

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader Jon Ewing

#111 (v.1,3,4) #982 #961

Opening Prayer Matt Kelley

#984 #516 (v. 1,4,5)

> Communion Brian York

#932, 933

Contribution Brian York

#515 (v.1,2,3)

Lesson Bill McFarland

#908

**Announcements** Barney Crawford

#755 (v. 1,2,3)

Closing Prayer Tyler Thornton

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



Weekly Newsletter

December 13,2009

# ABOUT OUR WORK Bill McFarland

In my Bible class this Sunday morning we're beginning a series I've titled "James: Show Me Faith." Any of us who are looking for guidance in the great issues of Christian living will find help from the writing of James, the Lord's brother. His letter is not only intensely practical, but it also speaks to great doctrines of the Bible like law and grace, faith and works. James insists that faith is to be shown in the most down-toearth ways—in how we deal with trials, how we treat people, how we talk, how we handle material goods, and how we think of life. I have been looking forward to this study. This would be a great time to get started to class.

Have you ever noticed that this is a time of the year when some strange paradoxes appear in our lives? More people talk and sing about joy, but grief and loneliness are felt more keenly by many. Giving goes on more openly, but getting takes up our attention even more than usual. Time off is expected and looked forward to, but people may be more busy and stressed than ever. It's confusing!

How are we to deal with such a time? For one thing, we should keep our lives anchored to the things that come first (cf. Matt. 6:33). For another, we should remember the awesome power kindness has to bless both the recipient of it and the giver. People always need kindness, but especially now. Finally, we should count our blessings and rejoice in the One who provided them, along with others whom he has graced.

The Psalms I have read in our daily Bible reading this week have been a great encouragement and strength to me. Here are some of my favorite statements from them. Follow the line of thought.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." (127:1)

"Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!" (128:1)

"If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared." (130:3, 4)

"O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul...." (131:1-2a)

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" (133:1)

May it be so in our lives.



Today's Sermons

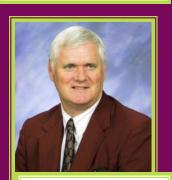
Morning: How To Stay Impressed Evening: Songs of the King, #1

# 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 December 6

Bible Study: 274
Morning: 381
Evening: 233
Wednesday: 222
Contribution: \$10,521



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

### **Prayer Lists and Announcements**

LTC Scrapbookers will meet today after morning service.
Bring \$2 for pizza

Pew Packers meet this evening at 4:45

Youth Caroling 12/20 after pm service



Elders meet today at 2 p.m.





**Quilting and sewing ladies** will meet Tuesday at 10 am.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 2, 2010 for the annual Miracle of Giving Blood Drive. Watch for more information.

### Addresses/Phone #s of interest Doris Burch phone #866-7627

Helen Weger Plano Memorial Center, Rm. 270 3901 W. 15th, Plana, TX 75075 214-473-7270 (direct to room)

Megan (Crum) Hollingsworth 603 South Kiowa Ct. Strafford, MO 65757

Michael Solomon (Bob's nephew) P.O. Box 4861 Springfield, MO 65808

#### <u>Christmas SNAC</u> <u>Tonight after Service</u>

- ◆ For all children (birth thru Youth) and their parents
- Bring finger foods (sandwiches, etc.) to share and drinks; also bring your favorite Christmas treat
- ◆ Grades 7-12—White Elephant Gift Exchange—use your imaginationless than \$5
- <u>All Younger Kids</u>—Boys bring boy gift/girls bring girl gift—under \$5 Please join us for fun, food, fellowship & Christmas songs

#### Contribution Envelopes for 2010

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are available for pickup. Be sure to pick up a packet of envelopes if you

would like to have a receipt for your contributions at the end of the year for income tax purposes.



Seldon Essex is recovering at home from extensive shoulder surgery Helen Weger as she recovers from hip surgery

<u>Elaine Noe</u> is having some health issues Friends and Family:

<u>Jim Dunn's</u> brain surgery went really well

<u>Mary Charlotte Lines' sister</u> as she deals with cancer

Kerry Cole's cousin, Bonnie's niece, <u>Wendy</u> as she
continues her recovery from a stroke and a heart
procedure

Elizabeth Lilly's nephew, <u>Jacob Cunningham</u>, has been diagnosed with juvenile diabetes

Special Prayer Request

Monty & Lucy Lewis and Dale Lewis and his children David Nimmo responded Sunday asking for our prayers.

