

Order of Worship

*Welcome*Eddie Sanders

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

Opening Prayer
John Mahon

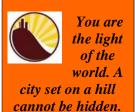
The Lord's Supper Don Essex

Contribution
Don Essex

*Lesson*Joey Treat

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

Closing Prayer
Daniel Meinsen



(Matt. 5:14)



Weekly Newsletter

November 18,2012

#### A. LINCOLN AND GRATITUDE

You can't help but notice that Lincoln is invoked on all sides these days. During the recent political season, his sayings or actions were cited when they could be made to appear to lend approval to stances of candidates. In the world of entertainment, an acclaimed current movie is focusing attention on his character again. It occurs to me that this last full week of November might be the right time to reflect on one quality that comes up in whatever I read of Lincoln: gratitude to God.

As this week approached in the dark days of 1863, President Lincoln issued his Thanksgiving Proclamation. He began, "It is the duty of nations as well as men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon..." He went ahead to observe that the nation had become "too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us." So, in his concluding paragraph, Mr. Lincoln said, "It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be acknowledged, as with one heart and voice, by the whole American people," and he invited his fellow citizens to join him in so doing on the last Thursday of that month.

A year and a half later, during the first week of April in 1865, Richmond was captured. Lincoln decided it was important that the President of the United States visit the city and, despite the continuing danger, he set out on the journey by boat. Doris Kearns Goodwin says that as soon as the vessel he was aboard reached the landing, Lincoln was surrounded by a small group of black laborers who were blessing the Lord and calling Lincoln the great Messiah. She writes, "First one and then several others fell on their knees. 'Don't kneel to me,' Lincoln said, his voice full of emotion, 'that is not right. You must kneel to God only, and thank him for the liberty you will hereafter enjoy'" (*Team of Rivals*, 718).

Lincoln obviously understood something of the necessary power of gratitude in human experience. Neither mental health, nor decent character, nor right relationships are possible without it. We have within our souls a deep need to both feel and express genuine, humble thankfulness.

But Lincoln also seems to have realized something else–something basic: that gratitude requires a recognition of the One to whom thanks is due, and an expression which is in keeping with who He is. By definition, thanksgiving involves the reverence toward the Giver, humble dependence upon His goodness, and the seeking of His will.

When the God to whom thanks is due is excluded, gratitude becomes a vague emotion based in a faint tradition of thanksgiving, neither of which disciplines personal life in any way.

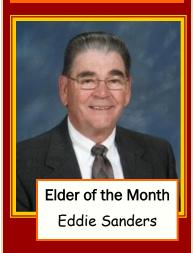
-Bill McFarland

# 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 11

Bible Study: 244
Morning: 313
Evening: 180
Wednesday (11/14): 205
Contribution: \$9,213



## Prayer List & Notes

### In our prayers ...

◆ Continue to remember <u>Eula</u> <u>Compton</u>, <u>Thelma Fain</u>, <u>Alice Allen</u>,

Leona Snider, Lucille Ford

- ♦ <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.
- ♦ Pat Woods is still in CA to see her doctor

Friends & Family

- ◆ <u>Don Lewis</u>, Tiffany Meeks' father, as he is dealing with some very serious health issues
- ◆ Continue to remember <u>Judy Dixon</u>, from the Brandsville congregation and Johnnie Elliff's sister, <u>Annie Hysaw</u>
- ◆ Carolyn Young's sister, <u>Nita</u>, will have surgery Tuesday to remove a part of her lung
- ♦ Ann Freeze, Jo Baggett's mother
- ♦ Tiffany Meeks' sister, Larrie White, as she recovers from surgery

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Mary
Bratcher and her family in the loss of
our dear brother Paul Bratcher. A lot of us
have been touched by Paul's helping hands
over the years. Please keep this family in
your prayers. Services were held this past
Thursday. Donations in his honor can be
made to Fair Haven Children's Home.

The Elders ask for names of Godly men to be Deacons, as we see in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Please turn the names in to the Elders by December 9th.

#### **COUNTING**

Count your blessings instead of you crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses;
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes;
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears;
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean;
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

- The Christian Builder

Long Term/ Shut-ins **Kay Adams** Alice Allen **Shirley Bartlett Doris Burch Eula Compton Fern Davis** Thelma Fain Ella Mae Findlay 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

#### **Expectant Moms**

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

If you can provide a meal for Adam and Sara Stipp after the baby is born (due in December) please sign the list at the information desk.

Wednesday night we will have a special combined devotional in the auditorium. We hope you will join us if you are in town! If you are traveling, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend with family and friends.

### News & Activities

Youth Night at Sunset tonight. Let Adam know this morning if you plan to attend. The bus will leave the building at 4:15.



#### **COLLEGE MINISTRY**

Don't forget to bring your items for the baskets being prepared for college students. Suggested items: 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 **WEDNESDAY NIGHT**. 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.



MEN, mark your calendars for Breakfast Saturday, December 8. Watch for more information.

All Adult classes will meet in the auditorium today. Joey Treat (Jeff's brother), missionary who we support in his work in the Pacific Region, will report on his work in that region.

#### College/Career Class:

There is a new College/Career class in the fellowship hall led by Daniel Meinsen. We will have a series of lessons called "I Know Whom I Have Believed." Please be praying for us, and invite a friend to join us for our class!



#### **Birthdays**

25 Bob Stockstill Russell Lilly Alexis Merritt 26 Lee Ann Donoho 27 Tom Crumrine 29 Wayne Harmon Johnnie Elliff Elaina Treat Jerry Stockdale 30 Travis Morrison



### Elders, Ministers, Deacons

#### & Staff

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Jon Ewing

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#### HELL HATH ENLARGED HERSELF

By Dennis R. Smith

"Hell is from Sheol, and Strong defines it, 'hades or the world of the dead (as if a subterranean retreat), including its accessories and inmates' (E. M. Zerr)." Another writer stated "in the King James translation the word is rendered grave 32 times, hell 31 and pit 3." Today, with so many different translations being used, we have to be most careful not to misunderstand the actual meaning of the word "hell" as it may be used at different places in scripture. Such is the case with Isaiah 5:14 where the prophet speaks "hell hath enlarged herself." Be it known that this writer is aware of the many different metaphors (and applications) which often entertain our minds based on which translations we are using. This being the case we have to distinguish between what is literal and what is figurative and for sure if it is used as an allegory as is often the case. For example: "the grave has enlarged its appetite" (NIV); "Sheol has enlarged its throat - itself" (NAS - NKJV); etc. In looking at all these different translations what then are we to conclude? My answer is this: Look at the overall text. What is it saying? In this case it was a warning to those who chose to live a life of lasciviousness and without any change they would be destined to spend eternity in a hungry, overcrowded environment of evil-throated inmates. It is not a very pretty picture either way. Let us then seek after the Lord and live by his precepts to the very best of our ability. Heaven has much more to offer.

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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

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

"In Search of the Lord's Way"
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: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves

Greeters: Barney & Debbie Crawford
Van Driver: Jackie Freeze/616-9789

KYB Phone: Adam & Sara Stipp

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: Dennis Smith
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Aaron Tovar

Communion: Blanton Glenn/J. Hulett
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

#### NEXT WEEK. November 25

MORNING EVENING

Song Leader: Kerry Cole Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer: Travis Morrison Eddie Sanders
Communion: John Dutton B. Glenn/J. Hulett

Closing Prayer: Andy McFarland Daniel Wilson

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider

PM Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill

Greeters: Randy & Orvella Blackburn

Van Driver: Kirk Tracy/576-4591

#### MONTH OF OCTOBER

AV Travis Morrison/
Room: Larry Baggett

Secure Paul Lines/ Building: Tim Buckner Wednesday, November 21

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Tom Easterly

Prayer: John Stayton
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/

207-7877