peace,

## *Easter Week FUMCBV Happenings*

*Sunday, March 29 ~ Palm Sunday Services at 8:00am ~ 9:30am ~ 10:45am*

*Tuesday, March 31 ~ Baptism Service at 7:00pm (Bella Vista Assembly of God Church)*

*Wednesday, April 1 ~ Lenten Service at 11:45am followed by Lenten Luncheon*

*Thursday, April 2 ~ Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30pm*

*Friday, April 3 ~ Good Friday Service at 6:30pm*

*Sunday, April 5 ~ Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00am (Metfield Clubhouse)*

*Traditional Services at 8:00am and 10:45am ~ Contemporary Service at 9:30am*



## FAITH WALK

with Senior Pastor, Brother Jaimie J. Alexander

### Acts 2:24-28 (NIV)

*But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: 'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'*

On a recent day during Lent, I found myself overwhelmed by the brokenness that I have experienced recently in people's lives as a pastor. What I mean is the brokenness in people's lives related to unhealthy family dynamics, the consequences of one's bad decisions, victimization by the decisions of others, financial struggles, health concerns, grief, etc. On this particular day, the weight of the brokenness of others weighed heavily on my heart and I found myself in God's presence calling out in prayer. I asked in prayer for peace in the storms of people's lives. These forms of brokenness were not something that could be fixed with an instantaneous word or action of a human. The healing, mending, ordering, help, rediscovery, and hope that was needed had to come from the Lord.

So in the quiet place of my heart, I heard God speak over several days reminding me that God is a God of resurrection hope. That God can and will resurrect, restore, heal, and infuse hope in the brokenness of life. The old saying says you cannot have a testimony without a test and a victory without a battle, but difficult times are not fun. They are unwanted, disliked, and rough, but yet we have such times as followers of Christ. Why would we think that we would not have challenging times, if even our Lord Jesus Christ had to face difficult times? Easter reveals to us the message of hope. Easter is the testimony of God's redeeming love. On Good Friday, the apostles and followers of Jesus thought all was broken, but it was not. Resurrection happened! Jesus defeated that which sought to defeat him! So do not lose hope or grow weary when brokenness touches life. In Psalm 147:3 we read, "He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds", so trust in God!



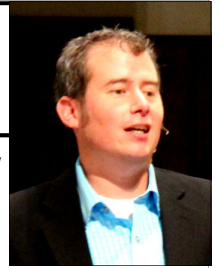
As many of you know Pastor Zach Underwood will not be reappointed to serve at FUMCBV in July. The Underwood family will be moving to Fort Smith as they begin a new chapter in life. I am so thankful for Zach's friendship and the opportunity to work together this year. Zach's smile and calm spirit has been a great blessing to the church family. Please be in prayer for Pastor Zach, Kerry, Eli, Leo, and Liam as they prepare for this relocation. Soon we will know who will be appointed by the Bishop and cabinet to serve as the associate pastor beginning on July 1. Please also be in prayer for the appointment process and for the new pastor who will call FUMC Bella Vista home.

God is faithful! **Bro. Jaimie**



## Epistles from Pastor Zach

with Associate Pastor, Zach Underwood



I don't know about you but from time to time I have trouble with my focus. No matter how hard I try, I get sidetracked, forget, or just completely focus on the wrong thing. In college, one of my professors said, "What you focus on becomes big to you." This happens in all areas of my life, not just my spiritual life.

Here lately I have lost my focus on my sons, or I guess I should say I have been focused on the wrong things. I have started to focus on the whining and fussiness rather than the happy moments. The words of my professor are ringing true, because as I start to focus on those things, it feels like that is all they do. They are constantly whining and fussing, but they aren't. They have their good moments (as short as they may be) and I need to focus on those rather than the other stuff. Same goes for when I think they are NEVER listening or doing what I ask. Its not that they aren't listening, I am just focused on the wrong things once again, and have to change my focus. Then I have someone say how good they are, and it helps me focus back in on the good (even if I don't agree that they are always THAT good). What we focus on becomes big to us and I know I need to focus on those good moments with my children rather than focus on the bad.

The same can be said for our spiritual life. Are we focusing on Jesus? Or have we let business, kids, grandkids, to-do lists, and everything else become our focus and therefore become big to us. Jesus is the one who should be our focus and big to us. His grace, his love, his forgiveness are some of the things that should be big to us because then these other things will take care of themselves. Maybe we need to listen to Psalm 46:10 "be still, and know that I am God" or we need to listen to the words in Matthew 11:28, "come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Or maybe it is spending time in prayer. We need to do whatever we can to change our focus back to the creator of the universe, the God that loves us and longs to be in relationship with us. Where is your focus?

*Pastor Zach*



### Bella Vista Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

FUMC Bella Vista has the privilege to host the Bella Vista Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am in Becker Hall. Tickets will be on sale in April in the church office. Volunteers are needed to serve the tables, wash dishes and clean up, and to serve as greeters. To volunteer to help please contact Jan Lowe. Thank you to Marlene Clapp and team who will be preparing the breakfast and also to Suzann Wresche and team who will be decorating the tables.

### Bella Vista Community-Wide National Day of Prayer Service

Thursday, May 7 at 6:30pm

Bella Vista Community Church

75 E Lancashire Blvd, Bella Vista, AR 72714





## JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

with

Brenda Wideman, Ministerial Intern



***"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."***

***John 15:4***

### **Who does God want you to be when you grow up?**

Can you remember back when you were a child to what you wanted to be when you grew up? Maybe you always wanted to be a fireman, because your dad was. Or maybe you wanted be like your Aunt Jane who was a nurse. The earliest I remember was at about 4 years old; I was going to be a singer. I loved to sing and my granddad, who played the organ at his little church, loved to play for me. Then I went to school and fell in love with my first grade teacher, and decided I wanted to be a teacher. Then I went to college with the intention of being a music teacher. It was less than a semester into it that I realized I didn't have enough talent to continue down that path. So I decided to become a math teacher instead; that was until I taught junior high school math and knew that was not my calling either. I was more excited than the students were to see the last day of school arrive that summer.

So adapting my math skills, I became a scientific applications programmer. I liked that so well I went back to get another degree in computer science. For a long time, I taught computer science at the college level and became an administrator where computer technology was the focus. Then I returned to the church and to a relationship with God through Jesus Christ; and something unexpected happened. I was called to be a pastor. This time the question was, "Who does God want me to be when I grow up?" God created you and God created me for relationship: relationship with God, relationship with neighbor, and relationship with ourselves. God has created each of us with gifts and graces that are unique to each.

When we finally stop searching for the answer to "What do I want to be when I grow up?", when we finally stop running toward substitutes for God and God's guidance, and instead run toward God and his guidance, then the answers to who we are and who God created us to be begin to come into focus. When we abide in God through Christ and allow Christ to abide in us, we grow into our true selves, the beautiful children we were created to be. The growth may lead us to service as a teacher or fireman or nurse or grandparent or Office Angel or sometimes even pastor, but the issue is that God is growing us into who we are. This God-led growth results in unbelievable fruit that, though the seeds formerly existed within us, they never could seem to sprout and blossom until we stopped trying to do it all on our own. As Easter and the new growth of Spring unfold, may you stop trying to find the answers alone and instead abide in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to find the child you were made to grow up to be.

Blessings, *Brenda*

### **EVERY ONE IN MINISTRY ~ EOIM**

We've gone from Every Member in Ministry to our new name,  
Every One In Ministry.

Jim and Sue Prather offered the name that was accepted.



## VISTA KIDS

with Kristin Crider, Director of Children's Ministry



It's officially spring! Long awaited, much anticipated...unless your allergies have a different viewpoint! Thank you to all who pitched in for the community wide Easter Egg Hunt. UMM, UMW, Youth Life and volunteers from all parts of the church showed up to help. It is truly an honor to work with so many who are willing to give their time to fling the doors open wide and welcome all to celebrate Easter with us!

Vista Kids will be sharing their March memory verse with the congregation during *The Well* service in early April, along with our song, "Let the Trumpets Sound". The song portrays Jesus' triumphant arrival to Jerusalem. One highlight from Sunday School in March was the PreK-1st graders sharing in the last supper together, and, of course, their presentation of the memory verse during *The Well* service.

April's lessons bring us beyond Easter to the Great Commission. Our memory verse is: "But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name." John 20:31

We will soon have a general call for planning our Summer VBS. The theme is almost set, so please consider joining our leadership team! Also, our Special Needs Ministry will be planning a few events in April for the remainder of 2015.

*Kristin*



## YOUTH LIFE

with David Hanson, Director of Youth Ministries

Hello church family from Youth Life! The youth went on a trip to Hot Springs a couple weeks ago for Veritas. Veritas is a revival gathering of all the Arkansas youth within the United Methodist Church in one location. We had four youth and three chaperones go to experience to deepen their faith. The fellowship time was by far the best. Thanks for all the prayers, thoughts and gifts that anyone within our church family donated or gave for this wonderful trip.

In the next month and a half we will be offer several fundraising opportunities for people who wish to help support our mission/fellowship trip to Orlando Florida. The *Youth 2015* event is a grand scale gathering for all Methodist youth in the United States to come gather and build the knowledge and faith as one. We are in need of lots of support, whether it is financial or prayer or any other way that you may feel you can support this trip. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

If you'd like to sponsor a youth, the cost is \$450 each. If you'd like to pay for a tank of gas, pay for some meals or snacks, please feel free! Just indicate that you would like to support us that way. There will be an envelope station in the narthex and in the office for people to donate whatever amount they would like. Right now we are looking at a cost of about \$4000 to fund the trip there and back and to pay for our time in Orlando. We will also be doing some dinners and other fundraising events so please keep a lookout in the weekly bulletin.

One more thing. If you are wanting to make dinner for Wednesday night youth, please stop by the office and sign up on the sign-up sheet. If you want to just give money for us to go get food that is okay and much appreciated.

I want to send out a big thank you for all those who have already supported the youth mission trip and all the other events that we've been doing, and for the Wednesday night meals. God bless you all!

*David*



## OUR FAMILY



Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a graduation, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these pages. Send your information to Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at [jan@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:jan@lovelearnlead.com), or 531-0381 or 855-1158.

### NEW MEMBERS

**Robert (Bob) and Dorothy Schuster** joined the church at the 8am service on March 8. They are members of the "Metfield Methodists" Shepherd Group. Ed and Barbara Jenner are their First Friends.



Bob is a substitute teacher 2 days a week for Bentonville ISD. He is retired from 21 years in the Air Force, Albemarle Chemical Corp, Houston, TX, and 10 years as a Special Ed teacher in Santa Fe, NM.

For 20 years, Dorothy worked as a Secretary and Legal Assistant to the City Attorney in Deer Park, TX.

They moved to Bella Vista to be nearer to family.

Bob reads, works for his wife, gardening, working out at the gym, downhill skiing, Bella Vista Honor Guard, VFW and American Legion. Dorothy enjoys reading, gardening, walking (6 miles a day), downhill skiing, and taking care of her two cats, Batman and Prince.

These are two very busy people; it is a good thing they enjoy doing some of the same things, or they'd never see each other.

We are so pleased they have become members here at FUMC. Please welcome Bob & Dorothy when you see them next.

### DEATHS

**Wilbur Best**, husband of Marion Best, died on Saturday, Feb 21 at Jamestown Nursing Home. They were married 67 years. He is also survived by a son, 2 daughters, a sister, 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

### SOARING SOLOS

(Where singles come together for fellowship and fun)

#### March Happenings:

**March 14, Saturday, 18 members of our group gathered at 9am for Breakfast at Mimi's.**

**March 22, Sunday, 5pm, Chapel—Potluck** Entree will be provided (Pack Shack Meal). Your job is to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to compliment the entree.

#### April Plans:

**April 11, Saturday, 8:30am, Breakfast at Papa Mike's.** Soaring Solo's rosters will be handed out. We'll take a little time to talk about your suggestions for outings and events for the rest of 2015.

**April 26, Sunday, 5pm, Church Chapel. Old Fashioned Family "Eat, Show, Tell."** Prepare an entree, side, salad, or dessert that has been passed down through your family; or bring a dish in a special family serving piece; and/or bring a memory from your childhood or an item you have inherited from family to "show and tell" us its history.

To sign up for any of the above activities or to be added to the e-mail list for notification of upcoming activities and events, contact Jan at [jan@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:jan@lovelearnlead.com), or call Jan at 531-0381. Church members are encouraged to invite others to join in our activities. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings, just single.



# OUR FAMILY

## ANNUAL SHEPHERD GROUP LEADER MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Plans are under way for the Shepherd Group Leaders, and those in leadership roles to come together at the church to verify records, review the year past, and discuss ways to share the leadership responsibilities within the groups.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, at 10:00am in the Chapel. A lunch will be served following the formal meeting, and participants will be encouraged to share their concerns and opportunities for the coming year.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Prayer Shawls** are not for sale, but you can make a donation to this ministry to help defray the cost of materials. Make checks payable to the church. In the Memo section, write *Prayer Shawl Ministry*. The Prayer Shawl knitters and crocheters meet every Tuesday at 10:00am in Room 6. Come join in the fellowship and purposeful creativity.

## SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

**Sunday Office Angel** If you are willing to volunteer any time between 7:30am and noon on Sunday mornings to work in the office addressing the needs of members and guests, we will work with you based on your availability. Greet those who come in with a warm smile and a willing attitude; answer questions or find out and get back to them; sign people up for various happenings at the church. Contact Jan Lowe.

**Sunday Bus Drivers**—to cover for regular drivers during vacations, and as needed. Please see Bob Kennedy for more information.

## "BE THE CHURCH" in MARCH





## OUR FAMILY

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Don & Barbara Gersema
- 6 John & Sharon Lindsey
- 12 Allan & Maxine Ward
- 13 Verle & Suzanne Shoemaker
- 14 Juanita & Brandt May
- 17 Alva & R. P. Demarais
- 20 James & Vicki Forrest
- 20 Keith & Lynn Prueitt
- 20 Diane & Joe Verville
- 26 Gary & Carol Tomlinson

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Leo & Liam Underwood (3)
- 2 Sue Prather
- 3 Jim Bilyeu
- 5 Theo Hamrin (14)
- 6 Sybil Martin
- 7 Bryan Roath
- 7 Betty Weider
- 8 Harmony Ford
- 9 Pat Barber
- 10 Marilyn Hertel
- 11 Deanna Ballinger
- 11 Ken Swanson
- 12 Jan Boblenz
- 12 Janice Lang



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS (CONTD)

- 12 Tim Van Allen
- 13 Robert Clark
- 13 Jack Collins
- 14 Stephen Carter
- 14 Garrett Greer
- 14 Jaxon Trombley (9)
- 15 Susan Smith
- 10 Emmery Antoine (2)
- 16 John Zurn
- 17 Madhura Roath (11)
- 18 Lynn Prueitt
- 19 Sonnie Andersen
- 20 Keiley Hickman (9)
- 21 Roger Vrieze
- 23 Emma Rose Jennings
- 24 Zach Lehmann (7)
- 26 Harriet Williams
- 27 Reid Horle
- 27 Rev. Jim Verkest
- 27 Walt Wenger
- 28 Dorothy Schuster
- 29 Janice Abbott
- 29 Cherie Fort
- 30 Terrie Crandall
- 30 Kim Dale
- 30 Delores Grosnickle







**UMW**

**UMM**

**We're Off & Running!**

Bazaar workshops have resumed on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come join us for a good time. We have projects for all ranges of talent. This year we have a special need for crocheters to make scrubbers out of netting. We have supplies and instructions available. For those who prefer to work at home, there are projects and Tea Towels to embroider on a table in the back of Becker Hall. Now that spring is upon us, we can also start thinking about getting plants ready to sell and if you have spring-cleaning fever, be on the lookout for small household and gift items for the gift baskets. Any questions, call Verna 876-1392.

REMEMBER, this is just one of several activities sponsored by UMW that needs the help of ALL church members to be able to contribute to so many charities such as Children's Advocacy, Teen Action, NWA Women's Shelter, Oasis House and about 20 more.

By the way ladies, the Bakeless Bake Sale will be coming up in May so be on the lookout for that letter. You have been very generous in the past and we truly appreciate all your help!

**DON'T FORGET TO SAVE YOUR LABELS**



UMW collects Campbell's Labels for Education for the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Mr. Ernie Banks of Amerifleet Transportation delivered this new Dodge van redeemed with Campbell's Labels for Education. FUMCBV helped RBM get this van!

United Methodist Men invite all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30pm in Becker Hall.



**Attention all (male) golfers!**

Starting April 2, our three leagues begin play - two 18 hole leagues, Mondays & Thursdays; and one 9 hole league on Tuesdays. All three leagues are "play by the week" leagues. You are not required to commit to the entire summer, or find a substitute if you have to miss a week. Contact Chet Campbell (Monday), Alan Packard (Tuesday), or James Forrest or Darrell Bottjen (Thursday), if you are interested.



**United Methodist Men  
Pancake Day**

Friday, May 1st

6:30am-12:30pm ~ Becker Hall

Pancakes, Ham or Sausage,  
Applesauce, Drink

**\$6.00 per person**

Tickets can be bought from any UMM member, in the Church Office, or at the door on Pancake Day



Proceeds help fund UMM mission projects

**2015 UMM Ladies Night**



**FUMCBV  
Becker Hall  
Wednesday  
May 13th  
6:30pm**

**\$12**



## MISSIONS

### MEALS ON WHEELS 2015 REPORT

First United Methodist Church, as a participating sponsor of the Meals on Wheels Program in Bella Vista, was responsible for meal delivery during February 2015. Braving the cold and snow of winter, thirty-six volunteers successfully completed the Meals on Wheels mission commitment for this year. Snowy weather cause cancellation of only one day of deliveries but the cold severely chilled the entire last two weeks. However, our brave and generous volunteers donated their time to deliver over 400 hot and/or frozen meals to program clients. As in prior years, there were three daily delivery routes (East, West, and Central) that ranged from 12 to 22 hilly curvy miles.

The Meals on Wheels managing directors in Bentonville and I, wish to express a very sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone participating in this year's effort. May GOD continue to keep a watchful eye over each and every one of these local saints.

*Thank you,  
Darrell Bottjen*

### PAK A SAK

Our collection this April will be delivered to Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter in Rogers. This shelter is a safe house for women and their children in crisis situations. They are in need of all types of NON-PERISHABLE food items, especially canned fruits, cereal, juice, coffee, peanut butter, and pasta products. Please make sure that none of the food you donate is expired!!

### Heifer International

Did you know???

From 2007 through 2014, our congregation has raised \$5,280 for Heifer International. That money purchased 2 heifers, 3 goats, 5 llamas, 21 rabbits, 4 pigs, 3 buffalos, 7 hives of bees, 5 sheep, 2 flocks of hope (chickens and rabbits), a Share of Joy (a portion of sheep, goats, heifers and llamas) and one Garden package. Whew! All that from those quarter we toss into the banks a few times a year. Well Done!

### SHOEBOX MINISTRY

#### Deliveries in March

A total of 179 shoe boxes were taken to Salvation Army-Rogers, Salvation Army-Fayetteville, Seven Hills and YouthBridge-Centeron. Miscellaneous items were taken to Northwest Arkansas Children's Center, Souls Harbor and Seven Hills. 83 Sunshine Sacks were taken to Cooper Elementary School.

#### Volunteers

Volunteers helping to pack for Glen Duffy Elementary Hygiene Week were Cheryl Campbell, Vicki Hoye, Karen Roenfeld, Jan Shaw, Mary Patrick, Pat Fox, Eunice Albers and Diane Cox. A big blessing to all of you. John Justice you are so appreciated for your "checking around" and donating your find of deodorant. Thank you, Thank you!

#### Help! Help!

Please help us share our items with those in need. It can be a one-time donation to a family, school, or organization. We just want to reach those less fortunate than us. We all belong to groups outside of the church. When you have a project or someone mentioned they know of a need and we can help you let us know. Please help us to help others. We are all in this together, and remember every member of FUMCBV is Shoebox Ministry.

#### Our Needs

We need travel size item such as shampoo, lotion, quart size Ziploc bags, men's and women's white cotton socks. Socks can be short ankle size or regular.

We no longer need prescription bottles. We are full up due to your generous donations.

Until next month

As always in His Service,  
*The Shoebox Ministry  
Team*





## MISSION OF THE MONTH HAVENWOOD

The Havenwood program meets the basic needs of single parent families by providing an affordable, safe and secure place to live. In addition, our programming enables and empowers single parent families to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency and to transform their family.

Through Havenwood's programming, residents receive services including individual case management, individual and family therapy, parenting and nutrition education, pre-job guidance, financial literacy training, child development, and personal goal setting. Residents are also assisted with connections to transportation, community supports, and public resources to help each family succeed in self-sufficiency.

Our average length of stay is 9 months before residents can be transitioned into their own housing (apartment, rental home, etc.). Our average resident is a female between 18-35 years of age, leaving an overcrowded or unsafe living environment, with no regular income source at admission or on Temporary Assistance, with one to two children under the age of five.

The building now contains fifteen apartments, a community kitchen, dining area, a clothing closet, food pantry, donation closets, playroom, library and computer lab, laundry room, and two common areas. Throughout the years the Havenwood program has become much more than just housing

assistance but has grown into a comprehensive program dedicated to helping single parent families achieve self-sufficiency.



## HAVENWOOD

Empowering Single Parent Families  
and Transforming Lives



**You are invited!**  
**THE MUSTARD SEED**  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**  
**11:00p.m. to 1:00p.m.**  
**SOULS HARBOR**  
**1206 N 2nd Street**  
**Rogers**

**After a year of planning, construction, countless hours of volunteerism, fundraising and sweat equity - The Mustard Seed is officially opening thanks to the love and dedication of our community.**

**Our open house is open to the community! Drop in to tour our new state of the art commercial kitchen, dining hall and have a snack!**



### Difficulty watching our Sunday morning broadcast on Cox channel 222

Several individuals have reported difficulty watching our broadcast on Cox digital channel 222. When trying to watch, they see a "Temporarily Off the Air" message on their TVs. After researching and communicating with Jim Prince, Station Manager at Bella Vista Community TV, it seems the issue is (most often) a result of the DVR (Digital Video Recorder) that is connected to the TV. Other equipment such as a "surge suppressor" can also cause this problem.

Confirm the following:

- 1) When attempting to view Cox channel 222, do you see the "Temporarily Off the Air" message?
- 2) Try viewing channels between 214 and 222. Do most or all of the channels result in the same "Temporarily Off the Air" message?

If you answer "yes" to one or both of the questions above, contact Cox to schedule a time for one of their technicians to resolve this issue. When communicating with Cox, explain what is happening:

- 1) If you see the "Temporarily Off the Air" message when viewing channel 222, let them know.
- 2) If you see the "Temporarily Off the Air" message on all channels between 214 and 222, let them know.

**Troy Jorgensen**, Media Ministries Director





**#NATURALPASTIME**  
**Sunday, May 17**  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OASIS OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS!



Oasis of Northwest Arkansas collaborates with others to provide hospitality and refuge to (near) homeless women and children.

FIRST PITCH: 2:05PM



**KIDS EAT FREE**

Kids 12 & Under  
Run the Bases  
Post-Game



MRS BAIRD'S Tyson Coca-Cola

For more information, contact Brenda Wideman, FUMCBV Ministerial Intern, 479-855-1158 ext 705. Sign up in the office. Deadline for tickets April 26



### FUMC Bella Vista Holy Week Baptism Service by Immersion or Sprinkling

March 31st at 7:00pm

Bella Vista Assembly of God Church  
...since we do not have an immersion baptistery



If you would like to be baptized at this special Holy Week Baptismal Service, please contact the pastors at 855-1158 to visit about your desire and to set up a time to meet for conversation.

You are invited to attend this service and support those being baptized.



# *April 25th is All-Church Work Day!*

*8:30am ~ 1:00pm*

*No job is too large or too small  
Bring something for a breakfast potluck*

*Come join the fun!!!*





# THANK YOU

# You're Invited

Ara Mae and I want to say "Thank You" for the cards and phone calls during Ara Mae's recent difficulty. This just shows the love that this church membership has for each other. Again, our love to all who have been so thoughtful.

*Ara Mae & Wayne Calhoun*

*Unfailing gratitude goes to the seven authors of the Lenten Devotionals for this year. Tim Van Allen, Rev. Jim Verkest, Sandy Fitch, Rev. Albert Fisher, Jill Hale, Alan Yount, and Jeneda Mickelson wowed us each week with their wisdom, insight, and often cut-to-the-core essays and prayers. They gave us more to contemplate as we traveled through this meaningful Lenten season.*

*Thank you, all!!*



Newsletter FEBRUARY 2015 FINANCIAL DATA				
		* = Less Endowment	2015 Budget	Compare
Month to date (as of 2/28/15)	Actual Receipts	*\$49,563	*\$54,317	*\$53,312
Month to date (as of 2/28/15)	Actual Expenses	\$54,914	\$54,317	
	Month of FEB	\$-5,351		
<b>Year to date</b>	Actual Receipts	*\$109,408	*\$108,634	*\$109,360
<b>Year to date</b>	Actual Expenses	\$106,520	\$108,634	\$108,756
	YTD	\$ 2,888		\$ 604
Operating Account Balance 02/28/15 <b>-\$13,936</b>				

# APRIL 2015

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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SATURDAY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Disciple III 9:30 UMW Brd Mtng 11:45 Lent Service/Lunch 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Confirmation Class 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	<b>2</b> MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:24 Golf-Scotsdale 12:00 Epic of Eden 4:50 Sanctuary Bells 6:30 Worship Service	<b>3</b> GOOD FRIDAY 9:00 Gospel Bible Stdy 6:30 Worship Service	<b>4</b> 9:00 Amp Big Book
<b>EASTER</b>  7:00 Sunrise Service BP ✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	<b>6</b> 9:16 Golf-Dogwood 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:00 Grief Ministry 6:00 By the Book AA	<b>7</b> 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:05 Golf-Scotsdale 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>8</b> Men's Emmaus Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Disciple III 9:00 Ministerial Alliance 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Confirmation Class 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 6:30 UMM Dinner 7:00 Youth Life	<b>9</b> 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:24 Golf-Highlands 12:00 Epic of Eden 1:00 HOPE Circle 4:50 Sanctuary Bells 6:30 Evening Circle	<b>10</b> 9:00 Gospels Study 10:00 PreSchool Lunch 11:30 Preschl Brd Mtng	<b>11</b> 8:30 Young at Heart 9:00 Amp Big Book
<b>12</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	<b>13</b> 9:00 Caregiver Support 9:16 Golf-Highlands 9:30 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Board 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:00 Guest Follow-up 5:00 Grief Ministry 6:00 By the Book AA	<b>14</b> 9:00 PEO-BR 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:07 Golf-Highlands 1:00 Sarah Circle 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>15</b> Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Disciple III 10:00 Shepherd Ldrs Lnch 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Confirmation Class 5:30 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	<b>16</b> 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:24 Golf-Kingswood 12:00 Epic of Eden 4:50 Sanctuary Bells 6:30 SPRC	<b>17</b> 9:00 Gospels Study	<b>18</b> 9:00 Amp Big Book
<b>19</b> PAK A SAK 7:05 Handbell Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	<b>20</b> CARE & SHARE TRAILER 9:00 Martha Circle 9:16 Golf-BVCC 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:00 Grief Ministry 6:00 By the Book AA	<b>21</b> 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:07 Golf-Brittany 11:30 Moving Forward 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 6:00 Wideman Review 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>22</b> 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Disciple III 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	<b>23</b> 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:24 Golf-Berkdale 12:00 Epic of Eden 4:50 Sanctuary Bells	<b>24</b> 9:00 Gospels Study 10:00 Realty Luncheon	<b>25</b> ALL CHURCH WORKDAY 9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 Avalon SG
<b>26</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 3:00 Wesley Series 5:00 Soaring Solos	<b>27</b> 9:00 Caregiver Support 9:16 Golf-Highlands 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 Calico Cut-ups 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:00 Grief Ministry 6:00 By the Book AA	<b>28</b> 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:05 Golf-BVCC 3:00 BV Library Board 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>29</b> 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Disciple III 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	<b>30</b> 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:24 Golf-BVCC 4:50 Sanctuary Bells	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>United Methodist Men's                          Spring Pancake Day                          Friday, May 1st</p> </div>	

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***To the Home of ...***

*Everyone Welcome!*

*Easter  
Sunrise Service*

*at*

*Metfield Clubhouse*

*1 Euston Road, Bella Vista*

*Easter Sunday*

*April 5, 2015*

*7:00am*

*Easter Sunrise at Metfield Clubhouse ~ 2014*