



Weekly Newsletter

February 28, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Milligan

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#1 (v. 1,4,5)

#193

Opening Prayer

Luis Tovar

#651 (v.1,2,3)

#352

Communion

Jerry Milligan

Contribution

Jerry Milligan

#297

#391

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#446

Announcements

Gene Lund

#780 (v. 1,3)

Closing Prayer

Jerry Young

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

"THIS CHILD"

Bill McFarland

Every child is special. Ask any loving parent or any proud grandparent. All children are to be valued, but each child deserves to be, and needs to be, singled out with attention and affection. Each one is an individual whose life will make a unique difference in human experience.

Nowhere is this truth more obvious than in the way Luke refers to Jesus in his earliest days. Several times Luke speaks of him as "this child" or "the child." In each case, something is mentioned which gives us reason to think about how any child should be treated.

A child comes with far-reaching roots and embodies many hopes and dreams. When the shepherds found Mary and Joseph with the baby in Bethlehem, "they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child" (Lk. 2:17). They had received "good news of a great joy," and what the arrival of this child meant was wondered at, treasured and pondered.

A child is a gift from God and is to be brought up according to his way. Simeon was at the temple when they brought their baby to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, and "when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law" (Lk. 2:22, 27). Any child, even Jesus, needs his parents to regard doing what the Lord says as the appropriate first priority in his life.

A child costs much of those who love him and reveals something of the character of all whose lives touch his. In fact, it may well be said that a child changes everything in the world around him. Simeon told Mary, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed" (Lk. 2:34, 35). Whatever can be a source of joy can also bring hurt.

A child whose life unfolds in good balance will have to be acquainted with the favor of God. When they returned to their own town, "the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him" (Lk. 2:40). Healthy growth occurs when devotion to God is woven into everyday life over a long time. Along with its physical, intellectual and social aspects, a child's development has a spiritual dimension.

What significance is wrapped in the being of a child! A child is not a possession to have just because it might be fun. A child is not a problem to be cast off as an inconvenience. A child is a person to be developed in the image of God.

God bless parents in their work!

Today's Messages:

AM: This is My Task

PM: Our Introduction to Biblical Religion

Prayer List & News

In our prayers ...



- Doris Burch will have back surgery tomorrow at Cox South
- Mary Charlotte Lines will have outpatient surgery Tuesday
- Byrle Hayter will have outpatient surgery Wednesday at Cox South
- Judy Todd is not doing well; Thelma Fain is now home
- Jill Morrison is recovering from surgery; Gene Creson has been sick recently
- Margaret Cobb is at Woodland Manor, Room C7, 1347 E. Valley Water Mill Road, 65803, phone 833-1246

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Eula Compton's grandson-in-law, Jason Stark, is in St. John's ICU with multiple health problems ; Gene Lund's mother, Ruth Lund, is doing some better
- ◇ Kristy Sivils' grandpa, Gary Fulp; Luis Tovar's father is seriously ill
- ◇ Teresa Griter's uncle Merl is now home and will not have surgery at this time
- ◇ Nadean Green's friend at work who is scheduled to have a kidney removed

Special Prayer Request

Please keep Mark & Era Thiesen and their family in your prayers because of the violence in the Zomba area.

Also keep Monty & Lucy, Dale, Lisa and Dylan in your prayers as Dale's sentencing will be March 8.

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Joy Cunningham responded Sunday asking for prayers for her family.

Baptism

We rejoice with Rose Stockwell on her decision to put on Christ in baptism last Tuesday night. She was baptized by Andrew Morton. Rose is staying with Shelia Hansen; she will leave in June for her basic training. Be sure to offer your encouragement to Rose.



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Brad Fox, an employee of Fair Haven, in the loss of his father, Ray Fox. His funeral service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Adams Funeral Home in Ozark.

Sunset Church of Christ is hosting a WELLNESS FAIR on March 13 from 9 am to 1 pm. They will have a variety of booths featuring health and safety information from professionals. Flyers are posted on the bulletin board if you would like more information

March Anniversaries

- 1 Brent/Brenda Noe 25
- 11 Chris/Amanda LaCross 5
- 14 Norman/Lucile High 58
- 16 Tim/Marty Stockstill 31
- 19 Greg/Lee Ann Donoho 34
- 30 Daniel/Terri Wilson 24

Best Wishes To All

Congratulations to Janel Wydick. She became an aunt this past week to Levi James Wydick. His mother is Elizabeth (Bacon) Wydick, daughter of Steve and Janet Bacon who used to be house parents at Fair Haven.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

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 21

Bible Study:	259
Morning:	401
Evening:	214
Wednesday (2/17):	209
Contribution:	\$ 9,601



Elder of the Month
Gene Lund

Thank You

I'm sending you this little note to thank you and to say how nice it was to be thought of in a very special way. Thank you for all the birthday cards, phone calls, prayers, and visits. When you are 89 years of age they are so helpful.

In Christian love, Wilma Melton

Water Mill will be featured on the KYB program aired on March 14 and April 4 on Channel 33 @ 10:30. Be sure to record it!!

Announcements

- ♦ **SECRET PRAYER SISTERS** will draw names today after AM service in Room 130.
- ♦ **PEW PACKERS** meet today at 4:45
- ♦ **MALAWI GROUP** will meet today at 4 p.m.
- ♦ **GARDEN PLANNING MEETING** is this evening after PM service. See Matt Keener if you have questions.
- ♦ The **QUILTING/SEWING LADIES** will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- ♦ **SEARCHING FOR TRUTH BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet Thursday at 6:30 at the home of Emily Simons/732-5642.
- ♦ **James River Nursing Home** devo/singing Saturday at 3
- ♦ **Golden Agers** meet next Sunday at 4 PM
- ♦ **SNAC** next Sunday after PM service
- ♦ The **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet March 11th at 10:30. Ann Thiesen will give a lesson on the lifestyle of women in Malawi, Africa, and her experiences with them. She plans to wear a Malawi style dress and is cooking a favorite Malawi food for us to try. We hope you ladies will come for the class and bring a dish for our potluck lunch to follow.

Ladies, if you would like to attend all or part of the **LADIES' SEMINAR** at Hillcrest Church of Christ/Neosho this weekend, please contact the office today.

Upcoming Events



- ♦ **3/21: Newcomers Potluck**; team 4 is responsible for working
- ♦ **3/28: LTC presentation** after PM services
- ♦ **3/28-31: Dennis Smith** in Gospel Meeting at Sparta
- ♦ **4/1-2:** Young people attend **Leadership Training for Christ Conference** in Rogers, AR
- ♦ **4/11: 2-4 PM - Reception honoring Bill and Kay** for 25 years of service with this congregation
- ♦ **4/17:** Bill speaks at **Mill Street Family Day** in Cassville
- ♦ **5/23: Graduates Reception** after PM service
- ♦ **6/20-26:** Larry Baggett's session at **Happy Hollow Bible Camp**
- ♦ **6/28-7/2:** Alice Buckner's session at **HH**
- ♦ **7/15-29: Mission Trip to Malawi** (Jon Ewing, Michelle Hulett, Becky Marsolf, Jill Morrison, Daniel Meinsen)
- ♦ **7/18-21:** Shelia Hansen's session at **HH** (girls)
- ♦ **7/18-24:** Bill's session at **Green Valley Bible Camp**
- ♦ **8/2-5: Vacation Bible School**

Golden Messenger for March is available in the foyer. Dennis puts a lot of work into this little paper so be sure to pick up your copy (not just for Golden Agers).

LTC Puppets/Drama Schedule

3/7	6-8 pm/Bring Sack Supper (for Puppets only)
3/14,21,28	11-4/Bring Sack Lunch
3/28	6 pm/Presentation



What Makes a True Christian Love the Church?

By Dennis R. Smith

Perhaps first of all we need to identify the term "true Christian." This means that it is a man or woman who totally and completely believes every word in the bible has come by the inspiration of God and that it is the one and only thing which is able to completely furnish them "unto every good work" (2nd Tim. 3:16-17). It is their conception that when the bible speaks and issues a command, it is as though God himself had spoken to them. Furthermore, they respond in complete obedience without ever questioning the wisdom of God. When this type of faith is exemplified in any man or woman, they grow in the grace and knowledge of God with the strongest of confidence in all areas of the love of God (2nd Peter 3:18). With this in mind, I will now answer the question asked in the title of this article. A true Christian loves the church because it belongs to Christ (Matt. 16:18); that Christ purchased it with his own blood (Acts 20:28); that the saved are added to it (Acts 2:47); there is an unmatched fellowship in it (Phil. 1:5); our lives are more richly blessed here by being in it (1st Tim. 4:8); AND FINALLY, by being faithful to it we will be rewarded with "a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10), plus "everlasting life" (John 3:16) with the creator of all things (John 1:3) when this life is over. What else and who else offers us more than this?

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

W. Paul & Janet Kee, 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
 Springfield 33
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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Van & Barbara Barnes
Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641
KYB Phone: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
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: Porter Barnes
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Scott Barton
Communion: Mike/Jeremy Thurlkill
Nursery: Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, March 7

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Tom Davis	Jon Ewing
Communion:	Grant Wheeler	Jon/Briley Ewing
Closing Prayer:	Verl Duncan	Fred Lorenz
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Linda Barnett/Norma Bradley	
Van Driver:	Kristy Sivils/838-1836	

THE MONTH OF March

Ushers: Matt Keener/
 Matt Kelley
AV Room: Ron Stokes/
 Scott Barton
Secure
Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, March 3

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Tim Bowling
Opening Prayer: Clay Joseph
Closing Prayer: Justin Reaves
Van Driver: Todd Kraus