

# A PARENT'S PRAYER

Oh, heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Help me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say and to understand all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them, talking back to them and contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Give me the courage to confess my sins against my children and ask their forgiveness when I know that I have done wrong.

May I not vainly hurt the feelings of my children. Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes, or resort to shame and ridicule as punishment. Let me not tempt a child to lie and steal. So guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. May I cease to nag; and when I am out of sorts, help me, Oh Lord, to hold my tongue. Blind me to the little errors of my children and help me to see the good things they do. Give me a ready word for honest praise.

Help me to treat my children as those of their own age, but let me not exact of them the judgments and conventions of adults. Allow me not to rob them of the opportunity to wait upon themselves, to think, to choose, and to make their own decisions.

Forbid that I should ever punish them for my selfish satisfaction. May I grant them all their wishes that are reasonable and have the courage always to withhold a privilege that I know will do them harm.

Make me so fair and just, so considerate and companionable to my children that they will have genuine esteem for me. Fit me to be loved and imitated by my children. Oh God, do give me calm and poise and self-control.

Order of Worship

Greeting Announcements Bob Snider

Scripture Reading

*Song Leader* Kerry Cole

#599 (1,2,4) #68

*Opening Prayer* Brian Carroll

> #282 (1,2,4) #345 (1,3,4)

*The Lord's Supper* Chris Andrews

*Our Contribution* Chris Andrews

#400

Message Bill McFarland

#389 (1,3)

#707 (1,4)

*Closing Prayer* Gene Kenyon

Serve Communion Elijah Morrison David Grimm Cambre Thrasher Allen McCann David White Jackie Buck Brendan Carroll Aubrey Cobb Charles Crum John Dutton

# 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 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.

### 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

> 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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Bible Study:	216
Morning:	313
Evening:	140
Wednesday (7/31):	180
Contribution:	\$ 9,289

# **FAMILY MATTERS**

# FAMILY CONCERNS

- Orvella Blackburn received very good news this past week; there was no cancer; will continue to take chemo pill for now.
- Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney & Linda Barnett.
- Continue to remember these who are dealing with cancer and treatments: Connie Thompson; Yvonne Tindall; Sandra Pingenot; Dennis Smith

### ♦ Continue to remember Oran Green, Barbara Barnes <u>Friends & Family</u>

- Gene Kenyon's dad, **Bob Kenyon**, as he has serious health issues.
- Christine Davis is recovering from a complicated surgery; pray she will heal properly and have a better quality of life.
- Russell & Elizabeth's daughter, Amanda Green, who is pregnant.
- Daniel Wilson's brother, **Randy**, is recovering from successful kidney transplant surgery.
- Debbi Ratterree's friends, **Scott & Kathleen**, who are now both dealing with cancer. Their address is 8070 Shaw Rd., Rogers, TX 76569.
- Karen Duncan's brother, **Charles Renfro** has prostate cancer.
- **Kathy Stephens** is recovering from surgery. She is a sister in Christ and is Lucile High's daughter Kathy's best friend.
- **Neal Rosenburg**, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father, and mother Vickie, are both dealing with cancer.
- Continue to remember Chris Andrews' dad, James; Susan Green; Wilma Nutter, Rosemary Sanders' aunt; Pat Culley's nephew, Bill Culley

### **HELLO IN THERE** by John Prine

We had an apartment in the city Me and Loretta liked living there Well, it'd been years since the kids had grown A life of their own left us alone John and Linda live in Omaha And Joe is somewhere on the road We lost Davy in the Korean war And I still don't know what for, don't matter anymore Ya' know that old trees just grow stronger

And old rivers grow wilder ev'ry day Old people just grow lonesome Waiting for someone to say, "Hello in there, hello"

Me and Loretta, we don't talk much more She sits and stares through the back door screen And all the news just repeats itself Like some forgotten dream that we've both seen Someday I'll go and call up Rudy We worked together at the factory But what could I say if asks "What's new?" "Nothing, what's with you? Nothing much to do"

So if you're walking down the street sometime And spot some hollow ancient eyes Please don't just pass 'em by and stare As if you didn't care, say, "Hello in there, hello" I heard Kerry Cole sing this song recently and it really touched me. It made me realize just how many of our own members are shut-in at home or in nursing homes and would love just a phone call or short visit to let them know they are not forgotten. Check out the list above and try to make an effort to contact at least one person on the list each week. I know several of you are already doing this great work but the rest of us (especially me) need to do a better job. - Johnnie

> Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your heart for love.

Shut-Ins Marsha Bower **Ron Bower Mary Bratcher** Don Essex **Clarence Feeney Ola Jean Feeney Cecil Frost** Wanda Frost **Doris lorg Jim Reaves** Ruth Reaves **Doris Tobler Nursing Homes** Ella Mae Findlay Ann Freeze Chloe Gaddis Jerry Gillespie Frances Grann Wayne Harmon Virginia Morgan Sandra Pingenot Nancy Snider





LADIES FALL RETREAT

September 13-14 Keeter Center, School of the Ozarks Please sign up by Sunday, August 11.

Flyers are on the Information Desk!!

# Our 2019 Summer Series

The study is "What The Lord Would Say to His People in Our World" based on the Minor Prophets. Thanks to Richard Chambers for his lesson last week. This week's speaker will be Beau Bennett from Harrison and he will be talking about Zephaniah. We hope you will be present. It will be an encouragement to you, your fellow Christians, as well as our speaker.



### BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR COPY OF OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!!

Keep our Youth Group in your prayers as they travel back from Christ Quest today.

**Birthdays 4 Greta Thrasher** 5 Braden Keener 6 Maranda Nimmo 7 Chloe Gaddis **David Ratterree** Madison Davis Gabe Mahon 8 Jerry Gillespie John Orum 9 James McCall Wanita Duncan 12 Sandy Cole **Jenna Nichols Brooke Barton** 13 Pat Milligan Debbie Crawford Melissa Girdley Hunter Ratliff 15 Becky Marsolf Julie Alexander



thank you

Weaver Elementary and the district. Thanks to Larry Baggett for delivering them.

Thank you to all

who donated

Also a special thank you to Sheryl Low, Ron & Kenna Taylor for a great job of entertaining the kids this summer while their moms attended Ladies Bible Class.

**Upcoming Area Events** September 7: Ladies Day at Fordland Speaker: Chantelle Swayne

9/29-10/2: Harding Annual Lectureship

10/26: Hillcrest Church/Pure on Purpose Flyers on the Bulletin Board



#### Weaver Elementary Staff Luncheon

We will be providing a meal for the Weaver Elementary Staff on Monday, **August 12. If you** 

can help provide food, please sign up at the Information Desk. You can bring your food on Sunday, August 11th, or you may take your food to Weaver Elementary by 11 a.m. on Monday. If you have questions, see Jo Baggett or Cindy Hannah.

## THURSDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The ladies Bible class will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. They will study the 2nd of 2 lessons on "The Conquest of the Land." Ruth Lund will be the teacher. Quilters will meet Thursday at 9 a.m.

- Elders meet Tuesday, August 13 at 5 p.m.
- Sept. 21: Fair Haven Auction
- Sept. 28: Fall Fest at the Lunas. More details later.
- October 6 after PM service: **Ties That Bind: Teenagers Turn;** finger food & entertainment by the teenagers.
- October 11-13: Camp To-Know-Him
- October 20 Youth Night at Water Mill



August Anniversaries 7 Dave/Pat Blackburn 59 yrs. 8/ Jerry/Lanae Gillespie 49 yrs. 9 Dean/Kelli Kirk 33 yrs. 11 Don/Gayle Gaunt 57 yrs. 13 Matt/Sara Keener 20 yrs. 15 Charles/Susan Crum 39 yrs. 15 Todd/Brandi Kraus 21 yrs. 16 Tim/Jan Bowling 39 yrs. 18 Gene/Ruth Lund 56 yrs. 19 Scott/Melinda Barton 31 yrs. 21 Vern/Connie Thompson 15 yrs. 28 Lynn/Gloria Luallin 48 yrs. 30 Randy/Susie Cox 6 yrs. 31 Don/Ruth Essex 63 yrs.

#### THIS MORNING

Greeters:Betty Glenn/Linda BarnettVan Driver:Jonathan Pendergraft/417-268-7633Nursery:Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan

#### THIS EVENING

Song Leader:	Jon Davis
Opening Prayer:	Paul Lines
Lesson:	Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer:	Byron Nichols
Communion:	David Kern/Jason Luna
Nursery:	Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin

#### Wednesday, August 7

Summer Series: Beau Bennett/Harrison/Zephaniah Prayer:

Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/849-7678

#### NEXT WEEK, August 11

AM	PM	
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing Kerry Cole	
Opening Prayer: Barry Hannah Joshua Luna		
Communion:	Randy Blackburn D. Kern/J. Luna	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Bryan Hannah Devin Carroll	
Greeters:	Luis & Carol Tovar	
Van Driver:	Aaron Schwartz/816-309-9286	
Nursery:	AM: Wanita Duncan/Donna Jordan	
	PM: Alice Buckner	

# ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

#### Sunday AM

"Wonder-Life" Teen Room
"The Gospel of Mark: Room 126/Bill McFarland Here in the Power of Christ I Stand"
"More About Jesus Would I Know" Auditorium/Byron Nichols
"The greatest of these is love. Room 129/Jon Ewing Pursue love." (1 Corinthians 13:13b-14:1a)
"A Chronological Study of the Bible" Room 130/Paul Lines
"What Every Young Person Room 119/Travis Morrison Should Know About Their Faith" (Ages 18-29)

Sunday School

growing together in Christ

#### <u>Minister</u>

Bill McFarland b.mcfarland@mchsi.com

#### <u>Elders</u>

Scott Barton Barney Crawford Jon Ewing Bob Snider Jerry Young

#### **Deacons**

Tim Buckner Tom Davis Jim Elliff Matt Keener

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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...6:30 PM

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