



Weekly Newsletter

October 17, 2010

**"CAMP HOPE"**

*Bill McFarland*

**Order of Worship**

**Welcome**

Jerry Young

**Song Leader**

Kerry Cole

**#647 (1, 2, 3)**

**#144 (1, 3, 4)**

**Opening Prayer**

George Downing

**#776 (1, 2, 5)**

**#621 (1, 2, 4)**

**The Lord's Supper**

Russell Lilly

**Contribution**

Russell Lilly

**#400**

**#642 (1, 2, 5)**

**Lesson**

Bill McFarland

**#667 (1, 2, 4)**

**Announcement**

Jerry Young

**#200 (1, 3)**

**Closing Prayer**

Matt Keener

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

Anyone who could watch the Chilean miners emerge from deep in the earth, step out of the capsule, and be reunited with their loved ones without misty eyes certainly has an immovable heart! Think of it: thirty-three men, a half mile under ground, their families waiting at the surface of the mine, seventeen days before being discovered alive, sixty-nine or seventy days while the work of saving them was being done, and all brought out safe and sound. Wonderful! Such an amazing deliverance is worth celebrating!

Perhaps you noticed that the temporary community which sprang up around the mine, tents occupied by family members or fellow workers who would not leave the site, was referred to as "Camp Hope." We can understand why. How else could people wait and keep their spirits up and endure to the end? People who are faced with the stark realities of life cannot live without hope. It is an indispensable quality in overcoming any obstacle, staying with any relationship, and achieving any victory.

This is a perfect time for us to remember that *hope* is one of the key concepts of the faith of Christ. The God who loves us has given us "eternal comfort and good hope through grace" (2 Thes. 2:16). We have heard in the gospel of "the hope laid up for [us] in heaven" (Col. 1:5). Our hope is "blessed" (Tit. 2:13) and "living" (1 Pet. 1:3). Having been justified by his grace, we have "become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Tit. 3:7).

Not surprisingly, writers in the New Testament expect such a hope to have a huge impact upon the lives of Christians. We are in the process of being saved by hope (Rom. 8:24). Because of our hope we are to keep our souls anchored to heaven (Heb. 6:19), to purify ourselves (1 Jn. 3:3), to hold fast without wavering (Heb. 10:23), to serve steadfastly (1 Thes. 1:3), and to rejoice in all circumstances (Rom. 5:2).

We meet the practical responsibilities of daily life as people who are grateful for what God has done to qualify us to share in the inheritance of the saints. He has "delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son" (Col. 1:12-13). Redemption, the forgiveness of sins, is the most remarkable rescue of all!

It would not be out of place to say that a congregation of the Lord's people is a "camp of hope." We meet, we relate to each other, we deal with life, we work together for the sake of rescues, and we wait—all because we are a people who share a common hope.

**Today's Messages:**

**AM: Appreciating the Possible by Recognizing the Impossible**

**PM: Faithful in All That We Do**



# 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

October 10

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Bible Study:       | 245      |
| Morning:           | 367      |
| Evening:           | 231      |
| Wednesday (10/13): | 214      |
| Contribution:      | \$ 9,873 |



Elder of the Month  
Jerry Young

- Kameron Epperly has pneumonia
- Dale Gregory has not been feeling well this past week
- Debbie Crawford is doing well after having a stint put in last week
- Jeff Treat is out of the hospital and back at work; bone biopsy and blood cultures were negative
- Richmond Griter will have a cyst removed from his face Tuesday
- Continue to remember Seldon Essex, Thelma Fain, Shirley Bartlett

#### Friends and Family:

Tim & Becky Marsolf's granddaughter, Raelyn (daughter of Jed & Erin Marsolf), who is having some health problems

Emily Simons and Adam Stipp's dad, Tom Stipp, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer; will have surgery in about 6 weeks

Ann Fahr's nephew, Rich Armstrong, and Debbi Ratterree's niece, Suzanne, who are having health problems

Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks father, as he deals with health issues

Jack Clutter, friend and co-worker of Tim Stockstill, has cancer and has started chemo

Annie Hysaw, Johnnie Elliff's sister, who is going through chemo; her address is P.O. Box 1524, Fulton, MS 38843

#### Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen  
Paul Bratcher  
Doris Burch  
Bonnie Cole  
Thelma Fain  
Lucille/Milton Ford  
Donna Harcrow  
Gerald Jean  
Clay Joseph  
Marilyn Lanpher  
Carol Mahon  
Jarita Nimmo  
Betty Shaw  
Doris Tobler  
Pat Woods  
**Military:**  
Cody Newman  
Jacob Gardner  
Matthew Patterson  
Elaine Noe

#### Expectant Moms

Sara Keener (soon) (girl)  
Sara Stipp (Jan) (boy)  
Brittany Morrison (Feb) (boy)  
Angela Morton (May)



I just want to thank everyone for coming to the Bob Evans Community Night and showing support for Fair Haven. It was great to see everyone and we appreciate you and your care for the staff and children in this work. Thank You.

Becky Marsolf



If you would like to provide food for the Keener family after the arrival of Brenley, please sign up at the information desk today or Wednesday.

#### AREA EVENTS

##### Gospel Meeting:

17-23: Fordland with Jerry Brewer

##### Ladies Day

10/23 at Sparta with Carie Samuel

**Flyers on the Bulletin Board**

Phone # Change  
Elliffs  
Jim/861-4939  
Johnnie/861-2623  
(no longer have home phone)

October 31st is the 5th Sunday this month. All contributions will go to the Building Fund.

#### THRIFT HAVEN

Thrift Haven has placed a box on the west side of our parking lot (by the garden) for your use in dropping off ONLY clothes, shoes, handbags. If you have questions about this box, see Tom Meeks.

Also, Thrift Haven could use your old newspapers.

# Activities & Announcements

## TODAY:

⇒ *Area-Wide Youth Night at Water Mill*

## Upcoming Events:

- ☞ Elders meet *Tuesday* at 2 p.m.
- ☞ Quilters meet *Tuesday* at 10 a.m.
- ☞ *Next Sunday* there will be a potluck luncheon for all ladies who have been participating or would like to participate in the Secret Sister Program. See Julie Alexander if you have questions.
- ☞ *Fall Preschool Potluck luncheon November 7*
- ☞ The Book Club will be reading *Gods and Kings* by Lynn Austin for the next meeting on 11/15. See Linda Currier if you have questions.

## Kids & Families

(K-6th Grade)  
**Picnic at Rutledge-Wilson Park TODAY after morning service. Bring a picnic lunch or pick up something and meet us around 12 noon.**

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**Fall cookout and costume party at Fair Haven on Friday, October 29 beginning at 6 p.m. We will have a "Trunk-N-Treat" around 7 p.m. and finish by 8:30 or so.**

**Sign up at the information desk if you plan to attend.**

## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Barney Crawford | 417-866-0592 |
| Clay Joseph     | 417-833-3002 |
| Gene Lund       | 417-343-5783 |
| Eddie Sanders   | 417-833-5712 |
| Bob Snider      | 417-833-3498 |
| Jerry Young     | 417-724-0324 |

### Minister

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Bill McFarland | 417-833-0110 |
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### Golden Age Minister

|              |              |
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| Dennis Smith | 417-866-6918 |
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### Youth Minister

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Andrew Morton | 417-712-4809 |
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### Deacons

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

### Staff

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Johnnie Elliff | Secretary |
| Tim Bowling    | Custodian |



**Area Wide Youth Night tonight at Water Mill.**

**All WMY members need to be at the building by 4:15 p.m.**

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST: 2011

**For grades 3-12: Sign up as soon as possible for the events in which you would like to participate.**

**Everyone is invited to the Buffalo Church of Christ TODAY at 1:30 p.m. as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of their building. Dennis will be one of the speakers.**



## Shoring up our Faith

By Dennis R. Smith

While listening to Bro. McFarland's wonderful Sunday night sermon from the Book of Hebrews, words came to me which I first heard while serving in the Navy. They were the words "shore up." As it was used there, it meant to "prop up or patch up." Hours were spent in periodic drills with a special group selected to participate in readiness for any real damage if it ever occurred. They were called "the damage control party." Since a great part of Hebrews deals with the subject of faith, I think you will agree that often times we need to have our faith shored up. Even some of the Apostles of our Lord realized this as well (Luke 17:5). When Satan has blasted a hole in our spiritual ship of faith, we must immediately call for our own damage control party to shore up the damage. Since faith comes from hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17), it is necessary then to return more often to the Bible in order to find the reason for our own doubts and distresses. Prayer also is an experienced hand serving in our spiritual damage control party. When our love for Christ grows weak, when for deeper faith we seek, the beautiful garden of prayer awaits us, the worship and fellowship of our spiritual crew awaits us and even the Captain of our salvation (Heb. 2:10) will steer us back into more peaceful, quieter, and reassuring waters.

**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
- 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:** Robin Meeks/Jan /Bowling
- Greeters:** Kerry & Sandy Cole
- Van Driver:** Lance Griter/833-2818
- KYB Phone:** Gerri Dickens/M. J. Rookstool
- Serve** Isaac Tovar/Scott Barton
- Communion:** Luis Tovar/Adam Barton  
Don Tracy/Tim Bowling  
Kevin Westerman/Kyle Buckner  
Larry Baggett/Eddie Carrier

## THIS EVENING

- Song Leader:**
- Opening Prayer:** Kyle Buckner
- Lesson:** Daniel Meinsen
- Closing Prayer:** Adam Barton
- Communion:** Jon/Briley Ewing
- Nursery:** Lee Ann Donoho/K. Duncan

## NEXT WEEK, October 24

- |                        | MORNING                    | EVENING          |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Song Leader:</b>    |                            | John Mahon       |
| <b>Opening Prayer:</b> | Don Essex                  | Matt Kelley      |
| <b>Communion:</b>      | Brent Looney               | Jon/Briley Ewing |
| <b>Closing Prayer:</b> | Jackie Freeze              | Todd Kraus       |
| <b>AM Nursery:</b>     | Linda Currier/Leona Snider |                  |
| <b>PM Nursery:</b>     | Glenda Thurlkill           |                  |
| <b>Greeters:</b>       | Barney & Debbie Crawford   |                  |
| <b>Van Driver:</b>     | Travis Morrison/742-1970   |                  |

## THE MONTH OF October

- Ushers:** Brendan Carroll  
Aaron Morrison
- AV Room:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
Ron Stokes
- Secure Building:** Paul Lines  
Tim Buckner

## Wednesday, October 20

- Devotional:** James Simons
- Song Leader:** Tom Easterly
- Opening Prayer:** Jim Meinsen
- Closing Prayer:** Tom Meeks
- Van Driver:** Jason Luna