



Weekly Newsletter

October 3, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#19

#900 (twice)

#137 (1, 3, 4)

Opening Prayer

Tom Davis

#203

Communion

David Kern

#984

Contribution

David Kern

#782

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#653

Announcement

Jerry Young

#874

Closing Prayer

John Dutton

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

Theirs, Ours, and Good Works

Bill McFarland

A striking contrast set the stage for the task Paul assigned to his “true child in a common faith,” Titus. On the one hand, there are the Cretans among whom Titus was to work, a people described by “a prophet of their own” as “always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons” (Tit. 1:12). Individuals of such character, says Paul, are “unfit for any good work” (1:16). On the other hand, there are the Christians upon whom Titus was to work. The apostle’s charge to him was to “let *our people* learn to devote themselves to good works...and not be unfruitful” (3:14).

Theirs are, by nature, unfit for any good work. With neither godliness nor the knowledge of the truth which produces it, people have no appetite for good works and are not suitable tools for accomplishing them. *Ours*, however, trained by the word of his grace and awaiting the hope of his promise, must be people who have both the aptitude and the ability for every good work.

It is still urgent that the Lord’s people find themselves on the proper side of this contrast. The recurrence of the theme in the apostle’s instructions to Titus leave no doubt about it. He says:

- “Show yourself in all respects to be *a model of good works...*” (2:7)
- “...Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...gave himself for us...to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are *zealous for good works.*” (2:13, 14)
- “Remind them to be...*ready for every good work.*” (3:1)
- “...I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to *devote themselves to good works.* These things are excellent and profitable for people.” (3:8)
- “And let our people learn to *devote themselves to good works*, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.” (3:14)

Since we are products of the good news, good fruit is to issue forth in our lives. We must therefore maintain an interest in, and a readiness for, and a devotion to, the doing of good.

The Letter to Titus offers several indications of the kinds of things which motivate and enable such action. Healthy teaching is one. The presence of capable spiritual leadership in another. Appropriate relationships among generations and genders is yet another. But always running in the background are three great thoughts which constantly inform the Christian mind: the grace of God has appeared to teach us how to live (2:11, 12); we have been purchased by the Christ who gave himself up for us (2:14); and, before his goodness appeared to save us we were also unfit for any good work (3:3-6).

May we learn to devote ourselves to the doing of what is good.

Today’s Messages:

AM: That Christ May Be Holding the First Place

PM: The Problem of Criticism

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 26

Bible Study:	241
Morning:	360
Evening:	220
Wednesday (9/29):	181
Contribution:	\$ 8,946



Elder of the Month

Jerry Young

- Donna Harcrow is at Cox Walnut Lawn, Rm. 109
- Marilyn Lanpher is recovering from surgery at Cox Walnut Lawn, Transitional Care Unit, #317
- Richmond Griter as he awaits test results from a growth on his face
- Orvella Blackburn has pneumonia
- Joy & Alice Allen are now at Woodland Manor, Room B12-14
- Continue to remember Seldon Essex, Thelma Fain, Shirley Bartlett, Monty & Lucy Lewis & their family

Friends and Family:

Scott Barton's dad, Tim, is recovering from bypass surgery at St. John's Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks father, as he deals with health issues
Continue to remember: Thresa Hansen's uncle, Rick Fahr; Debbie Kern's sister-in-law, Darla Hamlin

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Virginia Hayter and her family in the loss of her uncle, John Cantrell, this past week.



Celebration of Life—Hoyt Kirby

Everyone is invited to join Judy and her family as they celebrate the life of Hoyt Kirby here at the building on Friday, October 15, from 6—8 pm (come-and-go). Judy would like to thank each of you for the cards, e-mails, calls, prayers and a special thank you to Gerri Dickens for being there during this very difficult time.



We are preparing **SUNSHINE BASKETS** for **Donna Harcrow** and **Marilyn Lanpher**. If you would like to contribute a small gift, please place in the baskets in the foyer.



HELP NEEDED: Water Mill will be hosting the Areawide Youth Night on October 17. We are asking for your help in providing bottled water/canned drinks and cookies/brownies. You can bring them any time between now and the 17th. Thanks for your help.

Bob Evans Fund Raiser for Fair Haven Monday, October 11th from 5-8 pm.

They will donate 15% of their sales that evening to Fair Haven. You must present a flyer for the donation to go to Fair Haven. Flyers are available at Thrift Haven or Fair Haven. Contact Becky Marsolf at Fair Haven or at beckymarsolf750@hotmail.com for more info.

Please check the table just inside the fellowship door to see if any of the dishes belong to you. We will be donating them to Thrift Haven if not claimed in the next 2 weeks.

