



Order of Worship

**Greeting/
Announcements**
Kenneth Bowling

Scripture Reading
Larry Baggett
1 John 2:28-3:3

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

“How Deep the Father’s Love”
#436

Prayer
Charles Griffin

#345 (v. 1,2,3)
#68 (v. 1)

The Lord’s Supper
Jon Davis
#141

Contribution
Bobby Steinshouer
#248 (v.1,2,3,6)

Message
Bill McFarland
684

Prayer
Bob Snider
#71 (v. 1)

When Things Began to Change

It’s fascinating to imagine what it must have been like. The rescuer, deliverer, and healer of mankind appears. He is Christ the Lord, the Son of God. He takes the stage of human history and begins his ministry, and things begin to change. The second and third chapters of Luke give us glimpses of that time.

When things began to change, people were living their lives. There were people in power, laws, and obligations. There were shepherds, soldiers, teachers, carpenters, and tax collectors. Parents were raising their children, people way along in years were hoping in God, and children were growing and becoming strong. It was understood that a person’s life has intellectual, physical, spiritual, and social aspects, and that one is living well when he attends to all of them.

When things began to change, individuals were called to quit talking about their ancestry and to start being accountable to God themselves. Change was to occur within persons. Each one was to turn his or her own heart to God, and to bear fruit in keeping with having done so in their own life. This involved corrections in behavior that were quite personal, particular, and practical.

When things began to change, God was doing what he always said he would do. In this way, it wasn’t change as much as it was the furtherance of his purpose, in keeping with his promises. What he was doing had deep roots in the long history of a people. It was solidly based in the witness of sacred writings. It was heralded by a messenger, and surrounded by a sense of expectation. Most importantly, the agent of the change was publicly identified and owned by God himself.

When things began to change, not everybody did. To many, the change was imperceptible. The governing structures and the personalities who held sway continued in place. One of them simply added another evil to those he had already done. Living still meant being a family and making living and raising children and treasuring things in your heart and dealing with your own mortality, and all of this in an imperfect world, by imperfect people.

But a Savior, Christ the Lord, had appeared. Hope was present in real life. And that’s when things began to change.

–Bill McFarland

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 Pingenot
Nancy Snider

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

9-19 John Hulett
9-19 Susie Cox
9-21 Mark Friend
9-21 Kenneth Bowling
9-23 Jim Reaves
9-25 Lukas Thrasher
9-27 Ruth Essex
9-28 Tim Stockstill



This months youth led
service will be
Sunday, Sept. 26th

Continued prayers for health:

Devin Carroll, Karen Duncan, Tom Meeks, Illene Birdsong, Ray Reynolds (Minister at Summerdale Church of Christ, and his wife); Steven Cobb (Aubrey & Anita's son), Becky Marsolf, Ethan (Barry & Cindy Hannah's nephew), Tom Davis, Dennis & Carolyn Smith, Ruth Raines, Sheryl Low, Pat Blackburn, Robert Raines (Denzil & Ruth's son), Wanda Lou Hurd (Nancy Snider's cousin), 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 Harber's mom), Gary Huff (Constance Jackson's friend's dad)



Please welcome Sydney Murphy who placed membership with our congregation last Sunday, September 12th. Sydney's address is: 3132 N. Fair Haven Loop; Strafford, MO 65757 Phone: 325-812-8863



The Men's Fellowship will be **Saturday, October 16th** from 8:00-10:00 AM in the fellowship room. Coffee & "more" donuts will be provided.

In Need of our Prayers

- **Truman Coltrane** due to a case of COVID at the Strafford Care Center, Truman has been moved home. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- **Carl Tindall** is having another procedure this week. Please keep him and Yvonne in your prayers.
- **Tim Marsolf** is now home from his work in Louisiana.
- **Colleen Sundlie**, Jackie & Virginia Buck's daughter, who has COVID. Please keep them in your prayers.
- **Brother Lynn Luallin** requested prayers last Sunday evening that he be a better Christian and become more involved in our services.



9-29 Paul & Carrie Lines - 31 years

Sympathy To

Jason Luna and family in the passing of Jason's grandmother, **Dorcas Rackley**

AND

Kay McFarland and family in the passing of Kay's Uncle, **Gene Johnson.**



I am grateful for the prayers and concern shown since my last health challenge. I am feeling much better. It is a blessing to have Brothers and Sisters that care and show their love. Please continue to pray as the doctors run test to figure out why this keeps recurring.

In Christ, Teresa Mahon

THIS WEEK...

- ◆ We will have a **Sunday evening meeting**, September 19th at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on September 23rd at 10:30, Coyeatte Ewing will be teaching the 9th 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 am.

Marriage Workshop

Registration is now open for the 1st Annual Marriage Enrichment Workshop

"For Better, For Worse:
Making Marriage Thrive!"

October 22-23,
hosted by Crowley's Ridge College in Paragould, Arkansas. Click on this link to register <http://bit.ly/forbetterforworse21> or call Erica Richardson at 870-236-6901 ext. 164.