



Weekly Newsletter

September 5, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Scott Barton

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#200

#197 (1, 2, 4)

#924

Opening Prayer

Dennis Smith

#226 (1, 3)

Communion

Don Essex

#438 (1, 3, 4)

Contribution

Don Essex

#19 (1, 2, 4)

#71 (1, 3)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#29

Announcement

Bob Snider

#682

Closing Prayer

Jeremy Thurlkill

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

As we begin the new year in our Bible Classes ...

TWO MEN FROM ETHIOPIA

by Dalton Key

“Thy words were found, and I did eat them.”

That is what Jeremiah had to say about the Bible of his day (15:16). Similarly, Francis Bacon would later write, “Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested.”

Of course both Bacon and the “weeping prophet” were speaking figuratively.

Someone should have explained that to Negus Menelik. Menelik, ruler of Ethiopia from 1844 to 1913, held a strong belief in the curative powers of the printed biblical text. He made a habit of physically ingesting two pages of Scripture each day, a practice that did him no apparent harm until he reached the first book of Kings, where just a few pages killed him. It seems he came to a section with colored illustrations and a poison in the ink was too much for him.

An earlier nobleman of Ethiopia had a more sensible (and beneficial) approach. His story is told in the eighth chapter of Acts. While riding in his chariot, this Ethiopian was reading from the Old Testament book of Isaiah, intensely interested in the meaning and application of what we today would recognize as the book’s fifty-third chapter.

Here was a man who understood that the Bible is worthy of being “chewed and digested,” not literally, but with the heart and mind and soul. We are not surprised to read that he soon thereafter, after hearing and obeying the truth, “went on his way rejoicing.” (Acts 8:39.)

When Jesus, quoting Deuteronomy 8:3, said to Satan, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God,” he was delineating this same truth. (Matthew 4:4) Just as our physical bodies require nourishment in the form of food, our spiritual selves require the nourishment of God’s Word.

Have you fed your soul today?

(Old Paths, February, 2008)

See you in Bible Class!

Today’s Messages:

AM: Boast in the Lord!

PM: The Song of the Gray Head

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

August 29

Bible Study:	259
Morning:	371
Evening:	218
Wednesday (9/1):	183
Contribution:	\$ 20,849



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

- Hoyt Kirby is in Cox South recovering from "summer meningitis." He is making progress.
- Donna Harcrow's knee replacement surgery will be rescheduled
- Marilyn Lanpher as important decisions are made about her health issues
- Thelma Fain is now at John & Teresa's home

Friends and Family:

Drew Thurlkill, Glenda & Mike's son, has been diagnosed with Crohn's Disease and is scheduled for more tests
Eddie Sanders' nephew, R.C. Williams from Texas, was seriously injured when a propane tank blew up in his face.
KYB student Deana Light requests prayers for her daughter

Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Thelma Fain
Lucille/Milton Ford
Gerald Jean
Clay Joseph
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw/(M. Bower's mother)
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman
Jacob Gardner
Matthew Patterson (Pakistan)



We extend our sympathy to the friends and family of Billie Jeffery, who passed away on 8/28. Cards can be sent to: Joyce Jones, 3839 N. Kenna Ct., Springfield, 65803 (daughter) and Jeff Jeffery, 783 SW Hodia Loop, Prineville, OR 97754 (son).



Expectant Moms

Leah Prewitt (Sept) (boy)
Kirsten McFarland (Sept) (girl)
Sara Keener (Oct) (girl)
Sara Stipp (Jan) (boy)
Brittany Morrison (Feb)

Anyone interested in bringing food to Steve & Leah Prewitt and Andy and Kirsten McFarland after the arrival of their little ones, there are sign-up sheets at the information desk.

- ***GOLDEN AGERS WILL MEET TODAY AT 4 PM.***
- ***Ladies Prayer Group will meet next Sunday at 4 pm***
- ***Elders will meet Sept. 14 at 2 pm***

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Greg & Nancy Johnson
10518 W. Farm Road 156
Republic, MO 65738

New Phone Number
Robin Meeks—425-7205 (c)

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
How can we adequately express our gratitude for the love shown to us at the passing of Luis' father. The phone calls, words of kindness, cards and prayers have lifted our spirits. We are truly blessed to have such beautiful brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Tovar Family

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.



12th Annual Golden Age Jamboree
October 9, 2010 at Fair Haven
Dwight Samuel will be the speaker
Please sign up if you plan to attend and also indicate the food item you would like to bring.

AREA EVENTS

Area Wide Singing at Aurora Church of Christ—September 12 from 2–4 p.m.
Gospel Meeting at Hillcrest Church of Christ with Phil Sanders/September 19-22

Activities & Announcements

Ladies

☞ *New Ladies Class* taught by Ruth Essex— *“Restoring My Soul: Having the Heart to Go On”*—starts Wednesday Night.

☞ The information packets and sign-up sheets for the *Fall Ladies Retreat* are on the information desk. Please see Stacy, Jill, Emily, Sara Stipp or Thresa if you have any questions. *The deadline to sign up for this event is September 19th.*

☞ The *Ladies Bible Class* will meet **THURSDAY 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** 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.

☞ **CARING CREATIONS:** Since Sept. 1, 1992 ladies at Water Mill Church of Christ have made cancer caps and supplied them for cancer patients at Cox South and St. John's Hospitals. *Sewers and cutters are needed to continue this great work.* If you are willing to help make cancer caps, please come **Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 10 AM**. Sewing instructions for making the caps will be demonstrated. Sewing machines/fabric will be provided. Contact Wanda Wilkinson if you have questions.

☞ **Quilting:** The first quilting meeting this fall will be **Tuesday, Oct. 5 starting at 10 AM**. We will be making a raggy log cabin quilt. This is an easy quilt appropriate for beginners. Sewing machines, fabric and supplies are provided. Please come if you are interested in learning to quilt using a sewing machine. Contact Jeanetta Hardy if you have questions.

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to **Aaron & Brittany Morrison** who have made known their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill. They come to us from Albuquerque, NM. Their address is:

1499 E. Wilder Drive
Springfield, MO 65804
505-238-8863 Aaron cell
505-239-2555 Brittany cell
Welcome!

Upcoming Youth Events:

SNAC will be tonight after evening services. Families need to bring sandwiches and a bag of chips. Lesson will be given by Daniel Jordan. There will be a parent meeting following the lesson. See Andrew if you have questions.



GENERATION CHANGE

4 Part series starting next Sunday at 3 p.m.

For Grades 7—12/Sign-up sheet and more information is available on the information desk.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO FAMILIES OF CHILDREN IN GRADES K-6: All families in this group are invited to a cookout at Happy Hollow Bible Camp on Friday, September 17 at 6 p.m. We will have games and activities for all. Those who would like to stay the night can pitch a tent or stay in one of the cabins. We will have breakfast at 8 a.m. with games & activities to follow. We will plan to finish around 11 a.m. See sign-up sheet or contact George Downing for more information.



The Perfect Law of Liberty

By Dennis R. Smith

“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed” (James 1:25). There is much doubt today by many in regard to the authenticity of the Bible. More so, the percentage of the world's population which believes that the bible is God's eternal word to mankind is dropping off drastically. Problems of great proportions break out in the personal lives of thousands. Many will accept other ancient writings over the Bible as they try to find some formula which will enrich their lives and lift them above the anxieties of their life. The text from the writings of James, the Lord's brother, could heal many a spiritual, mental and even physical problem if followed. The writing of the Bible can give us “ancient solutions to modern problems” if we would follow its teachings. First, we must search it. Secondly, we must accept what it says through faith. Third, we must continue to trust and obey the precious words therein for the rest of our lives. This *Perfect Law of Liberty* is in truth an extension of the loving arms of God who created us and can, through our obedience, wash us clean in the blood of His Son. (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Rev. 1:6). This great book of God has carried many over the rocks and shoals of life. It can do the same for you. Try it!

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

Labor Day



Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett

Greeters: Melinda & Adam Barton

Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970

KYB Phone: Jackie & Leah Freeze

Serve

Communion: John Stayton/Jeremy Thurlkill

George Downing/Mike Thurlkill

Bob Stockstill/Tyler Thornton

Kelley Epperly/Aaron Tovar

Dustin Stokes/Daniel Tovar

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Andrew Morton

Opening Prayer: Tim Stockstill

Speaker: Bill McFarland

Closing Prayer: Don Tracy

Communion: Scott/Adam Barton

Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, September 12

MORNING

Song Leader: Jon Ewing

Opening Prayer: Eddie Sanders

Communion: Dale Gregory

Closing Prayer: Mike Thurlkill

AM Nursery: Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn

PM Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

Greeters: Randy & Orvella Blackburn

Van Driver: Kristy Sivils/793-1086

EVENING

Andrew Morton

Daniel Tovar

Scott/Adam Barton

Isaac Tovar

THE MONTH OF SEPT.

Ushers: Daniel Wilson
Grant Wheeler

AV Room: Larry Baggett
Adam Stipp

Secure Building: Paul Lines
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, September 8

Devotional: Jeremy Thurlkill

Song Leader: Travis Morrison

Opening Prayer: Adam Barton

Closing Prayer: Scott Barton

Van Driver: Tim Stockstill