



Weekly Newsletter

September 19, 2010

## Order of Worship

### **Welcome**

Randy Blackburn

### **Song Leader**

Kerry Cole

**#442 (1,2,3)**

**#789**

### **Opening Prayer**

John Stayton

**#452**

### **Communion**

Clay Joseph

### **Contribution**

Clay Joseph

**#291 (1,2,3)**

### **Lesson**

Dennis Smith

**#762 (1,2,3)**

### **Announcement**

Bob Snider

**#717**

### **Closing Prayer**

Bob Stockstill

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

## Life

One evening this past week I was standing with a family in a hospital hallway near the door of a room where a precious baby had just been welcomed into the world. A member of that family had just stepped out of the room where the celebrating was going on when she received a telephone call. When she answered it I could see the concern spread over her face. It turned out that she was being told that her uncle in another city had suffered a stroke that very afternoon.

Joy and sorrow, honor and suffering. Life in this world consists of both, and sometimes we are reminded of it in very vivid ways. The fact is that anything that does not mean something at one of those moments is just not all that important. Remember that the faith of Christ has a place in its practice for both rejoicing and weeping—and not just for ourselves (Rom. 12:15; 1 Cor. 12:26). Whenever we are only able to recognize one or the other, we can be sure that things have gotten out of balance in our way of thinking.

## Basics

This fall I have had the chance to take in a few high school football games. There are several things I enjoy about these spectacles, but high on the list for me are the life lessons that are observable as I watch young men try to function as a team working toward a goal. Few experiences so well illustrate the significance of tending to basic things well—things like blocking, tackling, discipline in carrying out individual assignments, unselfish responsibility for the good of the team, and perseverance when things are not easy.

I find myself unable to watch without thinking of Christian living. Do you see the parallels? For an individual Christian or for an entire congregation, serving the Lord boils down to basic things: hearing something from the Lord every day through meditation upon what he has said, saying something to the Lord every day by means of all kinds of prayer, and doing something for the Lord every day in every good word and work. Our work together depends upon simple but profound things like faithful attendance when the church meets, sincere and grateful sacrifices of praise to God, genuine brotherly affection for each other, and warm kindness toward all our guests. Let us excel at basic things.

## Activities

From this morning through Friday evening it will be my privilege to be with our brothers and sisters at Bona to speak in a series on the theme “What We All Need Most.” We will use events from the ministry of Christ to illustrate the gospel truth that in his work God has provided what no human being can do without. Please keep us in your prayers. I realize that I have privileges like this because of this good congregation and I am thankful for your support in every good work.

Many activities in the area over these next few weeks will present us with opportunities for wonderful fellowship and growth. Be sure to check the bulletin boards just inside the first hallway for all the dates and times. Take advantage of these occasions to “love the brotherhood.”

—Bill

## **Today's Messages:**

**AM: Conviction and Conscience – Two Attributes of Great Worth**

**PM: “In the Midst of the Congregation I Will Sing Your Praise”**

# 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 September 12

Bible Study:	267
Morning:	345
Evening:	232
Wednesday (9/15):	206
Contribution:	\$ 9,596



Elder of the Month  
Bob Snider

- **Seldon Essex** is home from the hospital and feeling some better
- **Donna Harcrow** is now at Cox Walnut Lawn, Rm. 109
- **Thelma Fain** is now back at John & Teresa's home
- **Marilyn Lanpher** is recovering from surgery at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston, TX. Cards can be sent to her at Room 1009, 6720 Bertner Ave., Houston, TX 77030. You can send an e-greeting to [www.stlukesthouston.com/Forms/egreeting.cfm](http://www.stlukesthouston.com/Forms/egreeting.cfm)
- **Ruth & Denzil Raines** as they deal with family issues
- **Elaine Noe** as she is in training to return to Iraq
- **Monty & Lucy Lewis & their family**

### Friends and Family:

**Drew Thurlkill**, Glenda & Mike's son, has health issues  
**Martha Davis**, Jill Morrison's aunt, will have surgery at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis this week  
 Thresa Hansen's uncle, **Rick Fahr**, who suffered a heart attack  
 Debbie Kern's sister-in-law, **Darla Hamlin** from Hollister, is in St. John's

### Long-Term


Joy & Alice Allen  
 Paul Bratcher  
 Doris Burch  
 Bonnie Cole  
 Thelma Fain  
 Lucille/Milton Ford  
 Gerald Jean  
 Clay Joseph  
 Carol Mahon  
 Jarita Nimmo  
 Betty Shaw  
 Doris Tobler  
 Pat Woods

### Military:

Cody Newman  
 Jacob Gardner  
 Matthew Patterson

### Expectant Moms

**Sara Keener (Oct) (girl)**  
**Sara Stipp (Jan) (boy)**  
**Brittany Morrison (Feb) (boy)**

 We extend our sympathy to **Judy Kirby and her family** in the loss of **Hoyt, who passed away last week.**

We also extend our sympathy to **Ann Fahr and her family** in the loss of her mother-in-law and Thresa Hansen's grandmother, **Opal Fahr.**

*Please keep these families in your prayers as they deal with great losses in their lives.*



### CONGRATULATIONS

to Andy & Kirsten McFarland on the safe arrival of Kyrah, born Tuesday evening. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. Congrats also to Bill & Kay, the proud grandparents.

Congratulations to Brian & Samantha York on the adoption of Tori!

