



Weekly Newsletter

December 6, 2009

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#438

#116

Opening Prayer

John Stayton

#841

#742

Communion

Brendan Carroll

#892

Contribution

Brendan Carroll

#638

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#336

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#924

Closing Prayer

John Hulett

PUT YOURSELF IN MY PLACE

Bill McFarland

You will sometimes hear a person who is bearing a responsibility or struggling with a problem make a plea similar to this: "Put yourself in my shoes for just a minute...What would you do...?" Implicit in such a request is the human need for understanding and compassion from our fellows. The thought is that if others could take into account the whole story in our lives, they would be gentler in their judgments and more considerate in their treatment of us.

We are blessed in that God has recognized this need within us. One place where you can see that he has is in the experience of Ezekiel, the great prophet. Ezekiel was given an awe-inspiring vision of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. He was then sent to speak the word of the Almighty God to his countrymen who were living as exiles in Babylon. But when he got to where they were, the hand of the LORD was strong upon him so that he "sat where they were dwelling...sat there overwhelmed among them seven days" (Ezek. 3:15). God did not consider the prophet ready to fulfill his mission until he could see things from the perspective of the people and feel for them.

What God did with that Son of man (the term he used repeatedly in addressing Ezekiel) was a shadow of what he intended to do for us in a more complete and wonderful way through his own Son. He sat down among us where we are dwelling. He put himself in our place. The Gospel says that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn. 1:14). Because he was made like us in every respect (Heb. 2:17), all doubt about whether he can see things from our perspective is removed. He can sympathize with our weaknesses because he has been tempted as we are (Heb. 4:15). He is able to help because he himself has suffered being tempted (Heb. 2:18).

That is the Lord's way. What a comfort to us it is! But it must also be a model to us in our work. If we would help people, we must be willing to invest ourselves in knowing them well enough to understand what is going on in their lives. They have to know that we can see where they're coming from, that we can feel with them, and that it matters to us.



"Put yourself in my place" is actually just a plea by one person to be treated according to the Golden Rule by another person. May we have eyes that see, hearts that care, and hands that help.

Today's Sermons

Morning: Money and The Christian Mind (1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19)

Evening: Cooperate With Your Keeper (Psalm 121)

Prayer Lists and Announcements

Welcome Visitors

We are honored that you joined us. We hope you will be blessed by your time with us. We have an attended nursery, a cry/training room and a nursing mother's room for your convenience if you have small children. Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the pew so that we may thank you for your visit.

For The Record November 29

Bible Study:	224
Morning:	325
Evening:	219
Wednesday:	204
Contribution:	\$21,258



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet December 10 at 10:30 a.m. Elaine Poland of Bona will be the speaker. Chili, soup and a lettuce salad will be provided. Bring other salads, crackers or your favorite holiday treat. If you would like to participate in a cookie/candy exchange, bring extra goodies for the exchange.

- ♦ **Pew Packers meet this evening at 4:45**
- ♦ **Area-wide Youth Night is tonight at Ava.**
- ♦ **Christmas SNAC will be 12/13 after PM service**



If you are interested in sewing and quilting, join these ladies Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 10 am.

Wanda, Ruth, Jeanetta, Virginia, Gail & Betty

New Phone Number

Gene & Ruth Lund/942-1824



Milton Ford is now at home
June Jean is now at home after suffering a mild heart attack Sunday

Seldon Essex is recovering at home from extensive shoulder surgery

Thelma Fain is back at home

Scheryl Nook is recovering from elbow/arm surgery

Helen Weger as she recovers from hip surgery

Friends and Family:

Greg Humphrey, former member, is recovering well from burns received recently

Virginia Hayter's brother, Jim Dunn (former member), will have brain surgery 12/10 at Cox South

Mary Charlotte Lines sister as she deals with cancer

Kerry Cole's niece Wendy as she continues her recovery from a stroke and a heart procedure

Elizabeth Lilly's nephew, Jacob Cunningham, has been diagnosed with juvenile diabetes

Special Prayer Request

Monty & Lucy Lewis and Dale Lewis and his children
Mary Charlotte Lines responded Sunday asking for prayers.

LTC Events

- ♦ LTC Team 3 Drama meeting has been cancelled until after the first of the year.
- ♦ Scrapbookers will meet on the 13th after morning service. Bring \$2 for pizza and bring cookies.

Wed. Evening Ladies Bible Class

Ruth Essex is teaching the ladies Bible class a series of three lessons on the subject, Instrumental Music in Worship. The class is meeting in the fellowship room; all ladies are invited.

