



**Order of Worship**

**Greeting/  
Announcements**  
Bill McFarland

**Song Leader**  
Jon Ewing

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**Prayer**  
Justin Hatfield

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**The Lord's Supper**  
Fred Lorenz

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**Message**  
Bill McFarland

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**Prayer**  
Scott Barton

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



**Motherhood**

The Scriptures speak of motherhood with great respect but without romanticizing the role. The view taken is marked by realism. It's understood that motherhood involves more than having borne offspring, and that relationally it has the capacity for both good and ill, and that the ways persons regard it and respond to it are determinant factors in their lives.

A mother is a regular human being on a journey of faith in what someone else can become. Her sorrows are lost in her joy at another's well-being. That person is tender and only beloved in her sight, the beneficiary of her attentive care and her tireless work. There is a law on her tongue, training in her hands, comfort at her knee, gentleness in her way, and treasure in her heart that's made of memories. By the nature of it, there's an unselfishness, a kind of humility, a nobility, in real motherhood.

So what could anyone of half-decent character do but honor it? Wisdom demands that one bless his mother, not forsake her teaching, conduct himself in such a way that she can be glad, and not despise her when the years have taken their toll. How foolish and shameful to be a sorrow to one's mother, to chase her away with curses or violence, to steal property or peace from her! Surely children's rising up to call a noble woman blessed is one of the most sacred human obligations.

But honoring goodness requires facing reality, else the honor is empty. And the reality of the human condition is that the calling of motherhood is too often met faithlessly. Without the guidance of godliness, it can be overtaken by selfishness, manipulation, and heartbreak. It can get to the place where like-mother-like-daughter is not a hopeful thought. There can be such a thing as a mother who asks her daughter for someone's head.

God's calling elevates us all. Motherhood comes to be modeled after God's care. It's then approached with his long-term view of things. It's fulfilled in keeping with his will. And it's appreciated and honored among his people more than anywhere.

—Bill McFarland



With immeasurable sadness we grieve with the Luna and Valeika families over the loss of Mercedes Luna. Please be in prayer for both families. Information regarding services will be forthcoming.



**May 16th Devotional @ 5:00**  
**Graduates' Reception to follow**  
**Our 2021 Graduates**

Johnna Duncan--High School  
 Austin McCutchen-- High School  
 Colton Orum--High School  
 Adam Barton--College  
 Madison Davis--College  
 Mercedes Luna--College  
 Skyler Murphy--College

Jared Duncan will be going to Arizona to see his wife, Katelyn, this weekend. Ginger sent to him the gift card she purchased with the money collected for their wedding, it came to \$740; also sent were other individual gift cards that had been given.

**Shut-Ins**

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

**Nursing Homes**

Ann Freeze  
 Wayne Harmon  
 Virginia Morgan  
 Sandra Pingenot  
 Nancy Snider

**Welcome!**

*Please welcome the Griffin's who placed membership with our congregation last Sunday, May 2nd. Charles, Holly, Presley, Avery, Macie and Eli. Please take an opportunity to welcome them. Their address is:*

**1254 S. Plaza Ave, Springfield, MO 65804**



**Sunday, May 9th at 5:00 pm**  
**@ Travis & Pam Morrison's**

**Happy Hollow ~ Work Day ~ May 15th**

*In Need of Our Prayers*

**Sheryl Low** will be having knee replacement surgery on May 13th. ~ **Marlene Matthews** still is having a hard time try to get nourishment through the IV. ~ **Makesha Davis** is improving. ~ **Julie Alexander** will be starting physical therapy this week. ~ **Leona Snider** is rehabbing at home and improving everyday ~ Ruth Lund's brother, **John Alspaugh**, has Parkinson's and is not doing very well. ~ **Carolyn Young** is in physical therapy and doing well. ~ **Jacquelyn Raines** (Kim Maples grandmother) is not doing well. ~ **Wendy Williams** (Kerry Cole's cousin) has several upcoming doctor appointments concerning her cancer. ~ **Nancy Snider** is still having some health concerns. ~ **Hasseltine Pendergrass** (Helen Harbor's mom) please pray for healing and peace.

*Continued prayers for health concerns:*

Alice Daniels, Ima Coleman (Sara Keener's friend), Bob & Leona Snider, Van & Barbara Barnes, Ruth Raines, Truman & Helen Coltrane, David High (Lucile High's son), Sandy Pingenot, Ron Bower, Betty Grabber, Izumi Loomis' mother, Beverly Hammond (Coyeatte Ewing's mom), Ann Freeze (Jo Baggett's mom), Dennis & Carolyn Smith, Ruth Lindsey (Jon Davis' grandmother), Dorothy (David Grimm's mother), Linda (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law), Sandie Shelby (Lucile High's niece), Dorthy Davis (Tom Davis' grandmother)

**Welcome!**

to the Epperly's, Kelly, Jennifer, Kameron and Shelby. They have been worshipping with us for a while and placed membership several weeks ago. If you haven't already, be sure to meet them and make them feel welcome.

*Birthdays*

- 5-10 Jared Duncan
- 5-13 Elizabeth Lilly
- 5-14 Jeremy Thurlkill
- 5-15 Barbara Barnes
- 5-16 Bryan Hannah  
Kim Maples
- 5-17 Coyeatte Ewing  
Mike Jackson  
Mackynzi Sekulic
- 5-18 Haden Brill
- 5-19 Danielle Horton
- 5-20 Ron Taylor  
Nickolas Thornhill
- 5-21 Chris Andrews
- 5-22 Marla Wuensch

**THIS WEEK ...**

- ◆ **Elders** meeting Tuesday, May 11th at 6:00 pm.
- ◆ Prayer time Sunday evening, May 9th at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on May 13th at 10:30 am. Gloria Luallin will be teaching Chapter 8 of the book, "From Bethlehem To Golgotha," by Hillard Story.
- ◆ **Quilters** will meet at 9 am; **Card Makers** will meet at 9:30.



We are so thankful for the thoughtfulness of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ who have responded with prayers, cards, phone calls, and food. Hope comes in many forms but one of the most uplifting is to know that someone cares, and it's evident that you do. God is good, always.  
 Sincerely, John and Teresa Mahon

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 pm in person or via livestream (YouTube) Bill's current series is titled:  
**Tell Me a Story of Jesus**  
**-Parables for Us**



- 5-10 Jason & Lora Luna ~ 24 years
- 5-12 Jerry & Pay Milligan ~ 59 years
- 5-14 Cambre & Chelsea Thrasher ~ 10 years
- 5-16 Gene & Kelley Kenyon ~ 40 years
- 5-19 Charlie & Rosalie Cruse ~ 49 years
- 5-19 Bill and Kay McFarland ~ 47 years



**This month's Youth Led Service will be Sunday, May 23rd at 5 pm on the topic of "Worry".**