



Weekly Newsletter

May 16, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#844

#184

#698

Opening Prayer

Bob Snider

#810

Communion

Aaron Tovar

#843

Contribution

Aaron Tovar

#638

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#761

Announcement

Barney Crawford

#59

Closing Prayer

George Downing

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

ABOUT OUR WORK

“And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them...” (Acts 14:27a). That must have been quite a joyful occasion! Paul and Barnabas had returned to the people from whom “they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had fulfilled” (v. 26). It seemed appropriate to them that they speak of what *God* had done with them, and it seemed natural to expect that the *people of God* would have an interest in hearing of it.

It is proper to suppose, too, that each one of us will have an interest in what the Lord is doing through the body of his people of which we are all members. Gaining an understanding of our ministry together may lead us to many thanksgivings to him, to a deeper appreciation and brotherly affection for each other, and possibly even to an expanded area of service for ourselves individually.

Because of these possibilities, we say thanks ahead of time to all of you who have made plans to participate in our activities of this Lord’s Day. Thanks especially to Andrew, our deacons, and others who have put themselves out to give us a glimpse into some of the ways in which the members of this congregation are serving.

I am writing this before it takes place, but I know the get-together the ladies have had scheduled for Saturday morning will be great. I have seen the excitement about it and the work that has been put into it. Our sisters in Christ here are a demonstration of the truth we studied last Sunday morning: the faith of Christian women is the strength of the church. Thanks, ladies, for your loving and loyal service in the Lord’s cause.

What a great time of the year this is for families—but also what a busy one! It brings graduations and weddings, field trips and special events, company and visits. Enjoy, and remember that faith in the Lord is the “true north” on the compass that can keep us on track through it all. We are looking forward to honoring our graduates next Sunday evening after our assembly. Plan for it!

Please keep in mind that Elaina Stockstill leaves for Kenya today. Ann Thiesen will be leaving on another journey to Malawi tomorrow. We are grateful for their good works and we want to keep both of them in our prayers.

As you know, many have special needs right now, too. “Let brotherly love continue” (Hebrews 13:1).

--Bill McFarland

Today’s Messages:

AM: Lessons Learned from a Basket Lunch

PM: The Secret of Strength

Prayer List & News

Welcome Visitors

We are honored that you joined us. We hope you will be blessed by your time with us. We have an attended nursery, a cry/training room and a nursing mother's room for your convenience if you have small children. Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the pew so that we may thank you for your visit.

For The Record May 9

Bible Study: 243
Morning: 340
Evening: 231
Wednesday (5/12): 225
Contribution: \$ 8,174



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

- **Billie Jeffery** is not doing well; she is at her daughter's home, 3839 Kenna Court, Springfield
- **Jan Bowling** is recovering from foot surgery
- **Ella Mae Findlay** is feeling some better
- **Mary Charlotte Lines** fell last week
- **Donna Harcrow's son-in-law, Marty Davis** from Texas, was in a motorcycle accident last weekend and broke his neck; he is in ICU in a Little Rock hospital

Friends and Family:

- ◆ **Tim Bowling's dad, Bob Bowling**, has several health issues
- ◆ **Billie Jeffery's sister, Kathryn McNeese**, as she is suffering from paralysis from the waist down
- ◆ **Ed Murray**, Kay McFarland's brother-in-law, has some health problems; Sherry & Ed's 4-month old grandbaby, **Sam**, will have heart surgery in June; **Ed & Sherry's address** is 203 Rendezvous Road, Riverton, WY 82501
- ◆ **Baby Audrey Pearce** is now at home
- ◆ **Kelsie Mitchell** (10 yr old daughter of Jason Luna's co-worker) as she deals with cancer
- ◆ **Gail White's brother, Paul Ellard**, of Bethany, OK, is recovering from cancer surgery.
- ◆ **Bill White's sister** is recovering from surgery

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Kristy Grimm Sivils** in the loss of her 101 year-old great grandma, **Dolly Byrom**, this past week.

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We also extend our sympathy to the family of **TROY LUNA**, who passed away Thursday evening. There will be a graveside service Monday afternoon at 1 p.m. at Greenlawn Cemetery (no visitation).

Expectant Moms

Kasey Sekulic (May) (girl)
Jenna Nichols (July) (boy)
Ashley Bergman (July) (girl)
Leah Prewitt (Sept) (boy)
Kirsten McFarland (Sept) (girl)
Sara Keener (Oct)(???)

Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Margaret Cobb
Bonnie Cole
Thelma Fain
Lucille/Milton Ford
Randy Holden
Gerald Jean
Clay Joseph
Carol Mahon
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw/(M. Bower's mother)
Doris Tobler
The Wegers
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman

Thank You



Be sure to check the bulletin board in the west hallway for notes and cards!

Thank you for all the help and prayers offered in my behalf since I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Most of you know that after the surgery, the doctors said the cancer was contained, and that they got it all. I don't have to have any further treatment. I want you to know that we believe that is because of the prayers! We also want to thank you so much for all the encouragement, cards, flowers, & food. We love the family here at Water Mill and feel blessed to be part of it!

