



# BUENA VISTA

## wesleyan church

### Our Purpose

... lead people to meet Jesus, love Jesus, serve Jesus and share Jesus!

### Our Strategy

... to create environments where people are encouraged and equipped to pursue intimacy with God, community with those inside the Church, and influence in their world.

### Our Vision

...to bring individuals and families into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through Evangelism, Discipleship, Fellowship, Worship and Service.

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## Spring has Arrived

So many exciting things have been happening here at Buena Vista. Be sure to check out the renovated hallway and classrooms. They look amazing. Our website has been updated, You can view upcoming events, the Sunday Bulletin, and this Newsletter all with a click of a button. How exciting is that? Our Mid-Week Ministries will be winding down in April. Clubhouse ended March 27th, Wednesday Night Youth will end on April 17th with a special event, Sunday Night Youth will continue through out the summer, and the last Men’s Breakfast will be April 24th. The Ladies Ministry will have an event in April and May. The District Conference is June 13th & 14th. Family Camp begins June 28th– July 7th at Chambers Camp.

**There is a full size monthly calendar added to this Newsletter**

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Favorite Bible Verse :  
**“Our God is a Consuming Fire.” –**  
**Hebrews 12:29**

Favorite Quote:  
“When Christ calls a man, he bids him  
come and die.”  
— Deitrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Dis-  
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**Mission Impossible**

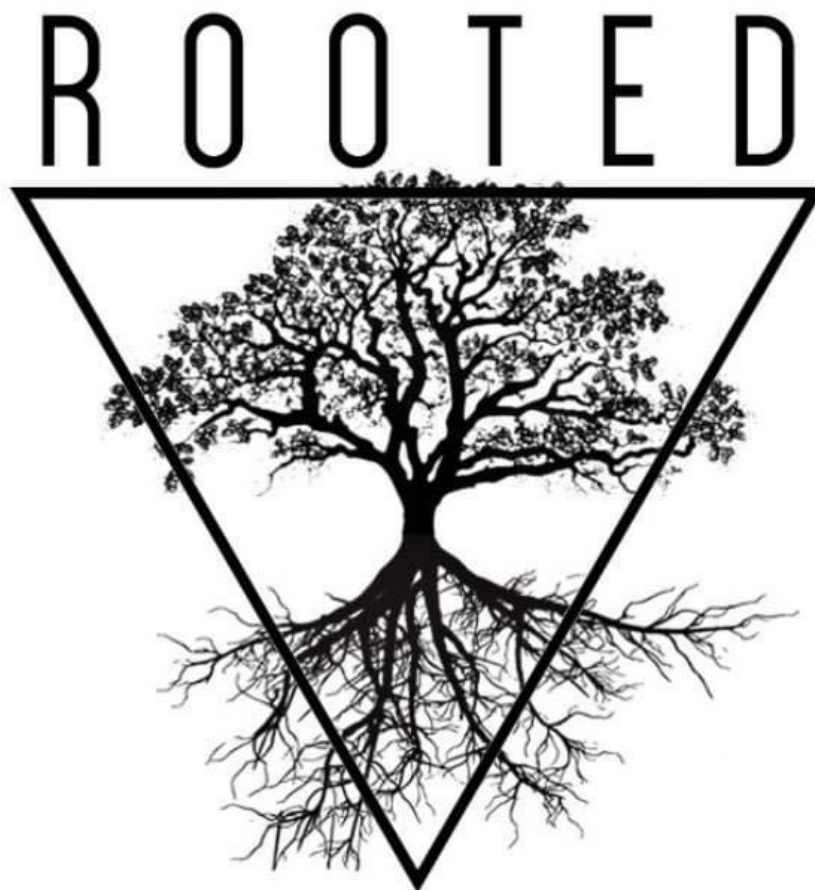
*“He is not here, but is risen!” – Luke 24:6a*

Easter this year is on March 31, 2024. We will certainly celebrate this wonderful day. In the world, the celebration of Easter is often associated with Easter baskets, chocolate candy, egg hunts, and bunnies. In the church, Easter is often celebrated with sunrise services, sanctuary decorations, special worship, and a message about the Risen Savior! Easter is a special day. Growing up, my dad who was a pastor, always tried to have a special Easter celebration in his churches, and I have all these fond memories whether it was holding up an umbrella over his head during a rainy sunrise service or eating way to much at a big Easter church breakfast, or the beautiful celebration services. I remember many Easters growing up.

Then as I became a pastor myself, I always, following in his footsteps wanted to make Easter special for the church. I would try to plan out the service weeks, maybe months in advance. I would consider funny videos to make you laugh, reverent videos to make you cry. I would line up special music and holiday choirs. I would plan out a celebration service with readings and prayer time and a moving message to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

But it occurs to me, “wait, it is Easter.” Do we really need all these things to draw our attention? It is in Easter that we celebrate that Christ is Alive! We hear the words of the angel by the empty tomb, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay (Matthew 28:5b-6).” It is a shining moment of hope and wonder. E.B. White once wrote, “Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder.” As you read the Easter story in the Bible, it is a story of wonder, an amazing story. And each Easter we are invited again to “Come, see the place where the Lord lay.” We are reminded that “He is not here; for He is risen.” And I believe we need to be reminded of that in the hurried lives we can live.

Both the stories of Christmas and Easter are wrapped in wonder and the impossible. For Christmas it is Gabriel’s words, “For with God nothing will be impossible.” And at Easter it is the miracle of that stone rolled away to reveal the empty tomb. Author Mark Batterson wrote, “When Jesus walked out of the tomb, the word impossible was removed from our vocabulary.” My encouragement to us this Easter season is to pause and just bask in the wonder of Jesus Christ, who He is, and what He has done, and what we truly get to celebrate this Holiday season.



7th-12th Grade  
 Sunday Night 6-8pm

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**Favorite Bible Verse :**

**Pete:** John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

**Nicki:** 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity"

**Favorite Quote:**

You will likely hear her say "Let's do life together!"



Our winter season of Rooted Youth was full of fun activities and important memories.

Our Sunday night lessons and small groups focused on our Identity in Christ. We are all created by God, and are given a choice to accept Him as our Savior. We, then, become children of God who have believed, then belong, and grow to become like Christ. When we know whose we are, we gain the help of The Holy Spirit to live as followers of Jesus.

In November and March we held “7-11” Events which give the students a night of games and hangout time. These are great opportunities for them to invite friends, and its always encouraging to know that they want to be here on a Friday night!

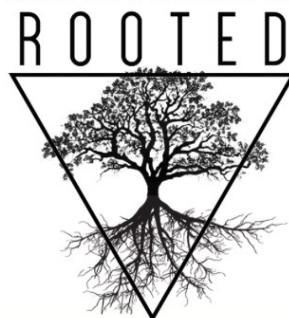
We ended 2023 with the FOLLOW Youth Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Through your generous support, we were able to take 30 students and 8 leaders on the trip. The excitement and recent baptism testimonies speak to how impactful this trip was for them. Many experienced God’s presence in a new way and made some lifetime memories. We want to give a big “Thank You!” to John and Tami Stilson, Luke Reinbold, Jess Audinwood, Chris Martin, and Andy Hubbard, for their time, leadership, love for our youth, and their sacrifice of energy, sleep, and eardrums!

Ice Skating in January, Bowling in February and Youth Sunday in March meant that we were busy and stayed connected through the winter months. The Youth Room was repainted and rearranged, for a much-needed update. We want to give a special thanks to Faith Sherer for the extra hours she put in to help with this project. Also, Tami Stilson invested a lot of time and effort in putting on a Highschool Girls Retreat early last month. This was a great time for extra connection and speaking Truth about our worth, and we are so grateful for Tami’s heart for our girls.

Looking ahead, we have a night of Roller Skating at Funland Skate Park, on April 17th, to close out our Wednesday nights for the year. We will continue to have Sunday Night Rooted Youth and/or activities through the summer months, so stay tuned for a schedule of events.

serving with you,

Pastors Pete & Nicki Maclauchlan



ROOTED STUDENT MINISTRIES

April 2024

Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

-Matthew 28:18-20

### Pastor Norma Roberts

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Favorite Bible Verse :

**I lift up my eyes to the mountains—**

**where does my help come from ?**

**My help comes from the LORD,**

**the Maker of heaven and earth.**

**He will not let your foot slip—**

**he who watches over you will not slumber;**

**indeed, he who watches over Israel**

**will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**The LORD watches over you—**

**the LORD is your shade at your right hand;**

**the sun will not harm you by day,**

**nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—**

**he will watch over your life;**

**the LORD will watch over your coming and going**

**both now and forevermore. - Psalm 121**

On March 10, we had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of six individuals in our church. What a celebration it was! There were six people of different ages who affirmed their faith by burying their old selves in the waters of baptism and arising from those waters with new life in Jesus Christ.

Each person gave their testimony on video, and almost all of them said that they were fortunate enough to grow up with Christian parents and to be able to attend Vacation Bible School or Wednesday night children’s ministry and accepted Jesus as their Savior at these events. I was so happy to hear this, as it only affirms the good work that happens on Wednesday nights from September through March, and in July during our week of Vacation Bible School.

In the coming weeks, as Wednesday night Clubhouse ends and planning for Vacation Bible School begins, I pray that you would consider helping out with both of these ministries. The impact of these ministries is obvious and brings glory to God!

Our Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 8-12, and we will be having a Scuba theme. Keep your eyes, ears and calendar open for ways you can help!

Pastor Norma Roberts

## Missions Article



We have had a very active mission program during the first quarter of 2024. From January 28th to February 3rd we had six men travel to Mayfield Kentucky to work with Samaritan's Purse. Pastor Dan Pickering, Ryan Burns, Doug Brokaw, Lynn Karr, Wes Coots, and Keith Brewster participated building new homes for families which lost their homes in a large

tornado that devastated this community in December of 2022. We had the opportunity in celebrating the dedication of a new home for a family as they received ownership of this house absolutely debt free. The group was divided and worked on homes that were nearing completion for new residence. We had the blessing of working with SP staff and other teams from other parts of US.



Also from March 1st to March 8th, seven individuals our church were part of a 18 person medical team lead by Dr. Joseph DuPra and Phil Jones to Guatemala. The Buena Vista's members were Cheryl McMahon, Phyllis Haenisch, Cody Reinbold, Peggy Cornell, Steve Conklin, Don Willis, and Keith Brewster. During the week we were in Guatemala the team traveled to three villages to provide medical exams and medicine to the residence. We also provided simplified eye exams and glasses to the attendees of the



clinics. One of the villages had never had a medical clinic there. The fourth clinic was at the Impacto facility in San Juan La Laguna. The team saw a total of 420 patients, 18 of them gave their lives to Christ, and many more seeds were planted.



On January 28, Chris George spoke in both morning services. He and his wife Melissa have been in the states visiting supporting churches as they prepare to return to Australia. They have raised the sufficient financial and prayer support and will be flying back to Australia the 25th to be there for Easter.

On February 25th., Jim Pickett was our guest missionary. He spoke in both morning services, sharing the work he and his wife Karen are involved in the country of Mozambique Ang teaching at the Xai Xai Bible school there. They are also raising support to return to Mozambique this summer. Please pray for Jim and Karen as they are also dealing with the needs of elderly parents and may have to adjust there time in Mozambique with Karen staying in the states with her parents at this time.

**Mission Director**  
**Keith Brewster**

Buena Vista Wesleyan Church

# FOOD PANTRY

We also have Diapers for Infants, Toddlers and Adults

Don't forget!

The 4th Thursday of April, May and June

2:00-4:00pm



# Sunday School Spring Quarter

<u>Class</u>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
Nursery	Educational Unit Room #1	Loreen Karr
Toddlers to Kindergarten <i>The Gospel Project</i>	Educational Unit Room #3	Mavis Sharp
1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade <i>The Gospel Project</i>	Basement Room #3 and #5	Amy Stewart
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade <i>Whiteboard Bible</i>	Basement Room #4	Josiah Stilson
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade <i>Youth in the Bible</i>	Basement Room #6	Nancy Weaver
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade <i>#Struggles</i>	Educational Unit Room #4	Lisa Karr
Adult Elective #1 <i>Membership</i>	Basement Room #1 <i>High School Juniors &amp; Seniors invited</i>	Pastors Pete & Nicki Maclauchlan
<p>Belonging: Membership in the Wesleyan Church: This study invites fellow believers in Jesus Christ to learn about The Wesleyan Church’s core beliefs and values and better understand many of the difficult issues facing our churches and society today. If you are interested in becoming a member of Buena Vista Wesleyan Church, or simply want to know more about what a “Wesleyan” is, this class is for you.</p>		
Adult Elective #2 <i>Cultures in Conflict</i>	Gym	John Moore
<p><b>How do you live in a culture where the worldview conflicts with Christianity?</b> Learn from the Apostle Paul as he presents his beliefs to the most powerful court in Athens and settles among the Greco-Romans of Corinth—cultures that valued wealth and class, worship of multiple gods, and decadent pleasures above all else.</p>		
Adult Elective #3 <i>Marriage</i>	Youth Room	Pastor Dan Pickering
<p><i>The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work</i> has revolutionized the way we understand, repair, and strengthen marriages. John Gottman’s unprecedented study of couples over a period of years has allowed him to observe the habits that can make—and break—a marriage. Here is the culmination of that work: the seven principles that guide couples on a path toward a harmonious and long-lasting relationship.</p>		
Adult Elective #4 <i>James</i>	Sanctuary Room #3	Amy Stephens
<p>The book of James is challenging because James refused to allow Christians to sit still in their relationship with Christ. James pushed believers to go further, grow deeper, and strengthen what faith they already have. Join us for this timely study of practical Biblical wisdom.</p>		





April 12th the Ladies Ministry will be hosting a Bloom Where You Are Planted Event. There will be a terra cotta pot craft for you to do. We will be revealing our Secret Pals and choosing our new ones. Please bring your favorite picnic dish to share with all the ladies. See you at 6pm



The Ladies Ministry is hosting a Carnival Night on May 10th from 6-8pm. This event is for the whole family . There will be food, games and fun. We hope to see you there.

### April Birthdays

1	John Babbitt	2	Luke Reinbold	4	Kaleb George	5	Amelia Burns	6	Emily Fervan Carla Alsheimer
7	Harry McInroy	8	Todd Gardner	9	Kade Turner Chris Fervan	10	Paula Miller	11	Carla Chase Kristina Masterson Tyger Wyant
13	Joshua Clements Pat Richardson	14	Gretchen Knoll	16	Ken Knoll	17	Hailey Reinbold Cliff Kent Jr.	19	Kathy Stewart
22	Christine Martin	23	John Moore Jonah Burns Emily McCaig	24	Val Kent	25	Andy Roloson Doug Van Hoven	26	Emily Mullen
27	Hawkins Sharp	28	Brandi Egresi Carson Turner	29	Samantha Woodworth Laurie Harvey Jake Magsamen	30	Jay Bennett Gracelynn Padden Samuel Mullen		

### May Birthdays

1	Matt McCloskey Lily Campbell	3	Carl Patterson Ellie Fervan	4	Ryan George	6	Brandon Brokaw Larry Sherer	7	Chad Groff
9	Carter Button	10	Janet Sherer	11	Hayden Hubbard Joshua Mullen	12	Shauna Roberts Zoe	13	Beau Gardner Tony Harvey
15	Marcus Burns Noah Burns	16	Marrionna Passero Cheryl Warner	18	Ziah Sharp	19	Gabriella Passero	22	Wanda Moore
23	Owen Hubbard	24	Deb Brokaw	26	Wayne Hartman	27	Chuck Hill	29	Sue Babbitt

<b>June Birthdays</b>
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1	Zekiel Sharp	2	Arlan Button Madison Woodworth Nelson Martin	3	Rizlee Sharp Sontae Kallier Ruth Hill	5	Joyce Pickering	7	Nancy Weaver
9	Maggie Hubbard	10	Heather Passero	11	Sean Turner Marlaina Bennett Kylie Harvey	15	Micah Burns	17	Cole Sherer
18	Doug Brokaw	20	Amy Stewart	22	Dave Margeson	26	Daniel Robinson	30	Bertie VanOrder

## April, May, and June Anniversaries

Jerry and Amy Stewart 4/15	John and Sue Babbitt 4/26	Larry and Carolyn Campbell 5/1
Bruce and Jackie Knoll 5/2	Matt and Mary McCloskey 5/19	Mike and Judy Crook 5/20
Dale and Cathy Jo Mashewske 5/24	Bryan and Paula Pimm 5/24	Ryan and Toni Burns 5/30
Dave and Mindy Best 6/5	Zack and Jessica Mullen 6/5	Wayne and Nancy Hartman 6/7
Sean and Jenna Lee Turner 6/11	Art and Joan Sutfin 6/16	Dave and Mary Kaye DeSilva 6/19
Eric and Magda Paashaus 6/19	Charles and Koneta Manroe 6/19	Lynn and Loreen Karr 6/22
John and Wanda Moore 6/28		

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1`	2 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	3 Youth 6:30pm	4 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	5 Fusion Youth Conference/ College Visit @ Indiana Wesleyan	6 Fusion Youth Conference/ College Visit @ Indiana Wesleyan
7 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	8	9 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	10 Youth 6:30pm  Men's Breakfast @ JC's	11 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  LBA Meeting @ 6:45pm	12 Ladies Ministry @ 6pm	13
14 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	15	16 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	17 Youth Roller Skating @ Funland Skate Center 6:30-8:30pm Last Youth Wednesday	18 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Young Adults @ Applebee's	19	20
21 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	22	23 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	24 Men's Breakfast @ JC's	25 Timeless Treasures Luncheon @ 11am  Food Pantry @ 2-4pm	26	27
28 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	29	30 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm				

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	3	4
5 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	6	7 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	8	9 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	10 Ladies Ministry @ 6pm	11
12 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	13	14 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	15 LCC Meeting @ 6:30pm	16 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Young Adults @ Applebee's	17 Youth @ Minnehan's 6-10pm	18
19 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	20	21 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	22	23 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Timeless Treasures Luncheon @ 11am  Food Pantry @ 2-4pm	24	25
26 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	27	28 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	29	30 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	31	

# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	3	4 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	5	6 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	7	8
9 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	10	11 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	12	13 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  District Conference	14  District Conference	15
16 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	17	18 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	19	20 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Young Adults @ Applebee's	21 Youth Outdoor Movie Night @ 8-10:30pm	22
23 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm	24	25 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Adult Volleyball @ 7pm	26	27 Bone Builders @ 9:45am  Food Pantry @ 2-4pm	28 Family Camp	29 Family Camp
30 Sunday Services @ 8:30am & 11am  Youth @ 6:00pm (upcoming 7th graders join)  Family Camp						

<u><b>Our Staff is Here to Serve You!</b></u>	<u><b>Primary Services</b></u>
<p align="center"><b>Senior Pastor</b> Rev. Eric Paashaus</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b>    8:30 am – 9:30am    Early Service                      with Nursery &amp; Children’s Church</p> <p>9:55am – 10:55am    Sunday School                      with Nursery</p> <p>11am – 12 noon    Late Service                      with Nursery &amp; Children’s Church</p>
<p align="center"><b>Youth Pastors</b> Rev. Pete and Rev. Nicki Maclauchlan</p>	
<p align="center"><b>Children’s Ministry Pastor</b> Rev. Norma Roberts</p>	
<p align="center"><b>Care and Visitation Pastor</b> Rev. Daniel Pickering</p>	
<p align="center"><b>Office Administrator</b> Cathy Jo Mashewske</p>	

<b>Sports</b>	<b>Office Availability</b>
<p><b>Adult Volleyball</b>                      Tuesdays 7-9pm                      Led by Tami Stilson</p> <p><b>Bone Builders:</b>                      Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays 9-11am                      Led by Evelyn Patterson                      &amp; Carla Alsheimer</p>	<p>Pastor Eric Paashaus: Tuesday-Friday                      Home Phone: 607-698-9911</p> <p>Pastor Pete &amp; Nicki Maclauchlan: Monday-Thursday                      Home Phone: 607-698-2396</p> <p>Pastor Norma Roberts                      Home Phone: 607-698-2213</p> <p>Pastor Dan Pickering                      Home Phone: 607-566-2030</p> <p>Cathy Jo Mashewske: Tuesday-Friday                      Home Phone: 315-719-5763</p>
<p>If you would like to write an article for the Church Newsletter for <b>July, August, September</b> please have it to the church office by June 25th</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>FOOD PANTRY</u></b></p> <p align="center">Our Food Pantry will be open.                      on the following dates and times:                      April 25, May 28, and June 27                      from 2-4pm</p>