



Weekly Newsletter

February 21, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Milligan

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#424

#141

Opening Prayer

Ron Stokes

#669

#916

Communion

Jim Meinsen

Contribution

Jim Meinsen

#883

#209

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#347

Announcements

Gene Lund

#144 (v. 1,3)

Closing Prayer

Daniel Tovar

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

“YEA FOR KNOW YOUR BIBLE!”

Bill McFarland

This title is the last line of a note Carol wrote for me this week when I asked her for some current information about our involvement in the *Know Your Bible* television program. Most of you know that our fellowship in this good work is a very important part of our life as a congregation. I think this might be the right time for us to remind ourselves why.

I say that because this Sunday morning the 1000th episode of the *Know Your Bible* program will be broadcast. The program, produced by our brothers and sisters from the Northside congregation in Wichita, is made available in our area on channel 33 at 10:30 each Sunday. They also pay the biggest part of the cost for the air time (we assist with \$600 each month), and our whole area is blessed by their wonderful generosity.

Steve Tandy, Bill Oakley and Louis Tandy have always served well as the panelists for the program. Each week they take eight or nine of the many questions about the Bible that viewers have called or written about and offer straightforward and brief answers. The questions may range from the curious to the serious, but the answers are always offered with a clear Bible basis and they are presented with consideration. I am grateful for the hours and hours of work of these good men.

With this 1000th broadcast, brother Louis will be retiring from his long service on the program. He, of course, served for many years as the preacher for the Northside church and he is much loved by the church there as well as by so many viewers of the program. We thank him for his service in the Lord's kingdom.

Our congregation has the privilege of answering calls from viewers in our area who either have questions to submit or desire to enroll in Bible correspondence courses. Fred makes these arrangements, and right now we have 24 of our members who take their turns manning the phones.

Our members also do the correspondence mailing and the grading of the Bible courses sent back to us by students from all over southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas (and sometimes from places farther away). Carol arranges for the graders, the materials needed, and their workroom. Right now 30 of our members are serving as correspondence course teachers, and they have about 360 Bible studies currently going on through the mail! Thanks to the Lord for the seed which is being sown!

You can help too. Be praying that the Lord's word will fall upon many good hearts and that the Lord's kingdom might grow. Mention *Know Your Bible* to your friends who might be in a position to view the program. Record it and watch it yourself. You'll find the questions interesting and the answers enlightening!

I'm glad we can be involved in an effort to reach out and touch the entire area around us like this. Thank you for your part in making it possible.

Today's Messages:

AM: He Knows Just What I Need

PM: In The Presence of God—On Behalf of People

Prayer List & News



In our prayers ...

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 February 14

Bible Study:	260
Morning:	363
Evening:	236
Wednesday (2/10):	216
Contribution:	\$ 8,361



Elder of the Month
Gene Lund

- Judy Todd is not doing well
- Thelma Fain is in Cox South, Room 412
- Bonnie Cole is now at home
- Margaret Cobb is at Woodland Manor, Room C7, 1347 E. Valley Water Mill Road, 65803

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Marsha Bower's mother, Betty Shaw, has been moved to Ash Grove for more therapy
- ◇ Luis Tovar's father is seriously ill
- ◇ Teresa Griter's uncle Merl did not have surgery last week due to complications
- ◇ Kristy Sivils' grandpa, Gary Fulp
- ◇ Sarah Cowden's checkup last week in St. Louis went great. She doesn't have to go back again until her one year check up in August. If all is fine then, she will be completely cleared from the Orthopedist. She still has lung issues but her back is doing great.

Special Prayer Request

Please keep Mark & Era Thiesen and their family in your prayers because of the violence in the Zomba area.

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SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Carolyn Young and her family in the loss of her aunt, Dorothy Hailey; and to Megan Williams and her family in the loss of her grandfather recently.



To My Water Mill Family,
Thank you very much for the prayers and get well cards when I was in the hospital last week. They meant a lot to me. I love you all.
Eula Compton

Dear Church Family,
Thanks so much for the cards, prayers and concern for me and my wife during her recent sickness. She has improved, but has a long time for complete recovery. With prayers and faith I know she will get there. A special thanks to Blanton & Betty Glenn for sitting with Jarita when needed.

In Christian love, David & Jarita Nimmo & Family

Thank you all for the calls, the many cards expressing sympathy in the death of my Mother, and for continuing to keep us in your prayers. Every expression of kindness and concern has touched our hearts.

Lucy, Monty, Lisa & Dylan Lewis

Greg, Nancy and I want to say "thank you" for your kindness to us. The cards, phone calls and encouraging words after the death of our brother and uncle were appreciated so much. Blessings to each of you,

Frances Grann and Greg & Nancy Johnson

A big thank you to all the young people for the beautiful Valentine banquet. It was just like a fairy tale it was so pretty. Also, I thank all that sent me a birthday card; they were so very special, and of course Carolyn's cookies that were delicious.

Mary Jo Rookstool

Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Thelma Fain
Lucille/Milton Ford
Gerald/June Jean
Clay Joseph
Carol Mahon
Jarita Nimmo
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman

Shut-ins:

Shirley Bartlett
Doris Batzel Iorg
Fern Davis
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Wilma Melton
Aulsie Moore
Annie Overstreet
Ella Smith
Wilma Spoor
Doris Thomason
Cathy White

All ladies are invited to the
5th ANNUAL LADIES' SEMINAR
hosted by the ladies of the
Hillcrest Church of Christ/Neosho
Friday, March 5 at 7 pm
"Who Would Have Thought?"
Saturday, March 6 at 10 am
"If We Never Meet Again This
Side of Heaven"
GUEST SPEAKER: Cindy Colley
Contact the office if you would
like to attend; if there is
enough interest, we will take the
church bus.
See Flyer on Bulletin Board

Announcements

- ◆ **Pew Packers** meet today at 4:45
- ◆ **Elders/Deacons** meet today at 3 p.m.
- ◆ **Areawide Youth Night** is tonight; the van will leave at 5 p.m. and return around 8:30.
- ◆ **Malawi Group** will meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.
- ◆ The **Quilting/Sewing** meetings in March will be the 2nd and 16th at 10 a.m.

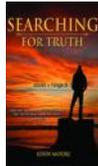


*Golden Agers' Valentine Banquet
hosted by the Youth Group*

Prayer Sisters

Ladies, it's not too late to sign up for the Secret Prayer Sisters; forms are available on the information desk. Return completed forms to Brenda Noe. We will draw names next Sunday after AM service in Room 130.

The Searching For Truth Bible Study will be Thursday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Emily Simons. If you need directions, please call her at 732-5642.



Today is the last day to sign up for the Spring FPU class. Cost is \$73 per family unit for the first 10 registrants. Please make checks payable to Water Mill church of Christ and give to Johnnie or Matt Keener by **Wednesday the 24th**. Classes start March 7th and will be held each Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8:30. It's not too late to tell a friend or sign up for your family!!



GARDEN

A garden planning meeting is scheduled for Feb. 28th after evening services. Anyone interested in helping with the garden needs to attend. We could use as much help as possible. Please sign up at the information desk if you are willing to help and be sure and come to the meeting.

- Matt Keener

True prayer is the longing of the heart.

- Charles G. Statter



WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE

By Dennis R. Smith

The whole of the bible is given to us to use as a preventative against sin. In its pages there are countless messages directed to the reader of the advantages of living a righteous life. Sometimes these messages show up in the form of examples, while at other times they openly declare the dangers of living without Christ. One of the most direct and frightening is the statement "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Even those of us who might be trying hard to live without sin fall into this group from time to time. We do need "reminders" like this passage to alert us to get back in line when we get out of line. When this happens, those who are Christians know that there is a promise and a way to make corrections to our sinful life. It is the Christ who died for us and who becomes our Advocate to plead our case before the Almighty God who is "faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1st John 1:9). Our unforgiven sins can pull us down and so burden us that we become ineffective in our service to God. When this happens, may we be ever aware of this message: "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; And he is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins" (1st John 1:1-2). What a loving Father we have in God!

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
 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: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling
Greeters: Jerry & Carolyn Young
Van Driver: Kristy Sivils/838-1836
KYB Phone: Verl & Karen Duncan
Serve
Communion: Les Malanowski/Tom Meeks
 Andy McFarland/Jim Meinsen
 Brendan Carroll/Jerry Milligan
 Travis Morrison/Scott Nichols
 John Penner/John Mahon

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer: Isaac Tovar
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Larry Baggett
Communion: Mike/Jeremy Thurlkill
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, February 28

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer:	Luis Tovar	Porter Barnes
Communion:	Jerry Milligan	Mike/Jeremy Thurlkill
Closing Prayer:	Jerry Young	Scott Barton
AM Nursery:	Linda Currrier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Van & Barbara Barnes	
Van Driver:	James Simons/732-5641	

THE MONTH OF February

Ushers: Adam Barton/
 Isaac Tovar
AV Room: Terry Loveland/
 Matt Keener
Secure
Building: Paul Lines

Wednesday, February 24

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Shannon Haddock
Closing Prayer: Eddie Currier