



Weekly Newsletter

March 28, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome
Van Barnes

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#717 (V. 1,2)
#275 (V. 1,3)

Opening Prayer
Clarence Feeney

#709

Communion
Eddie Sanders

#253

Contribution
Eddie Sanders

#273
#883 (V. 1,3)

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#788

Announcements
Bob Snider

#783

Closing Prayer
Jackie Freeze

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

ABOUT OUR WORK

While we were studying though Ephesians recently one statement by Paul the apostle impressed me all over again. He wrote, "To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ" (3:8). Notice his mind-set. The gospel is a message of riches, the depths of which cannot be fathomed. The opportunity to tell others of it is a gift, the humbling privilege of being involved in God's eternal purpose. The imitation of this single quality of his attitude would do wonders for us.

Our new Wednesday evening class on the Major Prophets is going to be a blessing to me, just in making preparation for it. The messages of these four men capture the imagination of any lover of the ways of God. Much of their teaching is so practical that it still addresses what we all struggle with every day. What they wrote is among the most challenging material of the Bible, and these books are filled with promises that bring us face to face with what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for us all. I have invited class members to be making their own list of favorite passages as they read through Isaiah this week. And, if you're not already in a class, I invite you to be with us in the middle of this week as we begin to deal with this wonderful part of the Bible.

I have been watching for blessings to count around here this past week—things I think could be taken for granted otherwise. Here are some of the things I have noticed: every new member Eddie mentioned last Sunday at lunch; numbers of people working with our young people all Sunday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon, even providing food for them; young people who are interested in participating in such activities; elders doing their best to do their work; kind people bringing dishes of food to the building to help care for a family in their loss; all the little children I noticed enjoying each other's company after our meeting Wednesday evening; one young man presenting our devotional for us, and another brother helping with a man who came by with problems. I could go on, but you get the point. We have a lot for which to give thanks to God!

Every congregation is responsible for training new generations to do all the things it takes for a congregation to do its work—not only preparing them to lead assemblies, but also to produce materials to inform and encourage, to lead ladies' activities, to teach classes, to conduct efforts like Vacation Bible Schools, and many other things. One of the ways we try to meet that responsibility is through participation in LTC. Tonight our young men who have learned from this process will be leading our services. After a break, we will get to see the other things our young people have been working on. Plan to stay and enjoy it!

- Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: A Few Thoughts on Preaching

PM: "For He is Doing the Work of the Lord" (Led by our young men)

Prayer List & News

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 March 21

Bible Study:	238
Morning:	311
Evening:	181
Wednesday (3/24):	219
Contribution:	\$ 8,309



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

- Margaret Cobb fell again recently—now has a cast on her right hand/arm; she is still at Woodland Manor

- Monty & Lucy, Dale, Lisa and Dylan

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Jim Baker, a member of the church at Bona and co-worker of Eddie Currier, was injured in an accident in Texas last week

- ◇ Oran and Nadean Green's great granddaughter Lillian is now home from the hospital

- ◇ Randy Holden, Clint & Betty's son, is at Cox Walnut Lawn

- ◇ Eula Compton's grandson-in-law, Jason Stark, remains in St. John's

- ◇ Luis Tovar's father is seriously ill

- ◇ Julie Alexander's niece, Krista Adams, is now doing well

- ◇ Teresa Griter's uncle Merl is very ill

- ◇ Bill McFarland's sister, Anita, received a good report after her surgery

- ◇ The High's granddaughter, Shelley Markowski, is having health concerns related to her pregnancy

- ◇ Jim Meinsen's mom is doing better

Prayer Request

Howard Birdsong responded Sunday asking for prayers.

Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Thelma Fain
Lucille/Milton Ford
Gerald/June Jean
Clay Joseph
Carol Mahon
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw/(M. Bower's mother)
Doris Tobler
The Wegers
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman

Shut-ins:

Shirley Bartlett
Doris Batzel Iorg
Fern Davis
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Wilma Melton
Annie Overstreet
Ella Smith
Wilma Spoor
Doris Thomason
Cathy White

Expectant Moms

Kirsten McFarland
Jenna Nichols
Leah Prewitt
Kasey Sekulic



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Aulsie Moore, who passed away last Tuesday night. Her funeral service was held Friday.

Baptism

We rejoice with **Jamie Wilson** and her family on her decision to put on Christ in baptism last Sunday. Jamie is the daughter of Howard Birdsong and granddaughter of Ilene. Her address is 7 Cabin Creek Road, Fair Grove. Be sure to offer your support and encouragement to Jamie as she grows as a Christian.



Please check the bulletin board in the west hallway for notes and announcements.

April Anniversaries

2	David/Jarita Nimmo	39 yrs.
3	Travis/Jill Morrison	11 yrs.
4	Paul/Mary Bratcher	61 yrs.
6	John/Lisa Stayton	14 yrs.
7	Gaylen/Dedra Jones	20 yrs.
13	Mark/Deniece Breckner	16 yrs.
26	Byrle/Virginia Hayter	47 yrs.
27	Tim/Chatty Timmons	47 yrs.
30	Herman/Pat Harris	61 yrs.

Best Wishes To All



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Canned Veggies Jello
Canned Meats Cereal
Instant Pudding Jelly
Pork & Beans

Please place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room



Kerry Cole wanted to thank you all for the "sympathy card" he received. It put a smile on his face and was very much appreciated.

Today's LTC Events . . .

- Meeting after AM service at the front of auditorium for all going to LTC Conference
- Puppets & Drama and Scrap-booking meet all day
- Young Men involved with LTC will lead the evening service
- Snack break after PM service until 6:45
- 6:45—Presentation by LTC participants

If you plan to stay tonight for the presentation, please bring finger food.

Leadership Training for Christ Conference April 2-3

Appreciation Reception

Please join us on Sunday, April 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. as we honor Bill & Kay McFarland for 25 years of faithful service with this congregation.



WINGS

Women in God's Service organizing committee will meet today at 4 pm. This committee will be putting together a year of activities for the women of the congregation that will deepen our relationship with God and others. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Newcomers Luncheon



Upcoming Events



- ♦ Malawi Group meets today at 4 p.m.
- ♦ Dennis Smith is in a Gospel Meeting at Sparta today through Wednesday
- ♦ All who can are asked to participate in the singing/devo at James River Nursing Home Saturday at 3 pm
- ♦ LTC Award presentation is next Sunday after PM service
- ♦ Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet April 8. Ruth Essex will be speaking on "Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors." Pot luck lunch will follow.
- ♦ Golden Agers meet next Sunday at 4 p.m. in room 126
- ♦ Ladies studying "Searching For Truth" will meet on April 8 at 6:30 at the building

Marriage Retreat April 16 & 17



Be sure to sign up on the sheet at the information desk for the marriage retreat. It will be here at the building and is for all ages. The goal is for every couple to bring a couple that does not normally attend Water Mill.



GONE WITH THE WIND!

By Dennis R. Smith

Ironically, the movie of movies in 1939 "Gone With the Wind," opened the door for that industry to the liberality of dialogue and censorship. It also brought about a complete collapse of both and blew away a standard of propriety in film making just as its setting had "gone with the wind." For those of us who can remember the long lines at the box office as well as some wanting to see this movie several times in order to hear Rhett tell Scarlet just where to go, can also remember how little by little Hollywood has evolved into the slim-pit of vulgarity that it is today. We can also remember how the openness of speech and dress has drastically taken away any semblance of concern as to what our Lord has said about such matters. Jesus said, "*But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment*" (Matt. 12:36). As far as dress is concerned, this same openness has led to a "no shame" syndrome in many cases. What God thinks no longer enters the minds of some. It's not only a terrible commentary on the times but it shows that many no longer believe in God, do not care about God and as far as His word is concerned, with them it has also "gone with the wind." Consider these words of Jesus: "...heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matt. 24:35)

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

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
 KSPR-TV



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
Van Driver: Kristy Sivils/793-1086
KYB Phone: Mary Rookstool/Gerri Dickens
Serve Justin Reaves/Bob Stockstill
Communion: Eddie Sanders/Grant Wheeler
 James Simons/Dustin Stokes
 John Stayton/Mike Thurlkill
 Adam Stipp/Jeremy Thurlkill

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: LTC Participants
Opening Prayer: Daniel Meinsen
Speaker: LTC Participants
Closing Prayer: Aaron Tovar
Communion: Jon/Briley Ewing
Nursery: Glenda & Jeremy Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, April 4

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer:	Jason Luna	Andy McFarland
Communion:	James Simons	Tim & Kyle Buckner
Closing Prayer:	John Mahon	Justin Reaves
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Tim & Jan Bowling	
Van Driver:	James Simons/732-5641	

THE MONTH OF April

Ushers: Brendan Carroll/
Jeff Treat
AV Room: Jeremy Thurlkill
Linda Barnett
Secure Building: Paul Lines

Wednesday, March 31

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Tim Bowling
Opening Prayer: Brent Looney
Closing Prayer: Fred Lorenz
Van Driver: Todd Kraus