



Weekly Newsletter

September 13, 2020

Order of Worship

Greeting
Bill McFarland

Song Leader
Briley Ewing

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Opening Prayer
Josh Brumfield

Scripture Reading
I Cor. 2:1-5, 12-14
Devin Carroll

**"Make Me A
Servant"**
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Message
Justin Hatfield

#5

The Lord's Supper
Bob Aherin

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**Announcements/
Closing Prayer**
Jon Ewing



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

The Increase

What, or who, makes the church of God in a real place grow? Is it professionally produced and presented services? Is it ingeniously and intricately organized activities and programs? Is it especially effective advertising, charismatic personalities, sophisticated methodology, and superior talent? I wonder.

And I've been thinking about it as we've read 1 Corinthians 3. The church of God at Corinth seems to have been having trouble remembering what made them God's church. Paul is offering them an important reminder when he writes, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (v.6). That's a principle for us to stop and think about, too.

Paul had planted. He went to Corinth first with the news that the Christ was Jesus (Acts 18:5). In this letter, he describes his teaching as "the word of the cross" and "Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Cor. 1:18; 2:2). His gospel was not a focus on the shape of the cross, nor a blow-by-blow description of the process of crucifixion, but an announcement of what God has done through it. He delivered to them the news that Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, that he was raised, and that God saves people this way (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

Apollos watered. He had gotten to Corinth next. If he did what he had at other places, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, showing by the scriptures that he was the Christ (Acts 18:25, 28). The identity of the Christ was the difference-maker, not the talent and eloquence of Apollos. And, both he and Paul were helped along and nurtured by a couple tent-makers who had been run out of Rome, Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:1-3, 26).

God gave the increase. Many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized (Acts 18:8). But only the powerful working of God could raise them up alive and Christ, forgiven, and add them to his own redeemed people (Col. 2:12-13; Acts 2:47). That is why this letter calls them the church of God (1 Cor. 1:2).

A group of regular, humble, faithful, loving, serving people can be built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit (Eph. 2:22). But if they are, it will happen in such a way as to exclude any better-than-you-ism on anyone's part. It's a need reminder in the religious environment of our time.

—Bill McFarland



- The Essex's granddaughter, [Victoria Lacy](#), will have surgery on Wednesday. Victoria's address is 6915 Glenwood St., Overland Park, Kansas, 66204.
- [Jim Elliff](#) will have outpatient surgery on 9/25 to prepare for in-home dialysis.
- [Carolyn Young](#) will have knee replacement surgery on 10/6.
- [Ruth Raines](#) is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on 10/8.
- [Barbara Barnes](#) is now at home. [Connie Westerman](#) as she continues to deal with heart issues. [Nolyn](#), David & Karen's Fair Haven son, is recovering from hip surgery. [Gene Lund](#) is awaiting results of his recent tests; [Truman Coltrane](#) is having a lot of bad days. [Sue Davis](#) as she continues to recover from surgery.
- Greg Larimore's mother [Carol](#) as she deals with COVID and the loss of her husband.
- [Tony Compton](#) is still recovering from dental surgery he had a couple of months ago.
- Doris Iorg's niece & nephew, [Linda and Bob Samuel](#), have the virus & Linda is not doing well.
- Gerri Dicken's friend, [Jewell's](#) 3 year old granddaughter [Presley](#) who has Acute Bal Leukemia.
- Continued prayers for health concerns: [Shirlane Horton](#), [Julie Alexander](#), [Dennis Smith](#), [Don Essex](#), [Marty Long](#), [Frank Cunningham](#), [Russell Harber](#), [Betty Grabber](#), [Lynette Schreiwes](#)

Shut-Ins
 Barbara Barnes
 Ron Bower
 Mary Bratcher
 Don Essex
 Clarence Feeney
 Ola Jean Feeney
 Cecil/Wanda Frost
 Doris Iorg
 Jim/Ruth Reaves
 Doris Tobler
Nursing Homes
 Ella Mae Findlay
 Ann Freeze
 Wayne Harmon
 Virginia Morgan
 Sandra Pingenot
 Nancy Snider



We extend our sympathy to the following families in the loss of loved ones:

Greg Larimore and his family in the loss of his dad, Clarence, who passed away this past week.
 Orvella Blackburn and her family in the loss of her step-mother, Marie.
 Tom Davis and family in the loss of Tom's grandpa recently.

Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Immediately after the morning worship service/806 N. Jefferson Ave

We need food as listed on the signup sheets and servers!! The meal will be served outside! SIGNUP SHEETS are on the Information Desk.

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 via FB livestream. Each Wednesday evening we'll post a class for adults titled "Wonderful: the Mighty Works of Jesus."

A class for second through sixth graders by Justin will be posted. The theme is "Think" (based on Phil. 4:8), and it includes ways for parents to help.

THIS WEEK ...

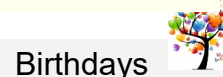
- ◆ Book Club meeting Monday at the Currier's. 6:30 - bring your own lunch or 7:00 - book talk on whatever you have been reading.
- ◆ Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on at 10:30 am. Virginia Buck will be teaching from their new book, "The Begging Place," by Becky Fowler Blackmon. The lesson title is "The Prayer of One Woman."
- ◆ Quilters will meet at 9 am and Card Makers will meet at 9:30.



Thank you all for the cards, food, gifts, and prayers when Clara was born! We are blessed to be a part of a church family who loves our family well. Love, [The Thrasher Family](#)

Thank you to all the ladies that provided food after the funeral and thank you for all the love and prayers during Connie's illness. [Vern Thompson & Family](#)

The word Thank You is not enough to convey the gratitude I have for my wonderful church family. Thank you for the prayers that have been sent for me as I underwent stomach surgery and during my recovery and also after the passing of my Uncle Bobby in CA. I miss everyone so dearly. Love, [Julie](#)



- Birthdays**
- 13 Vickie Baker
 - Wyatt Maples
 - 14 Leah Freeze
 - Maddi Maples
 - Kyrah McFarland
 - 15 Eddie Sanders
 - Linda Barnett
 - 17 Susan Crum
 - 19 John Hulett
 - Susie Cox
 - 21 Mark Friend
 - Kenneth Bowling
 - 23 Jim Reaves
 - 25 Lukas Thrasher
 - 27 Ruth Essex
 - 28 Tim Stockstill

Schedule of Sunday Services

- ◆ In-Person Worship at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Worship live on our Facebook page at 10 a.m.

BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS

There will be a meeting for Teachers Wednesday, September 23, in the auditorium to plan our return to in-person classes. We will begin with watching Justin's class at 6:30 PM and then follow that with our meeting.



September Anniversary
 29 Paul/Carrie Lines 30



Backyard Bible Studies
 5-7 p.m. Sunday evening at the Travis Morrison home.



Family Bible Time
 Sunday evening at 5 p.m. at the Aaron Morrison home.