



Order of Worship

**Greeting/
Announcements**
Phil DeCarlis

Scripture Reading
Adam Barton
Psalm 28:6-9

Song Leader
Jon Davis

#627

#600

Prayer
Randy Blackburn

#941

#688

The Lord's Supper
Jonathan Pendergraft

#283 (v. 1, 3)

Contribution
Chris Andrews

#642

Message
Bill McFarland

#971

Prayer/Reading
Heb. 13:20-21
Barney Crawford



Jesus and Children

Camp Wilderness is coming up this week. It's for our children. Children also appear four times in our reading for this Lord's day, Matthew 18:1-19. It's a good time for us to consider how Jesus thought about children.

Jesus said that no one enters the kingdom of heaven without turning and becoming like children are (Matt. 18:3). In fact, anyone who "humbles himself like this child," he says, "is the greatest in the kingdom" (18:4). "This child" is the one who came when Jesus called him, and who cooperated when put in their midst of them by Jesus (18:2). Jesus made that spirit and conduct, not merely childhood, important.

He identified himself with "one such child." The Lord said anyone who receive one such child because of Jesus receives the Lord himself, but to cause one such to sin is a dreadful mistake (18:5-6). His phrase "one of these little ones who believe in me" suggests that he was talking about disciples who were not yet mature, not simply children.

Since the kingdom belongs to such, Jesus wanted children to be blessed by him, not hindered from coming to him (19:13-15). "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them," he said. It's noteworthy that they were being brought so he could lay his hands on them and pray (19:13). That was to be welcomed, not rebuked, he said.

Jesus also said that children, like others, are not to be idols. In other words, the one who loves the little children claimed priority for himself, even above children. He taught that it's in allowing our loyalty to him to fashion our love of our children, and not the other way around, that real life is found (19:29).

When we follow him first, we love and serve others best, including children. Thanks to all of you who will be engaged in helping to do that this week.

-Bill McFarland

THIS WEEK...

- ◆ We will have a **Devotional Sunday**, August 1st at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on August 5th at 10:30, Linda Currier will be teaching the second lesson from the book "A Study of Angels" by Edward P. Myers, PhD.
- ◆ **Quilters** will meet at 9:00 am.
- ◆ **Card Makers** will meet at 9:30.

In Need of Our Prayers

Becky Marsolf had a very bad fall, off their digger truck, last Sunday. It will take weeks for her body to heal. If you would like to call her, she said that it would be ok.

Tom Meeks' had a MRI on the 28th. Waiting to hear the results.

Steven Cobb (Aubrey & Anita's son) had a biopsy on the 27th.

Les and Brian Horton are steadily improving.

Shut-Ins

Barbara Barnes
Pat Blackburn
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 Pingnot
Nancy Snider

We rejoice with Cassandra who made the decision to put on Christ in baptism Wednesday evening. She is part of the Brill family at Fair Haven.

CAMP WILDERNESS

Camp Wilderness mini-camp will be held August 3-6 this year! Once again, it is free to attend and begins each night at 6pm. Once you have registered you'll receive an email on July 30th with more information about locations. If you are interested in volunteering use the separate volunteer link.

Camper Registration: Be sure to register each of your children individually.
<https://forms.gle/DMReWseAvJWiB5ec9>

Volunteer Registration: <https://forms.gle/tsbmUCpTvAAkPoa48>



- 8-02 Kevin Wuench
- 8-03 Gene Lund
- 8-03 Lori McCall
- 8-03 Chelsea Thrasher
- 8-04 Greta Thrasher
- 8-05 Braden Keener
- 8-06 Maranda Nimmo
- 8-06 Clara Thrasher
- 8-07 David Ratterree
- 8-07 Madison Davis
- 8-07 Gabe Mahon
- 8-08 John Orum
- 8-09 James McCall
- 8-09 Wanita Duncan
- 8-12 Brooke Barton
- 8-13 Debbie Crawford
- 8-13 Pat Milligan
- 8-13 Melissa Girdley



Youth Group News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- August 1st Bible Study - Hatfield House
- August 3-6 Camp Wilderness
- August 8th Bible Study - Griffin House
- August 13th Lock-In - Water Mill

The YFC will meet this Sunday after services for our youth led service sign ups and study session on this month's word - SOVEREIGNTY.

The next youth led service will be Sunday night August 29th.



Marsolf Pounding

July 18th thru August 29th

Just a reminder that the Marsolf Pounding has started and will go through August 29th.

There is a flyer on the table outside of the auditorium. If you have questions, you can call the office.

Continued prayers for health:

Dennis & Carolyn Smith, Ruth Raines, Fred Lorenz, Sheryl Low, Pat Blackburn, Don Tracy, Tom Davis, Robert Raines (Denzil & Ruith's son), **Wanda Lou Hurd** (Nancy Snider's cousin), **Debbie Crawford, John Alspaugh** (Ruth Lund's brother), **Alice Daniels, Ima Coleman** (Sara Keener's friend), **David High** (Lucile High's son), **Linda** (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law), **Betty Grabber, Jacquelyn Raines** (Kim Maples grandmother), **Truman & Helen Coltrane, Beverly Hammond** (Coyeatte Ewing's mom), **Sandie Shelby** (Lucile High's niece), **Sherrie Stern** (Shirlane Horton's sister), **Hasseltine Pendergrass** (Helen Harbor's mom), Les & Shirlane Horton have friends who's whole family has COVID.

Happy Anniversary

- 8-01 Patrick & Brittany Springer - 12 years
- 8-02 Greg & Nancy Johnson - 13 years
- 8-07 Dave & Pat Blackburn - 61 years
- 8-09 Dean & Kelli Kirk - 35 years
- 8-11 Don & Gayle Gaunt - 59 years
- 8-13 Matt & Sara Keener - 22 years



There will be a **Men's Fellowship** here at the building Saturday, August 21st, from 8:00-10:00 AM. Men of all ages are welcome to come!

Coffee & donuts will be provided.

September 5th

PROMOTION
SUNDAY!