

Order of Worship

*Welcome*Eddie Sanders

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

"Ancient Words"

Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-21

> #438 "Father God"

Opening Prayer

Jack Lynch

#950

The Lord's Supper Adam Blaney

#682

Contribution

Jackie Freeze

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#272

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

#543

Closing Prayer
Tom Meeks



Weekly Newsletter

November 11,2012

"After He Had Served the Purpose of God in His Own Generation"

It's a thought-provoking line, isn't it? It comes from the first of Paul's speeches in Acts. It was in the synagogue at Antioch of Pisidia, and he was demonstrating by the scriptures that God has fulfilled what he promised to the fathers by the resurrection of Jesus. Having noted their hope in "the holy and sure blessings of David," the apostle observed, "For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption" (Acts 13:36, 37).

Consider the implications of this awe-inspiring thought. Each of us lives in our own generation. It will pass. As all generations have, my own generation will fall asleep and be laid with its fathers. Yours will, too, whether you ever take the time to contemplate what this fact must tell us about the meaning of our lives, or not.

God will still be God. He is the God of a thousand generations. His character is the measure of each of them. He continues to work his purposes in all of them. His power and wisdom are far superior to any of them. Without this fact, wouldn't any generation simply be destined for corruption?

But something wonderful is possible. A person can "serve the purpose of God in his own generation" and "fall asleep." He can be quite a blessing to his own generation by doing the will of God within it (see the KJV of verse 36). By serving the counsel of God in his own generation, he may not only impact succeeding generations for good, but also be at peace with the passing of his own (note the ASV rendering of our verse).

What changes everything is that God raised up his Son. He did not see corruption. He is the interruption of what has been the inevitable end of every generation. He is "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor. 15:20). Through him, we will awake to life.

It is more meaningful than ever that we serve the purpose of God in our own generation. We must do his will, follow his counsel. Where we are. While we live. In whatever ways we can. Until we fall asleep.

-Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: How to Think Straight (1 Peter 1)

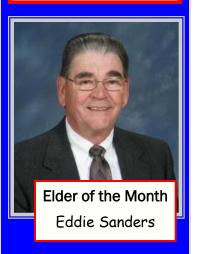
PM: How the Church Triumphs In the Midst of Difficulty (Acts 12)

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 November 4

Bible Study: 257
Morning: 319
Evening: 212
Wednesday (11/7): 175
Contribution: \$9,427



Prayer List & Notes

Prayer → Continue to remember <u>Eula Compton</u>, <u>Thelma Fain</u>, <u>List Alice Allen</u>, <u>Leona Snider</u>, <u>Lucille Ford</u>

♦ <u>Marlene Matthews</u> is now at home; she was diagnosed with a bleeding ulcer

- ♦ Paul Bratcher is now at home and not doing well
- ♦ <u>Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney</u> as they have both been dealing with health issues in the last couple of weeks
- ♦ <u>Gene Creson</u> has moved to a nursing facility in Oklahoma to be near his son. His address is 2200 N.E. 140th Street, Apt. A10, Edmond, OK 73013. I'm sure he would love to hear from you.
- ♦ <u>Pat Woods</u> is still in CA to see her doctor

Friends & Family

- ♦ Continue to remember <u>Judy Dixon</u>, from the Brandsville congregation, Johnnie Elliff's sister, <u>Annie Hysaw</u>, and Carolyn Young's sister, <u>Nita</u>, as they each battle cancer; <u>Ann Freeze</u>, Jo Baggett's mother
- ♦ <u>Jake Brumfield</u>, son of the minister at the Jackson Street congregation, is home and doing really well after brain surgery; they are still awaiting test results
- ♦ Tiffany Meeks' sister, Larrie White, had successful surgery Thursday to remove the bad part of her liver. She will be in the hospital for a few more days.

Response: Nancy Snider responded Sunday asking for prayers.

Long Term/ **Shut-ins Kay Adams** Alice Allen Shirley Bartlett Paul Bratcher **Doris Burch Eula Compton Fern Davis** Thelma Fain Ella Mae Findlav Lucille Ford Milton Ford Allen Harmon **Doris Iorg** Irene Johnson **Carol Law Carol Mahon** Wilma Melton **Betty Shaw Doris Thomason Doris Tobler Judy Todd**

Pat Woods

<u>Starr Fortner</u> will leave tomorrow for a 7 day trip to Italy with other students from the Willard ROTC Program. Please keep her in your prayers that she will have a safe and enjoyable trip.



<u>Birthdays</u>

18 Van Barnes 19 Doris Burch Carol Jackson 20 David Kern 21 Doris Tobler

24 Nancy Snider

I praise you, for I
am fearfully and
wonderfully made.
Wonderful are
your works; my
soul knows it very
well.
(Psalm 139:14)

Expectant Moms

Sara Stipp/boy/December
Leah Prewitt/boy/January
Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February
Tabitha Blaney/girl/March
Brittany Morrison/boy/March

Thanks for all the cards, calls and prayers. Also for those that attended the memorial service for Ellen. Chloe Gaddis & Family

Paul and I are so thankful that we have concerned brothers and sisters in the Lord who have shown such kindness to us in recent weeks. We are especially thankful for Charlie and Rosalie Cruse who have just been wonderful with their help both here at home as well as the trips with us to Mayo's. We want to also thank Bill and Dennis for their visits and their prayers and everyone else who also have remembered us in different ways. Paul and Mary Bratcher

We send a special thank you for all the phone calls, e-mails, cards and gifts we received for our birthdays and anniversary. They all meant so much to us and we appreciate you remembering us. With grateful hearts, Clay & Sharon

Thank you so, so much for sending cards to my sister, Annie Hysaw. You, through your cards with such kind words, have been such a blessing to her and have helped to lift her spirits during this difficult time. She will probably start chemo next week so please continue to remember her in your prayers. You all are such a blessing to me and I love you all. Johnnie

News & Activities

College/Career Class - STARTING TODAY

Starting TODAY there will be a new College/Career class in the fellowship hall led by Daniel Meinsen. Anybody ages 18 to 25 is welcome to join us for Bible study and fellowship. We will have a series of lessons & discussions called "I Know Whom I Have Believed." Please be praying for us, and invite a friend to join us for our class!

COLLEGE MINISTRY

To help start our College age ministry, we are going to send out care packages for finals this semester to any college students you

know! We would like to send them goodies that will help them through their studies. Here is a short list of some items that we would like to put in our care packages:

Popcorn, Fruit Snacks, Candy, Cookies, Crackers, Chewing Gum, Hot Chocolate, Oatmeal, Toothbrushes, Kleenex packages

Please drop off these items in the Rubbermaid barrel located in the fellowship room by *November 21st*. We need as many donations as possible! If you can, please help us assemble the packages on Monday *November 26th*. If you know any college students (not just in Springfield) that would like to have a package, please submit the name and address so we can send one to them.

Wednesday night, November 22, we will have a special combined devotional in the auditorium. We hope you will join us if you are in town!

- <u>Ladies book club</u> will meet tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at Panera Bread on N. Kansas Expressway.
- Elders meet Tuesday at 2 pm.
- **Section 2 Ladies Retreat** Nov. 16-17
- Youth Night at Sunset Nov. 18



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Everyone Needs to Read and Heed Romans 8:-6-7!

By Dennis R. Smith

The Bible is God's instruction book for mankind. Our faith comes from our knowledge of this divine book (Romans 10:17). Admittedly, there are some sections of the scriptures which are very difficult while some are easy to understand but hard to accept. This may be true with the text from Romans 8:6-7: "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." What a startling truth is revealed here. God wants everyone to be saved and has provided through Jesus Christ the way to accomplish salvation. However, our text is telling us that when we fill our minds with carnal things eventually it will bring on eternal death. Also, if we have any conscience about our destiny, verse 7 should open our eyes and penetrate our hearts. In short it is saying that with a carnal mind it is difficult if not impossible for the words of the bible to mean anything to us. It isn't that we are exempt from the truths of God or that we are not "subject to the law of God," but it means that His book of instructions absolutely means nothing to us. As long as that attitude prevails, one can never find the "peace that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:6). Even worse, there comes a time when and if the mind is focused only on things carnal that God will give us over to "a reprobate mind" (Rom. 1:28). How dangerous - how sad!

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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

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation
Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern
Mariana Islands
Voice of Truth International
Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
World Christian Broadcasting
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Fair Hayen Children's Home

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7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10

'KNOW YOUR BIBLE'
10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSRP



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn

Greeters: Tom & Gin Crumrine

Van Driver: Travis Morrison/343-7451

KYB Phone: Verl & Karen Duncan

Serve

Communion: Brendan Carroll/Carl Tindall

Dustin Stokes/Randy Blackburn

Adam Barton/Scott Barton J.J. Blevins/Tim Bowling Jackie Buck/Kyle Buckner

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer: Aaron Morrison
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Mike Thurlkill

Communion: Blanton Glenn/J. Hulett
Nursery: Alice Buckner/J. Carroll

NEXT WEEK. November 18

MORNING EVENING

Song Leader: Kerry Cole Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer: John Mahon Dennis Smith

Communion: Don Essex B. Glenn/J. Hulett

Closing Prayer: Daniel Meinsen Aaron Tovar

AM Nursery: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
PM Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan
Greeters: Barney & Debbie Crawford
Van Driver: Jackie Freeze/616-9789

MONTH OF OCTOBER

AV Travis Morrison/
Room: Larry Baggett

Secure Paul Lines/
Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, November 14

Devotional: Kyle Buckner
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Prayer: Bob Snider
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
838-7152