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# CEILING AND VISIBILITY UNLIMITED

## Living with Eternity in Our Hearts

**A**s 3,000 people looked into the sky, George H.W. Bush jumped out of an airplane. The former president was celebrating his 80th birthday in a most unique manner — by skydiving over the Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas.

After he landed, Bush told the gathering that he hoped the jump would set an example for others. "Just because you're 80 doesn't mean you're out of it," he said.

You might wonder where he finds such energy and spirit.

Bush interviewed with a reporter about his jump. The reporter looked on the wall of his office and saw four letters: CAVU. When the reporter asked about the meaning of CAVU, Bush replied that when he was a pilot, about 18 or 19 years old, they didn't have GPS and the navigation equipment we have today. So every night, he prayed for CAVU the next day — an aviator's acronym for "ceiling and visibility unlimited." The former president then said, "That is where my life is today."

At Prestonwood, we are enjoying our own CAVU. We have a ceiling and a visibility that is unlimited because we have been blessed immeasurably by God. Because of this great blessing and responsibility, we must live each day with eternity in our hearts — heaven-focused and not earth-focused. As Colossians 3:2 states, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

This past year has been an incredible time of CAVU in the church, and the coming months promise to bring even greater blessings! Last month, we celebrated 24,000 members. In the past year, we have seen more than 1,000 baptized — a record-breaking number! Now, we must continue to move forward, seeking to know God and make Him known, sharing the saving message of Jesus with everyone God brings into our lives.

As you look through the pages of this issue of Prestonwood Life, you will see numerous opportunities. Pray about where God would have you involved. Seek whom you might invite to a service or event. And mark your calendars for the weekend of August 14-15, as we kick off the fall with a new vision and renewed fervor for serving the Lord with a new series title *God of Wonders*. Let's "strap on our parachutes" and get ready to jump for Him!

**Christians, it is time for us to look up! It is time to set our focus and affection on Jesus.**