- ♦ Golden Agers will meet today at 4 p.m. in Room 126
- ♦ Singing/Devo at James River Nursing Home will be **December 12 at 3 pm.**
- ♦ The Golden Messenger for December is available in the foyer.
- ♦ Elders will meet next Sunday at 2 pm

You did it again! Thank you so much for your generous contributions last Sunday! (The Elders)

Shut-ins:

- Joy & Alice Allen
- Shirley Bartlett
- Doris Batzel Iorg
- Doris Burch
- Fern Davis
- Irene Johnson
- Carol Law
- John Luallin
- Carol Mahon
- Wilma Melton
- Aulsie Moore
- Annie Overstreet
- Ella Smith
- Wilma Spoor
- Don/Wanda Starkey
- Doris Thomason
- Judy Todd
- Cathy White

Take a moment to remember the Shut-ins during this holiday season.



Starr Fortner
Starr is the granddaughter of Connie Fortner and was recently baptized into Christ.

The Wegers

We learned this past weekend that Freeman & Helen Weger will not be coming back to Springfield from Texas. It was already in the planning stages for them to move to Texas, but when she fell and broke her hip while there, they made the decision not to try and come back. We will miss them dearly and wish them good health and happiness. For now you can send cards to them at their daughter's address:
c/o Conna Sullivan
1900 S. College Avenue, Apt. 10
Decatur, TX 76234

We extend our sympathy to Lora Luna and her family in the tragic loss of her aunt last week.

Congratulations to **David & Debbie Kern** on the arrival of their first grandchild, Lydia Grace, born last Friday to Bobby & Lisa in Stillwell OK

Thank You

Thank you all for wishing me happy birthday and making my day brighter. I love you all.

Doris Tobler

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Thank you so much for all you have done for me since I began having eye trouble in the Spring. Thank you to all who helped clean the building, those who called, and the wonderful kind words. I am so pleased to tell you that now after my last surgery and with new lenses I will be able to see 20/20 again. Many prayers have been answered. Thanks again,

Tim Bowling

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
Words cannot express my appreciation to all of you for the prayers, visits and many cards I received after my surgery. Thank you! To the many who sent cards with addresses, I will answer soon. Love in Christ,

Thelma Pendergrass

Thank you all so much for making my birthday special. Thank you for the beautiful cards, gifts, cookies, and especially to Kerry for the birthday song. You are all very precious to me.
Johnnie

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-869-6423
Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

Minister

Bill McFarland	417-833-0110
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Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith	417-866-6918
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Youth Minister

Andrew Morton	417-712-4809
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Matt Keener
Tim Bowling	Russell Lilly
Tim Buckner	Paul Lines
Tom Davis	Jim Meinsen
George Downing	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	Eddie Sanders
Jon Ewing	James Simons
Shannon Haddock	Tim Stockstill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

Please add Pat Harris' birthday (11) to the December calendar

IS YOUR HARVEST PAST?

Dennis Smith



There are many striking warnings which the writers of God's Word have used to catch the attention of people during the ages of the Bible. One of these is in Jeremiah 8:20: "*The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.*" Jeremiah used these words to give a picture of Judah nearing her national downfall. Down through the years many have quoted these same words in an effort to encourage others to make their life right with God before it was too late. The Apostle Paul wrote words much like the prophet of old when he said, "...*behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*" (2nd Cor. 6:2). It seems appropriate today, with winter just ahead, to think of it even now. You surely have heard the old saying "let us make hay while the sun shines." Life is compared to many things. Here we need to see our life as the summer but also knowing that winter is ahead when our opportunities will be limited. What a terrible thought it is to be at such a stage in life and not be right with our Heavenly Father. Of course none of us know how much more time we have left so this thought applies to all ages. That being the case, to be unsaved or unfaithful to the Lord is like having the summer of our life over and no growing season left with which to germinate the seed of the kingdom in our life. What a somber thought!

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship...5:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Class....7:00 PM

OUR MISSION POINTS

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
 Jeremiah Akamah, Cameroon, Africa
 Voice of Truth International

"The Living Word"
 7:30 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"In Search Of
 The Lord's Way"
 7:00 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"Know Your Bible"
 10:30 A.M. Sundays
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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Larry & Jo Baggett
Van Driver: Shannon Haddock/732-4203
KYB Phone: G. Dickens/Mary J. Rookstool
Serve
Communion: Scott Barton/Eddie Currier
 Randy Blackburn/Tom Davis
 Tim Bowling/Greg Donoho
 Jackie Buck/John Dutton
 Kyle Buckner/Mark Friend

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer: Dustin Stokes
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Daniel Tovar
Communion: Tim/Kyle Buckner
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, December 13

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Matt Kelley	Jerry Young
Communion:	Brian York	Tim/Kyle Buckner
Closing Prayer:	Tyler Thornton	Aaron Tovar
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Matt & Sara Keener	
Van Driver:	Kristy Sivils/838-1836	

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Ushers: Adam Stipp
 Grant Wheeler
AV Room: Scott Barton/
 Jeremy Thurlkill
Secure
Building: Paul Lines

Wednesday, December 9

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer: Howard Cunningham
Closing Prayer: Eddie Currier