



Weekly Newsletter

February 6, 2011

### Order of Worship

#### *Welcome*

Eddie Sanders

#### *Song Leader*

Kerry Cole

#523 (1,2,4)

#40 (1,2,4)

#### *Opening Prayer*

Daniel Wilson

#26

#764

#### *The Lord's Supper*

Dale Harp

#### *Contribution*

Dale Harp

#11

#510 (1,2,4)

#### *Lesson*

Bill McFarland

#572 (1,2,4)

#### *Announcement*

Eddie Sanders

#66 (1,3)

#### *Closing Prayer*

Jeremy Thurlkill

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

### *THE BLESSINGS OF A WINTER STORM*

Yes, I know. Given the conditions of the last several days, this title appears to be quite a stretch! We realize that circumstances like these bring hardships, sometimes terrible ones, into the experience of many people. In no way do we make light of these problems.

You will notice, however, that the scriptures use familiarity with these experiences as a teaching tool. That means there must be ways we can benefit from observing life in the presence of wintry elements. There are blessings that can be ours if we will identify them.

One is the renewal of our sense of wonder. There is mystery in the working of what God has created that ought to fill the mind of man with a healthy sense of awe. When Job is preoccupied with his own immediate problems and questions, the LORD demands to know of him, "Has the rain a father, or who has begotten the drops of dew? From whose womb did the ice come forth, and who has given birth to the frost of heaven? The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen" (Job 37:28-30). Impressed with what we know, we start thinking we have the standing to argue with God. The forces of nature that remind us some things are still too wonderful for us, that some things are yet not in our control, are a blessing.

Another is the deepening of humility that corresponds to this sense of awe. Not too much of the winter experience is required to illustrate that we take an awful lot for granted, that we commonly behave as if it does not matter what God says. One of the Psalms says, "He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes. He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word, and melts them..." (147:15-18). A person who assumes that he can handle anything finds that he cannot even stand before the cold and snow. Surely it should dawn upon such a one that how he stands before the word of the One who sends these elements out is the most important matter in his life.

That brings a certain simplicity to life. No matter how busy and complicated life gets, it comes down to some simple things: shelter from the elements, enough to eat and drink, and clothing to wear. And, even more basic, there is gratitude to the Giver of these blessings. "Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Praise the LORD from the earth,...fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy winds fulfilling his word!" (Psalm 148:3-4, 7, 8).

There are days when, despite our big plans, we just have to do the best we can. That is alright. It is a blessing to be reminded that it is alright.

—Bill McFarland

#### *Today's Messages:*

*AM: Exodus: Thus the LORD SAVES*

*PM: When Bowing Down is a Dream Come True*

# 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 30

Bible Study:	228
Morning:	366
Evening:	223
Wednesday (2/2):	N/A
Contribution:	\$18,803



Elder of the Month  
Eddie Sanders

Continue to remember Paul Bratcher, Herman Harris and Shirley Bartlett  
**Friends and Family:**

- ◇ Melissa Mahon, John & Teresa's daughter's surgery has been rescheduled to 2/11.
- ◇ William Rymer, Gin Crumrine's new nephew, remains in ICU at Barnes Hospital
- ◇ Sarah Cowden will have more back surgery at Children's Hospital in St. Louis on February 25th
- ◇ Mark Best, 4th grader at Strafford with Josh Luna and Kaven Mahon, has Aplastic Anemia. He will have a bone marrow transplant at St. Jude this month.
- ◇ Phil Baker, former member, requests prayers for his family
- ◇ KYB student, Tina Thompson, requested prayers for her family (father, brother and sister are all in critical condition)

### Shut-ins:

Joy/Alice Allen  
Shirley Bartlett  
Doris Iorg  
Fern Davis  
Thelma Fain  
Irene Johnson  
Carol Law  
John Luallin  
Carol Mahon  
Wilma Melton  
Annie Overstreet  
Ella Smith  
Wilma Spoor  
Doris Thomason  
Judy Todd  
Cathy White

### 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  
Elaine Noe

### Sympathy

Monday as Andrew and Angela were returning home from her grandpa's funeral in OK they received word that her grandma, Ruth Stafford, had passed away. Funeral services were Saturday in Enid, OK. Please keep Angela and her family, especially her dad, uncle, and aunt, in your prayers as they deal with the loss of three of their loved ones in such a short period of time.

Debbi Ratterree's nephew, David Castleberry (39), passed away this past week in Georgia from an aneurysm. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**GOLDEN AGERS' MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

**Wedding Shower for Ryan & Jeanne scheduled for today has been rescheduled.**

*A critical spirit is like poison ivy — it only takes a little contact to spread the poison.*

### Birthdays next week

- 13 Clarence Feeney  
Brent Looney
  - 14 Jammie Davis  
Gaylen Jones
  - 16 Gerri Dickens  
Karen Duncan  
Jon Ewing
  - 17 Barney Crawford  
Samantha Noe
  - 18 Wilma Melton  
Sara Stipp
  - 19 Kylie Dutton  
Shelia Hansen  
Connie Thompson
- Happy Birthday**

**Second Annual Young Adult Rally**  
February 26th 9 am to 2:30 pm  
Mill Street Church of Christ in Cassville  
(See bulletin board for more info)



### Food Pantry Needs

**Boxed & Canned Meals**  
**Jelly Peanut Butter**

**Soups Cereal**  
**Tuna Canned fruit**  
**Jello/Pudding Canned Veges**

Please place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support.

**Thank You**

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, cookies, telephone calls, the love you show me and the prayers you say for me. My birthday was a wonderful day. In Christian Love,  
Illene Birdsong

# Activities

## Ladies, movie night was rescheduled to Thursday night.

We will meet here at the building at 6:30 to begin our show. Wear comfortable clothes & bring whatever you want for the movie (ie. pillow, blanket etc.) We will provide popcorn & soda. Can't wait to see you at the movies!



## Wedding Shower

for **Ryan and Jeanne Friend** has been rescheduled to **February 20** at 3 p.m. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

## LOT'S WIFE

*The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"*



**Golden Agers, be sure to sign up TODAY for the Valentine's Banquet scheduled for Friday night from 6—8 p.m.**



**WMY Super Bowl Party after evening service at the Mortons' home (watch Super Bowl and fellowship). Boys bring chips and girls bring desserts. A giant sub sandwich will be provided. At this event the WMY will be planning and signing up for jobs for the Valentine Banquet. Please attend and enjoy!!**  
= **LTC Puppet & Drama will meet on 2/27 and 3/27**



Gaitha and I would like to invite everyone in the Water Mill Kids and Families (K-6th grade) who can to join us for Pizza and Bowling on **Sunday Feb 20th after AM service**. We will plan to meet at **Pizza Inn on N Kansas Expressway at 11:30am** then meet at **Litehouse Lanes at 12:30pm**. The cost of both activities are as follows:  
**Pizza Buffet-** 4-under free, 5-10 \$2.49, 11-up \$5.99  
**Drinks-** kids \$1.09, 11-up \$1.69  
**Bowling-** 1 game w/shoes \$6, 2 games w/ shoes \$9  
Hope to see you there!  
George & Gaitha Downing



## Mark Your Calendars

- ↳ **Elders meet Tuesday at 2 p.m.**
- ↳ **Ladies Prayer Group meets next Sunday at 4 p.m.**
- ↳ **Married Couples Retreat March 11-12**
- ↳ **Ladies Spring Tea April 16**



## "AFTER ALL - FOR WHAT IS A MAN PROFITED?"

By Dennis R. Smith

Jesus said, "Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). Consider that thought while we move to another. If his words will not pass away, then whatever standard which he set while here on earth surely applies to us today. He also reminded us "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). Looking back over time, it would seem that desired wealth has been the cause of great difficulties. This is true in families, business, politics and especially in military conflicts between nations. This one thing is possibly the god of more people than anything else and it matters not what is the present type of currency. History shows such things as "scarce precious metals of gold and silver, wampum or cowry shells, barley, beads, etc. and many other things that are thought of as having value" (Wikipedia). As time went by, many people bowed and worshiped what they called the god of wealth. Some have bowed down to the god of gold - others to silver, land or different holdings. I sometimes think today the present god of nations is a "barrel of crude." However, thinking back to the words of Jesus which never change, we should consider the following: "For what is a man profited if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul" (Matt. 16:26)?

### 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

### 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:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Verl & Karen Duncan  
**Van Driver:** James Simons/732-5641  
**KYB Phone:** Van & Barbara Barnes  
**Serve** Jim Meinsen/Daniel Meinsen  
**Communion:** Travis Morrison/Scott Nichols  
John Penner/Justin Reaves  
Bob Stockstill/Adam Stipp  
James Simons/John Stayton

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Opening Prayer:** Scott Barton  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Larry Baggett  
**Communion:** Adam/Scott Barton  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK, February 13

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Travis Morrison
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Grant Wheeler	Porter Barnes
<b>Communion:</b>	Mike Thurlkill	Adam/Scott Barton
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Daniel Tovar	Van Barnes
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jerry & Carolyn Young	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Russell Lilly/839/4048	

### MONTH OF FEBRUARY

**Ushers:** Brendan Carroll/  
Ron Stokes  
**AV Room:** Terry Loveland/  
Matt Keener  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines/  
Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, February 9

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** Tom Easterly  
**Opening Prayer:** Kerry Cole  
**Closing Prayer:** Barney Crawford  
**Van Driver:** Don Tracy