

Weekly Newsletter

August 7, 2016

What Happens to Me in Bible School

VATER MILL HURCH OF CHRIST

I've been reading the first chapter of Isaiah just as we're getting ready to begin our new year of Bible classes. One of its great phrases is, "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD (Isa. 1:17). Reflecting on the whole passage from the perspective of this saying, I can see something of what happens to me through regular participation in Bible school.

I am impressed with how essential grateful loyalty to the LORD is (1:2-3). If even an ox knows its owner, and a donkey its master's crib, then surely a person who has been brought up like a child, the object of careful love, should understand his debt to God.

I start to recognize the ugliness of sin for what it is (1:4-6). When God's children deal corruptly and are estranged from him, their true condition is like having open, undressed sores and wounds from head to toe. There is no soundness in it; to be in this condition is to be on the way toward being struck down.

It dawns on me what the repetition of this condition by many persons over time must do to a culture (1:7-9). A people laden with iniquity becomes a country that lies desolate. Its cities are burned and its land is devoured until it finally has no more vitality than a forsaken hut in a cucumber field. Unless the LORD does something, all is lost.

I realize, in view of the preceding realities, the terrible inappropriateness of religious play-acting before God (1:1-15). To appease him with multitudes of sacrifices while refusing his teaching; to gather in solemn assembly while living in iniquity; to spread out hands in prayer while they are full of blood–what insults to him!

I feel deeply what the real, urgent needs of my life–of all our lives– are (1:16-17). A cleansed and whole self. Evil removed from our deeds, impurity from before our eyes. The cessation of wrongdoing and the correction of oppression. The practice of goodness and the pursuit of justice.

And-wonder of wonders-I come to believe that there is an answer to this need-that such a condition is actually possible (1:18-20). There is, by the wisdom and power of God, a gracious provision that can remove sins that are like scarlet and leave hearts that are white as snow. If I am willing and obedient, it can be mine. I became convinced of it in Bible classes. Where else will that happen to me?

-Bill McFarland

Order of Worship

Song Leader Jon Ewing

#726

Opening Prayer Briley Ewing

> #613 #293 #203

The Lord's Supper Randy Blackburn

Contribution Randy Blackburn

> #29 #268

Lesson Bill McFarland

#125

Announcements Bob Snider

#277

Closing Prayer Luke Lines

Serve Communion Tucker Jobes John Hulett Trevor Kraus Kyle Mahon Jerry Milligan Matt Keener David Kern Paul Lines Tim Marsolf Aaron Morrison

Frayer List and Notes

Welcome

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 vou 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

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Bible Study:	227
Morning:	315
Evening:	189
Wednesday (8/3):	209
Contribution:	\$16,953
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ 3,551



◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton*, *Rachel* Lilly, Jim Reaves, Bill Culley, Denzil Raines, In Need <u>Lilly, Jim Reaves, Bill Co</u> of Your <u>Ruth Raines, June Jean</u>

Prayers • Donna Sanders is not a candidate for surgery but will see the oncologist tomorrow to explore her options with chemo and/or radiation

- Sandy Cole is slowly recovering from knee surgery
- Bill McFarland will have cornea transplant surgery on September 7.
- ♦ <u>Marsha Bower</u> is suffering with shingles
- ♦ Jim Elliff will have a stress test on Wednesday and then carotid artery surgery on the 15th.
- ◆ Ann Freeze is being treated for pneumonia
- Tim Timmons had a PET scan last week; there are no new spots and no growth to what is there; that is a good report that shows the infusion treatments are working and keeping him stable

Friends & Family

- Tim Buckner's brother who has cancer is now under hospice care.
- ◆ *Ed Murray*, Kay brother-in-law, is feeling some better; they are trying a new chemo treatment; Ed & Sherry's address is 203 Rendezvous Road, Riverton, WY 82501.
- ♦ Kelly Snider is back in Mercy for leukemia and recovering from Perra influenza.
- ♦ Marla Wuench's mom, Shirley Stoneman, is dealing with some health issues.
- ♦ Nadean Green's friend, <u>Sandy Mayernik;</u> Marsha Stipp's niece's husband, Darin Moore, has which is inoperable so treating with aggressive chemo.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with the angels in heaven and the Luna family as Anna made the great decision to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday evening. Give Anna a hug when you see her and offer her encouragement and support.



We would like to welcome the Ussery Family to Water Mill as they let the Elders know they would like to work and worship with us. Most of you have already gotten to know this sweet family. Mike, Gena and their children Jaqueline, Tecumseh, Ike and Raleigh, 4720 E. Ehren Lane, Fair Grove, MO 65648, 417-880-8192. Please make them feel welcome if you haven't already.



Anniversaries this Week 7 Dave/Pat Blackburn 56 yrs. 8 Jerry/Lanae Gillespie 46 yrs. 11 Don/Gayle Gaunt 54 yrs. 13 Matt/Sara Keener 17 yrs. **Happy Anniversary!!**

let your Light So Shine before men. that they may see your GAAD WARKS AND Glorify your FATHER which is in Heaven.

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams Marsha Bower **Doris Burch Eula Compton** Fern Davis **Ola Jean Feeney Ella Mae Findlay** Ann Freeze **Chloe Gaddis** Jerry Gillespie **Doris Iorg** Thelma Pendergrass Sandra Pengenot Nancy Snider **Doris Tobler** Judy Todd



Expectant Moms Amanda Eilenstein/ November Leah Prewitt/March



We extend our sympathy to Doris lorg in the loss of her sister. Doreen Shortt, this past week.

We also extend our sympathy to Leah Freeze in this loss of her friend Ruth who passed away last Friday.



Birthdays 15 Julie Alexander Becky Marsolf 17 Jason Trogdon 18 Briley Ewing **19 JT Stockdale**

News and Activities



Promotion day for our Bible Classes is **TODAY!!**



THANK YOU to all who gave blood last Wednesday evening or attempted to give. It will make a difference in someone's life! We had 17 units of blood donated and 5 or 6 others who were unable to give for various reasons.



Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The topic will be "Confident in Victory" taught by Ruth Essex.

Good luck to all the kiddos and teachers heading back to school this week and next. May you have a great school year.

Elders, Ministers, **Deacons & Staff**

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Jon Ewing	417-569-8698
Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

Minister

Bill McFarland

417-833-0110

Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney

304-520-9800

Deacons

Tim Buckner Tom Davis Jim Elliff Matt Keener Russell Lilly

Aaron Morrison Travis Morrison James Simons John Stayton Mike Thurlkill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff Tim Bowling

Secretary Custodian

THIS THANK YOU FROM THE ELDERS IN JUNE IS SO **APPROPRIATE TODAY AND EVERY DAY:**

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth," (Colossians 1:3-6). God's words through Paul to the Colossians are fitting as we think of you and what the gospel has done through us by God's grace. Thank you for your generous and loving giving for this past fifth Sunday contribution, as well as the contribution each Lord's day. What a blessing it is to give God our 'first fruits!' - Scott, Barney, Jon, Eddie, Bob and Jerry

"Meet the Master: **Encounters With the Lord**" Thanks to Michael Lance for bringing

us another great lesson in our Wednesday night summer series. We will conclude our series Wednesday night with Jonathan House as our guest speaker. Hope you have been blessed by this series of speakers.

Upcoming Events

- Elders meet Tuesday at 5 p.m.
- ◆ 8/14 Youth Night at Marshfield
- ◆ 8/16 Quilters meet at 10 a.m.
- ♦ 9/12 Book Club Meeting
- ♦ 9/17 Fair Haven Auction

Camp TO-KNOW-HIM

Alley Spring, MO



September 30 -Oct. 2 We have the Group Tent camp

site reserved. RV campsites may be reserved at www.recreation.gov

FAIR HAVEN'S ANNUAL **BENEFIT AUCTION**

SEPTEMBER 17 AT 10 AM

See letter on Bulletin Board for more information and ways you can help!

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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

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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