



Weekly Newsletter

August 29, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Eddie Sanders

Song Leader

Larry Baggett

#438 (1,3,4)

Opening Prayer

Fred Lorenz

#311 (1,2)

#950 (1,3,2)

Communion

Don Essex

Contribution

Don Essex

#335 (1,2,3,4)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#601 (1,3,4)

Announcement

Eddie Sanders

#873 (1,3,4)

Closing Prayer

Todd Kraus

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

How To Start A Joyful Prayer List

We know what it is like to have a list of problems to pray over. I have my own. Every week in our bulletin we include such a list, and often in our assembly announcements are made that add to it. This is as it should be, for Scripture teaches us both to leave our cares in the mighty hand of God and to intercede for one another.

Another kind of prayer list, however, may be observed in Paul's letter to the saints at Philippi. At 1:3-4 he mentions *that* it was his practice to pray for these brothers and sisters of his in the Lord. At the end of verse 4 he describes *how* he prayed for them: every prayer was always made with joy. His gratitude for their partnership in the gospel and his confidence in what the Lord would continue to do in them made it so. But in verses 9-11 the apostle states quite specifically *what* his prayer for them was.

What is a prayer list of joy like? Here is the example we have from the beloved apostle: "*And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God*" (Philippians 1:9-11, ESV).

His example deserves some examination. Notice that his prayer is not as much a list of requests as it is a line of thought. It is not so much a "first I ask this and then this and then this" kind of prayer as it is an "I ask this so that it might progress to this and then to this" kind of prayer. It is a prayer that expresses an overall view of what a godly person would rejoice to see happening among a group of God's people.

Consider the development that is envisioned in the prayer. It begins with the love among the people of God and ends with the glory of God himself. In his joy, the apostle prays that there may be in the church an increasing love which is informed by wisdom. He prays that love like that will enable them to take pleasure in what pleases God and blesses people and therefore elevates themselves as individuals. He prays that this kind of character will express itself in pure and blameless lives which are ready for anything and full of good fruit. He prays that such a people will be a source of praise and glory to the God who made them that way – and he rejoices over the very thought that such a thing is happening!

Let's keep our prayer list of the problems that need to be prayed over, and make good use of it. May we not forget, though, our prayers of joy. Remember, we move in the direction of what we would most like to see happen.

–Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: The Battlefield of the Mind

PM: The Attractive Gospel

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

August 22

Bible Study:	249
Morning:	364
Evening:	255
Wednesday (8/25):	235
Contribution:	\$10,441



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

Prayer List & News

- Billie Jeffery is not doing well
- Donna Harcrow's knee replacement surgery will be rescheduled
- Marilyn Lanpher as important decisions are made about her health issues

Friends and Family:

- Charles Williams, Carol Tovar's uncle
- Matthew Patterson, Mary Jo's grandson, as his unit is going to Pakistan to help out
- George Downing's father is now home from the hospital

Baptism

We rejoice with Josie Dunegan and her family at Fair Haven on her decision to put on Christ in baptism. She was baptized by Brian York at Fair Haven recently. Please be an encouragement to Josie as she begins her walk with Christ.

Anyone interested in bringing food to Steven & Leah Prewitt after the arrival of their little one, there is a sign-up sheet at the information desk.

GOOD NEWS: In case you haven't heard, the Kerns are not moving to Oklahoma City. They will continue their work at Fair Haven.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jason & Jean Green on the arrival of Conrad Kennedy born August 2 in Keller, TX. Oran & Nadean Green are the proud grandparents.

Thank You Your prayers, cards, kind notes, calls and visits out of love and concern have meant more to me than you'll ever know. I'm so blessed having a Christian family like you.

Marilyn Lanpher

To the Water Mill Family,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all for your calls, concerns, and especially the prayers offered on not only my behalf but also my family's during my recent stay and operation at the hospital. It truly is great to have people who care about others. Again, thank you.

Jeff, Elaina, Katie & Jordan Treat

Thank you for all the cards, calls and good wishes I received for my birthday. They made my day special.

In Christian Love, Don Tracy



We extend our sympathy to Luis Tovar and his family in the loss of his father this past week in Mexico. Please keep Luis, Carol and the boys in your prayers.

Golden Age Messenger for September is available in the foyer. Be sure to pick up your copy.

Special Prayer Request

As most of you know, Lisa and Dylan Lewis left last Sunday to move to Michigan with their mother (who is trying to heal her marriage with Dale). Lisa & Dylan have many friends here, but they also want to be with their mom and be able to see their dad when they can. Prayers for everyone are needed and cards would encourage each of them. Their addresses are:

Lisa, Dylan & Christina
1379 Euclid, Alma, MI 48801

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Dale Lewis, 757715, 3510 N. Elm,
Jackson, MI 49201

Monty & Lucy, we love and respect you very much for the love and care you have given Lisa and Dylan, and pray for your strength to work through this transition.

Fair Haven's Annual Auction is Saturday, Sept. 18, beginning at 10 am. I'm sure you can find a good bargain and help Fair Haven at the same time.



September Anniversaries

3	Jim/Johnnie Elliff	45 yrs.
4	Brendan/Jenny Carroll	11 yrs.
9	Clay/Sharon Joseph	50 yrs.
10	Shawn /Kasey Sekulic	5 yrs.
13	John/Sandy Penner	12 yrs.
21	Dory/Cornelia Summers	
29	Paul/Carrie Lines	20 yrs.

Congratulations



Activities & Announcements

Ladies Events

Welcome



Upcoming Youth Events:

- ⇒ **AWY Skating Party** is tonight. The cost is \$4 per person and free to non-skaters. Andrew will be driving the van for those who want to attend. We will leave after evening service and return around 8:45.
- ⇒ **SNAC** will be Sept. 5 after evening services. Families need to bring sandwiches and a bag of chips. The goal is to see how many different kinds of sandwiches we can have at one SNAC. Lesson will be given by Daniel Jordan. There will be a parent meeting following the lesson. See Andrew if you have questions.



There will be an informational meeting about the **Fall Ladies Retreat this evening after services in Rm. 126.** The retreat will take place November 19th & 20th in Branson. Handouts and a sign-up sheet relating to the Retreat will be on the information desk immediately following this meeting. If you have questions, see Stacy Haddock.

Please extend a warm welcome to **Kelley, Jennifer, Kameron & Shelby Epperly**

who have made known their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill. They come to us from the Brookline congregation. Their address is:

**483 East FR 83
Springfield, MO 65803
417-833-6018
Welcome!**

- ☞ The **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on **September 9th at 10:30.** Ruth Essex will be speaking on "How Tasteful are your Words?" based on Job 34:3. Pot luck lunch will follow.
- ☞ **All** ladies of the congregation are invited to join us on **September 11 at 9:30 a.m.** as we learn how to **knit or crochet wash cloths.** It does not matter if you are 12 or 75, **YOU** can learn a new skill. I still need small knitting and crochet needles. (Sandy Penner)
- ☞ The **Women's Book Club** will meet **Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m.** at Panera Bread on N. Kansas Expwy. The book we are to be reading is **A Voice in the Wind** by Francine Rivers.

- **All who can are asked to participate in the singing/devotional at James River Nursing Home Saturday at 2 p.m.**
- **GOLDEN AGERS WILL MEET NEXT SUNDAY AT 4 PM.**

New Wednesday Ladies Class:
RESTORING MY SOUL
Having the Heart to Go On
Teacher: Ruth Essex
Starts September 8

Today is the 5th Sunday. Part of our contributions will go to Mark Thiesen in Malawi to pay for printing 2000 books and the remainder will be used to help pay for our building. Thank you for your always generous contributions.



Don't forget that Bible school promotion is next Sunday, September 5th. We hope you make plans to have your children present for this important day!



Faith in the Operation of God

By Dennis R. Smith

Since all scripture has been "given by the inspiration of God" (2nd Tim. 3:16), it is imperative that we examine each verse carefully in order to receive its full message. Such is the case with Colossians 2:12: "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." This scripture is the "icing on the cake" when it comes to a simple explaining of the purpose of baptism. However, the Apostle Paul does not limit the Operation of God just to the subject of baptism. Our being buried with Christ in baptism is the finalizing of our convictions about many other things which lead to the sealing of our covenant relationship with God in the watery grave. The Operation of God was in his mind from the very beginning according to Ephesians 3:9-11. His operation, workings and power, in bringing the plan of salvation to a lost and dying world, was by no means an after thought. One writer puts it this way: "If it is right for God to give eternal life to his people, it was right for him to dictate the manner in which salvation could be accomplished." Like the operation itself, we start obtaining our salvation by our faith, coupled with repentance and the public acknowledgment of Jesus as God's Son and then finalized by our obedience to God's Operation - not mine!

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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 Office Hours:
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Jill Morrison/Linda Barnett
Greeters: Verl & Karen Duncan
Van Driver: Lance Griter/833-2818
KYB Phone: G. Dickens/Mary J. Rookstool
Serve Tom Meeks/Jim Meinsen
Communion: Daniel Meinsen/Steven Prewitt
 Travis Morrison/Scott Nichols
 John Penner/Justin Reaves
 Eddie Sanders/James Simons

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Andy McFarland
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jim Meinsen
Communion: Ron/Dustin Stokes
Nursery: J. Davis/M. Reaves

NEXT WEEK, September 5

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer:	Dennis Smith	Tim Stockstill
Communion:	Oran Green	Scott/Adam Barton
Closing Prayer:	Jeremy Thurlkill	Don Tracy
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Melinda & Adam Barton	
Van Driver:	Travis Morrison/742-1970	

THE MONTH OF SEPT.

Ushers: Daniel Wilson
 Grant Wheeler
AV Room: Larry Baggett
 Adam Stipp
Secure Building: Paul Lines
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, September 1

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Porter Barnes
Closing Prayer: Van Barnes
Van Driver: Don Tracy