



Weekly Newsletter

May 2, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#732 (1,2,4)

#554

#867 (2 times)

Opening Prayer

Jerry Young

#764

Communion

Jeremy Thurlkill

#971

Contribution

Jeremy Thurlkill

#855 (1,3)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#714 (1,4,5)

Announcement

Barney Crawford

#564 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Shannon Haddock

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

ABOUT OUR WORK

The Process We Begin Today

If you can do so at all, please be with us for both assemblies today. At the request of our elders, we are beginning the process of thinking and praying over whether there are among us additional brothers who may be ready to help care for the church. Both of our studies from the Lord's word today will be aimed at deepening our respect for this noble task and encouraging us to understand the role each one of us has in making it possible.

You will see, I think, that this is a spiritual matter that expresses our identity and that deserves our sincere attention. This part of the process by itself will be beneficial to us because it will call us to two precious concerns: the nature of the church of the Lord and the strength of fellowship among his people. The life of a congregation is lived through necessary exercises like this, so I encourage you to make yourself part of the process. Make room for us in your thoughts and in your prayers.

A New Study of Job

Why do things that do not seem fair happen to people who have tried to do the right thing? In view of God's promises, why do good people who have prayed and prayed not seem to get the answers they have been seeking? Since God is good and steadfast in his love, why is there so much suffering in the world? I have been asked questions like that at least three times very recently, so I've been struck by how much we have them on our minds.

It turns out that people always have. This morning in the adult class which meets in room 126, we are beginning a new study on the greatest thing ever written on the subject: the great Book of Job. We will look into the turmoil Job experienced, the conversation that went back and forth about it, and at what it all has to do with our own faith in God. If you haven't been making it to class, or if you have been struggling with questions like these, this would be a good time to join us.

That Settles It

I have been fascinated as I have read again about how the church at Antioch and the church in Jerusalem resolved trouble over a tough issue: what would be required of Gentiles who had become Christians. In their discussions over it (Acts 15), I notice a theme that develops: "all that God had done (4)...God mad a choice (7)...God, who knows the heart, bore witness (8)...why are you putting God to the test (10)...God had done through them (12)...God first visited (14)...who turn to God (19)."

More attention on God, and less on people and what they think, say or do. That would settle a lot of things.

--Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: To Care for the Church of the Lord

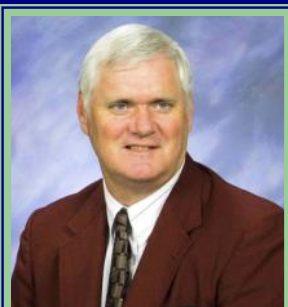
PM: Able to Take Up a Noble Task

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 25

Bible Study:	277
Morning:	411
Evening:	238
Wednesday (4/28):	209
Contribution:	\$9,464



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

Prayer List & News

- Billie Jeffery is not doing well; hospice has been called in
- Nancy Snider will have eye surgery tomorrow morning
- Jan Bowling will have foot surgery May 14
- Ella Mae Findlay has shingles
- Margaret Cobb fell but did not break any bones
- Thelma Fain as she recovers from skin cancer surgery

Friends and Family:

- ◆ Norman & Lucile's granddaughter Shelley
- ◆ Helen Lowery, the wife of a co-worker of John Stayton, recovering from heart surgery (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 now in rehab
- ◆ Doris Tobler's son, Terrell, as he continues chemo & radiation
- ◆ Eula Compton's grandson-in-law, Jason Stark
- ◆ Billie Morgans, friend of Ann Thiesen from the Buffalo church, who has cancer and other health problems
- ◆ Audrey Pearce, 4-month old baby of the principal at Glendale, is showing improvements after her heart transplant and has been moved out of ICU at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis
- ◆ Elvis Denny has pancreatic cancer & is not doing well
- ◆ Kelsie Mitchell (10 yr old daughter of Jason Luna's co-worker) has a form of cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma.

- Long-Term**
 Joy & Alice Allen
 Paul Bratcher
 Doris Burch
 Margaret Cobb
 Bonnie Cole
 Thelma Fain
 Lucille/Milton Ford
 Gerald Jean
 Clay Joseph
 Carol Mahon
 Jarita Nimmo
 Betty Shaw/(M. Bower's mother)
 Doris Tobler
 The Wegers
 Pat Woods
Military:
 Cody Newman

- Shut-ins:**
 Shirley Bartlett
 Doris Batzel Iorg
 Fern Davis
 Irene Johnson
 Carol Law
 John Luallin
 Wilma Melton
 Annie Overstreet
 Ella Smith
 Wilma Spoor
 Doris Thomason
 Cathy White

Upcoming Events

- 5/11 Elders meet at 2 p.m.
- 5/16 Ministry Fair
 Congregation bring sack lunches
- 5/23 Graduates' Reception
- 6/6 Megan Williams Bridal Shower
- 6/10 10 am to 2 pm/VBS workday/
 bring sack lunch
- 6/13 Potluck Lunch
- 6/24 10 am to 2 pm/VBS workday/
 bring sack lunch
- 7/15-29: Mission Trip to Malawi
- 8/2-5: Vacation Bible School

Expectant Moms

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



If you can provide a meal for Kasey Sekulic after the baby arrives, please sign up on the sheet at the information desk. She is scheduled for a C-section on May 17.

Summer Bible Camp Sessions:

- ◆ 6/20-26: Larry Baggett/Happy Hollow
- ◆ 6/28-7/2: Alice Buckner/Happy Hollow
- ◆ 7/18-21: Shelia Hansen/Happy Hollow (girls)
- ◆ 7/18-24: Bill McFarland/Green Valley



(Applications for Green Valley and Happy Hollow are available at the information desk)

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers for Terrell. He started chemo last Friday. He gets radiation 5 days a week and chemo one day. Thanks for the phone calls and encouragement you have offered me. Bless you all.
 Love you, Doris Tobler

Announcements

- **Malawi Group** will have a luncheon meeting today after AM services.
- **Golden Agers** meet TODAY at 4 p.m.
- **Titus 2 Ladies:** There will be a brief **meeting TODAY after AM worship** for women interested in helping in any way with **Titus 2** this summer.
- **Golden Messenger** for May is available in the foyer. Dennis has included a great article by Bro. Charles White. **Be sure to pick up a copy**
- **Workday:** Ladies, if you would like to help make baby blankets for our group to take to Malawi in July, there will be a workday **next Saturday (May 8) at 2 p.m.**

Baby Shower

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

- ♦ **Youth Night at Fordland tonight; van will leave at 4:15**
- ♦ **No SNAC for May**
- ♦ **Spring Cleanup Saturday; start at 8:30 with light breakfast and work from 9 - 2; bring sack lunch, rakes and gloves. See George Downing if you have questions.**



May Anniversaries

3	Gerald & June Jean	58 yrs.
7	James & Lori McCall	22 yrs.
10	Jason & Lora Luna	13 yrs.
12	Jerry & Pat Milligan	48 yrs.
15	Cecil & Mary C. Lines	17 yrs.
18	Grant & Jen Wheeler	8 yrs.
19	Charlie & Rosalie Cruse	38 yrs.
19	Bill & Kay McFarland	36 yrs.
20	Jim & Debbie Meinsen	21 yrs.
25	Monty & Lucy Lewis	36 yrs.
27	Scott & Jenna Nichols	2 yrs.

Best Wishes To All



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

Saturday, May 15th/8:30 - noon
Don't miss this event!

Ladies, be sure to return your completed survey form to the box located on the table in the east side of foyer

The congregation is invited to the **50th Wedding Anniversary reception for LYNN & NANCY BARNES** next Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the **Ozark Community Center (directions on the Bulletin Board).**

Ladies Bible Class

The Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on **May 13 at 10:30.** Elaine Poland from the Bona congregation will present a lesson on **Esther-The Jewish Start of Persia.** Potluck lunch will follow. **This will be the last Thursday class until September.**

Graduates Reception

May 23 after PM services



Bible Institute of Missouri
Spring Lectureship at Kansas Expressway
Today thru Wednesday
"We Ought to Obey God Rather Than Men"
(See Schedule of Speakers on Bulletin Board)

READ THE NEXT VERSE

By Dennis R. Smith



Quite often in the religious world some are prone to quote a verse of scripture as a "proof-text" and in so doing completely isolate it from nearby passages. In studying the bible we must always keep in mind what the overall thought of the context demands. For example: In Ephesians 2:8-9 some contend that salvation is completely dependant upon our faith and God's grace without our having any part in the matter. Of course, much of this is based on verse 9 which reads, "not of works, lest any man should boast." Any sincere, dedicated bible student would surely agree that our salvation does depend on the grace and mercy of God. But to take any "action" on the part of the individual some would classify it as "works." It is interesting, in reading Ephesians 2:8-9, that the next verse says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works..." Now, let's take another argumentative passage from Mark 16:16: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Belief is the same as faith - but is baptism a "work" just because it requires action on the part of the individual? What about Acts 2:40 after Peter had given the command to be baptized and then made the statement, "...save yourselves?" Faith requires action (James 2:17)! Action is the other side (next verse) of the coin of faith. They are of equal value.

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

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Jon & Coyeatte Ewing
Van Driver: Kristy Sivils/793-1086
KYB Phone: Eddie & Linda Carrier
Serve Randy Blackburn//Tom Davis
Communion: Tim Bowling/Greg Donoho
 Jackie Buck/John Dutton
 Kyle Buckner/Verl Duncan
 Eddie Carrier/Don Essex

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Van Barnes
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Adam Barton
Communion: Travis Morrison/Jason Luna
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, May 9

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	John Mahon
Opening Prayer:	Porter Barnes	Randy Blackburn
Communion:	Tim Timmons	T. Morrison/J. Luna
Closing Prayer:	Scott Barton	Tim Bowling
AM Nursery:	Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Mike & Glenda Thurlkill	
Van Driver:	James Simons/732-5641	

THE MONTH OF May

Ushers: Van Barnes/
Bryan Thurlkill
AV Room: Larry Baggett/
Adam Stipp
Secure Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, May 5

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Shannon Haddock
Closing Prayer: Don Essex
Van Driver: Don Tracy