



Weekly Newsletter

February 14, 2010

**Order of Worship**

**Welcome**

Jerry Milligan

**Song Leader**

Larry Baggett

#943

#900 (twice)

#975

**Opening Prayer**

Jeremy Thurlkill

#784

#299 (v. 1,4,5)

**Communion**

Daniel Meinsen

#402 (v. 1,2)

**Contribution**

Daniel Meinsen

#568

**Lesson**

Bill McFarland

#71 (v. 1,3)

**Announcements**

Gene Lund

#872

**Closing Prayer**

Tim Stockstill

*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matt. 5:14)*

**About Our Work**

*Bill McFarland*

We have been reading Exodus and First Peter at the same time in our Bible reading these last few days. This circumstance has provided us cause to reflect on a very important question for all of us who are in Christ. It is this: how are we whose citizenship is in *heaven* to conduct ourselves during the time of our stay on *earth*? Peter's answer is that we should understand ourselves as sojourners and pilgrims, much as Israel was when they were passing through the wilderness on their way to the land of promise. The apostle uses this theme several times in his letter.

Consider how such an understanding of ourselves would have to impact our attitudes and actions. With this concept in mind, we would see ourselves as a people and not merely as scattered individuals (1 Pet. 1:1, 2). We would recognize the need to reflect the character of the Father to whom we belong and to be ready to give account to him, so we would live as if in his presence throughout our journey (1:15-17). We would remember that brought out of futility to begin this journey by redemption at a very precious price (1:18, 19). We would realize the urgency of abstaining from lusts which would wage war against our being and hinder us from ever arriving in the land of our citizenship (2:11). We would see the importance of conducting ourselves in such a manner that those who look upon our lives as we pass through might honor the God who is leading us home (2:12).

Those who through Christ are "a people for God's own possession" will always be "sojourners and exiles" wherever God is not recognized and obeyed as God. If we are to stand firm in our faith (5:9) and in his grace (5:12), we will need to be able to appreciate what an honor that designation may be.

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Daniel and I made it to Freed-Hardeman University for their annual Bible Lectureship this past week. The weather was not good, but the fellowship and the spiritual instruction were. We were challenged and encouraged by excellent studies on "Christ and Culture in Corinthians." Thank your for the time to participate in an activity like this.

One of the blessings of the week was that we got to hear from two of the evangelists of the congregation we are working with in the Haiti relief project. We learned that our brotherhood has given more that 1.2 million dollars so far just to help with what they are doing. They emphasized that every dollar will go to help the people there.

I came away giving thanks for one great truth: there are wonderful people of God in this world! What a blessing they are!

**Today's Messages**

Morning: The Other Golden Text of the Bible

Evening: Beloved, But Unlikely, Brotherhood

# 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 February 7

Bible Study:	284
Morning:	361
Evening:	243
Wednesday (2/3):	216
Contribution:	\$ 9,819



Elder of the Month  
Gene Lund

# Announcements



- ◆ Pew Packers meet today at 4:45
- ◆ LTC Scrapbooking will meet after AM service. Girls bring chips, dip or dessert and drink. The rest will be provided.
- ◆ Bible Bowl Teams meet today after AM service. Lunch will be provided.
- ◆ Elders/Deacons meet next Sunday at 3 p.m.
- ◆ Areawide Youth Night is next Sunday night; the van will leave at 5 p.m.
- ◆ Malawi Group will meet on the 28th at 4 p.m.

## Free preview today after PM service in Rm. 126

Classes begin 1st week in March  
Registration Deadline is tomorrow  
(Sign Up sheets at Welcome Center)  
Cost per family: \$93—1st 10 families to sign up get \$20 off price of class!!  
See Matt Keener for additional details and/or questions (234-2113/ matt@longboatoutfitters.com).



Ladies, if you are interested in being a part of the Secret Prayer Sisters, forms are available on the information desk; completed forms should be returned to Brenda Noe. Watch for information about a drawing to match participants.

## Fair Haven Pantry

Today is the final day to bring items for Fair Haven pantry (pancake mix/syrup/trash bags)

The next Quilting/Sewing meeting will be Tuesday at 10

### GARDEN

Please sign up at the information desk if you would like to help with the garden this year. A garden planning meeting will be scheduled later this month.

## HELP!!



We need your help and cooperation.

*If you use the kitchen for any reason, please be sure you don't leave dishes in the sink and that everything is clean for the next group. Also, if you leave food in the refrigerator, please don't leave it there indefinitely for someone else to dispose of!*

Remember, just like at home, there is not "somebody" to clean up after you. We want everyone to enjoy using this wonderful facility, but you also need to be responsible and clean up after your group. With your help, we can all enjoy using the kitchen and fellowship room.



Several Bibles have been left in the auditorium recently. If yours is missing, please check the table next to the coat room.



Congratulations to Eddie & Linda Currier on the arrival of Lucy Medlyn Currier, born February 7 to Jeffery & Stacy. Eddie & Linda are doing great! Ask to see pictures!

