

Weekly Newsletter

March 17,2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader Jon Ewing

#9 "My Only Hope" #267

Opening Prayer Barney Crawford

#213 "Blessed Be Your Name" #950

The Lord's Supper Eddie Sanders

#989

Contribution Eddie Sanders

Scripture Reading: Acts 3:1-16

#209

Lesson Bill McFarland

#983

Announcements Clay Joseph

Closing Prayer John Hulett

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

As We Serve Together This Week

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We've been blessed in the last few days. Two of our Bible readings have included parts of the eighth chapter of Romans. My guess is that it's on the favorites list for nearly every one of us. I want to tell you what struck me as I read through the encouragement it offers this time.

First, the confident announcements with which Romans 8 begins are remarkable. "In Christ," it says, "there is now no condemnation, and we are free from the law of sin and death." Can that be true? If so, it's amazing! "Yes," the apostle says, "God has done something in his own Son that could not have been done in any other way. He has condemned sin in the flesh!"

Second, despite this positive beginning, Romans 8 talks about some awfully tough things. It's realistic. Not walking according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Living according to the flesh and dying, versus putting to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit and living. The sufferings of this present time. Groaning inwardly and dealing with our own weakness. All the various forces and experiences that might try to separate us from the love of Christ. This chapter may be hopeful, but it certainly isn't describing a picnic!

Third, there is encouragement enough in Romans 8 to sustain us through all things. What I've noticed in reading through it this time is the reassuring "for us" statements. The creation waits for our revealing (v. 19). The Spirit himself intercedes for us (v. 26). God is for us, working for the good of all who love him, according to his own purpose, by which he has already given even his own Son for us (v. 28-32). Christ Jesus is exalted at the right hand of God, interceding for those whom he has already justified (v. 34). Wonderful!

The conclusion is meaningful. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Thank God!

Both our messages today are really about our own place in God's purpose, to which Romans 8 makes reference. We'll be using the third chapter of Acts. We'll see what the difference the Author of life makes in the life of a man who gets more than he asked for. We'll discover that this transformation is what the story of the Bible is about. Please pray for us, and be with us.

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We have a lot to do within the next month, some of which you will note inside this newsletter. We also have people we love who need help carrying burdens. The special activities and needs do not make the kinds of service that go on quietly each day less necessary or meaningful. We thank the Lord for your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope!

-Bill McFarland

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Prayer List & Notes

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 March 10 Bible Study: 216

 Morning:
 281

 Evening:
 210

 Wednesday (3/13):
 195

 Contribution:
 \$ 8,195



Elder of the Month Clay Joseph

In our prayers ...

Continue to remember <u>Eula</u> Compton and Thelma Fain

- ◆ <u>Norman High</u> as he continues to recover from his surgery
- ◆ Tom Meeks as he recovers from spine surgery
- Leona Snider as she deals with her need for hip replacement
- <u>Blanton Glenn</u> as he continues his struggle with prostate cancer Friends & Family
- Marty Stockstill's mother, <u>Rosemary Dean</u>, is in Skaggs Hospital but doing much better
- Tabby Blaney's grandmother, <u>Cora Mathis</u>, has recently been moved to Westside Nursing Facility; also keep <u>Aunt Susie</u> in your prayers as she is having a hard time with the move.
- ♦ <u>Bobby & Lisa Kern</u> (David & Debbie's son) and their unborn baby boy; test show that the baby will be a Down Syndrome baby. Keep them in your prayers.
- Don & Gayle Gaunt's granddaughter, <u>Ashleigh Adams</u>, received good news that the melanoma had not spread to other parts of her body.
- Nadean Green's sister, <u>Vera Barnes</u>, as she has tests on her lungs
- <u>Maxx Hatz's dad in Texas</u> is in the last stages of cancer; pray for his surviving family to have peace
- ◆ Bonnie Cole requests prayers for her nephew, <u>Scott Golden</u>
- Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, <u>Bill</u>; Gene & Ruth are in Arizona visiting him now.
- George's mother, <u>Joyce Harmon</u>, as she cares for her Aunt Mae



Bonnie Cole's nephew, <u>Scott Golden</u>, would like to thank all of you who sent him cards; also, his mom is so thankful to everyone.

Thank you for the many cards and calls received helping us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. It truly was a celebration. Also we want to thank you for the prayers on behalf of our granddaughter, Cassidy Low. She is healing gradually and

will soon have another surgery. Jim & Sheryl Low

Thank you for the cards, calls, and wonderful meal provided to the family. The thoughtfulness and generosity of the congregation means more than words can express. In Christian love, *Don Lewis Family*

Thank you so much for all cards, calls, visits, and constant prayers said on our behalf during the past few weeks and days. Your support has given us great comfort during such a difficult time. In Christian love, *Tom Meeks & Family*

Our special thanks for the beautiful anniversary cards and well wishes. It made our 55th anniversary very special. *Clint & Betty Holden*

I would like to thank all of you who have reached out to my sister Annie through your beautiful and thoughtful cards and words during this difficult struggle with the reoccurrence of cancer. You have no idea how much these cards have brightened her otherwise dreary days. She said it was like Christmas getting all the cards from Springfield. She wanted me to thank you and said you are an amazing group of people and considers you "her family." She will have a scan on the 26th to see if the treatments have slowed down the cancer. I love you all. *Johnnie*

Also see notes on the bulletin board from "Old Bill White" and Suzanne Dabbs.

New Address Thanks to all of you who helped move *Ann Thiesen* to Springfield this past week. Her new address is: 416 S. Suburban, 65802.

SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS AND LADIES' DAY EVENTS

Long Term/

Shut-ins Kay Adams **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**

ARE YOU UP TO DATE ON YOUR DAILY BIBLE READING??

News & Activities

Upcoming Events

- Bookclub Meeting <u>TOMORROW</u> <u>NIGHT</u> at 6:30 p.m. at Library Station Panera Bread.
- Area-wide Singles Meeting: We will be hosting an area-wide Singles Meeting on March 23 at 6 p.m. There are sign-up sheets at the information desk if you plan to attend and if you are able to help.
- Thursday Ladies Bible Class <u>will</u> <u>not meet</u> in April due to the Ladies Spring Tea.
- <u>Sashay Scarf</u>: We will be working again on knitting or crocheting the Sashay Scarf on Tuesday, March 19th at 10:00. You need one ball of Sashay Yarn and size J crochet hook or size 7, 8 or 9 knitting needles. The short bamboo knitting needles work best. Jeanetta

 $\Rightarrow TODAY LTC Puppets$ and Drama will meet all day.

- Youth Night at Ozark is tonight. The van will leave at 4:15.
- March 23-24 Youth Weekend at Fordland
- ⇒ March 24: LTC Presentation
- ⇒ March 29-30: LTC CONFERENCE in Rogers
- ⇒ March 31: Awards Night



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POTLUCK APRIL 7 AFTER AM SERVICE.

Ladies Spring Tea

April 6 11 AM - 2:30 PM (registration at 10:30) **"Keep it Simple and Sweet"** Please sign up by March 24! All ladies are welcome to come and bring guests!

If you have been missing our *Wednesday night Bible Study* service, now would be a great time to get started back. You will be blessed by having been here.

Bill's class in the auditorium called *"Peak of the Week"* is really that. If you are enjoying our daily Bible reading, you will love this class.

Adam started his new series entitled *"Who Are We?"* Some of the history of the Restoration Movement will be surveyed in this class as a means of understanding what we are about in the churches of Christ. They are in room 126.

Hope to see you Wednesday evening. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn more from God's word.

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies, join us **Tuesday, March 19** @ **7 pm** for a Bible study! It will be at Megan Glenn's house. This will be a biweekly study and we will try to meet at different houses every study. If you would like to host sometime, let Elizabeth Tieszen or Jill Morrison know!

> <u>Birthdays</u> 25 Fred Winters 27 Mason Blaney 28 Lucile High Marlene Matthews 29 Oran Green Tom Davis 30 Mary Bratcher Glenda Thurlkill Brian York

Study with us

Dennis is beginning a new series in his Sunday class on "Our Favorite Psalms." No other part of the Bible shows why we need Christ as clearly as the Psalms. This is also where we learn to put our prayers into words and to express the praise of our hearts. Invite a friend to come with you.

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

By Dennis R. Smith

Almost every verse of Romans, Chapter 8, would be worthy of more thought than we have room for in this article and I encourage our readers to spend time in this chapter often. In the meantime give much thought to verses 37-39. "*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Living the Christian life has many promises such as: (a) Eternal Life with our Saviour (John 3:16); (b) Sharing in the divinity with the Lord (2nd Pet.1:4); (c) Given a crown of life (Rev. 2:10); (d) Knowing that all things in life will eventually work together for God's called (Rom. 8:28). What more could we ask for? The text of this article is the answer. History is filled with conquering heros but all of them put together cannot come up to the glory of one faithful Christian who has become victorious over sin and death. The worst enemy of all mankind has been the father of all lies - the devil (John 8:44). To attain our victory requires a constant process of overcoming the tempter. When we overcome Satan and all his temptations, we then can become more than conquerors. Always keep this in mind: <i>"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1st Cor. 15:57).*

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

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Service Rosters

Greeters:

Van Driver:

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery:	Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves Tim & Alice Buckner		
Greeters:			
Van Driver:	Kirk Tracy/576-4591		
KYB Phone:	Megan Glenn/Ann Thiesen		
Serve Communion:	Paul Lines/Fred Lorenz Jason Luna/Andy McFarland Jack Lynch/John Mahon Les Malanowski/Luke Lines Daniel Meinsen/Gene Lund		

THIS EVENING

Tindall

Song Leader:	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Don Essex
Lesson:	Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer:	Luke Lines
Communion:	Bruce/Carl Tindal
Nursery:	Lee Ann Donoho

NEXT WEEK, March 24

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Eddie Currier	LTC Preview
Communion:	James Simons	Bruce/Carl Tindall
Closing Prayer:	Chris Wiseman	LTC Preview
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Gin Crumrine	
PM Nursery:	Glenda Thurlkill	

Glenda Thurlkill Barney & Debbie Crawford Lance Griter/350-4646

MONTH OF MARCH

AV Scott Barton/ Ron Stokes Room: Open Tim Timmons Building Justin Reaves/ Secure Tim Buckner **Building:**

Devotional: Song Leader: **Prayer:** Van Driver:

Travis Morrison Aaron Tovar Oran Green Tim Stockstill/ 849-7678

Wednesday, March 20