



Weekly Newsletter

January 16, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Gene Lund

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

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Opening Prayer

Brent Looney

#646

#810

The Lord's Supper

John Stayton

#217

Contribution

John Stayton

#299

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#495

Announcement

Gene Lund

#180

Closing Prayer

Eddie Sanders

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

REFLECTING ON THE WEEK PAST

The week past has given the phrase “tragedy in Tucson” a meaning that will stick with us. In front of a grocery store on an otherwise normal Saturday morning shots rang out. Six people died. Thirteen more were wounded, some seriously, including a member of the United States Congress. A shocked nation began to work through the confusion and grief injected into its life by the sorry episode. What follows here are my reflections on the events that have occurred.

There is evil in the world and we have to live in the presence of it. Things are not now all “very good” as they were before sin intruded into the world God made (cf. Gen. 1:31; 3:17f). Whether they come about through conscious wrongdoing, or from minds so ruined by bad choices that they cannot choose well, or because of illness that makes an individual incapable of clear thought, things happen in this world that are evil.

There are some great people in this world, too. There is heroism and goodness in common people around us. We may take it for granted to the point of not even suspecting that it is there, but it is. It was displayed by some of the people at the scene in Tucson.

“Time and chance happen to them all.” That’s how the under-the-sun events of life look at a time like this: things sometimes happen to people, not because of their ability or wisdom or strength, but because they happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time (cf. Eccl. 9:11). A federal judge, a nine year old girl, and others—hurt or killed, not because they were targets, only because they were there.

How easily we jump the track in pursuit of other matters! What happened was done by a person to others. What might have captured our entire attention are the stories of the lives of good people lost, or the sympathy and support needed by those struggling, or how to get help to seriously troubled individuals who need treatment. Instead much of the discussion in popular culture made the leap to entirely different matters—political discourse or gun control or some such thing as that.

The blame game is a big reason why. What actually happened is quickly forsaken in favor of whose fault it is. Perhaps people who have agendas see opportunities to further their causes, not shattered persons whose experience is to be respected. Or maybe it makes us feel better if we can lay the deed at the feet of a person or a cause of which we disapprove. Either way, it turns out to be a fundamentally dishonest exercise.

The gospel of Christ is badly needed in a world where life is so uncertain, and where our personal weaknesses are so obvious, and where healthy thinking and unselfishness and decency are so urgently required. What else can change hearts? Where else is there a promise of life?

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: Impressed by the Father's Kind of Love

PM: The Man Whose Voice Outlived Him

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

January 9

Bible Study:	264
Morning:	369
Evening:	258
Wednesday (1/12):	171
Contribution:	\$11,297



Elder of the Month
Gene Lund

- Joy Allen is in St. John's
- Jarita Nimmo is in Cox Walnut Lawn room 311 after suffering a series of strokes
- Mary Charlotte Lines is recovering from outpatient surgery
- George Downing has severe back pain
- Marilyn Lanpher is at the Gardens, Apartment 158, phone # 890-1368; she is scheduled to return home on the 28th
- Elaine Noe as she is dealing with a difficult work situation
- Continue to remember Herman Harris, Shirley Bartlett & John Mahon

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Clint Miller, friend of Bill's mom from Clarkridge, is in Barnes-Jewish in St. Louis after double lung transplant
- ◇ William Rymer, Gin Crumrine's new nephew, remains in ICU at Barnes Hospital; the MRI did show two small areas where there is brain damage, but long-term he should be able to lead a normal life
- ◇ Pat Woods daughter and Regina's sister, Kim, who lives in California as she deals with health problems
- ◇ Sarah Cowden will have more back surgery at Children's Hospital in St. Louis on February 5th
- ◇ Danielle Little from Oklahoma City, niece of Debbie Kern, is dealing with blood clots; she is also pregnant

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Tony and Diana Compton in the loss of Diana's mom, Betty Lumley, who passed away recently.

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We also extend our sympathy to Fred Lorenz in the loss of his sister, Catherine Love from St. Louis, who passed away Thursday. She was 94.

Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
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
Elaine Noe

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Expectant Moms

Sara Stipp
(Jan) (boy)
Brittany Morrison
(Feb) (boy)
Angela Morton
(May)
Summer Azeez
(June)

If you can provide a meal for Sara Stipp (due this month) and/or Brittany Morrison (due in February) after the babies arrive, please sign up on the sheets provided in the foyer.

Due to his demanding work schedule and responsibilities, Tim Stockstill has resigned as a deacon. We appreciate Tim's many years of service as deacon in charge of the bus ministry. He will continue to take care of the buses as well as being one of the regular Wednesday evening drivers. Thank you Tim for your dedicated service to this congregation.

- The Elders

Thank You What a nice surprise to have Brandi and some of the Titus 2 young ladies come to my apartment on Saturday bearing gifts from this worthwhile work. Thanks, also, to all who have come and for the prayers you continue to offer in my behalf. Miss you.
Love, Marilyn

Friendships are the ship the Lord often launches to keep my boat afloat.

- Patsy Clairmont

Church Bulletin Bloopers

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.

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For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

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Potluck supper; prayer and medication to follow

Activities

LTC Banner Kids will meet this afternoon at 3 p.m. See Jenny Carroll if you have questions.

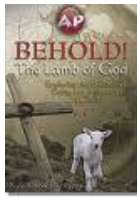
LTC Puppet & Drama teams will meet after AM service on the 23rd. Bring lunch—we will stay all day. We will also meet on 2/27 and 3/27

- Next book for the Ladies Book Club will be "Showers in Season" by Terri Blackstock.
- Married Couples Retreat March 11-12—watch for more info

Birthdays next week

- 23 Jerry Milligan
 - 25 Amber Alexander
Lora Luna
Sherry Sherman
 - 26 Ryan Friend
Tonya Tillman
 - 29 Tim Marsolf
Illene Birdsong
Annie Overstreet
- Happy Birthday**

Ladies, are you feeling cabin fever? Would you like a break from the winter boredom? Why not come and join us for a **MOVIE NIGHT!** We will be letting you vote on the movie we will watch. But mark your calendars now for **Thursday, February 3rd** and watch for further announcement.



If you would like to purchase the book "Behold, the Lamb of God," see Johnnie in the office. The cost is \$9. This is the book used by the Junior High and High School classes last fall.

Wedding Shower

On Sunday, February 6th, we will honor **Ryan and Jeanne Friend** with a wedding shower. Ryan & Jeanne were married in December.

Valentine Banquet

The Water Mill Youth will honor the Golden Agers with a Valentine's Banquet on Friday night, February 11, from 6—8 p.m. Watch for sign-up information.

Second Annual Young Adult Rally

February 26th
9 am to 2:30 pm
Mill Street Church of Christ
in Cassville
GROWING UP NOT OUT
Growing Spiritually Not Worldly
(See bulletin board for more info)



Congratulations to Fred and Norma who were married last Thursday. We wish you many years of happiness together.

Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings!



PATTERN OR EXAMPLE? NO DIFFERENCE!

By Dennis R. Smith

God's instructions to Moses in regard to the building of the tabernacle were "do all according to the pattern" (Exod. 25:9). The Hebrews' writer repeated these instructions in showing that Christ built the "true tabernacle"- meaning the church (Heb. 8:5). Still using God's word to Moses as a "type," he also showed Christ as "such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens" (Heb. 8:1). He then pointed out that this was "an example" (8:5). This word "example" shows up several times in the New Testament (1st Cor. 10:6, 11; 1st Pet. 2:21). If you were to build a house, you would need to follow the pattern. If you wanted to improve your life, you would choose someone whom you respected. In either case Christ has become the perfect pattern and example for all. He followed the pattern of sacrificing when he shed his blood as a purchase price for the church (Acts 20:28). He was "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). He also set the example in the life he lived - sinless - holy - and righteous. Paul put it this way: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Rom. 5:10). Pattern or Example? No difference! May we use both as our guide for a holy and happy life.

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

WORKS WE SUPPORT

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa

Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands

Voice of Truth International

Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions

World Christian Broadcasting

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief

Lincoln Church of Christ

A.G. Bailey, India

Fair Haven Children's Home

"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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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling
Greeters: John & Lisa Stayton
Van Driver: Shannon Haddock/732-4203
KYB Phone: Jerry & Carolyn Young
Serve Russell Lilly/Jason Luna
Communion: Paul Lines/Kyle Buckner
Brent Looney/Les Malanowski
Fred Lorenz/Andy McFarland
Steve Prewitt/Tom Meeks

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer: Scott Nichols
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: John Penner
Communion: D. Meinsen/A. Tovar
Nursery: Lee Donoho/Karen Duncan

NEXT WEEK, January 23

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Don Essex	Justin Reaves
Communion:	Bob Stockstill	D. Meinsen/A. Tovar
Closing Prayer:	Matt Kelley	Kyle Buckner
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Chatty Timmons/Gerri Dickens	
Van Driver:	Lance Griter/833-2818	

MONTH OF JANUARY

Ushers: Shannon Haddock
Kyle Buckner
AV Room: Adam Stipp/
Daniel Meinsen
Secure
Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, January 19

Devotional: Barney Crawford
Song Leader: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: Tim Stockstill
Closing Prayer: Ron Stokes
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill