



Weekly Newsletter

September 26, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Randy Blackburn

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#684 (1,3)

#564

Opening Prayer

Kelley Epperly

#268

Communion

Todd Kraus

#449

Contribution

Todd Kraus

#225

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#761

Announcement

Bob Snider

#873

Closing Prayer

Ron Stokes

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

BE AN ENCOURAGER

If you want to be a true and effective servant of the Lord, *be an encourager!* An encourager is someone who comforts those in sorrow, comes to the aid of those in trouble, and urges everyone on in love and good works. These are tasks we must take up if we are to please our Lord, for the New Testament assigns them to all members of the church of Christ.

When you serve as an encourager you will be a blessing to people, for everyone needs encouragement. Since no person is immune to the thousand things that may rob our hearts of courage, all of us appreciate encouragers and find ourselves gravitating to them.

There are at least three rules one must follow if he is to be an encourager.

Be present. Perhaps most of all, encouragement involves “just being there.” For example, those who have suffered loss are often strengthened more by the simple presence of their friends than by anything else. We can, of course, encourage good works by helping, but we will never help unless we are at least *there*. A key factor in our stirring affection within, and action by, the church is our being present when it meets. No one has ever been able to encourage anyone by being absent (cf. Heb. 10:24-25).

Be positive. By this we do not mean that an encourager is expected to ignore difficulties or gloss over problems. But we are saying that one who would lend courage and heart to travelers of the good way, he must be able to pick up on the good points of people and circumstances. A real encourager has the vision to see possibilities and the desire to inject hope into the lives of people around him. His habitual outlook is, “I can do all things through him who strengthens me” (Phil. 4:13).

Be patient. An encourager does not panic over the faults of friends or the trials of the moment. He can be understanding and accepting, as Barnabas was with Saul (Acts 9:27), and as Priscilla and Aquila were with Apollos (Acts 18:26-27). An encourager does not easily give up, give out, or give in. Instead, the encourager believes things can get better and he joins in the effort to bring about the needed improvements.

“Take heart,” often translated “be of good cheer” or “take courage,” was frequently on the lips of Jesus (cf. Matt. 14:27). The more we are like him, the more we will convey similar messages to the people around us. “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing” (1 Thes. 5:11).

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: The Conversation We All Need Most (Matt. 19:16-22)

PM: “This Treasure in Jars of Clay” (2 Cor. 4:7)

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 September 19

Bible Study:	234
Morning:	345
Evening:	193
Wednesday (9/22):	220
Contribution:	\$10,055



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

- Seldon Essex continues to have health issues
- Donna Harcrow is now at Cox Walnut Lawn, Rm. 109
- Marilyn Lanpher is now at Cox Walnut Lawn, Transitional Care Unit, #317
- James Craig is recovering from shoulder surgery
- Mary Bratcher is having some health problems
- Monty & Lucy Lewis & their family
- Shirley Bartlett as she deals with health issues

Friends and Family:

Martha Davis, Jill Morrison's aunt, is recovering from surgery Thresa Hansen's uncle, Rick Fahr, who suffered a heart attack Debbie Kern's sister-in-law, Darla Hamlin from Hollister, had extensive surgery in Columbia Friday

Baptism

We rejoice with Briggett Breckner and her family on her decision to put on Christ in baptism last Sunday morning. May we strive to be an encouragement to Briggett and all new Christians as they grow in the Lord.

Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Thelma Fain
Lucille/Milton Ford
Gerald Jean
Clay Joseph
Carol Mahon
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman
Jacob Gardner
Matthew Patterson
Elaine Noe

Bob Evans Fund Raiser for Fair Haven

Bob Evans has made Fair Haven the recipient of a Community Fund Night on Monday, October 11th from 5-8 pm. They will donate 15% of their sales that evening to Fair Haven. You must present a flyer for the donation to go to Fair Haven. Flyers will be sent out via e-mail and will be available at Thrift Haven or Fair Haven beginning in October. If you are interested in distributing flyers, contact Becky Marsolf at Fair Haven or e-mail her at beckymarsolf750@hotmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS to Greg & Lee Ann Donoho on the arrival of their fourth grandson, Luke Donoho, born 9/17 in Little Rock to Jason & Joelle.



CONGRATULATIONS also to Bill & Kay on the arrival of a new grandson born Friday to Rob & Anita. He arrived early but is doing fine. He weighed 7 lbs.

HELP NEEDED: Water Mill will be hosting the Areawide Youth Night on October 17. We are asking for your help in providing bottled water/canned drinks and cookies/brownies. You can bring them any time between now and the 17th. Thanks for your help.

Phone #s for Hansens: Sam: 818-2077 (c)

Thresa: 818-8445 (c)

Thank You

My wife and I want to thank all of you at the Water Mill congregation for all the cards and kind words and thoughts you have sent. Mother had only good memories from this congregation. Having the privilege of being with my mother and seeing her suffering those last few weeks, Joyce & I both were relieved when she took her final breath. We know she has gone to a far better place in that land beyond the skies.
Jeff and Polly Jeffery

AREA EVENTS

**Gospel Meeting at Bolivar Church of Christ
With Maxie Boren/10/3-6**
**Gospel Meeting at Kansas Expressway
10/3-6 with Lance Cordle**

Everyone is invited to the Buffalo Church of Christ on October 17 at 1:30 p.m. as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of their building. Dennis will be one of the speakers.

Activities & Announcements

Ladies ...



QUILTING: The first quilting meeting this fall will be **Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 10 AM**. We will be making a raggy log cabin quilt. See Jeanetta Hardy if you have questions.

On Sunday, **October 24**, there will be a potluck luncheon for all ladies who have been participating in the **Secret Sister Program** or if you would like to participate. Please bring a small gift for your secret sister and one for the sister who had your name. All ladies, including teens, are welcome to participate. See Julie Alexander if you have questions.



The quarterly **Ladies Devotional Group** will meet Thursday night, **October 7**, at 6:30 here at the building. Carol Tovar will be the speaker.

All ladies are welcome to join the regular **Wednesday Night Ladies Class** beginning this week as we begin a study on the book, **The Road To Forgiveness**.

The **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will have their next meeting on **October 14 at 10:30 a.m.** Stacy Haddock will be the speaker. Pot luck lunch will follow. All ladies are invited to attend.



SHOW ME CHRIST Youth Rally is Oct. 1-2 at the Southside Church of Christ in Ozark Oct. 1st is 7–9 pm. Our bus will leave the building at 6:30 and return around 9:30. Oct. 2nd is from 9 am–10 pm. Lunch will be provided; you are on your own for supper. Bus will leave the building at 8:30 am and return around 10:30 pm. We need all youth who plan to attend to sign up by 9/29.

SNAC will be next Sunday after PM service



Royalty in our Youth Group
Congrats to **Kylie Dutton** who was crowned Strafford High School homecoming Queen last week.

- * **WBS Meeting** today at 4 in KYB Room
- * **James River Nursing Home** singing/devo Saturday at 2:30 p.m. All who can are asked to participate
- * **Golden Agers** meet next Sunday at 4 p.m. This will be a very important meeting as we finalize plans for the Jamboree

October Anniversaries

5	Luis/Carol Tovar	19 yrs.
17	Johny/Megan Hollingsworth	1 yr.
22	Ron/Marsha Bower	48 yrs.
23	Dale/Phyllis Gregory	49 yrs.
25	Jon/Coyeatte Ewing	24 yrs.

Congratulations



KIDS & FAMILIES

We had 27 of our members present last weekend at Happy Hollow for our cook-out and campout. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a fun event.

Golden Age Jamboree

October 9, 2010 at Fair Haven
Dwight Samuel will be the speaker

Please sign up if you plan to attend and also indicate the food item you would like to bring.



Sowing the Seed in the Modern World

By Dennis R. Smith

Jesus used many methods of teaching to get his message across. One was the parable of the sower recorded in Matthew chapter 13. Here he was showing the way people accept the word of God. Some of the “seeds” fell by the wayside, others on stony ground, some among thorns, but some fell on good ground. It doesn’t take a lawyer’s degree to understand the simplicity of this parable. This same reading appears also in Luke, chapter 8. Here Jesus is more specific in describing what kind of seed it was. He said, “*Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.*” Since we know that all seed produces after its kind (Genesis 1:11), it matters not how old it is if the seed has been stored properly. God’s word (the Holy Bible) says that it will never pass away (Matt. 24:35). That being the case, surely we would all have to agree if we plant the seed of God’s word today, it will produce after its kind - even the same church which had its beginning in Acts, chapter two. Point of fact: If one is looking for the church of the New Testament, simply sow the seed of the New Testament church. You will see why and when it began, how it was organized, and how the saved were added to it (Acts 2:47). In a complex world as ours is today, it makes sense to sow the seed of the first century church and then reap the same benefits - **salvation of the soul!**

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
 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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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Jackie & Virginia Buck
Van Driver: Russell Lilly/839-4048
KYB Phone: Verl/Karen Duncan
Serve John Stayton/Jeremy Thurlkill
Communion: George Downing/Mike Thurlkill
 Bob Stockstill/Tyler Thornton
 Kelley Epperly/Aaron Tovar
 Dustin Stokes/Daniel Tovar

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: Tyler Thornton
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Shannon Haddock
Communion: Scott/Adam Barton
Nursery: Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, October 3

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	John Mahon
Opening Prayer:	Tom Davis	Eddie Currier
Communion:	David Kern	Jon/Briley Ewing
Closing Prayer:	John Dutton	Dale Gregory
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Kevin & Connie Westerman	
Van Driver:	Steve Prewitt	

THE MONTH OF SEPT.

Ushers: Daniel Wilson
 Grant Wheeler
AV Room: Larry Baggett
 Adam Stipp
Secure Building: Paul Lines
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, September 29

Devotional: Daniel Tovar
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Kerry Cole
Closing Prayer: Barney Crawford
Van Driver: Don Tracy