

#### Weekly Newsletter

March 23, 2014

#### **Order of Worship**

Song Leader Kerry Cole

#756 (1,2,4) #122

Opening Prayer John Dutton

> #367 #299 (1,2,5)

The Lord's Supper Barney Crawford

*Contribution* Barney Crawford

*#290* 

*Lesson* Bill McFarland

#647 (1,2,3)

Announcements Jerry Young

#250 (1,3)

Closing Prayer Grant Schaper

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

#### **REST FOR THE SOUL**

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One of the best loved Bible phrases is "and ye shall find rest for your souls." We treasure this beautiful line because it holds the promise of something all men seek, rest for the soul. There is no human need which is more urgent.

This precious phrase is used in two places in the Scriptures. In the days of Jeremiah, the LORD appealed to his faithless people, "Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way; and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls ..." (Jer. 6:16). Then, during the ministry of Jesus, the Lord used the phrase as he extended the great invitation: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matt. 11:29).

Consider the relationship between the two passages. Was Jesus quoting the phrase from Jeremiah? Did he use it on purpose, knowing its original connection? It's hard to imagine that this is not the case.

If so, Jesus was claiming to be the real substance of "the old paths, where is the good way." He is the fulfillment of what man was meant to be, the embodiment of what God called his people to become. Rest for the soul is found through "learning him" because he is "the good way" which fits us.

The desire for the restoration of the faith of Christ is a reflection of this principle. Asking for the old paths and walking in them are the same as taking the yoke of Christ upon ourselves. People seeking rest for their souls should place themselves under his rule.

The people to whom Jeremiah spoke responded with a flat refusal to walk in the old paths. They found no rest for their souls. But the gentle strength and humble service of Jesus has made it possible for that foolish rebellion to be forgiven. May we not miss that rest again.

-Bill McFarland

Join Us For Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 PA

## 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 16				
Bible Study:	232			
Morning:	278			
Evening:	N/A			
Wednesday (3/19):	229			
Contribution: \$9	9,126			



Elder of the Month Jerry Young

- Continue to remember <u>Eula Compton</u>, <u>Thelma Fain</u>, <u>Greg</u> <u>Larimore</u>, <u>Dale Harp</u>
- ◆ It was good to see <u>Norman High</u> here Wednesday night
- Kay Adams is doing better and has been moved to Specialty Hospital
- <u>Diana Compton</u> received really good news from the doctor that her surgery had worked and she is ahead of schedule on recovery; prayers answered for Diana
- <u>Wayne Snider</u> is not doing well; he has been put under hospice care <u>Friends & Family</u>
- ♦ Mary Bratcher's son, <u>Bruce</u>, is in Mercy Hospital after major heart surgery; he his making good progress with his recovery
- ♦ <u>Stacy Huett</u>, Earl & Reba's daughter-in-law, has been diagnosed with breast cancer
- Tim & Becky Marsolf's 2 year old granddaughter, <u>Aviley</u>, who continues to have some health concerns
- Norman and Lucile High's granddaughter, <u>Sarah Reynolds</u>, her husband <u>Ray Reynolds</u>, and their little boy <u>Izak</u>
- Continue to remember Carolyn Young's sister, <u>Nita</u>; <u>Jean Evans</u>, Lyle Mishler's sister; and Ruth Reaves' brother, <u>Jim Hocker</u>, who are dealing with cancer

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.." (Gal. 6:2)



The Fordland Church of Christ is hosting a married couples retreat in Branson Saturday March 29 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Westgate Branson Woods Resort. If anyone is interested please see Travis or Jill Morrison or sign up at the Information Desk.

Gospel Meeting with Lance Cordle, "Would you Believe?" at the Hillcrest Church of Christ March 30—April 2

Ladies Retreat with Becky Blackmon at the Fordland Church of Christ April 11-12

Gospel Meeting with Randy Carr April 13-16/Lincoln Church of Christ See Flyers on the Bulletin Board

Youth (and adults), don't forget to pay Johnnie or Adam for your T-shirts (\$8 each). Thanks.

Long Term/ Shut-ins Kay Adams Shirley Bartlett Doris Burch Eula Compton Fern Davis Thelma Fain Ella Mae Findlay Chloe Gaddis Mary Head Doris Iorg Doris Tobler Judy Todd Pat Woods

#### <u>Expectant</u> <u>Moms</u>

Megan Jobes (girl) (soon??) Brittany Morrison (girl) (June)

### HAPPY\*

<u>Birthdays</u> 30 Mary Bratcher Glenda Thurlkill 4/1 Jack Lynch Jacob Thornton 2 Sara Keener 3 Christy Sherman 4 Kay Adams Brian Carroll

Daily Bible Reading Schedules for the Second Quarter are available at the Information Desk.

Daily Bible Reading

> Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday. All contributions that day will go to the Building Fund.

### News & Activities



a⇒Anyone interested in

working on <u>cancer caps</u> meet on April 1st at 10 a.m.. Please bring your scissors and come help out.

We will be cutting, packaging and sewing the caps. Thanks to all who helped last Tuesday.

⇒April 5 <u>Happy Hollow Cleanup day</u>



 $\Rightarrow$  <u>Youth Night</u> at Fordland tonight at 5

⇒April 18-19 <u>LTC</u> <u>Convention</u>

⇒ April 25-27 <u>Hammond Mill</u> <u>Retreat</u>



#### March 30 (next Sunday)

Team No. 2 will be responsible for working that day. Megan Glenn, Keener, Crawford, Carroll, Wilson, Buck, Blaney, Marsolf,

Cobb, Low Families Team List is posted on the Bulletin

Board in the West Hallway. Let Travis or Jill know if you cannot work that day.

### Ladíes Day Apríl 12



Our contest this year for Ladies Day will be best/cutest Rain Attire. Also we need ladies to bring any & all umbrellas for decor. Bring them to anyone on the committee or leave them in the office. Also be watching the info desk for sign ups on food, clean up, etc.

Our next book club meeting will be Monday, May 12th at Linda Currier's house. We are reading books on different cultures. Each person is encouraged to read one or more books about the culture that most interests them. Books that are available in our church library include the following nonfiction books: Kisses from Katie by Katie Davis / The Warm *Heart of Africa* by Ann Thiesen / *I* Dared to Call Him Father by Bilquis Sheikh / *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson / *Captive in Iran* by Maryann Rostampour & Marziyeh Amirizadeh and the following fiction books: Freedom's Stand and Veiled Freedom by J. M. Windle

LTC Puppets & Drama teams meet TODAY after AM service. Bring your own lunch.



#### Elders

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417-833-3002
417-833-5712
417-833-3498
417-724-0324

#### Minister

Bill McFarland

417-833-0110

#### Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith

417-866-6918

#### Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney

304-520-9800

#### Deacons

Scott Barton Tim Bowling Tim Buckner Tom Davis Jim Elliff Jon Ewing Matt Keener Russell Lilly Aaron Morrison Travis Morrison James Simons John Stayton Mike Thurlkill

#### Staff

Johnnie Elliff Tim Bowling Secretary Custodian



#### SUMMING IT ALL UP

#### By Dennis R. Smith

The writer of the book of Hebrews, after showing the contrast of people, places and things in the Old Testament with that of the New, made the following statement: "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens" (Heb. 8:1 - KJV). The true meaning of this passage might best be understood by looking at some of the newer translations. Others talk about "the chief point - the main point - or the principal thing." I do not wish to take anything away from this great book for, as mentioned, it is a book of contrasts. However, this same thought could well supply us with food for thought in reference to our own priorities. As a people who have chosen to follow the dictates of God , we must never forget that Jesus commanded "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind (Matt. 22:37). Coupling this passage with that of the Hebrews text, we have to come to this conclusion: God is on His throne! He always has been! He always will be. This means that God and His Son are permanent and that they are abiding. The sooner we all learn this, as a nation or individual, the better off we will be. The correct pattern for life has been set by God in His Book. Two plus two always equals four. Equally so, the sum of a happy and promising life lies in the respect and obedience which we give to the commands of God.

#### **Schedule of Services**

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship5:00 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Class7:00 PM

#### WORKS WE SUPPORT

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission 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/KSPR

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# Service Rosters

#### THIS MORNING

AM Nursery:	Gin Crumrine/M. Reaves			
Greeters:	Fred & Norma Lorenz			
Van Driver:	Lance Griter/833-2818			
KYB Phone:	Emily Simons/Carol Tovar			
Serve	Ron Stokes/Van Barnes			
Communion:	Carl Tindall/Adam Barton			
	Luis Tovar/Randy Blackburn			
	Kevin Westerman/Tim Bowling			
	Aaron Alexander/Jackie Buck			
THIS EVENING				
Sama Laadam	Travia Marrison			

Song Leader:	Travis Morrison
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jerry Milligan
Lesson:	Bill McFarland
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Aaron Morrison
Communion:	Briley Ewing/Luke Lines
Nursery:	Donna Jordan

#### NEXT WEEK, March 30

PM

Wednesday March 26

Song Leader:Kerry Cole/Jon EwingTravis MorrisonOpening Prayer:Verl DuncanScott NicholsCommunion:John DuttonB. Ewing/L. LinesClosing Prayer:Adam EilensteinDennis SmithGreeters:Gene & Ruth Lund

AM

AM Nursery:Jan BowlingPM Nursery:Linda BarnettVan Driver:Travis Morrison/343-7451

#### MONTH OF MARCH

		Wouldsduy, Mulen Eo	
AV Room:	Scott Barton/ Bruce Tindall	Devotional:	<b>Ron Stokes</b>
Open	Tim Timmons	Song Leader:	John Mahon
Building		Prayer:	John Stayton
Secure	Justin Reaves/	Van Driver:	Jason Luna/
Building:	Tim Buckner		838-7152