## In our prayers ...

It was good to see **Clint Holden** here Sunday evening  
**Judy Todd** is not doing well  
**Thelma Fain** is not doing well  
**Eula Compton** has been in and out of the hospital this past week  
**Don Summers** has Bells Palsy  
**Cecil Lines** had skin cancer removed from above his eye last week  
**Bonnie Cole** is in St. John's with pneumonia  
**Margaret Cobb** fell Wednesday and broke her arm; she will be in Doctor's Hospital thru the weekend and then moved to Woodland Manor for a week or so

**Friends and Family:**  
**Marsha Bower's** mother, **Betty Shaw**, is at St. John's recovering from a stroke  
**Luis Tovar's** father is seriously ill  
**Teresa Griter's** uncle **Merl** will have surgery the 18th  
**Kristy Sivils' grandpa, Gary Fulp**  
**Tim Marsolf's** cousin, **Carol Roberts**, is now at home  
**Pat Kerr**, neighbor of Bob & Leona, has cancer  
**Bob Blackwell** who has leukemia  
**Gin Crumrine's** father is recovering from a heart attack  
**Carolyn Young's** aunt, **Dorothy Hailey**, is in critical condition at the Citizen's Memorial Hospital in Bolivar

## Caring Creations in Nicaragua

Eddie & Donna Sanders' daughter, Teresa, recently returned from a medical mission trip to Nicaragua. These pictures show only a few of the children who received with love the bears (made by Norma Bradley) and the cars (made by Vern Thompson).



## HAITI RELIEF EFFORT

Funds that have been sent to Haiti through the Estes Church of Christ are being used to buy bulk food items which are then distributed through a network of sister congregations and orphanages. The goal is to provide about 11,000 family meal kits each month for the next several months.

Thank you for helping in this important ministry. For more information, check out [www.estes.tn.org](http://www.estes.tn.org) or see George Downing or Barney Crawford. Also see George or Barney if you want to contribute to this effort.

## Thank You

I would like to thank you for your prayers, concerns and calls during my surgery and recovery. Special thanks to Dennis & Carolyn Smith and Jerry Young for being at the hospital. God has truly blessed us with a wonderful Christian family.

In Christian love, Don Tracy

The Ford Family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers and for the gifts received. We will try to return to church when the weather is better.

Lucille & Milton



Thank you to the Youth Group for a lovely Valentine's Banquet. Thank you most of all for giving of your time and love!

The Golden Agers



## TWO PLUS TWO STILL EQUALS FOUR

By Dennis R. Smith

At the elementary level the young student soon learns that one plus one equals two and two plus two equals four. After this simple mathematic equation is learned, usually the first grader has the foundation laid for all other math problems of the future. How sad it is when we grow up and forget God's simple advice. The child has always been an example for the adult in a world which is more complex (Matt. 18:3). The adult should remember to return to child-like attitudes for the best results in life. Listen as I paraphrase some of the simple "two plus two" suggestions that our Saviour gives to adults: "Repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). "Confess me and I will confess you" (Matt. 10:32). "Give and I will give unto you" (Luke 6:38). "Seek first the kingdom of God" (Matt. 6:33). "I will not leave you or forsake you" (Heb. 13:5). "God will teach if we will learn" (John 6:45). "Endure to the end and be saved" (Matt. 24:13). "Worship God" (Rev. 22:9). These are just a few of the many simple commands which God offers to us and we have the choice of responding if we will. I often wonder how many thousands of dollars are spent by some who are seeking answers to their complex problems while all the time the answer is given in a simple God given equation of "**two plus two equals four**". Why don't we let God answer our problems?



### Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study ....9:00 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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## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn  
**Greeters:** Chatty Timmons/Johnnie Elliff  
**Van Driver:** Travis Morison/742-1970  
**KYB Phone:** Jerry & Pat Milligan  
**Serve**  
**Communion:** Les Malanowski/Tom Meeks  
 Andy McFarland/Jim Meinsen  
 Brendan Carroll/Jerry Milligan  
 Travis Morrison/Scott Nichols  
 John Penner/John Mahon

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Larry Baggett  
**Opening Prayer:** Tyler Thornton  
**Speaker:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Aaron Tovar  
**Communion:** Mike/Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Nursery:** Alice Buckner/J. Carroll

### NEXT WEEK, February 21

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Larry Baggett
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Ron Stokes	Isaac Tovar
<b>Communion:</b>	Jim Meinsen	Mike/Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Daniel Tovar	Larry Baggett
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jerry & Carolyn Young	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Kristy Sivils/838-1836	

### THE MONTH OF JANUARY

**Ushers:** Adam Barton/  
Isaac Tovar  
**AV Room:** Terry Loveland/  
Matt Keener  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines

### Wednesday, February 17

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** John Mahon  
**Opening Prayer:** Kerry Cole  
**Closing Prayer:** Barney Crawford