



Weekly Newsletter

June 6, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#282 (1,3,4)

#304 (1,3,4)

Opening Prayer

Matt Keener

#694 (1,3,5)

#122 (1,2,4)

Communion

Van Barnes

Contribution

Van Barnes

#820

#328 (1,3,4)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#53 (1,2,4)

Announcement

Clay Joseph

#436 (1,4)

Closing Prayer

David Kern

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

“My Soul Longs”

The psalmist said, “My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God Blessed are those who dwell in your house; ever singing your praise For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.” (Psalm 84:2,4,10). He knew what genuine worship means to one who loves the Lord.

Oh, that we might grow toward that same kind of hunger and thirst for nearness to God! If we could come together to worship Him because our hearts and souls cry out for Him instead of coming to keep an appointment, we would be so much the richer. We would find that in praising Him we are indeed blessed. We would have our minds brought back to the real values of life, and we would be prepared to meet our responsibilities as servants of God with joy. So much begins with a soul which longs for the Lord.

But what if we discover that this longing is a little weak, that our hearts are not crying out to God? Perhaps we need to take a close look at the direction our lives have been taking. Real worship does not take place in a vacuum. The psalmist talked about trusting God (v. 12) walking uprightly (v. 11), and making appearing before God a priority in life (v. 7). The implication is that one must grow into the kind of desire for worship the psalm is describing. Hunger for God must be developed by doing what we know we should.

Let us then deepen our conviction that the blessed man is the one who is near God. Let us pray fervently that we may be in His presence. Let us gladly take the place of the servant in His house. Only then will we find worship to be something we long for and delight in. Longing for the courts of the Lord will begin to have a powerful impact upon our lives.

- Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: One Man's Search for Meaning

PM: The Four Misunderstandings of His Coming

Activities & Events

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 30

Bible Study:	208
Morning:	334
Evening:	170
Wednesday (6/2):	190
Contribution:	\$27,294



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph

Activities Today ...



We will be honoring **Megan Williams**, bride-elect of Tucker Jobs, with a bridal shower at 3 p.m. **TODAY** in the fellowship room. Megan and Tucker are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Golden Agers will meet at 4 p.m. in Rm 126

Malawi Group meets at 4 p.m.

Secret Sister revealing after evening service in Room 126. Bring snacks to share.

Activities This Week ...

Tuesday, June 8

Titus 2 ladies meet from 12:30 till 3 p.m.

Elders meet at 2 p.m.

June 10 & 24

VBS workday from 10 till 2 - bring sack lunch

Other Activities ...

Women's Prayer Group will meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.



On Friday, June 18 the **Single Women's Group** will have a potluck dinner and planning meeting beginning at 5 p.m. here at the building. See Karen Duncan or Debbie Crawford if you have questions.

August 2-5

Vacation Bible School "The Mystery of Christ"

ELDERS' APPRECIATION



Please join us **next Sunday** after morning services as we honor our Elders with an appreciation luncheon. We will have card baskets if you would like to express your appreciation to them with a card (either collectively or individually). **Team 5** will be responsible for working that day: **Kitchen:** Norma Bradley, Brandi Kraus, Linda Tracy, Lisa Stayton **Dining Room:** Don Tracy, Mary Jo Rookstool, John Stayton Please notify Eddie or Donna if you are unable to work.



On June 27 we will honor **Ashley Bergman** with a baby shower. Dwayne & Ashley are having a girl and are registered at Target & Walmart.



We are again this year organizing groups to attend **Springfield Cardinals'** games. The dates are **Sunday, June 27; Friday, July 9; and Sunday, August 1.** The Sunday games are at 6 pm so we would go to the game as soon as church is over. Tickets are \$8. If you are interested in attending any of these games, please sign up at the information desk.



- ◆ **SNAC** after service tonight
- ◆ June 7-10/Area-wide Youth Work Camp
- ◆ June 8/Titus 2 Ladies: Girls bring sewing scissors and sewing needles if they have them. The activity being given by the Caring Creations ladies is how to hem pants & sew on buttons.
- ◆ June 8/Timothy Boys meet from 12:30-3 p.m.
- ◆ June 13/Bowling after Potluck lunch/Area-wide Youth Night at Mt. Vernon. The bus will leave the building at 4 p.m.

Prayer List & Announcements

- **Wayne Harmon** is recovering from surgery
- **Verl Duncan** is recovering from hernia surgery
- **Seldon Essex** as he deals with his health problems
- **Billie Jeffery** is not doing well
- **Ella Mae Findlay** is feeling some better; it was good to see her at church last Sunday
- **Helen Weger** is in very critical condition

Friends and Family:

- ◆ Continue to remember Doris Tobler's son, **Terrell**, as he continues chemo and radiation for lung cancer; also Tim Bowling's dad, **Bob Bowling**
- ◆ **Dorann Thoreen**, Terry Loveland's cousin, is in a hospital in Phoenix following a stroke
- ◆ Ruth and Denzil Raines' grandson, **Chris**, is having some health problems
- ◆ Sherry & Ed Murray's 4-month old grandbaby, **Sam**, will have heart surgery this month

Long-Term

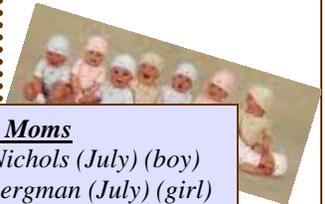
Joy & Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Margaret Cobb
Bonnie Cole
Thelma Fain
Lucille/Milton Ford
Randy Holden
Gerald Jean
Clay Joseph
Carol Mahon
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw/(M. Bower's mother)
Doris Tobler
The Wegers
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman

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



We extend our sympathy to the **Wayne Williams family** in the loss of their son, **Richard**, who passed away last week from cancer.



Expectant Moms

Jenna Nichols (July) (boy)
Ashley Bergman (July) (girl)
Leah Prewitt (Sept) (boy)
Kirsten McFarland (Sept) (girl)
Sara Keener (Oct) (girl)
Sara Stipp

Thank You

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, calls, food and other acts of kindness after the sudden loss of Kirsten's grandmother, Linda Meador. The family would especially like to express their appreciation for the use of the building for the dinner after the funeral Friday. Your love and concern meant a lot to us.

Andy & Kirsten McFarland

Dear Church Family,

It was so thoughtful of you to remember all of the 2010 graduates. Thank you for honoring Daniel and his accomplishments. And the Bible will be such a helpful gift.

Carol Tovar and family

Thank you very much for the Bible and wonderful graduation reception!

Thanks, A.J. McCall

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you all for the wonderful ceremony and party you gave me and my fellow graduates. Knowing my church family cares that much for me in celebrating this time with me has made my graduation even more memorable. Thank you very much.

In Christian love, Daniel Tovar



Check the Giving Tree for apples for VBS & Bible camp supplies. **The VBS supplies are needed ASAP.** Workdays are scheduled for June 10 and 24 to prepare the crafts for VBS. Or if you would prefer to donate \$1 or \$2 to purchase supplies, that would be a big help as well.

Golden Messenger for June is available in the foyer. Be sure to note the article about Bro. S.P. Fields.

HELP NEEDED: There are three children from one family who would like to attend a camp session at Happy Hollow this year. Two of the three children need financial assistance to attend. If you can help with a full scholarship of \$90 or a half scholarship of \$45 for either one of these boys please make your check out to Happy Hollow and give to either Tim Stockstill or Larry Baggett. Thank you.



METHODS CHANGE BUT THE GOSPEL? NEVER!

By Dennis R. Smith

Thinking back over the years of my preaching, I can't help from remembering the different methods that have been used by preachers and teachers in the deliverance of their messages. For example: There was a time when no well-respected minister would have been without his chalkboard. I knew a preacher that used a very effective chalkboard by just drawing a line representing, "Where God Draws the Line." Then there were the years of the flannel boards. No doubt many persons were led to Christ by this method even if some of the words were misspelled. As congregations became a little more affluent, there were the overhead projectors, film strips etc. Today there is power point. You see whatever method that is used - if it works - why change? Visual aides have long been a favorite of some along with the "hand outs" used by many of us. We must not forget that the Greatest Teacher of all often used whatever was available to present His message. It might have been a little child (Matt. 18:1-3), or a clear spot on the ground where he could write (John 8:6). He often used an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. He even used the vine and its branches (John 15). Whether they be word pictures, metaphors, allegories or whatever, the message must always be the same. "Preach the Word - it has the power to save" (Rom. 1:16)!

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
 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: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Matt & Sara Keener
Van Driver: Steve Prewitt/872-6849
KYB Phone: Jerry & Carolyn Young
Serve Gaylen Jones/Oran Green
Communion: Briley Ewing/Sam Hansen
 Jackie Freeze/Russell Lilly
 Mark Friend/John Hulett
 David Kern/Dwayne Jackson

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer: John Mahon
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Andy McFarland
Communion: Scott/Adam Barton
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, June 13

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer:	Todd Kraus	Jim Meinsen
Communion:	Scott Barton	Scott/Adam Barton
Closing Prayer:	Russell Lilly	Daniel Meinsen
AM Nursery:	Orvella Blackburn/Meredith Reaves	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Jim & Debbie Meinsen	
Van Driver:	Shannon Haddock/732-4203	

THE MONTH OF JUNE

Ushers: Scott Nichols
 Jason Luna
AV Room: Jeremy Thurlkill
 Kyle Buckner
Secure Building: Paul Lines

Wednesday, June 9

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: James Simons
Closing Prayer: John Stayton
Van Driver: Don Tracy