AREA EVENTS

- Gospel Meetings in October:
 3-6: Bolivar with Maxie Boren
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 3-6: Sparta with Adam Orr
 17-23: Fordland with Jerry Brewer
Ladies Day
 10/9 at Strafford with Emily Lemley
 10/16 at Lincoln with Jane Maynard
 10/23 at Sparta with Carie Samuel
 Flyers on the Bulletin Board



Happy 96th birthday to Margaret Cobb today!

Everyone is invited to the Buffalo Church of Christ on October 17 at 1:30 p.m. as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of their building. Dennis will be one of the speakers.

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
- Elaine Noe

Activities & Announcements

TODAY:

Golden Agers meet at 4 p.m. Your attendance is important as we finalize plans for the Jamboree on Saturday.

Upcoming Events:

- ☞ Quilters will meet **Tuesday at 10 AM**. We will be making a raggy log cabin quilt. See Jeanetta Hardy if you have questions.
- ☞ The quarterly Ladies Devotional Group will meet **Thursday night at 6:30** here at the building. Carol Tovar will be the speaker.
- ☞ Elders meet **Tuesday, October 12**, at 2 p.m.
- ☞ The Thursday Ladies Bible Class will have their next meeting on **October 14 at 10:30 a.m.** Stacy Haddock will be the speaker. Pot luck lunch will follow. All ladies are invited to attend.
- ☞ 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.

Golden Age Jamboree

SATURDAY at Fair Haven
BEGINNING AT 9:45 A.M.

Dwight Samuel will be the speaker

Kids & Families

(K-6th Grade)

We are planning a picnic at Rutledge-Wilson Park on **October 17** after morning service. Bring a picnic lunch or pick up something and meet us around 12 noon. There is a corn maze available for \$5 for 12 & up, \$3 for 5-11, under 5 free.

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We are also planning a fall cookout and costume party at Fair Haven on **Friday, October 29**. We will eat hot dogs at 6 p.m., have a "Trunk-N-Treat" around 7 p.m. and finish by 8:30 or so.

Thank You

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers during our time of loss. We really appreciate it.

In Christian Love,

Ann Fahr, Thresa Hansen Family

To our wonderful church family, We wish to thank everyone for all the cards that were sent to Clay on his birthday. Also a special thank you for all the cards, e-mails, phone messages, gifts and meals in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary. We appreciate so much every way you contributed to make it such a "Golden" day for us. We are so grateful for your friendship and love.

Clay & Sharon Joseph



The Book Club will be reading **Gods and**

Kings by Lynn

Austin for the next meeting on 11/15. See Linda Currier if you have questions.

Golden Messenger for October is available in the foyer.



☞ **SNAC** is tonight after service. Those planning to attend need to bring \$2 per person in your family for pizza. Families also please bring either chips or cookies. **Let Andrew know before 4 p.m. if you will be attending so he can order the pizza.**

☞ **LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST 2011-April 22-24 for grades 3-12** Sign up now for the events in which you would like to participate



When God's People Can Be Deceived

By Dennis R. Smith

Matthew chapter twenty-four has been the battleground for many debates down through the years in regard to when the things there mentioned were to happen. Some want to limit the words of the entire chapter to events leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70. Others contend that most, if not all, of this great chapter is pointing to the end of the world and so the debates continue. Admittedly this is a hard chapter to understand, but there are some verses which will apply in any age. Such is the case with Matthew 24:24. "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall **deceive the very elect.**" This was true in the Old Testament and was ever present in the New. Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Matt. 7:15). No time period was involved in this warning. The sad thing about this prediction is that even "God's Elect" are sometimes deceived by them. The solution then is for every Christian to know their bible - to live by it - and let it be the authority in all things. By letting it be the "lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path" (Psa. 119:105), it will lead us safely home to heaven in spite of the continual bombardment from a diverse religious community.

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: Kevin & Connie Westerman
Van Driver: Steve Prewitt/872-6849
KYB Phone: Eddie & Linda Carrier
Serve Isaac Tovar/Scott Barton
Communion: Luis Tovar/Adam Barton
 Don Tracy/Tim Bowling
 Kevin Westerman/Kyle Buckner
 Larry Baggett/Eddie Carrier

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Eddie Carrier
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Dale Gregory
Communion: Jon/Briley Ewing
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, October 10

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	John Mahon
Opening Prayer:	Verl Duncan	Dale Harp
Communion:	Matt Keener	Jon/Briley Ewing
Closing Prayer:	Tom Easterly	John Hulett
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Jackie & Leah Freeze	
Van Driver:	Shannon Haddock/732-4203	

THE MONTH OF October

Ushers: Brendan Carroll
 Aaron Morrison
AV Room: Jeremy Thurlkill
 Ron Stokes
Secure Building: Paul Lines
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, October 6

Devotional: Daniel Wilson
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Fred Lorenz
Closing Prayer: Jason Luna
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill