



Weekly Newsletter

November 14, 2021

Order of Service

***Greeting/
Announcements***

Josh Luna

Children's Time

Justin Hatfield

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

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Prayer

Aaron Schwartz

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The Lord's Supper

Patrick Springer

#975

Contribution

Chris Andrews

How Deep the Father's Love

Message

Bill McFarland

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Prayer

Jon Ewing

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

(Matt. 5:15)



This New Week

Congratulations to the Duncans upon their celebration of sixty years in their marriage. We're glad for an occasion to rejoice with those who rejoice, and that's what should happen among the Lord's people when we have seen faithfulness and honor over a long time. Thanks, Verl and Karen, for your Christian example and for the influence of your presence in our lives.

Life has also called upon us to practice the other half of Romans 12:15—to weep with those who weep—this weekend. Thank you all for caring for Helen and Scheryl and their family. Truman was a kind and gentle man whose presence we could count on, and we'll miss him.

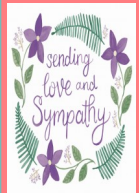
Our theme this Lord's day will be "The Discipline of Thanksgiving." Last week we learned from Jesus the importance of thankful rejoicing over the right things. Now we'll notice that the New Testament repeatedly instructs us to "be thankful." But in real life, how do we do that? Can an imperative to be thankful be turned into thankfulness? It won't just happen naturally, will it? I hope you'll enjoy exploring the discipline of it with us today. This evening will be an important part of the process.

I want to mention that in our Wednesday evening class we've been thinking through a book that has a crucial message for our secular age. It's Ecclesiastes, and unique and fascinating part of the Bible's wisdom collection. It asks, "What do people gain from all the toil?" It's a question we're all forced to wrestle with in our own lives as we decide what to do, and what (or who) to do it for. Join us for the study if you can.

We look forward to being with our fellows for this coming Saturday morning. Our elders and staff will be spending more time together afterward to work on things that are to be done here at the year's end. We've all been working regularly on plans for the way ahead also, and we will be continuing that process this week. We'll all appreciate it if you'll keep us in your prayers.

—Bill

You're Invited
 TO A 60TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY
 for
 Verl and Karen Duncan
 this
 Sunday, November 14, 2021
 2 pm to 4 pm
 In the Fellowship Room



We are sad to share the news that
 Tim Buckner's dad, Bill Buckner,
 lost his life in a car accident on
 Wednesday, Nov. 10. Services will be
 held at McSpadden Funeral Home
 in Ellington Tuesday, Nov. 16.
 Visitation is 11:00-1:00 and funeral is at 1:00.



The men have their breakfast,
 we will be
"Ladies who Brunch"
 Starting 12/4/2021,
 9-11 am
 come to the church building
 to enjoy fellowship
 with your sisters in Christ.
 We hope to meet on the
 1st Saturday
 of every other month.

Ann Theisen-Barganier
 will be leaving for a few weeks,
 with a group that will be
 working in Malawi. We
 appreciate her work and want
 to keep her in our prayers.



We would like to extend our
 sympathy to the family of Truman
 Coltrane. Truman passed away early
 Tuesday morning. Visitation is Friday
 5-7 pm at Greenlawn East and the
 funeral will be Saturday at 2:00 pm. Burial will be
 10:00 am, Monday the 15th, at the
 Missouri Veterans Cemetery.

Youth Group News

Sunday - GATHER
 at the
 Luna's

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next Men's Fellowship
 will be
Saturday, Nov. 20th
 from 8-10 am
 in the fellowship room.

The smile that lights the face will also warm the heart.

THIS WEEK...

- Sunday evening we will meet at 5:00 pm.
- **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on
 November 18th at 10:30. Jon Ewing will
 be teaching on the Holy Spirit.
- Quilters will meet at 9:00 am
- Card Makers will meet at 9:30 am



11-15 Carol Tovar
 11-17 Kay McFarland
 11-18 Van Barnes
 11-18 Kelli Kirk
 11-19 Cas Brill
 11-19 Mason Brill
 11-19 Carol Jackson
 11-21 Doris Tobler
 11-24 Nancy Snider
 11-25 Russell Lilly
 11-25 Bob Stockstill

Shut-Ins

Barbara Barnes
 Pat Blackburn
 Ron Bower
 Mary Bratcher
 Don Essex
 Clarence & Ola Jean Feeny
 Wanda Frost
 Betty Grabber
 Doris Iorg
 Hazel McDonald
 Jim & Ruth Reaves
 Dennis & Carolyn Smith
 Doris Tobler

Nursing Homes

Ann Freeze
 Wayne Harmon
 Virginia Morgan
 Sandra Pingnot
 Nancy Snider

Happy Anniversary

11-16 Aubrey & Anita Cobb - 53 years
 11-16 Sam & Julie Gillham - 53 years
 11-24 Verl & Karen Duncan - 60 years
 11-27 Bob & Sue Aherin - 45 years
 11-27 Charles & Holly Griffin - 17 years
 11-27 Randy & Orvella Blackburn - 17 years

~Appreciate Your Prayers~

Carl Tindall will meet with his doctor later this month.
Illene Birdsong will have a Covid test on Saturday and if it is
 good, then she will be able to have a transesophageal echo
 (TEE) heart procedure on Tuesday. She is asking for prayers.

Continued prayers for health:

Jeff Barnett (Nadean Green's nephew), **Ruth Raines**, **Meshell
 Fox**, (Coyeatte Ewing's sister), **David High** (Lucile High's son),
Robert Raines (Denzil & Ruth's son), **Don Todd and Ron Todd**
 (Connie Fortner's brothers), **Karen Duncan**, **Tom Meeks**,
Bonnie Cole, **Laura Easterly** (COVID), **Becky Marsolf**,

Pat Blackburn, **Dennis & Carolyn Smith**, **Wanda Lou
 Hurd** (Nancy Snider's cousin), **John Alspaugh** (Ruth Lund's
 brother), **Alice Daniels**, **Linda** (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law),
Jacquelyn Raines (Kim Maples grandmother), **Beverly
 Hammond** (Coyeatte Ewing's mom), **Sandie Shelby** (Lucile
 High's niece), **Sherrie Stern** (Shirlane Horton's sister),
Hasseltine Pendergrass (Helen Harber's mom), **Chris Low**
 (Sheryl Low's son), **Ima Coleman** (Sara Keener's friend), **Steve
 Barnett** (Kerry Cole's brother-in-law)