

August 18, 2019

Order of Worship

Greeting

Announcements Bob Snider

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:3-10

Song Leader Jon Ewing

> #500 #237

Opening Prayer John Hulett

> #544 #80

The Lord's Supper Tim Bowling

Our Contribution
Tim Bowling

#250
"In Christ Alone"

Message Bill McFarland

"Break My Heart"

#**93**

Closing Prayer Matt Keener

Serve Communion

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

PUT YOURSELF IN MY PLACE

You will sometimes hear a person who is bearing a responsibility or struggling with a problem make a plea similar to this: "Put yourself in my shoes for just a minute...What would you do...?" Implicit in such a request is the human need for understanding and compassion from our fellows. The thought is that if others could take into account the whole story in our lives, they would be gentler in their judgments and more considerate in their treatment of us.

We are blessed in that God has recognized this need within us. One place where you can see that he has is in the experience of Ezekiel, the great prophet. Ezekiel was given an awe-inspiring vision of the likeness of the glory of the living God. He was then sent to speak the word of the Lord to his countrymen who were living as exiles in Babylon. But when he got to where they were, the hand of Almighty God was strong upon him so that he "sat where they were dwelling," and he "sat there overwhelmed among them seven days" (Ezek. 3:15). God did not consider the prophet ready to fulfill his mission until he could see things from the perspective of the people and feel for them.

What God did with that son of man (the term he used repeatedly in addressing Ezekiel) was a shadow of what he intended to do for us in a more complete and wonderful way. According to his will, his own Son sat down among us where we are dwelling. He put himself in our place. The Gospel says that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn. 1:14). Because he was made like us in every respect (Heb. 2:17), all doubt about whether he can see things from our perspective is removed. He can sympathize with our weaknesses because he has been tempted as we are (Heb. 4:15). He is able to help because he himself has suffered being tempted (Heb. 2:18).

That is the Lord's way. What a comfort to us it is! But it must also be a model to us in our work. If we would help people, we must be willing to invest ourselves in knowing them well enough to understand what is going on in their lives. They have to know that we can see where they're coming from, that we can feel with them, and that it matters to us.

It's a little like the concept "Undercover Boss," the TV show. A CEO goes incognito and experiences the tough, lower paying jobs that his employees do every day. He comes away with a new appreciation of what it is like for them, and they are touched when they discover that their chief has been willing to learn what things are like for them.

"Put yourself in my place" is actually just a plea by one person to be treated according to the Golden Rule by another person. May we have eyes that see, hearts that care, and hands that help.

- 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.

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

For The Record August 11

 Bible Study:
 252

 Morning:
 345

 Evening:
 156

 Wednesday (8/14):
 199

 Contribution:
 \$10,265

FAMILY MATTERS

FAMILY CONCERNS

- ◆ Ruth Essex received great results from her biopsy; no cancer and no surgery!!
- ♦ Sandra Pingenot has been in Mercy Hospital this past week dealing with issues relating to chemo pill she takes.
- ◆ Verl Duncan's eye surgery went well last Tuesday; will go back in 8 weeks to see if it was successful.
- ◆ Lynette Schreiwes has been in Cox South dealing with pneumonia, pancreatic and other issues.
- ◆ Yvonne Tindall had her last treatment this past week and her latest scan came back clear. Hope to see you soon.
- ♦ Continue to remember Oran Green, Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney, Connie Thompson

Friends & Family

- Tim & Becky Marsolf's 6 year old granddaughter, Kiah Jane, is in Kansas City trying to find answers for health issues she has been dealing with June.
- Don Tracy's brother Jim is in Cox South ICU with issues following surgery to remove polys from his colon.
- Gene Kenyon's dad, **Bob Kenyon**, as he has serious health issues.
- Christine Davis is in ICU at Cox; no visitors
- Russell & Elizabeth's daughter, Amanda Green, who is pregnant.
- Debbi Ratterree's friends, Scott & Kathleen, who are now both dealing with cancer. Their address is 8070 Shaw Rd., Rogers, TX 76569.
- Continue to remember Chris Andrews' dad, James, & Trish's mother who suffered a stroke recently; Susan Green; Charles Renfro, Karen Duncan's brother; Neal Rosenburg, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father and mother Vickie



Thank you for providing a delicious lunch for our staff! We are so grateful for your partnership and the scissors you provided for students for

school supplies. Thank you for your generosity! Weaver Elementary Staff

Dear church family I can't put into words how grateful and blessed we are to have a church family like you. Thank you so much for all the prayers and encouragement at a very difficult time. Our God heard you. Love and Blessings, Ruth Essex

Baptism
We're glad to
report that Aiden
Davis was baptized
into Christ last
weekend before
heading to college
at UMR. We are
proud of his
decision and
rejoice with Aiden,
Tom & Jamie.

Birthdays

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

18 Briley Ewing
21 Don Tracy
Terri Wilson
22 Donna Jordan
Eric Duncan
24 Michael Loomis
25 Les Horton
26 Billie Luna
Sandra Pingenot
27 Carolyn Smith
28 Dean Kirk
31Cambre Thrasher

We received the following letter from the MO State Highway Patrol: On behalf of the MSHP troopers and other Greene County first responders that responded to the multiple child fatality accident west of Springfield recently, I thank you and the members of Water Mill Church of Christ for providing refuge for our personnel to recover from the traumatic scene. Not only did you provide us a safe and quiet location to recover, but your congregation provided food and refreshments to those first responders who attended the critical incident stress debriefing. On behalf of the entire first responder community, the MSHP is humbly grateful for your kindness and support. Your support reminds us of the honor and privilege we experience when serving the citizens of our state. Signed by Eric T. Olson, Colonel, Superintendent



Our 2019 Summer Series

Our summer series which has ben based on the Minor Prophets is winding down. Thanks to Danny Boggs for his lesson last week. This week's speaker will be Steve Stamatis from West Plains, and he will be talking about Zechariah. Robb Hadley will close our series on August 28 with a lesson on Malachi. We hope you will be present for these final two lessons.



- 8/24-25: Sho-Me Youth Conference in Conway
- 9/15: Youth Night at Mt. Vernon
- 9/2 Labor Day
- Sept. 21: Fair Haven Auction
- Sept. 28: Fall Fest at the Lunas. Watch for more details.
- October 6 after PM service: Ties That Bind: Teenagers Turn; finger food & entertainment by the teenagers.
- October 20 Youth Night at Water Mill

If you signed up for additional Bibles to give friends or family (or even if you didn't), please feel free to pick those up from the

Information Desk. Please initial by your name that you received your Bibles.

Upcoming Area Events

9/7: Ladies Day' at Fordland "The Woman Behind the Mask" Speaker: Chantelle Swayne

9/7: Mountain Home Ladies' Day Speaker Amanda Ketchum

9/22-25: Gospel Meeting with Spencer Furby/ Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho/Building Bible Character

Camp To-Know-Him October 11-13

Hidden Valley Outfitters, Lebanon, MO Campsite reservations can be made by calling (417) 533-5628 or online at http://www.hvoutfitters.com.

Contact Melinda or Scott for more information.

LADIES: If you are not into quilting at 9 a.m. on Thursdays, you are invited for creative fellowship making greeting cards. No artistic ability required—something for all levels of creativity. All supplies provided with tips from pros. We meet weekly from 9:30 till 10:20 on Thursdays in the supply workroom. Lots of fun and laughs and lots of smiles from the recipients of the cards!!

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 "From Joshua to the Kingdom." Gloria Luallin will be the teacher. Quilters will meet at 9 a.m.



LADIES FALL RETREAT

September 13-14

Keeter Center, School of the Ozarks
Flyers are on the Information Desk!!
You will soon receive a packet with
details for the weekend and the cost

for your particular room.





August Anniversaries

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: Chris & Trish Andrews Van Driver: Todd Kraus/417-207-7877

Nursery: Coyeatte Ewing

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jon Davis
Opening Prayer: Joshua Luna
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Devin Carroll

Communion: David Kern/Jason Luna

Nursery: Teresa Mahon

Wednesday, August 21

Summer Series: Steve Stumatis/West Plains/Zechariah

Van Driver: Jason Luna/840-2632

NEXT WEEK, August 25

AM PM
Song Leader: Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing Jon Davis
Opening Prayer: Todd Kraus John Mahon
Communion: Josh Brumfield D. Kern/J. Luna
Closing Prayer: Larry Baggett Brock Snitker

Greeters: Brendan & Jenny Carroll
Van Driver: Team Hulett/417-889-5344
Nursery: AM: Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum
PM: Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton

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

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Deacons

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Tom Davis Aaron Morrison
Jim Elliff John Stayton
Matt Keener Mike Thurlkill

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Secretary Johnnie Elliff Custodian Tim Bowling

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...6:30 PM



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