



Weekly Newsletter

January 31, 2010

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Barney Crawford

### Song Leader

Jon Ewing

# 200 (1,2)

#984

Hide Me Away,

O Lord

### Opening Prayer

Matt Keener

#345 (1,2,3)

### Communion

Russell Lilly

#944

### Contribution

Russell Lilly

#226 (1,3)

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#714 (1,2,5)

### Announcements

Barney Crawford

#892

### Closing Prayer

Briley Ewing

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

## About Our Work

*Bill McFarland*

What does our Lord want for, and from, his people? I've thought about that as I've reflected on our readings from Scripture these last few days. We've been with Job while he has endured the awful pressure of the prince of this world, and with Jesus as he tried to prepare his disciples to survive the approaching attacks of the same enemy. Under those circumstances, the great prayer of the Lord recorded in John 17 allows us to look in on his deepest desires for us. Here are the things we wants for us: 1) that we live for him in the world; 2) that we be set apart from the world by loyalty to the truth; 3) that we be kept from clutches of the evil one; 4) that we be one with each other as he is with the Father; 5) and that we may finally be with him to see his glory. Let us live like people who want the same things the Lord does.

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Did you know the New Testament word for "salvation" is not merely a religious word? It was the term used for rescue from some danger, deliverance from some threatening situation, or being saved from some enemy. There have been several amazing examples of it in Haiti in the wake of the disastrous earthquake that country suffered. For example, fifteen days after the tragedy a teenage girl was pulled from the rubble alive! A kind of salvation was celebrated, but not as consequential as that which may belong to any one of us through the gospel: deliverance from the hopelessness of alienation from the One in whose image we were made, and from the ruin we have made of it. Thank the Lord for the kind of salvation he has brought for us!

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I've seen members of this congregation quietly do some wonderfully generous things recently. Many have given to help with the overwhelming needs in Haiti. Thank you for your compassion. Others have worked behind the scenes to assist some of our families who have been experiencing hardship. The Bible says the Lord never overlooks such kindness. What a blessing to be around such good people!

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Kay and I thank you for your concern for us over the last few weeks. We especially appreciate your understanding as we have tried to keep up with the schedule. Thank you for the cards and other thoughtful expressions of kindness.

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We have some very important classes going on right now. I know the weather has made it more difficult recently to plan things, but I encourage you to make Bible class a *priority in your plans*. That is one of the best things you can do for yourself, and one of the simplest ways to be a blessing to others.

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*Please remember our special effort to re-supply the pantry at Fair Haven. We are providing pancake mix, syrup and trash bags. Let's see how much we can get together by February 14.*

## Today's Sermons

Morning: Songs In The Storm

Evening: The Man Who Wrestled With God

# 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 January 24

Bible Study: 262  
Morning: 356  
Evening: 256  
Wednesday (1/20): 214  
Contribution: \$ 9,245



Elder of the Month  
Clay Joseph

# Announcements



## Golden Agers

If you plan to attend the Valentine Banquet on February 13, please sign up by next Sunday.

To help restock the pantry at Fair Haven, be sure to bring the following items by **February 14** and place in the barrels just inside the fellowship room.  
Pancake mix   Syrup   Trash bags



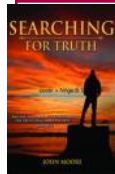
## YOUTH EVENTS

- ◆ Pew Packers meet today at 4:45
- ◆ February 7 (next Sunday) is SNAC at the Barton's home after evening service
- ◆ February 21 will be the next Youth Night
- ◆ Youth, be sure to sign up to help with the Valentine Banquet

## HANDS ON Titus 2 Ladies

See Angela Morton if you are single, married, widow, old, young or middle age, and would like to be part of the **TITUS 2 LADIES**, or if you are willing to be responsible for one month's lesson or activity. We plan to start in April.

The next quilting/ sewing meetings are February 2 and 16 at 10 a.m. We will cancel in case of bad weather!



Ladies studying Searching For Truth DVD will meet Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. here at the building. If you have questions, see Gaitha Downing.

**GARDEN SEASON** will be here soon. It's time to start making plans for this year's garden. If you are willing to do any of the following activities this garden season, please sign up at the information desk and indicate what you would be willing to do.

Plow/Till   Planting  
Staking tomatoes   Watering  
Picking vegetables  
Apply weed block/straw  
Provide money for plants, seeds, etc  
**A garden planning meeting will be scheduled later this month.**



- Golden Messenger for February is available in the foyer.
- Those who can are asked to participate in the singing/devo at James River Nursing Home Saturday at 3 p.m.
- Golden Agers will meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.



## Financial Peace University

Classes begin 1st week in March

Registration Deadline is Feb. 15th (Sign Up sheets at Welcome Center)

Cost per family: \$93—1st 10 families to sign up get \$20 off price of class!!

Free preview dates: Jan 31, Feb. 7 (following AM service), 14 (following PM service)

The 09 Graduating Class of FPU invites you to a Special Financial Sneak peak and viewing of FPU Lesson 13 on The Great Misunderstanding and a bonus video My God and His Money (AP Press—Kyle Butt). This event will be Friday, February 5th, starting at 6 p.m. Please RSVP by Wednesday the 3rd at the Welcome Center. See Matt Keener for additional details and/or questions (234-2113/ matt@longboatoutfitters.com).

# Prayer List & News

Clint Holden is now at home recovering from heart surgery  
Judy Todd is not doing well  
Monty & Lucy Lewis and Dale and his children

### Friends and Family:

Marsha Bower's mother, Betty Shaw, suffered a stroke last week; she is now in transitional care at St. John's.

Martha Davis, former member and Jill Morrison's aunt, does not have cancer but instead has an inflammation of the gall bladder

Luis Tovar's father is seriously ill

Teresa Griter's uncle Merl will have surgery 2/18 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis

Kristy Sivils' grandpa, Gary Fulp, has some health problems

Roger Wiechert, friend of the Bowlings, has been diagnosed with lymphoma

Stephanie Phillips, Erica Ewing's basketball coach at Kickapoo High School, has cancer

Tim Marsoslf's cousin, Carol Roberts, is now at Cox Walnut Lawn, 1000 E. Walnut Lawn, Rm. 112, Springfield, 65807

### Responses

Brent Looney responded Sunday asking for prayers for trials in his life.

**BAPTISMS:** We rejoice with Michael Penner and his family and with Shaneice Alton on their decision to put on Christ in baptism Sunday. May we all be an encouragement to these two young people as they grow as Christians.

## Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the following families:  
Jo Baggett and her family in the loss of Jo's father, Jerry Freeze. Ann's address is 139 Northgate Drive, Lebanon, 65536.

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Lucy Lewis and her family in the sudden loss of her mother, June Doke. Funeral service will be Sunday at 2 pm at the Pitts Funeral Home in Bolivar with visitation Saturday from 5-7 pm.

## Thank You

To our church family, Our prayer is that God will richly bless all of you. We want to say "thank You" for all your concern, prayers, visits and cards during Clint's illness. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Clint & Betty Holden

## February Anniversaries

- 8 Raymond/Alice Daniels 41 yrs.
- 10 Ron/Lisa Stokes 26 yrs.
- 10 Tom/Tiffany Meeks 20 yrs.
- 14 Don/Linda Tracy 41 yrs.
- 15 Kevin/Connie Westerman 24 yrs.
- 22 Jim/Sheryl Low 47 yrs.
- 27 Bob/Betty Stockstill 56 yrs.
- 28 Clint/Betty Holden 52 yrs.

*Best Wishes To All*

Dear Water Mill church family,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, calls and cards after dad's stroke and passing. Thank you also for the ones who attended the visitation and funeral. It is a blessing to have such a caring church family.

Love, Larry & Jo Baggett

To my wonderful church family,

Thanks to all that made my holidays so special. I am so thankful for my Water Mill church family. Thank you all for the beautiful cards and notes I received at Christmas. Thank you for your prayers and sympathy cards during the loss of my sister. I appreciate the ones that came to my sisters visitation and funeral service. You helped at a time that was difficult for me. Thank you all for everything. God bless you. I love you all.

Ella Mae Findlay



## "PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE"

By Dennis R. Smith

The apostle Peter informs us of one of the many blessings which we can have by being a faithful and dedicated child of God. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:4). "The word for 'partakers' is literally 'sharers or partners' and points to the relationship which Christians sustain in the Lord" (Guy N. Woods). In other words, after becoming a Christian and having all our past sins washed away (Acts 22:16), we now, through living a righteous life, actually share in the divine nature of God. Living by the instructions which God gives us in His Word is like sharing a portion of God in our own life on earth. But the real beauty and joy of this promise extends to sharing eternity with Him when this life is over (1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 4:8). While God has made many promises to us here, yet can we begin to imagine how wonderful it will be as "partners" with God in that beautiful home of the soul which He purposed from the beginning (Eph. 3:11; Matt. 25:34)? By the same token, being "partners" with Him in heaven may be beyond the comprehension of some, but it is an extension of the Love which He will share with those in His spiritual family. (See 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 2:9; Eph. 3:15). Yes - Dear God - HOW GREAT THOU ART!

### 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"  
 7:00 A.M. Sundays  
 KOLR TV 10

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



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## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Jill Morrison/Linda Barnett  
**Greeters:** Byrle & Virginia Hayter  
**Van Driver:** Russell Lilly/839-4048  
**KYB Phone:** Norma Bradley/Jerry Young  
**Serve**  
**Communion:** Gaylen Jones/Brent Looney  
 Matt Keener/Fred Lorenz  
 Terry Loveland/Jeff Treat  
 Todd Kraus/David Kern  
 Russell Lilly/Jason Luna

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Andrew Morton  
**Opening Prayer:** Jason Luna  
**Speaker:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Jerry Milligan  
**Communion:** Scott/Adam Barton  
**Nursery:** J. Davis/M. Reaves

### NEXT WEEK, February 7

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Larry Baggett
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	John Stayton	Bob Stockstill
<b>Communion:</b>	Jeff Treat	Mike/Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Mike Thurlkill	Tim Timmons
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ron & Lisa Stokes	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Shannon Haddock/732-4203	

### THE MONTH OF JANUARY

**Ushers:** Daniel Tovar/  
 Justin Reaves  
**AV Room:** Daniel Meinsen/  
 Adam Stipp  
**Secure Building:** Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, February 3

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** John Mahon  
**Opening Prayer:** Van Barnes  
**Closing Prayer:** Randy Blackburn