Order of Worship

Welcome
Barney Crawford

Song Leader
Jon Ewing
#438
#116

Opening Prayer
John Stayton
#841
#742

Communion
Brendan Carroll
#892

Contribution
Brendan Carroll
#638

Lesson
Bill McFarland
#336

Announcements
Barney Crawford
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Closing Prayer
John Hulett

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PUT YOURSELF IN MY PLACE
Bill McFarland

You will sometimes hear a person who is bearing a responsibility or struggling with a problem make a plea similar to this: “Put yourself in my shoes for just a minute...What would you do...?” Implicit in such a request is the human need for understanding and compassion from our fellows. The thought is that if others could take into account the whole story in our lives, they would be gentler in their judgments and more considerate in their treatment of us.

We are blessed in that God has recognized this need within us. One place where you can see that he has is in the experience of Ezekiel, the great prophet. Ezekiel was given an awe-inspiring vision of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. He was then sent to speak the word of the Almighty God to his countrymen who were living as exiles in Babylon. But when he got to where they were, the hand of the LORD was strong upon him so that he “sat where they were dwelling...sat there overwhelmed among them seven days” (Ezek. 3:15). God did not consider the prophet ready to fulfill his mission until he could see things from the perspective of the people and feel for them.

What God did with that Son of man (the term he used repeatedly in addressing Ezekiel) was a shadow of what he intended to do for us in a more complete and wonderful way through his own Son. He sat down among us where we are dwelling. He put himself in our place. The Gospel says that “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn. 1:14). Because he was made like us in every respect (Heb. 2:17), all doubt about whether he can see things from our perspective is removed. He can sympathize with our weaknesses because he has been tempted as we are (Heb. 4:15). He is able to help because he himself has suffered being tempted (Heb. 2:18).

That is the Lord’s way. What a comfort to us it is! But it must also be a model to us in our work. If we would help people, we must be willing to invest ourselves in knowing them well enough to understand what is going on in their lives. They have to know that we can see where they’re coming from, that we can feel with them, and that it matters to us.

“Put yourself in my place” is actually just a plea by one person to be treated according to the Golden Rule by another person. May we have eyes that see, hearts that care, and hands that help.

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Today’s Sermons
Morning: Money and The Christian Mind (1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19)
Evening: Cooperate With Your Keeper (Psalm 121)
Prayer Lists and Announcements

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

November 29

Bible Study
Morning: 224
Evening: 325
Wednesday: 219
Contribution: 204

Contribution: $21,258

Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet December 10 at 10:30 a.m. Elaine Poland of Bona will be the speaker. Chili, soup and a lettuce salad will be provided. Bring other salads, crackers or your favorite holiday treat. If you would like to participate in a cookie/candy exchange, bring extra goodies for the exchange.

Pew Packers meet this evening at 4:45
Area-wide Youth Night is tonight at Ava.
Christmas SNAC will be 12/13 after PM service

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Golden Agers will meet today at 4 p.m. in Room 126
Singing/Devo at James River Nursing Home will be December 12 at 3 pm.
The Golden Messenger for December is available in the foyer.

Elders will meet next Sunday at 2 p.m.

LTC Events

LTC Team 3 Drama meeting has been cancelled until after the first of the year.
Scrapbookers will meet on the 13th after morning service. Bring $2 for pizza and bring cookies.

Wed. Evening Ladies Bible Class
Ruth Essex is teaching the ladies Bible class a series of three lessons on the subject, Instrumental Music in Worship.” The class is meeting in the fellowship room; all ladies are invited.

Shut-ins:
Joy & Alice Allen
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Batzel Iorg
Doris Burch
Fern Davis
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Aulsie Moore
Annie Overstreet
Ella Smith
Wilma Spoor
Don/Wanda Starkey
Doris Thomason
Judy Todd
Cathy White
Take a moment to remember the Shut-ins during this holiday season.

Milton Ford is now at home
June Jean is now at home after suffering a mild heart attack Sunday
Seldon Essex is recovering at home from extensive shoulder surgery
Thelma Fain is back at home
Scheryl Nook is recovering from elbow/arm surgery
Helen Weger as she recovers from hip surgery

Friends and Family:
Greg Humphrey, former member, is recovering well from burns received recently
Virginia Hayter's brother, Jim Dunn (former member), will have brain surgery 12/10 at Cox South
Mary Charlotte Lines sister as she deals with cancer
Kerry Cole's niece Wendy as she continues her recovery from a stroke and a heart procedure
Elizabeth Lilly's nephew, Jacob Cunningham, has been diagnosed with juvenile diabetes

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New Phone Number
Gene & Ruth Lund/942-1824

Elder of the Month
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IS YOUR HARVEST PAST?

Dennis Smith

There are many striking warnings which the writers of God’s Word have used to catch the attention of people during the ages of the Bible. One of these is in Jeremiah 8:20: “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” Jeremiah used these words to give a picture of Judah nearing her national downfall. Down through the years many have quoted these same words in an effort to encourage others to make their life right with God before it was too late. The Apostle Paul wrote words much like the prophet of old when he said, “...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2nd Cor. 6:2). It seems appropriate today, with winter just ahead, to think of it even now. You surely have heard the old saying “let us make hay while the sun shines.” Life is compared to many things. Here we need to see our life as the summer but also knowing that winter is ahead when our opportunities will be limited. What a terrible thought it is to be at such a stage in life and not be right with our Heavenly Father. Of course none of us know how much more time we have left so this thought applies to all ages. That being the case, to be unsaved or unfaithful to the Lord is like having the summer of our life over and no growing season left with which to germinate the seed of the kingdom in our life. What a somber thought!
### Schedule of Services
- Sunday Morning Bible Study ....9:00 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
- Jeremiah Akamah, Cameroon, Africa
- Voice of Truth International

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

### "In Search Of The Lord's Way"
- 10:30 A.M, Sundays
- Springfield 33

### "Know Your Bible"
- KSPR-TV

### Service Rosters

#### THIS MORNING
- **AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
- **Greeters:** Larry & Jo Baggett
- **Van Driver:** Shannon Haddock/732-4203
- **KYB Phone:** G. Dickens/Mary J. Rookstool
- **Serve:** Scott Barton/Eddie Currier
- **Communion:** Randy Blackburn/Tom Davis
  - Tim Bowling/Greg Donoho
  - Jackie Buck/John Dutton
  - Kyle Buckner/Mark Friend

#### THIS EVENING
- **Song Leader:** Eddie Sanders
- **Opening Prayer:** Dustin Stokes
- **Speaker:** Bill McFarland
- **Closing Prayer:** Daniel Tovar
- **Communion:** Tim/Kyle Buckner
- **Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

#### NEXT WEEK, December 13
- **MORNING**
  - **Song Leader:** Jon Ewing
  - **Opening Prayer:** Matt Kelley
  - **Communion:** Brian York
  - **Closing Prayer:** Tyler Thornton
  - **AM Nursery:** Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn
  - **Greeters:** Matt & Sara Keener
  - **Van Driver:** Kristy Sivils/838-1836

- **EVENING**
  - **Song Leader:** Travis Morrison
  - **Opening Prayer:** Jerry Young
  - **Communion:** Tim/Kyle Buckner
  - **Closing Prayer:** Aaron Tovar
  - **PM Nursery:** Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

#### THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
- **Ushers:** Adam Stipp
- **AV Room:** Grant Wheeler
- **Secure:** Jeremy Thurkill
- **Building:** Paul Lines
- **Devotional:** Bill McFarland
- **Song Leader:** Larry Baggett
- **Opening Prayer:** Howard Cunningham
- **Closing Prayer:** Eddie Currier

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