



Weekly Newsletter

February 21, 2021

Order of Worship

Greeting

Justin Hatfield

Children's Time

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#1 (1, 2, 3)

#7 (1, 3, 4)

Prayer

Travis Morrison

#836 (1, 3)

#299 (1, 3, 5)

The Lord's Supper

Eddie Sanders

#350

Message

Justin Hatfield

#255 (1, 4)

#527 (1, 3)

Announcements/ Prayer

Barney Crawford



Lazarus Was There

The presence of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead, is noted specifically several times in John 12. I try to imagine what it must have been like to have him there as I read these scenes. I think about how the other characters and the things they do look in his shadow.

The chief priests and Pharisees were watching so that they might arrest Jesus. Sure enough, he came back to Bethany. But that's where Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead, was (v.1). My guess is that it's hard to arrest a guy when someone he has called out of the tomb is present.

At a dinner where Lazarus was, Mary poured a jar of expensive ointment on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair (v.3). With her brother sitting there alive and in their company, it was understandable. After all, how would you show your love to someone who had given your brother back to you?

Judas might have done better if he had thought more about Lazarus' presence in this scene. He smelled the fragrance of the ointment, calculated the cost, and complained that it was a waste (v.4-5). Supposedly he was concerned about what it could've done for the poor. But think about it. If you can't rejoice over a one raised from the dead, how likely is it that you're really going to care for others who are poor?

A large crowd comes out toward Bethany because they've heard not only that Jesus is there, but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead (v.9). Pretty convincing evidence, I'd say. But he can't be just a curiosity, can he? The real issue is the one who raised him. What are you going to do about him?

That's why many were believing in Jesus (v.11). That's also why the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well (v.10). Seems dumb to me, looking back on it. To kill a guy who has already been brought back from the tomb once? And the fellow who commanded him to come out? It looks like kind of a useless thing to try.

When Jesus enters the Jerusalem on a young donkey, and to shouts of Hosanna, the shadow of Lazarus is still there. The crowd who'd been with Jesus when he called Lazarus out of the tomb continued to bear witness (v.17). They'd seen it happen. They knew everyone should have to think about Jesus as if Lazarus was there—including us.

--Bill McFarland

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

- **Carol McCann's** brother, **Henry** has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- **Ruth Raines** had her surgery Thursday, she should be able to go home over the weekend.
- **Virginia Hayter's** surgery went well and she will be at home recovering for several weeks.
- **Jimmy Elliff** is feeling better but continued prayers are appreciated.
- Ruth Lund's brother, **John Alspaugh**, who has Parkinson's, is not doing well.
- **Jim Reaves** appointment with a dermatologist has been rescheduled for March 23rd.
- **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.
- 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:**

Alice Daniels, Van Barnes, Ruth Lindsey (Jon Davis' grandmother), 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, Wendy Williams (Kerry Cole's cousin).

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

Thank You

I had a fantastic 90th birthday! Thank you and big hug to all for cards, calls, e-mails, Facebook messages, and singing birthday wishes.

Love you all!
Gerri Dickens

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.

THIS WEEK ...

- ◆ Prayer time Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on February 25th 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.



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".

LATE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

- 1 Corbin Snitker
- 4 L.J. Bruton
- 5 Makenzie Bruton
- 11 Dylan Girdley
- Claudia Morrison
- 15 Carter Schwartz
- 16 Jon Ewing
- 17 Barney Crawford

- 21 Charlie Cruse
- Laurel Pendergraft
- 22 Trevor Kraus
- Aiden Schwartz
- 24 Michael Fahr
- Britton Keener
- 26 Olivia Brumfield
- McKenzi Murphy
- 27 Luis Tovar



YFC Family Bible Study will be immediately after morning services **Sunday, February 21st** in the fellowship room until noon.

Youth Group

Sunday, February 21, 5:00 pm at the Brumfield's home.

February Anniversaries

- 24 Kenny & Debra Davis—48 years
- 27 Bob & Betty Stockstill—67 years
- 28 Clint & Betty Holden—63 years

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Ivan Todd, Wanita Duncan's uncle, who passed away last Friday, February 12th.