## Thank You

Dear Water Mill Family,  
 Thank you for the many ways you showed your love and concern for my mother these past few months. She loved worshipping with you. On behalf of my family, we too thank you for the cards, prayers and the many attending her funeral. Your love was uplifting to my family. A special thank you for the lovely meal prepared for us. It was a special gift to me as I could return home and relax and be thankful for your expressions of love.

In Christian love,  
 Joyce Jones & Family  
 (Billie Jeffery's Family)

**DID YOU KNOW?** Statistics show that a new World Bible School student receives his first lesson every 30 seconds. Furthermore, a WBS student requests baptism every 20 minutes. **INCREDIBLE!**

### AREA EVENTS

- Gospel Meeting at Bona with Bill McFarland 7 p.m. each evening today thru Friday**
- Gospel Meeting at Hillcrest Church of Christ with Phil Sanders/today thru Wednesday**
- Gospel Meeting at Bolivar Church of Christ With Maxie Boren/10/2-6**
- Ladies Day at Strafford/Oct. 9 With Emily Lemley**
- Ladies Day at Lincoln Church of Christ October 16 with Jane Maynard**
- Flyers on the Bulletin Board**

# Activities & Announcements

## Ladies Activities



Today is the deadline to sign-up and make

your payment for the **Fall Ladies Retreat**. There will be a short meeting in Bill's classroom immediately following evening services for anyone who is interested in the event but hasn't signed up and/or paid yet. If you've signed up and paid, then there's no need to attend. If you won't be able to be here this evening, please give your payment to Ruth Essex, Emily Simons, or Stacy Haddock this morning. Thanks!!



**CANCER CAPS:** Sewers and cutters are needed to continue this great work. If you are willing to help make cancer caps, please be here **Tuesday at 10 AM**. See Wanda Wilkinson if you have questions.

**SINGLE LADIES GROUP** will go to the **Japanese Stroll Garden** on **September 25**. Be here at the building by 10 a.m. Cost will be \$3/person. Will probably have lunch afterward. Call Karen at 536-7187 if you have questions.



**QUILTING:** The first quilting meeting this fall will be **Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 10 AM**. We will be making a raggy log cabin quilt. Sewing machines/fabric/supplies are provided. Please come if you are interested in learning to quilt using a sewing machine. See Jeanetta Hardy if you have questions.

On Sunday, **October 24**, there will be a potluck luncheon for all ladies who have been participating in the **Secret Sister Program** or if you would like to participate. Please bring a small gift for your secret sister and one for the sister who had your name. All ladies, including teens, are welcome to participate. See Julie Alexander if you have questions.



If you have been missing your Bible, check the table next to the coat room!!



NOTE TIME CHANGE: Youth Night at Union Hill is tonight at 5 pm. Bus will leave the building at 4:30 p.m. See Andrew if you plan to go.

Deadline to order T-shirts for the **SHOW ME CHRIST YOUTH RALLY** is **TODAY**. The cost is \$10. See Andrew today to order /pay for your shirt.

**SHOW ME CHRIST Youth Rally** is Oct. 1-2 at the Southside Church of Christ in Ozark. Oct. 1st is 7—9 pm. Our bus will leave the building at 6:30 and return around 9:30. Oct. 2nd is from 9 am—10 pm. Lunch will be provided; you are on your own for supper. Bus will leave the building at 8:30 am and return around 10:30 pm. We need all youth who plan to attend to sign up by 9/29.

## 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.



## "And they Glorified God in Me"

By Dennis R. Smith

How easy it is in reading our Bible that we might skip over a short verse like Galatians 1:24 where the Apostle Paul made the same statement as the title of this article. For what reason did he make such a statement? Here was a man who had been known for persecuting the church but now was preaching Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world. Could he actually have made such an abrupt change? The answer can be seen in the life he was now living. It was genuine! It was without pretense! The proof of this change was seen in this man of God. Of course this same thing can be true with any of us. We do not have to continue living a life of sin and shame. We can also make such a change. The fact is, sometimes it is just good business to make a change. This is true in policy, politics, hobbies and even careers. Whatever leads us closer to the God of heaven will make for a much happier life here as well as eternal life later. The beauty of such a change for Paul was what others were seeing in him. People saw the difference and they "*glorified God*" by the example which he set before them. Isn't this what Jesus meant when he said: "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven*" (Matt. 5:16)? May we all strive to let God be glorified each day in the person of our own lives. Amen?

### Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study ....9:00 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:** Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling  
**Greeters:** Tim & Jan Bowling  
**Van Driver:** James Simons/732-5641  
**KYB Phone:** Jim & Rebekah Meinsen  
**Serve** John Stayton/Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Communion:** George Downing/Mike Thurlkill  
 Bob Stockstill/Tyler Thornton  
 Kelley Epperly/Aaron Tovar  
 Dustin Stokes/Daniel Tovar

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison/Kerry Cole  
**Opening Prayer:** Grant Wheeler  
**Closing Prayer:** Daniel Wilson  
**Communion:** Scott/Adam Barton  
**Nursery:** Lee A Donoho/K. Duncan

## NEXT WEEK, September 26

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Andrew Morton
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Kelley Epperly	Tyler Thornton
<b>Communion:</b>	Todd Kraus	Scott/Adam Barton
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Ron Stokes	Shannon Haddock
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Linda Currner/Leona Snider	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jackie & Virginia Buck	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

## THE MONTH OF SEPT.

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

## Wednesday, September 22

**Devotional:** Daniel Meinsen  
**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Opening Prayer:** Jackie Buck  
**Closing Prayer:** Brendan Carroll  
**Van Driver:** Todd Kraus