



Weekly Newsletter

April 25, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#599 (1,2)

#272

#970

Opening Prayer

John Penner

#752

Communion

Mike Thurlkill

#344

Contribution

Mike Thurlkill

#627

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#760 (1,4)

Announcements

Jerry Young

#761 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Scott Nichols

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

STILL HOPING

We received a letter to the church from someone in another town in the area. It began, "Please pray for us now in the hour of our need. These pleas regard a life and death struggle ..." After listing several specific matters for which prayer was desired, the writer signed the note simply, "Still Hoping."

This serves to remind us that there are people around us who are indeed in the midst of weighty struggles. Some are carrying loads of care which are so severe that they test body, mind and spirit. Our Lord was able to "see" such individuals, and he was "moved with compassion" for those who were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (Matt. 9:36). His people today must also have eyes that see, hearts that hurt, and hands that help. Compassion for those who are in the hour of need should be a big issue to us.

Realizing what others are going through has a way of helping us regain our own perspective. We can get so wrapped up in ourselves that the smallest of troubles looks huge. But what of those who are dealing with matters of life and death? What of those who must cope with abuse, family breakdown or financial ruin? Perhaps my problems are not so big after all. Maybe we are more blessed than we thought.

One of those blessings is the possession of what everyone is seeking: hope. Through the work of Christ, we have reason to expect that what is precious to us will be fulfilled. We have hope which is good (2 Thes. 1:6), blessed (Tit. 2:13), living (1 Pet. 1:3). That hope is the anchor of our souls, and it is something we must be passing along to people around us who so hunger for it. We have within our hands the gospel of hope. The world needs it.

Pray for all of us who are still hoping. Pray for those who need to be hoping and don't even know it. Pray for world conditions which will allow people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

--Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: "Belonging to the Way"

PM: History and Hope

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 April 18

Bible Study:	265
Morning:	377
Evening:	209
Wednesday (4/21):	220
Contribution:	\$8,989



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young

- **Virginia Buck** is home following surgery
- **Jeff Treat** is now at home
- **Billie Jeffery** is not doing well at all
- **Pat Malanowski** will have an MRI on her knee
- **Thelma Fain** had skin cancer surgery Thursday

Friends and Family:

- ◆ **Dorann Thoreen** is better; she is in St. Joseph's Hospital, 5NNB, 350 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013
- ◆ **Debbie Crawford's dad, Zane Bradford**, is now home
- ◆ **Bob & Betty Stockstill's daughter, Jeanne Heisley**, is recovering from surgery
- ◆ **Norman & Lucile's granddaughter Shelley**
- ◆ **Helen Lowery**, the wife of a co-worker of John Stayton, will have heart surgery this week (cards would be appreciated/1219 N. Northwood Ave., Republic 65738
- ◆ **Ed Murray**, Kay McFarland's brother-in-law, has some health problems; Sherry & Ed Murray's 3-month old grandbaby, **Sam**, will have heart surgery in June
- ◆ **Laura Todd's grandson, Richard Roberts**, is in Cox South
- ◆ **Doris Tobler's son, Terrell**, as he continues radiation
- ◆ **Eula Compton's grandson-in-law, Jason Stark**
- ◆ **Billie Morgans**, friend of Ann Thiesen from the Buffalo church, has cancer and other health problems
- ◆ **Audrey Pearce**, 4-month old baby of the principal at Glendale, received a new heart late Thursday and so far the reports are good; she is in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis
- ◆ **Elvis Denny** from Sunset has pancreatic cancer & is not doing well

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the Bob Blackwell family. He passed away Friday. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Cards can be sent to his wife Charlotte at 273 High Point Lane, Niangua, MO 65713.

Expectant Moms

- Kasey Sekulic (May) (girl)
- Jenna Nichols (July) (boy)
- Ashley Bergman (July) (girl)
- Leah Prewitt (Sept.) (boy)
- Kirsten McFarland (Sept.)
- Sara Keener (Oct.)



Be sure to check the Giving Tree for apples for VBS supplies.



Graduates
Please notify
Linda Barnett

as soon as possible.
The **Graduates Reception** is scheduled for May 23 after PM services.



SPRING PRESCHOOL POTLUCK

Today after services
(For all preschoolers & their families)

Come celebrate with us
Ella Smith's 90th birthday
Saturday (May 1st)
from 2 - 4 p.m. in the fellowship room.
NO GIFTS PLEASE!



Baby Shower

There will be a shower for **Scott & Jenna Nichols** next Sunday at 3 p.m. in the fellowship room. They are having a **boy** and are registered at Babies R Us.



Spring Tea/
WINGS (Women in God's Service) Kickoff Event

Saturday, May 15th/8:30 - noon
Ladies, get signed up. You don't want to miss this event!

New Phone Numbers for
the **Malanowskis**
Pat—234-3284 (c)
Les—209-0578 (c)

Announcements

Married Couples Retreat



The Water Mill Gardeners will have a work day **Saturday (May 1) starting about 9 am.** We will be planting plants and putting down weed block. Bring your rakes and hoes and help us get the garden planted. Thanks.

Titus 2 Ladies There will be a brief *meeting next Sunday after AM worship* for women interested in helping in any way with the ministry this summer. *Those who have contacted me in the last few months about helping as well as others who have decided to help* should attend the meeting. Thanks. Angela


LTC 2010/AWARDS/INDIVIDUAL EVENTS



Aaron Alexander	T-Shirt Design/ Bronze
Amber Alexander	Scrapbook/ Silver
Adam Barton	Power Point/ Gold
	Song Leading/ Gold
	Bible Reading Extemp./ Gold
	Sermon Delivery/ Gold
Laurel Barton	Web Design/ Gold
	Digital Photography/ Gold
Alissa Buckner	Christian Fiction/ Gold
	Art (drawing)/ Gold
Kyle Buckner	Sermon Delivery/ Gold
	Song Leading/ Gold
Trenton Essex	T-Shirt Design/ Bronze
Briley Ewing	Songleading/ Gold
Erica Ewing	Bible Reading Extemp./ Gold
	Speech/ Gold
Jedonna Griter	Digital Photography/ Gold
Miranda Kramer	Song Leading/ Gold
Luke Lines	Sermon Delivery/ Gold
	Song Leading/ Gold
Joshua Luna	Art (sculpture)/ Silver
Kaven Mahon	Bible Reading Extemp./ Gold
Hannah Meeks	Christian Fiction/ Gold
Danielle Meinsen	Christian Essay/ Gold
	Power Point/ Gold
	Speech/ Gold
	Sermon Delivery/ Gold

Rebekah Meinsen	Christian Essay/ Gold
	Teaching Challenge/ Gold
	Speech/ Gold
Alicia Newman	Digital Photography/ Gold
Ashley Noe	Art/ Bronze
	Song Leading/ Gold
	Scrapbook/ Silver
	Speech/ Silver
Marcella Noe	Art/ Gold
	Scrapbook/ Silver
	Speech/ Gold
Samantha Noe	Scrapbook/ Silver
Alex Penner	Bulletin Board/ Gold
	Bible Reading Extemp./ Silver
	Speech/ Gold
Julian Penner	Art/ Gold
Alyssa Tillman	T-Shirt Design/ Silver
Kensi Tillman	Children's Book/ Gold
Aaron Tovar	Radio Minute Message/ Gold
	Sermon Delivery/ Gold
	Song Leading/ Gold
Isaac Tovar	Children's Book/ Gold
	Sermon Delivery/ Gold
	Song Leading/ Gold
Katelynn Wilson	Bible Reading Extemp./ Gold

- **Malawi Group** meeting today at 4 p.m.
- The **Sewing/Quilting ladies** will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- **James River Nursing Home** Devo/Singing Saturday at 3 p.m. All who can are asked to participate
- **Golden Agers** meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.



♦ **Youth Night at Fordland May 2;** van will leave at 4:15

♦ **No SNAC for May**

♦ **Spring Cleanup on May 8—watch for more info.**



THE SEED

By Dennis R. Smith

Noah, a preacher of righteousness (2nd Peter 2:5), received a promise from God as the waters from the great flood had dried up. Here is that promise: *“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease”* (Gen. 8:22). That promise has been kept by God until this day. What would we do without THE SEED which continues to put bread on our tables and food in our mouths? While we are now talking about the physical seed, the same principle applies spiritually. Jesus, in explaining the meaning of the parable of the sower, gives us the secret of God’s desire for humanity in all ages. *“Now the parable is this: The SEED is the word of God”* (Luke 8:11). With much care humanity has preserved THE SEED of many plants to insure that the next generation can also reap the benefits of a good harvest. If down through the ages the same effort had been made to preserve the spiritual SEED, the religious community would be a lot different today. There would not have been any need to name our places of worship for just mention of the name “the church” would be sufficient. In the first century there was only one. Wouldn’t it be great if we could all plant just the seed of the Kingdom from that first century? We then could reap the harvest of only one name and unity among all!

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

W. Paul & Janet Kee, 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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Office Hours:

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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Johnnie Elliff/Chatty Timmons
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970
KYB Phone: Jim & Rebecca Meinsen
Serve Tyler Thornton/Daniel Wilson
Communion: Aaron Tovar/Daniel Tovar
Don Tracy/Kevin Westerman
Jerry Young/Luis Tovar
Scott Barton/Adam Barton

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: John Stayton
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tim Stockstill
Communion: Tim/Kyle Buckner
Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, May 2

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	John Mahon
Opening Prayer:	Jerry Young	Van Barnes
Communion:	Jeremy Thurlkill	T. Morrison/J. Luna
Closing Prayer:	Shannon Haddock	Adam Barton
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Mike & Glenda Thurlkill	
Van Driver:	Kristy Sivils/793-1086	

THE MONTH OF April

Ushers: Brendan Carroll/
Jeff Treat
AV Room: Jeremy Thurlkill
Linda Barnett
**Secure
Building:** Paul Lines

Wednesday, April 28

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Isaac Tovar
Closing Prayer: Shannon Haddock
Van Driver: T. Kraus/862-6675