#### **Long-Term Prayer List**

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

Military:

Cody Newman in Iraq



#### Former member honored

A painting by
Gertrude Hughes
has been selected as one of
four 2009 holiday card
designs by the national

Alzheimer's Association. Gertrude is a resident at Butterfield Residential Care in Bolivar. Her painting "Carolers," along with paintings by other Butterfield residents, is featured on note cards available through the Alzheimer's Association in Springfield. The cards are also available at www.alz.org.

Congratulations Gertrude! We love you and miss you!

### Thank You

To our extended family in Christ, We would like to express our appreciation for all your prayers and concerns expressed for Seldon during his time of need. Thank you so much for all your caring thoughts. We are so thankful to be a part of such a loving Christian family at Watermill Church of Christ. Thank you!

Seldon, Tammy, Trenton Essex Thank you for the respond to the special need request, I asked for a few weeks ago. We received enough to assist with the need. To everyone who helped, thank you so much.

In Christian Love, The Bartons

#### Baptism

We rejoice with Adam Barton on his decision to put on Christ in baptism last Sunday. He was baptized by his grandfather, Verl Duncan. Please be an encouragement to Adam as he grows as a Christian. Adam is the son of Scott and Melinda and grandson of Verl & Karen Duncan.

# Featured Family



Scott, Melinda, Adam & Laurel Barton

#### Needed Items

Linda Tracy's class at school is collecting *Best Choice bar* codes for field trips. See Linda for more info.

Don't forget to bring your used toner cartridges to the office. We can turn them in to Staples for rewards.

### Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

#### Elders

 Barney Crawford
 417-866-0592

 Clay Joseph
 417-833-3002

 Gene Lund
 417-869-6423

 Bob Snider
 417-833-3498

 Jerry Young
 417-724-0324

#### Minister

Bill McFarland 417-833-0110

#### Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith 417-866-6918

#### Youth Minister

Andrew Morton 417-712-4809

#### Deacons

Scott Barton Matt Keener Tim Bowling Russell Lilly Tim Buckner Paul Lines Tom Davis Jim Meinsen George Downing Travis Morrison Jim Elliff Eddie Sanders Jon Ewing James Simons Shannon Haddock Tim Stockstill

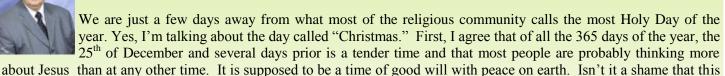
#### Staff

Johnnie Elliff Secretary
Tim Bowling Custodian

It's easy to identify people who can't count to ten. They're in front of you in the supermarket express lane.

#### **HEAVEN'S DAY OF ALL DAYS**

Dennis Smith



about Jesus than at any other time. It is supposed to be a time of good will with peace on earth. Isn't it a shame that this thought could not prevail all through the year. We know that Christ was born sometime and that it was and is a beautiful story as one can read in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. But His coming and the fulfilling of God's eternal purpose (Ephesians 3:11) was just the start of the desire of God for his Son and mankind. We need to remember such passages as "But God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Coupling that verse with the Golden Text of the Bible (John 3:16), we have the assurance of God's love for us. But the real "giving of God's Son" was not completed - neither was his eternal plan completed - until the supreme sacrifice when Christ's death occurred on the cross. It was then that he actually became "The Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world" (John 1:29). This was Heaven's Day of all Days!

**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

Jeremiah Akamah, Cameroon, Africa

**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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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

### **Service Rosters**

#### THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn

Greeters: Matt & Sara Keener

Van Driver: Kristy Sivils/838-1836

KYB Phone: Jerry Young/Norma Bradley

Serve Verl Duncan/Blanton Glenn
Communion: Don Essex/Oran Green

Gene Lund/Shannon Haddock Briley Ewing/Sam Hansen Jackie Freeze/Byrle Hayter

#### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison

Opening Prayer: Jerry Young

Speaker: Bill McFarland

Closing Prayer: Aaron Tovar

Communion: Tim/Kyle Buckner

Nursery: A. Buckner/J. Carroll

#### NEXT WEEK, December 20

MORNING EVENING

Song Leader:Jon EwingTravis MorrisonOpening Prayer:Van BarnesAndy McFarlandCommunion:Matt KeenerTim/Kyle BucknerClosing Prayer:Larry BaggettRandy Blackburn

AM Nursery: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling

PM Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan

Greeters: Jim & Debbie Meinsen
Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641

#### THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Ushers: Adam Stipp

Grant Wheeler

AV Room: Scott Barton/

Jeremy Thurlkill

**Building:** Paul Lines

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Wednesday, December 16

Devotional:
Song Leader:
Upening Prayer:
Closing Prayer:
Devotional:
Bill McFarland
Larry Baggett
Tom Davis
Verl Duncan