



Weekly Newsletter

October 24, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Larry Baggett

#746

Opening Prayer

Don Essex

#71 (1,3)

#983 (repeat)

#436

The Lord's Supper

Brent Looney

Contribution

Brent Looney

#129

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#754 (1,2,4)

Announcement

Jerry Young

#810 (1,4)

Closing Prayer

Jackie Freeze

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

About Our Work

Bill McFarland

"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." So said Job when he was finally compelled to answer God's questions of him, instead of the other way around (42:2). That was the moment when the light began to dawn upon the deep darkness this good man had endured. There were still questions for which he had no answers. He still had suffered losses and endured hurts that he could not explain. But he had come to the bottom-line conclusion that God is God, and in surrendering to this one great truth the peace Job needed was found. For us too, life will turn on whether we are able to come to grips with the fact that God has his purposes and is working them.

Wednesday night in our prayer Tom Meeks mentioned that we are rejoicing with the Keener family in the arrival of Brenley, and we still are! One of the high privileges we have as fellow-members of a congregation of the Lord's people is the opportunity to share in occasions that bring joy. Our families here have been blessed with several beautiful little ones recently, and we are not unmindful of the wonder and the precious gift each one of them is. We count each one of them as ours, too, and we thank their parents for sharing them with us. May we aim for excellence in the way we love them, teach them, and set examples of faith for them.

November 7 will be the day for the Fall Fellowship for our families who have preschoolers. This is an activity hosted by the teachers of our Bible classes for our youngsters from the nursery up through kindergarten. It will be a happy occasion! Since we will already be thinking about families, I am going to use that day to begin a series on "Family Matters." As we approach what we usually call "the holiday season," we are going to look at the guidance Scripture offers for our home life. We will deal with some things we all need. You can help in these ways: 1) remember me in your prayers while I am working on these studies; 2) make a special effort to reserve a place in your schedule to be with us for this series; and 3) use this occasion to invite your family and friends to visit with us during this time.

Thanks to all of you who helped with some of the activities last Lord's Day. Several of you were a blessing to our brothers at Buffalo, and I know Dennis did a good job with the remarks he made there. George told me there were fifty-two present at the picnic for our young families. That's great, and I know they had a beautiful day for it. It was a blessing to have all the young people here for our evening service. Thanks to Daniel for the lesson he presented, and to everyone else who helped make it an edifying occasion.

"Hereafter." I haven't seen the movie, but I, like every other human being, wonder about it. This evening we will look into one of the passages that describes what happened when our Lord talked about it. Plan to be with us!

Today's Messages:

AM: A Sentence That Explains Why We're Here

PM: Hereafter

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

October 17

Bible Study:	274
Morning:	385
Evening:	420
Wednesday (10/20):	214
Contribution:	\$ 9,204



Elder of the Month

Jerry Young

- [Carol Mahon](#) will have cranial surgery Tuesday at St. John's
- [Dale Gregory](#) is recovering from heart bypass surgery at Cox South
- [Richmond Griter](#) is doing well after having a cyst removed
- Continue to remember [Marilyn Lanpher](#), [Donna Harcrow](#), [Seldon Essex](#), [Thelma Fain](#), [Shirley Bartlett](#)

Friends and Family:

- ◇ [Tim & Becky Marsolf's granddaughter, Rae-lynn](#), who is having some health problems
- ◇ Emily Simons & Adam Stipp's dad, [Tom Stipp](#), will have prostate cancer surgery in about 6 weeks
- ◇ [Don Lewis](#), Tiffany Meeks father, as he deals with health issues
- ◇ [Jack Clutter](#), friend and co-worker of Tim Stockstill, has cancer and has started chemo
- ◇ [Annie Hysaw](#), Johnnie Elliff's sister, who is going through chemo for breast cancer
- ◇ [Jordan Elliff](#), Jim & Johnnie's granddaughter, who is dealing with serious back pain



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Angela Morton** and her family in the unexpected loss of her mother, **Gaye Stafford**. You are in our prayers.



We would like to thank all those that sent the beautiful cards and sentiments for our anniversary. It is a great thing to have so many wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you all.

Ron & Marsha Bower

We thank you for all your calls and cards in this time of my illness.

Dale & Phyllis Gregory

For each and every prayer offered in my behalf I am grateful. The cards, food and various ways care and concern came my way has meant a lot during this time. I love you all.

Marilyn Lanpher

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Thank you to all who made Youth Night a success last Sunday night. A special thanks to all who participated in any way and also to those who supplied drinks and cookies.

Shut-ins:

Shirley Bartlett
Doris Iorg
Margaret Cobb
Fern Davis
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Annie Overstreet
Ella Smith
Wilma Spoor
Doris Thomason
Cathy White

Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Thelma Fain
Lucille/Milton Ford
Donna Harcrow
Gerald Jean
Clay Joseph
Marilyn Lanpher
Carol Mahon
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman
Jacob Gardner
Matthew Patterson
Elaine Noe

Expectant Moms

Sara Stipp (Jan) (boy)
Brittany Morrison (Feb) (boy)
Angela Morton (May)



Congratulations to

Matt & Sara Keener on the safe arrival of

Brenley on 10/18. She weighed 7 lbs. and is 20 inches long. Braden welcomed his new sister.

"No" is one of the few words that can never be misunderstood.

"Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'..."

Matthew 5:37

Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday this month. All contributions will go to the Building Fund.

Activities & Announcements

TODAY:

⇒ *Potluck lunch for Secret Sisters*

Upcoming Events:

- ⇒ *Quilters Meet on November 2 at 10 am*
- ⇒ *Fall Preschool Potluck luncheon November 7 for all preschoolers & their families.*
- ⇒ *Thursday Ladies Bible Class Nov. 11*
- ⇒ Next *Book Club* meeting is November 15. See Linda Currier if you have questions.
- ⇒ *Ladies Retreat* November 19-20



COLLEGE STUDENTS

All college students are invited to the home of John & Michelle Hulett on **Sunday evening, November 7, after PM service.** If you have questions, see or call Jeremy Thurlkill (576-7402). Please sign up at the information desk if you plan to attend.



Single Ladies Group will meet on November 5 at 6 p.m. here at the building. Bring snack food.

We will play games and make plans for the next six months' activities.

Kids & Families



(K-6th Grade)
Cookout and "Trunk or Treat" at the Fair Haven gym on Friday night beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. and finish by 8:30 or so. Sign up at the information desk if you plan to attend.

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We had a wonderful turnout for our picnic at the park. 12 families with a total of 52 people took part. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make this a great time of fellowship for all.



Annual leaf raking service project is scheduled for **Sat., Nov. 6th.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. for light breakfast and get started around 9. Parents are welcome to stay and help or drop off your kids. You will need to bring a rake, gloves and sack lunch. Breakfast and drinks will be provided. Plan to finish around 2 p.m. **We would like to invite the 4th-6th grade kids to join our youth group and help with this project.**

A test of your religion is your treatment of those who can be of no possible service to you.

Mark Your Calendars...

- ⇒ 11/29-12/4 Olan Mills will be taking pictures for a **new pictorial directory.** Watch for more information coming soon.
- ⇒ 12/13-18 **Miracle of Giving Blood Drive** at the Community Blood Center



The Spirit of Abram

by Dennis R. Smith

One of the great truths from the Old Testament concerning the desire of God toward his people can be seen in the story of Abram and his nephew, Lot. Even before God changed his name to Abraham, this man demonstrated the attributes of righteousness in his attitude toward others. As the years rolled by, he became known as "the Friend of God" (James 2:23) because of his righteousness. No doubt this title began to form in those early years as Abram spoke to Lot about the difficulties which had developed between their herdsmen. What beautiful words Abram used in Genesis 13:8: "*And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we be brethren.*" These last four words are those which really exemplify the Spirit of Abram and should have set the pattern for all of us. Being concerned about others, especially those of our own spiritual family, should still be our desire. Another great principle was also set in this same story. Remember, Abram gave his nephew first choice in the direction they were to take. God blessed Abram and his life has become an example for thousands of years. The story of Lot was not so good! What can be said - what will be said - what does God think - when strife continues between brethren? Let us today consider the Spirit of Abram.

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: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Barney & Debbie Crawford
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970
KYB Phone: Eddie Sanders/Megan Glenn
Serve Isaac Tovar/Scott Barton
Communion: Luis Tovar/Adam Barton
 Don Tracy/Tim Bowling
 Kevin Westerman/Kyle Buckner
 Larry Baggett/Eddie Currier

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Matt Kelley
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Todd Kraus
Communion: Jon/Briley Ewing
Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, October 31

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	John Mahon
Opening Prayer:	Oran Green	Russell Lilly
Communion:	Fred Lorenz	Jon/Briley Ewing
Closing Prayer:	Shannon Haddock	Paul Lines
AM Nursery:	Jill Morrison/Linda Barnett	
PM Nursery:	Jammie Davis/Meredith Reaves	
Greeters:	Mike & Glenda Thurlkill	
Van Driver:	Kristy Sivils/793-1086	

THE MONTH OF October

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

Wednesday, October 27

Devotional: Scott Barton
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Daniel Meinsen
Closing Prayer: Travis Morrison
Van Driver: Don Tracy