Virginia and Jackie Buck

My Dear Church Family,

I do not have words to express our family's appreciation for all the cards, calls, and attendance at the funeral for our little Drakyn. He was a much loved precious little boy. We all thank Bill & Kay and Dennis & Carolyn for being with us at the hospital and being such a strong support for us. You are an awesome congregation and I love you dearly. Keep on praying for our family as we need it.

Love, Ann

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the support you have been to our family during a trying time. All the calls, cards and encouraging words have been such a blessing. A special thank you to Bill & Kay and Dennis & Carolyn for all they have done for the family. We love you.

The Thiesen Family/The McDowell Family

Thanks so much to everyone for remembering my birthday. Thanks for all the calls, cards and special thoughts for my special day. They mean so much to know you are not forgotten. The love and kindness made my day. You are all very special people. Thank you.

Doris Iorg

Announcements



Graduates Reception next Sunday evening

We will be honoring the following graduates:

High School

Quinton Brown
Taylor Friend
A.J. McCall
Ben Ratterree
Rose Stockwell
Jordan Treat

College

Mark Barnett
Andy McFarland
Meredith Reaves
Kristy Sivils
Daniel Tovar
Katie Treat
Janel Wydick

If you are graduating and are not listed above, please see Linda Barnett immediately.

Congratulations to Norman & Lucile High on the arrival of great grandbaby # 12, Dylan Patrick Markowski, born last Friday, the 7th, to Jeff & Shelley. All are doing well!

The latest issue of *The Voice of Truth* is available for pickup in the foyer.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford 417-866-0592
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Gene Lund 417-869-6423
Bob Snider 417-833-3498
Jerry Young 417-724-0324

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Bill McFarland 417-833-0110

Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith 417-866-6918

Youth Minister

Andrew Morton 417-712-4809

Deacons

Scott Barton Matt Keener
Tim Bowling Russell Lilly
Tim Buckner Paul Lines
Tom Davis Jim Meinsen
George Downing Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff Eddie Sanders
Jon Ewing James Simons
Shannon Haddock Tim Stockstill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff Secretary
Tim Bowling Custodian

Scheduled Baby Showers:

June 27/Ashley Bergman/Girl
(Registered at Target & Walmart)
August 8/Leah Prewitt/boy
August 22/Kirsten McFarland/girl

COMING UP:

- ⇒ June 6 - Bridal Shower for Megan Williams
- ⇒ June 10 - VBS workday 10 am to 2 pm - bring sack lunch
- ⇒ June 13 - POTLUCK LUNCH

May 30 is the 5th Sunday.

Be praying about your special contribution.

Since that will be a holiday weekend, if you plan to be out of town, may we ask you to consider leaving your contribution with us before you leave town.



Thank you for your always generous contributions.

The Elders

"There is gold and abundance of costly stones, but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel."
(Proverbs 20:15)

How Can I Serve?

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

By Dennis R. Smith



Victory and defeat are at opposite ends of a pole. None of us like to be defeated. We all enjoy a victory. When our favorite team is playing and we have picked them to win BUT they go down in defeat, there is a certain sadness felt. In the course of life we have challenges which we pursue. When we are victorious in our pursuits, we can rejoice. When we fail, there are always disappointments. Life is a series of victories and defeats. One day we might win and the next day we might lose. When our defeats come, please do not let it be "the end of the world for you." We must REGROUP, gather all the reasons together, then start again. The one thing we have as Christian men and women is the great promise of Romans 8:37: "Nay, in all these things (defeats), we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." What a promise this is and the beauty of it all is that whatever defeats may come - big or small - God through His Son is always there to support us. Without question, the greatest defeat of all will be our death, but even here the Apostle Paul reminds us that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom:8:35-39). AMEN?

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship...5:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Class....7:00 PM

OUR MISSION POINTS

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa

Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands

W. Paul & Janet Kee, Cameroon, Africa

Voice of Truth International

"The Living Word"
 7:30 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"In Search Of
 The Lord's Way"
 7:00 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"Know Your Bible"
 10:30 A.M. Sundays
 Springfield 33
 KSPR-TV



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Office Hours:

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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Meredith Reaves
Greeters: Blanton & Betty Glenn
Van Driver: Russell Lilly/839-4048
KYB Phone: Randy/Orvella Blackburn
Serve Randy Blackburn//Tom Davis
Communion: Tim Bowling/Greg Donoho
 Jackie Buck/John Dutton
 Kyle Buckner/Verl Duncan
 Eddie Currier/Don Essex

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Jackie Buck
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Matt Kelley
Communion: Travis Morrison/Jason Luna
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, May 23

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	John Mahon
Opening Prayer:	Tom Easterly	Jackie Buck
Communion:	Luis Tovar	T. Morrison/J. Luna
Closing Prayer:	Jon Ewing	Kerry Cole
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Mark & Cheryl Friend	
Van Driver:	Travis Morrison/742-1970	

THE MONTH OF May

Ushers: Van Barnes/
Bryan Thurlkill
AV Room: Larry Baggett/
Adam Stipp
Secure Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, May 19

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Blanton Glenn
Closing Prayer: Grant Wheeler
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill