



Weekly Newsletter

February 14, 2021

Order of Worship

Greeting

Justin Hatfield

Children's Time

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#961

#146

Prayer

Ron Stokes

#215

*"How Deep The
Father's Love"*

The Lord's Supper

Byron Nichols

#618

"Father God"

Message

Bill McFarland

#542

#209

Announcements/ Prayer

Barney Crawford



Things Too Wonderful For Me

Bill McFarland

"Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand; things too wonderful for me, which I did not know" (Job 42:3b). Such was Job's confession regarding what he had said as he passed through the furnace of affliction. It was the mistake of which he declared he was repenting (42:6). He had finally realized that he had been arrogantly counseling the Almighty about the exercise of his sovereignty in matters which are beyond the grasp of any man. Not all of his questions had been answered, but Job had learned to let God be God.

What a powerful and important life lesson! In a world of advancing technology and exploding information, some things remain too wonderful for us, surpassing our understanding. For example, anyone who contemplates the God who is present everywhere and who knows our thoughts before we think them, our ways before we travel them, and our words before we say them still has to sing, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it" (Ps. 139:6).

That does not mean, however, that we are excused from considering such weighty truths or from taking their implications to heart. The singer observed that despite our inability to take in the extent of God's knowledge of us and involvement in our lives, our souls still know very well that his works are wonderful, and that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and that praise is due him (Ps. 139:14).

Neither, then, does the fact that there are "things too wonderful for me" mean that there is nothing we can know of God's thoughts or of his ways for us. Another of the songs of David observes, "You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told" (Ps. 40:5). He may be incomparable and his works may be innumerable, but we know of them and must speak of them.

But what the "things too wonderful for me" principle does mean is that there is a time for us to know the humbling, liberating impact of simply hoping in the Lord. One of the songs puts it this way: "O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me" (Ps. 131:1-2).

From this time forth and forevermore, may I let God be God.



THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

- **Alice Daniels** did well following her back surgery last week.
- **Virginia Hayter** will be having outpatient surgery February 16th.
- **Ruth Raines** is having hip surgery on February 18th.
- **Jimmy Elliff** is feeling better but continued prayers are appreciated.
- **Ivan Todd**, Wanita Duncan's Uncle has been put on comfort care—please keep his family in your prayers!
- Ruth Lund's brother, **John Alspaugh**, who has Parkinson's, is not doing well.
- **Van Barnes** is home but continues to have some health concerns.
- **Jim Reaves** has an appointment with a dermatologist February 17th.
- **Beverly Hammond**, Coyeatte Ewing's mom, continues to have health concerns.
- **Shirlane Horton** is scheduled for knee surgery February 23rd.
- **Ann Freeze** is improving and her family is able to visit.
- **Truman Coltrane** and Helen continue to need our prayers.

- Jon Davis' grandmother, **Ruth Lindsey**, is doing better and in a rehab facility recovering from her fall.
- **Kerry Cole** is requesting prayers for his friend **Randall** who recently had a stroke; and his cousin, **Wendy Williams**, who was diagnosed with melanoma.
- The Essex's granddaughter, **Victoria Lacy**, continues with her radiation treatments.
- **Nancy Snider** is having some significant health concerns.
- **Sue Aherin's sister-in-law, Linda**, is having difficulties after surgery.
- **Continued prayers for health concerns:**
Julie Alexander, Ron Bower; Betty Grabber, Marty Long, Izumi Loomis' dad; Marlene Matthews, Sandra Pingenot, Bob & Leona Snider; Betty Stockstill, Connie Westerman, Dorothy, David Grimm's mother; Frank Cunningham, Elizabeth Lilly's father.

Shut-Ins

Ron Bower
 Mary Bratcher
 Don Essex
 Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney
 Wanda Frost
 Doris Iorg
 Jim & Ruth Reaves
 Dennis & Carolyn Smith
 Doris Tobler

Nursing Homes

Ann Freeze
 Wayne Harmon
 Virginia Morgan
 Sandra Pingenot
 Nancy Snider



- 14 Jammie Davis
Gaylen Jones
- 16 Gerri Dickens
Karen Duncan
- 17 Colton Orum
- 19 Kylie Galindo
- 21 Charlie Cruse
Laurel Pendergraft
- 22 Trevor Kraus
- 24 Michael Fahr
- 26 Olivia Brumfield
McKenzi Murphy
- 27 Luis Tovar

THIS WEEK ...

- ◆ Prayer time Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on February 18th at 10:30 am. Jan Bowling will be teaching Chapter 2 of the book, "From Bethlehem To Golgotha," by Hillard Story.
- ◆ **Quilters** will meet at 9 am; **Card Makers** will meet at 9:30.

Jared & Katelyn Duncan



Since we are unable to do a wedding shower, the next best thing would be a VISA gift card. If you would like to honor the newlyweds, please see Ginger White with your donation toward a VISA gift card. Katelyn is in the Army and her new duty station has not been determined yet.

February Anniversaries

- 14 Don & Linda Tracy—52 years
- 15 Kevin & Connie Westerman—35 years
- 24 Kenny & Debra Davis—48 years
- 27 Bob & Betty Stockstill—67 years
- 28 Clint & Betty Holden—63 years

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 pm in person or via livestream (YouTube) for Bill's 4th lesson in his series "Letters from the Lord".

Congratulations to Fred & Norma Lorenz on the arrival of their great-grandson, Ellis Glen Colley. His parents Caleb and Rebekah live in Jacksonville, FL. Congratulations also to Jim & Debbie Meinsen.

YFC Family Bible Study will be immediately after morning services Sunday, February 14th in the fellowship room until noon.

Youth Group

Sunday, February 14
 5:00 pm @
 the Brumfields—
 Weather Permitting