

Order of Worship

*Welcome*Clay Joseph

*Song Leader*Jon Ewing

#238 (v.1,4) #961 #146

Opening Prayer

#874

Communion
John Mahon

#975

Contribution
John Mahon

#855 (v.1,2) #651 (v.1,5)

*Lesson*Bill McFarland

#414

Announcements
Clay Joseph

#255

Closing Prayer
Jackie Freeze

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



Weekly Newsletter

January 3, 2010

#### Not By Bread Alone

Bill McFarland

Since this is the time of the year when we think about first things, consider this: what is the first thing a person needs to recognize in order to be prepared for the responsibilities and pressures life will bring to him? It's a vital question because whether a person's first response is appropriate is often what determines if he stands or falls. And it's a question that has an answer—and answer from someone who proved that it was right.

Remember that the tempter came to our Lord in the wilderness when he was alone and hungry and suggested that this was no way for the Son of God to live. It would have been better, according to the devil, for Jesus to have commanded the stones to become loaves of bread. It was an enticement calculated to have a devastating effect on his ability to sympathize with us and on his moral authority to lead us. Jesus, however, responded with this crucial observation: "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God'" (Matt. 4:4).

The first thing a person has to know if he is to use his life well and to cope with the challenges he meets is that his need to listen to God supersedes all his other needs. A human being needs to commune with God, to pay attention to his guidance, and to walk humbly with him, just as surely as he needs to eat. Jesus knew that this is the powerful truth God had emphasized to Israel in the wilderness when he fed them with manna for each new day (Deut. 8:3).

It's not that bread is unimportant. In fact, no one may live without bread—and that's true in more ways than one. We must eat for survival, but also for enjoyment, strength, and even for fellowship.

But all that comes from the mouth of the Giver of the bread is even more essential. His word makes his heart known. By listening to what he says, submitting to his instruction and meditating on his ways, the real person is fed. No one will survive the journey of life without this kind of nourishment. The most urgent forms of strength, satisfaction and companionship have to be taken in this way.

A person may **exist** by bread alone. To **live**, however, he will need to think upon, and to act in accordance with, every word that comes from the mouth of God. Proper nutrition every day is the first step of life.



#### Today's Sermons

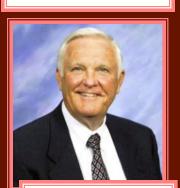
Morning: Turning Points at God's House Evening: As Brothers of the Son of Man

# 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 27

Bible Study: 236
Morning: 435
Evening: 243
Wednesday: 175
Contribution: \$ 9,285



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph

## Announcements

- ◆ <u>Pew Packers</u> meet this evening at 4:45
- ◆ LTC Scrapbookers will meet today after AM services. Bring money for fast food.
- ◆ SNAC tonight after service taco night—see sign-up sheet in foyer for what to bring
- <u>LTC</u> There will be an LTC meeting next Sunday in the auditorium after AM services



Potluck Lunch
January 17.
Make your
plans to be here

Daily Bible Reading Schedules are available in the foyer!

Golden Agers will meet today at 4 in room 126.

#### Ladies,

You still have time to renew your subscription to Christian Woman Magazine or subscribe for the first time. Please give your check in the amount of \$15.98 to Johnnie as soon as possible.

- Golden
   Messenger for
   January is
   available in the
   foyer
- <u>Elders</u> will meet next Sunday at 2 pm.
- Bible Institute of Missouri New evening classes begin 1/11 see flyer on bulletin board

The ladies studying "Searching For Truth" will meet Thursday night at 6:30 here at the building.



If you are using the
Contribution Envelopes, you
will need to include your name
in addition to the contribution
amount on your envelope for
the first two/three weeks.
Thereafter we only need your
contribution amount.

We extend our sympathy to the following families:
Family of <u>Joy Jones</u>. He was Alice
Allen's brother and Billie Jeffery's son
-in-law.

Adam Stipp & Emily Simons and their families in the loss of their grandfather. Keep these families in your prayers.

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- David/Debbie Kern
   Tim/Becky Marsolf
   Lonnie/Wanda Wilkinson
   yrs.
- 15 Hoyt/Judy Kirby 37 yrs.
- 17 Dennís/Carolyn Smíth27 Joy & Alíce Allen42 yrs.

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27 Joy & Alice Allen **Best Wishes To All** 

The quilters plan to work on Jan. 5th and Jan 19th starting at 10:00 AM. On Jan. 5th we will start making a larger version of the flower quilt now hanging in Room 132. It is an easy quilt to make, so please come if you're interested in learning how to make it.

## Prayer List & News



**Prayer** Jacee Simons is doing fine after **List** having her tonsils out last week

Seldon Essex is recovering at home from back surgery Judy Todd is not doing well; hospice has been called in Lisa Stayton will have surgery Thursday at Cox South Friends and Family:

Clay & Sharon's daughter-inlaw, Lori Joseph, as she goes through tests for thyroid problems

Pam Williams' (Fred's daughter) mother-in-law, Faye Williams, is in Baptist East ICU in Memphis with an aortic aneurism

Verl & Duncan's Karen granddaughter, <u>Johnna</u> (age John's with 6), is in St. doing much diabetes but better.

Thank you to the "Santas" who have helped us with gifts, prayers and hugs, etc. You have touched our hearts! We still covet your prayers for Dale and us. Love, Monty, Lucy, Dylan & Lisa Lewis Dear Church Family, Thank you for all that you have done for us. Thanks to the young people for raking leaves; for the birthday and Christmas cards and gifts. Thanks for the sympathy cards you

sent when Evelyn passed away. You

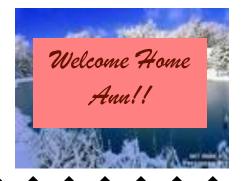
all are such a wonderful church

Dear Church Family.

family. God bless you all. In Christian love, Nancy & Wayne Snider

There will be no Thursday ladies Bible class in January or February.

Four Things You Can't Recover The stone ... after the throw The word ... after it's said The occasion ... after it's missed The time ... after it's gone



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#### Staff

Johnnie Elliff Secretary Tim Bowling Custodian

#### **Biblical Goals for the New Year**

By Dennis R. Smith

The Bible is a book of great spiritual values. It points out from cover to cover that God is with his faithful children in all things. The First Psalm gives us evidence of this truth. God blesses the godly and pours out his wrath on those who continually go against his divine will. But in addition to all the great spiritual promises given in this Holy Book, there are many practical directives which, if followed, will lead one to a happy and contented life here on earth. One is the value of putting others ahead of self. Listen to these words by the Apostle Paul: "....let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Phil. 2:3-4). Jesus had something to say about this as well: "And as you would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31. Then there are things like "not thinking more highly of self than we ought to think" (Rom. 12:3). These are but a few of the everyday little suggestions that our Lord gives which are practical, but in the long-run will pay great spiritual dividends here and as we stand in judgment later. As we meet this new year, which like all others no doubt will be filled with both joy and some sorrows, let us make it our goal to consider others first and remember the second great command is to "love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matt 22:39).

**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

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"Know Your Bible" 10:30 A.M. Sundays Springfield 33

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

## Service Rosters

Communion:

#### THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett

Greeters: Eddie & Donna Sanders Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970

KYB Phone: Adam/Sara Stipp

Serve Gaylen Jones/Brent Looney Communion: Matt Keener/Fred Lorenz

> Terry Loveland/Jeff Treat Todd Kraus/David Kern Russell Lilly/Jason Luna

#### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Andrew Morton Opening Prayer: David Kern Speaker: Bill McFarland Closing Prayer: Todd Kraus

Scott/Adam Barton Communion:

Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

#### NEXT WEEK, January 10

MORNING **EVENING** 

Song Leader: Kerry Cole Andrew Morton

Opening Prayer: Jon Ewing Russell Lilly John Mahon

Jackie Freeze Paul Lines Closing Prayer:

Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn AM Nursery:

PM Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll Greeters: Ruth Reaves/Carolyn Smith Van Driver: Shannon Haddock/732-4203

#### THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Ushers: Daniel Tovar/

Justin Reaves

AV Room: Daniel Meinsen/

Adam Stipp

Secure Tim Buckner Building:

Wednesday, January 6

Scott/Adam Barton

Devotional: Bill McFarland Song Leader: Tom Easterly Opening Prayer: Tim Stockstill Closing Prayer: Travis Morrison