



Weekly Newsletter

August 28, 2011

THE LORD OF THE STORM

The prospect of a hurricane making its way up the east coast of our country gets quite a lot of attention, doesn't it? And rightly so, given the power of such a storm and all the heavily populated areas near its path. As I have watched the news over the last few days, I've been thinking of my favorite of the accounts of the Lord's miracles—the time when he turned a great tempest into a great calm.

It is vividly described in Mark 4:35-41, and what a scene it is! A very busy day had passed into evening and, at the instruction of Jesus, the disciples were making the trip to the other side of the sea. While he slept on a cushion in the stern of the boat, the disciples suddenly found themselves in the grip of a windstorm that shook the sea like an earthquake. The waves were breaking into the boat, filling it with water, and their lives were quickly in jeopardy! Realizing the danger, the frightened disciples awakened the Lord with their cry, "Do you not care that we are perishing?" He simply rebuked the wind and told the sea to be still. Immediately, there was a great calm in nature and a great fear in those men!

Think of the lasting lessons from this unforgettable scene. The first has to do with the nature of the Lord's authority. Here's what struck the disciples: "even wind and sea obey him!" He was exercising the power of the Ruler of heaven and earth (cf. Ps.89:8-9; 93:3-4; etc.). This mighty work was done not only to deliver them from danger but also to confirm the authority of his words. We should learn that his right to speak and be obeyed extends to all areas of our lives (Matt. 28:18-20). The authority of the Lord is our friend, not a dreaded limitation.

Another truth from this event that should stay with us is the blessing of the Lord's presence. They awoke him with their cry, "Save us, Lord, we perish!" What a good thing it was that he was there to turn to. He always is with his people this way, for he has promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb. 13:5). One thing, though: you need him in the boat with you. You don't wait until you're sinking and then go get him.

A third thing about this event to consider is the nature of the Lord's care. The disciples are proof that storms can fall upon you while you are doing what he said to do. It can appear that he is not doing anything about it; he's not paying attention. But he calls us to believe in him even when fear challenges our faith. Remember: the boat won't sink, and the storm won't last forever.

If he can still the storm, he can still our lives. If the winds and the waves obeyed his will, surely we should obey him. If he was trustworthy in a sinking boat, he can be trusted in everyday life.

– Bill McFarland

Order of Worship

Welcome

Eddie Sanders

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#782

#961

"Father God"

Opening Prayer

Jackie Freeze

#293

The Lord's Supper

Jason Luna

#613

Contribution

Jason Luna

#599

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#765

Announcements

Eddie Sanders

#878 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Shannon Haddock

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

Today's Messages:

AM: The Salt of the Earth

PM: Can anybody really understand the Bible? (Part 2)

Prayer List & Notes

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

August 21

Bible Study:	275
Morning:	341
Evening:	222
Wednesday (8/24):	242
Contribution:	\$ 9,223



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

- ☞ Jim Low had a mild heart attack last week; he had a stent put in and will have to go back in about 6 weeks for another stent
- ☞ Doris Burch is now back at Woodland Manor after spending a few days in the hospital
- ☞ Jarita Nimmo is not doing well; she suffered light stroke which caused her to fall recently
- ☞ Nancy Snider is not feeling well; Thelma Fain is not doing well
- ☞ John Mahon's back surgery went well; he is in Cox South (possibly go home today)
- ☞ Gertrude Hughes, former member, has a lot of back pain
- ☞ Continue to remember: Paul & Mary Bratcher; Kay Adams who is at Manorcare, Room 115, 2915 S. Fremont, 65804; Arilla Buck who is at Magnolia Square and Shirley Bartlett

Friends and Family:

- ♦ Todd Kraus' dad Phil is home from the hospital but has a long recovery period
- ♦ Ruth & Denzil Raines as they deal with Robbie's health issues
- ♦ Tiffany Meeks' sister, Larrie White, will have a procedure next week to give her some relief and then major reconstructive surgery in St. Louis in about 5 weeks
- ♦ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan
- ♦ Marilyn Lanpher's daughter's father-in-law, Howard Arnold (an Elder at the Grandview Church of Christ in Kansas City) suffered a heart attack and is in ICU
- ♦ Judy Dixon from West Plains cancer has come back; her husband is Joe Bill Dixon
- ♦ Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings, who has cancer; Lanae Gillespie's mother, Geneve Treat, is now at Lanae & Jerry's home with hospice care

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jay and Amber Sardeson in the loss of Jay's mom, Teresa, this past week. Funeral services were held Saturday. Cards can be sent to Jay & Amber at 450 S. Beachwood Ave., Republic, MO 65738 and to Jay's dad, David Sardeson at 2076 S. Vale Ave., Springfield, 65803

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Baptism

We rejoice with Lauren Allen and her family in her decision to put on Christ in baptism Wednesday night after services. Let's all be an encouragement to Lauren and Brandon as they begin their new life as Christians.



Thank everyone for your prayers for Todd's dad Phil. It started last week with a fall, internal bleeding, heart attack, failing kidneys, failed blood transfusion and ended with successful transfusions of 3 pints of blood, and 2 stints in the lower part of his heart.. He was released last Sunday to go home; he still has a long recovery as the initial fall left

him with a very painful injury. Please continue to keep Phil in your prayers for a full recovery. We are grateful for all the concern and prayers. It is so wonderful to have such a loving, supportive Christian Family. In Christian Love, Todd and Brandi

Just a note to tell you how much all your prayers and many acts of kindness have been appreciated. We have enjoyed all the good food you have so thoughtfully prepared for us. Our special thanks goes to Bill & Gail White. They spent several terribly hot days installing wrought-iron railings and assembling other items they gathered up for Herman to use when we arrived home. We are so very thankful that Herman is recovering and wanted you to know we believe your many heart-felt prayers have made the difference. Our love to each of you. Herman & Pat Harris

September Anniversaries

- 3 Jim/Johnnie Elliff 46 yrs.
- 4 Brendan/Jenny Carroll 12 yrs.
- 9 Clay/Sharon Joseph 51 yrs.
- 10 Robert/Kasey Sekulic 6 yrs.
- 13 John/Sandy Penner 13 yrs.
- 29 Paul/Carrie Lines 21 yrs.

Congratulations

New Address/Phone

- Joy & Alice Allen
Phone # 833-9395
- Alex Penner
Freudenberger House
1000 E. Madison #471
Springfield, 65807
417-576-7961



Birthdays Next Week

- 5 Laramy Prewitt
- 6 Clay Joseph
- 7 Betty Stockstill
- Tiffany Meeks
- 8 Gene Creson
- Dewayne Jackson

News & Activities



Due to a lack of response, drawing names for Secret Sisters will be later in September. Pick up a form from the Information Desk, fill out and return to Julie Alexander if you are interested in participating.



The quilters will start back to sewing and quilting on Tuesday, September 6 at 10 a.m. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. New quilters or beginning quilters are welcome.

- All who can are urged to attend the devol/singing at [James River Nursing Home](#) on Saturday at 2 p.m.
- [Golden Agers](#) meet next Sunday at 4 pm
- [Elders](#) meet September 13 at 2 p.m.
- [Watermill Book Club](#) will meet Thursday, 9/15, at the Library Station Panera Bread at 6:30 pm
- [Fair Haven's Annual Benefit Auction](#) is Saturday, September 17. See letter posted on bulletin board for more information.
- [Elders, Deacons & Preachers Meeting](#) September 18 at 2 p.m.

TEACHER NEEDED: We are needing a male teacher for our 5th grade class on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in this please see Tom Davis.

All families with nursery age thru 6th grade children are invited to the Penner's home on Labor Day for a cookout. Come around 4 p.m. and bring lawn chairs.



Sign up for what else to bring at the Information Desk.



Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet September 8 at 10:30 a.m. with Ann Thiesen giving a lesson on teaching Christian women in Africa along with interesting stories about life there. Ann will wear an African dress and cook some food that is popular in Africa to go with our potluck lunch. Sheryl Low will have a class & crafts for the kids. All ladies are encouraged to attend.



Please sign up by Wednesday night if you plan to attend the wedding of [Jennifer Renae Roberts](#) to Klynt Riley Brice on September 17th at 6 p.m. at the Brookline Church of Christ. See Announcement on Bulletin Board.



Announcing FPU Fall 2011. In 13 action-packed lessons, you'll learn how to beat debt, build wealth, find bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more! See Matt Keener if you are interested in attending or go to www.daveramsey.com/fpu/preview for more information. Classes will be scheduled and begin based on interest and demand.

If you are someone who can sign language, see Matt Keener.

Next Sunday is promotion day for our Bible Classes!



DENYING ONE'S OWN INTELLIGENCE

By Dennis R. Smith

The Bible informs us that when God created man he made him "in his own image" (Gen. 1:26). This surely means that mankind has been blessed with intelligence enough to believe and accept God and to be able to understand his word. But when one denies the authenticity of the Holy Bible claiming he cannot understand it and that no one else could either, he is denying a power source which God gave him even at birth. The body is "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psa. 139:14). This means that we do have the necessary intelligence to understand God and his word. To be more frank about it, we all have the resources to understand the Bible if we first have the desire and then be willing to spend the necessary time to read and meditate upon it. The Apostle Paul put it this way: "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17). It will take time and effort but when one has the same desire as the Psalmist who said, "Oh, how love I thy law" (Psa. 119:97), rest assured God will bless him with the tools to be successful. If and when we will "Search the Scriptures" as Christ has commanded (John 5:39), we will soon reach the place where we will never doubt our ability to understand them. Until then, for us to say we cannot understand the Bible, it not only is an excuse but also a denial of one's own intelligence.

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

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

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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Jerry & Carolyn Young
Van Driver: Russell Lilly/839-4021
KYB Phone: Adam & Sara Stipp
Serve Jim Meinsen/Scott Nichols
Communion: Jerry Milligan/John Penner
 Travis Morrison/Tom Norrell
 Aaron Morrison/John Stayton
 Steve Prewitt/James Simons

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer: David Kern
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Matt Kelley
Communion: D. Tovar/A. Alexander
Nursery: Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, September 4

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Tom Norrell	John Stayton
Communion:	Gene Lund	B. Asher/T. Morrison
Closing Prayer:	Scott Nichols	Tim Stockstill
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Van & Barbara Barnes	
Van Driver:	Travis Morrison/742-1970	

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Ushers: Brendan Carroll/
 William Downing
AV Room: Larry Baggett/
 Adam Stipp
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, August 31

Devotional: Ted Crabtree
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer: Travis Morrison
Closing Prayer: Aaron Morrison
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill