



Weekly Newsletter

May 9, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#134 (v. 1, 2, 4)

#953

#822 (v. 1, 2, 3)

Opening Prayer

Porter Barnes

#511 (v. 2, 3)

Communion

Tim Timmons

#511 (v. 1)

Contribution

Tim Timmons

Make Me A Servant

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#492

Announcement

Barney Crawford

#400 (1, 2, 3)

Closing Prayer

Scott Barton

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

THE MANNER OF A MOTHER

When Paul, having been treated harshly and unjustly at the first city he went to in Macedonia (Acts 16:22-24), came to his second stop in that province in behalf of the gospel, Thessalonica (Acts 17:1), he surely faced a choice in how to approach people. Had his goal been to make things easier for himself, he might have used words of flattery to get on the good side of people. If he had been willing to merely have people submit to his authority, he could have made demands as an apostle of Christ. What he wanted, however, was their hearts, so he later described the approach he chose like this: "But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us" (1 Thes. 2:7, 8).

Think of it. The soldier of Christ Jesus, fulfilling a mission that had often required strength in the midst of conflict, deliberately conducted himself among them after the manner of a mother. He could say so, and they could understand what he meant, and remembering it lent authenticity to the work he had done while he was there.

It would be wonderful if everyone in our own culture could as easily grasp what it means to do something with the manner of a mother. We are perilously close to the place where coarseness and cruelty, worldly sophistication and insensitive shallowness, may exclude such a concept from our imagination.

In the apostle's view, the manner of a mother includes at least these qualities: 1) a gentle tone in heart, touch, and word; 2) tender care which makes the one cared for feel cherished; 3) an affectionate desire which delights in relationship with her own; 4) an unselfishness which will share life and soul with her child; and 5) a regard for the child as her beloved, no matter what. While any of us may recognize what these qualities are and how indebted we are to the one who has shown them toward us, only a mother will realize what they may cost.

It would also be good if we allowed this to be a reminder of what strength in our dealings with others in behalf of the gospel really is.

--Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: The Strength of the Church: Women Who Love the Lord

PM: Another Part of "Noble"

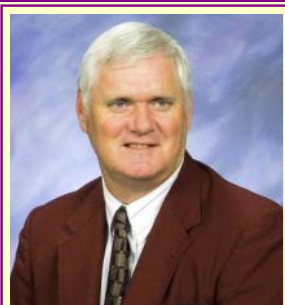
Prayer List & News

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 May 2

Bible Study:	252
Morning:	388
Evening:	221
Wednesday (5/5):	219
Contribution:	\$ 10,720



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

- Seldon Essex is doing great after having a stint put in on Monday.
- Billie Jeffery is not doing well; she is at her daughter's home, 3839 Kenna Court, Springfield
- Jan Bowling will have foot surgery Friday
- Ella Mae Findlay has shingles
- Thelma Fain as she recovers from skin cancer surgery
- Helen Weger is back at the health care facility in Texas. Her address is: Texoma Health Care, Room 107A, 1000 E. Highway 82, Sherman, TX 75090.

Friends and Family:

- ◆ Tim Bowling's dad, Bob Bowling, has been in the hospital this past week and is not doing very well
- ◆ Billie Jeffery's sister, Kathryn McNeese, is suffering from paralysis from the waist down
- ◆ Norman & Lucile's granddaughter Shelley
- ◆ Ed Murray, Kay McFarland's brother-in-law, has some health problems; Sherry & Ed Murray's 3-month old grandbaby, Sam, will have heart surgery in June
- ◆ Doris Tobler's son, Terrell, as he continues chemo & radiation
- ◆ Audrey Pearce continues to improve after her heart transplant; she is at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis but hopes to come home soon
- ◆ Kelsie Mitchell (10 yr old daughter of Jason Luna's co-worker) has cancer and is not doing well
- ◆ Gail White's brother, Paul Ellard, of Bethany, OK, is recovering from cancer surgery.
- ◆ Kristy Sivils great-grandmother, Dolly Byrom (she is 101), is in critical condition

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ann Thiesen and her family in the sudden loss of her 2-year old great-grandson, Drakyn Stadler, who passed away suddenly last Wednesday. Funeral services are incomplete at this writing. Ashley & Micayah are the parents and Henry & Pam Thiesen are the grandparents. Cards can be sent to 35 Greentown Road, Buffalo, 65622.

Expectant Moms

- Kasey Sekulic (May) (girl)
- Jenna Nichols (July) (boy)
- Ashley Bergman (July) (girl)
- Leah Prewitt (Sept) (boy)
- Kirsten McFarland (Sept) (girl)
- Sara Keener (Oct)(???)



If you can provide a meal for Kasey Sekulic after the baby arrives on May 17, please sign up on the sheet at the information desk.

Long-Term

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

Thank You

Our thanks to you for the thoughts, prayers, cards and concern you have shown us regarding our son, Randy. He is home going to rehab every day with slow progress. We are thankful for progress. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

In Christian love,
Clint & Betty Holden

Dear Church family,
Just a note to tell you how much we appreciate your kind thoughts and beautiful cards for our anniversary. You are very dear to us. Our love to each of you.
Herman & Pat Harris

Be sure to turn in your Elder Selection Form by this evening after service



Check the Giving Tree for apples for VBS supplies.

Malawi Work

Ann Thiesen will leave on May 17 to return to Malawi to help Mark & Era with the mission work there. Ann requests your prayers for her as she travels and during her work there and also for her family as they deal with the loss of little Drakyn.

Announcements



Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday at 10:30. Elaine Poland from the Bona congregation will present a lesson on *Esther-The Jewish Star of Persia*. Potluck lunch will follow. This will be the last class until September.

COMING UP:

- ⇒ **ELDERS** meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Fair Haven
- ⇒ **Graduation Reception** May 23 after PM service
- ⇒ **Bridal Shower** for Megan Williams June 6
- ⇒ **VBS workday** 10 am to 2 pm June 10—bring sack lunch
- ⇒ **POTLUCK LUNCH** June 13



The congregation is invited to the 50th Wedding Anniversary reception for **LYNN & NANCY BARNES** today from 2-4 p.m. at the Ozark Community Center (directions on the Bulletin Board).

How can I serve? *Our Ministry Fair*

Next Sunday morning the spotlight will be on what we are doing together for the Lord. The message in our assembly will call our attention to what the Lord can do when we put ourselves at his disposal. Right after our assembly our deacons will have on display the organized opportunities we have. That will be followed by a special lunch to show what happens when we enjoy together the little things each of us can add to the work. Plan to bring your sack lunch and join us!



Spring Tea/WINGS (Women in God's Service) Kickoff Event Saturday/8:30 - noon

If you didn't get signed up but want to attend, contact the office.

Ladies, be sure to return your completed survey form to the box located on the table in the east side of foyer or bring with you Saturday.

Somebody said ...

... a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home. Somebody never had grandchildren.
... you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first.
Somebody doesn't have five children.
... your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her. Somebody isn't a mother.



I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD

By Dennis R. Smith

What a beautiful old hymn we sing by the same title of this article. When it is sung with the "spirit and the understanding" (1st Cor. 14:15), it truly fulfills the words of the Apostle Paul when he said, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Col. 3:16). Another song on the subject of love suggests that we love each other, "with the love of the Lord." Consider this: If we love each other as mentioned, then we must also love the church which is the kingdom of our Lord. Without people who make up God's kingdom on earth, there would be no visible witness of the kingdom at all. The other side of that coin is this: Since God's kingdom is spiritual and the citizens of his kingdom must "worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24), we must be sure that our love for the kingdom is not isolated to some physical building even though it may be our located place of worship. God's kingdom is truly "the house of his abode," meaning the spiritual house of the saved (Eph. 5:23, Acts 2:47). The lesson to be learned here is that we love the spiritual house of his abode with the same love of the Lord as we reflect on the price paid for it by God's Son!

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: Orvella Blackburn
Greeters: Mike & Glenda Thurlkill
Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641
KYB Phone: Verl & Karen Duncan
Serve Randy Blackburn//Tom Davis
Communion: Tim Bowling/Greg Donoho
Jackie Buck/John Dutton
Kyle Buckner/Verl Duncan
Eddie Currier/Don Essex

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Randy Blackburn
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tim Bowling
Communion: Travis Morrison/Jason Luna
Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

NEXT WEEK, May 16

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	John Mahon
Opening Prayer:	Bob Snider	Jackie Buck
Communion:	Aaron Tovar	T. Morrison/J. Luna
Closing Prayer:	George Downing	Kerry Cole
AM Nursery:	(not available)	
PM Nursery:	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
Greeters:	Blanton & Betty Glenn	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

THE MONTH OF May

Ushers: Van Barnes/
Bryan Thurlkill
AV Room: Larry Baggett/
Adam Stipp
Secure Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, May 12

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Oran Green
Closing Prayer: Dale Gregory
Van Driver: Jason Luna