



Weekly Newsletter

October 23, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Larry Baggett

#250 (1,2,3)

"Father God"

Opening Prayer

Ted Crabtree

#37 (1,2,3)

#644 (1,2)

The Lord's Supper

Eddie Sanders

Contribution

Eddie Sanders

#524 (1,2)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#95 (2,3)

Announcements

Jerry Young

#76 (1,2)

Closing Prayer

Bill Chilton

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

"He Set His Face"

The ninth chapter of Luke has been interspersed throughout our daily Bible reading this past week. What a passage it is! The record moves from the sending out of the twelve with a limited commission to events by which the Lord trained them for the great commission they would soon be given. He gives them loaves and fishes to set before a crowd of five thousand; they confess him as the Christ and he tries to get them to see that there is a cross ahead; some of them see his glory as the Son and are told to listen to him; but several case studies illustrate how weak their grasp of what following him means still is. The gracious humility of our Lord and the embarrassing weaknesses of our human nature are on display in Luke 9!

Tucked away in this important chapter – but not to be overlooked – is the picturesque and thought-provoking mention of the fact that "his face was set" (v. 53). It doesn't mean, of course, that he was unfeeling or expressionless – in fact, just the opposite. What it does mean has implications for our spiritual lives that we must consider.

Decision. "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem" (v. 51). The storm-clouds of suffering were gathering there. Where they to be encountered, or evaded? He knowingly decided to go. If there were to be subsequent glories, they would come to him by the way of the cross.

Direction. "And he sent messengers ahead of him (more literally, before his face), who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him" (v. 52). Some of his people ordinarily might not have been willing to travel through Samaria, but his face was set, and this place was along the way. The direction a person has decided his life settles the matter of what preparation will be necessary for the journey.

Determination. "But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem" (v. 53). The citizens of this village had their hearts turned toward the mountain in Samaria, not toward Jerusalem, so they had little interest in one who had his face set in that direction. Even worse, the Lord's own disciples had a spirit that was not in keeping with his decided destination (v. 54-55). Others obviously hardly had a clue what the consequences of his making this journey would be (v. 57-62). He went on anyhow.

When we struggle, it is often because we have not set our faces, or because we are moving in one direction while our faces are pointing in another, or because we do not have enough determination to keep our faces set toward our goal despite the thoughtlessness of others. Thank God our Lord Jesus Christ did!

–Bill McFarland

***This morning's lesson will be the conclusion of our
gospel meeting series "The Unity Worthy of Our Calling."
"One God and Father of All"***

Prayer List & Notes

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 16

Bible Study:	296
Morning:	394
Evening:	249
Wednesday (10/19):	244
Contribution:	\$ 9,514



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young

☞ Jarita Nimmo is at Christian Health Care on Mt. Vernon in Springfield and David Nimmo is recovering from surgery and unable to work

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Tiffany Meeks' sister, Laemie White, is in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis recovering from a very delicate 2-day surgery
- ◇ Nadean Green's sister (Gaitha's aunt), Vera Barnes, had a lung biopsy last week; they do not think it was cancer
- ◇ Jeff Fisher's niece, Julianne King, will be leaving next week for the Children's Hospital in CO for treatment of a serious illness. Cards can be sent to the family at 259 E. Washington, Marshfield, 65706.
- ◇ Lucy Lewis has asked us to pray for Dale who has a hearing coming up Nov. 14th in Michigan
- ◇ Mary Jo Rookstool's brother, John Key, in Texas
- ◇ Gail White's brother, Paul Ellard, who is dealing with cancer treatments
- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan
- ◇ Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings, who has cancer
- ◇ Betty Grabber's sister, Hazel Cook from Cassville, has health issues
- ◇ Ted Spencer, minister at the Sparta church, is dealing with cancer
- ◇ Jan Bowling's cousin's daughter, 6-year old Shelby Davidson, is undergoing testing at St. Jude for a cancerous tumor in her leg

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Arilla Buck who passed away early Friday morning. Visitation will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. with the memorial service Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Walnut Lawn Funeral Home. Burial will be at Little Creek Cemetery in Hartville.

Thanks to Bill for a great series of lessons that will be concluded this morning on "The Unity Worthy of Our Calling." If you would like to have a CD that contains all the lessons from the Gospel Meeting, please notify the office or John Hulett. Also, the sermons will be posted on our website, www.watermillchurchofchrist.org.



There is an excerpt from a children's song that comes to our mind when trying to express our gratitude for the many prayers given, care and concern, cards during Jim's stay in the hospital and recuperation. It is "when the prayers go up and the blessings come down" we truly feel we are blessed by such a caring church family. Our love to all. **Jim & Sheryl Low**

Thank you all for your prayers and phone calls. Shanna is feeling better and has seen a lot of improvement in her back and hands. **Brent & Shanna Asher**

Birthdays are made special when notes and pretty cards are received. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Thanks. **Carol Law**

As you know, Mr. Alan Harmon asked us to put his neighbor, Terry Ewing on our prayer list. We received the following thank you note from his family: When Mr. Harmon told Terry he had put him on the prayer list at his church, it was such a comfort. We want you to know that those prayers have been answered. It has been 109 days since his surgery and he is no longer in danger of losing his leg. With his circulation restored, all but one of the ulcers on his foot have healed. We pray and believe that will be healed soon. Terry & I wish to thank Mr. Harmon, the Minister and all of the congregation for your prayers. All praise to the Lord. **Terry Ewing Family**

Long-Term

Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Lucille/Milton Ford
Herman Harris
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman
Matthew Patterson

Shut-ins:

Kay Adams
Joy/Alice Allen
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Iorg
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Annie Overstreet
Wilma Spoor
Doris Thomason
Judy Todd

Birthdays

1 Ron Stokes
2 Ruth Raines
Jerry Young
Kerry Cole
Taylor Friend
Landon Sekulic
3 Ron Bower
4 Lanae Gillespie
Daniel Wilson
Aaron Tovar
5 Hannah Stayton

Congratulations to the **Tovar Family** as Luis was sworn in as a US citizen last Wednesday in Kansas City. We are all happy for your family!



News & Activities



October 29th at Fair Haven Gym there will be a **Trunk n Treat!** We will eat at 5:00 and plan to Trunk and Treat at 6:00. **There is a sign up sheet for those who are willing to provide a trunk.** All ages are welcome!! Every family bring a dish to share plus a 2 liter of soda. Please RSVP so we know how many chairs and tables we need to set up. Any questions see Sandy Penner.



Our 5th Sunday Potluck will be next Sunday followed by our early evening service at 1 p.m. Mark Thiesen will be giving a report on the work in Malawi.

Team 5 will be responsible for working that day: Gin/Tom Crumrine, Lisa/John Stayton, Tim/Marty Stockstill, Jerry/Pat Milligan, Teresa Mahon, Larry/Jo Baggett, Tucker/Megan Jobes, Brandi Kraus, Sheryl Low, Fred/Norma Lorenz, Don/Linda Tracy, See Travis or Jill Morrison if you are unable to work.



There will be a meeting for all involved in LTC tonight after evening services in room 126.

Upcoming Events ...

- Quilters meet on November 1 at 10
- James River Nursing Home Devotional/Singing on Saturday, November 5 at 2 p.m.
- Golden Agers meet November 6 at 4 p.m.
- SNAC after PM services on November 6
- The next book club meeting will be Monday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marty Stockstill. We are reading "On Hummingbird Wings" by Lauraine Snelling.
- Ladies Bible Class will meet on November 10 at 10:30 a.m. with potluck lunch to follow

Fall fest for the youth and their families is November 5 at the Lines home. Sign up at the Information Desk.

The Fall Preschool Potluck will be combined with the 5th Sunday Potluck next Sunday!



Ladies Fall Retreat
November 11- 12 at the Keeter Center.

In connection with the Teachers' Appreciation Dinner, we are still in need of new twin FLAT white sheets. They can be purchased for \$5 at Walmart.

See Flyers on the Bulletin Board for area gospel meetings & events!

The secret of contentment is the realization that life is a gift, not a right.



SETTING THE "ANCHOR" WATCH

By Dennis R. Smith

The Hebrews' writer informs us that "we have an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" and that anchor is the hope that we have in Jesus Christ (Heb. 6:19). Perhaps this passage inspired William J. Kirkpatrick to write the words of the beautiful old hymn "We have an Anchor." In that song he reminds us that our anchor is "fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love." He also penned words in that song which every sailor knows is true and that is the possibility of the anchor drifting. It is in this setting that I have chosen to issue a warning to all of us. When our ship of life is anchored, we must always SET THE ANCHOR WATCH lest the wind and strong tides cause the vessel to drift slowly to more shallow waters and cause our ship to go aground. To insure that a ship is not drifting, the "anchor watch" must take frequent sounding as well as visual sightings on established land marks to determine if the anchor is actually holding. Putting this thought in spiritual language we must constantly be looking to Jesus Christ who is the Rock of our Salvation. Remember, drifting is a slow and dangerous process (Heb. 2:1-2 - ASV). It can often lead us into shallow waters with the rocky shoals just ahead threatening the possibility of destroying our faith in him who is the "captain of our salvation" (Heb. 2:10-KJV). May we take his advice and keep a closer watch on our "Anchor of the Soul."

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

WORKS WE SUPPORT

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
 Voice of Truth International
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
 World Christian Broadcasting
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
 Lincoln Church of Christ
 Fair Haven Children's Home

"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: Jackie & Leah Freeze
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970
KYB Phone: John Dutton/Megan Glenn
Serve Luis Tovar/Kevin Westerman
Communion: Don Tracy/Brent Asher
 Daniel Wilson/Larry Baggett
 Brandon Allen/Scott Barton
 Van Barnes/Adam Barton

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Andrew Morton
Lesson: Brian York
Closing Prayer: Clarence Feeny
Communion: John/Michael Penner
Nursery: Glenda/Mike Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, October 30

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer:	Barney Crawford	Jackie Freeze
Communion:	James Simons	John/Michael Penner
Closing Prayer:	Eddie Currier	Blanton Glenn
AM Nursery:	Jan Bowling/Robin Meeks	
PM Nursery:	Linda Barnett/Meredith Reaves	
Greeters:	Ann Thiesen & Gerri Dickens	
Van Driver:	James Simons/732-5641	

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Ushers: Tim Bowling/
 Matt Kelley
AV Room: Jeremy Thurlkill/
 Ron Stokes
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, October 26

Devotional: Russell Lilly
Song Leader: Isaac Tovar
Opening Prayer: Matt Kelley
Closing Prayer: Matt Keener
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill