



Weekly Newsletter

November 21, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#836

#141

Opening Prayer

Eddie Sanders

#68

The Lord's Supper

John Mahon

#118 (1,2,4)

Contribution

John Mahon

#274

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#499 (1,2,4)

Announcement

Barney Crawford

#820 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

James Simons

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

WHAT IF THERE WERE NO ONE TO WHOM TO SAY THANKS?

Bill McFarland

On October 3, 1863, in the midst of the dark days of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday of that November "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." It began:

"The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they can not fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God."

Lincoln proceeded to enumerate specific blessings which he said must have been "the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy."

Whatever else he may also have been, Mr. Lincoln was an outstanding student of human nature. He understood that while we may forget the source from which blessings come, we still have an innate need not only to experience gratitude but also to express it. Even if we do neglect it for a while, at times that sense that we have reason to be thankful overwhelms us.

That is one of the reasons why I believe that God must be. Surely no one can deny that gratitude is a very real human emotion. Neither can anyone doubt that it is appropriate. After all, there are rains and fruitful seasons to satisfy our hearts with food and gladness. We have life and breath and everything to enjoy. If there are the gifts, and if there is a sense of gratitude welling up within my being as I enjoy them, must there not be a Giver whom I should thank for them?

For every other human instinct or hunger or thirst, there is something which may satisfy it. Where the human sense of gratitude is concerned, God himself is the fulfillment. If he is not there, for some things there is no one for us to thank.

If there is someone to thank, there is also someone for us to humble ourselves before and to whom we should submit in trusting obedience. Lincoln went ahead to recommend that his fellow citizens humble themselves in penitence before the Lord, ask for his tender care of all those who were experiencing hardship, and implore the Almighty to heal the wounds of the nation as far as he could in keeping with his own divine purpose.

What if there were no one to whom to say thanks? What if there were no thanks?

Today's Messages:

AM: Wisdom: The Precious Work of the Family

PM: Christian Ethics for Husbands and Fathers

ACTIVITIES

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 14

Bible Study:	279
Morning:	359
Evening:	220
Wednesday (11/17):	220
Contribution:	\$ 9,300



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

- ✦ *Secret Sisters* - There will be a meeting on December 5 following morning services in Room 126 to draw new names and to reveal. This is open to all women including our teens
- ✦ *Thursday Ladies Bible Class* will meet on December 9 at 10:30 a.m. Pot luck lunch will follow.
- ✦ *Baby Shower for Sara Stipp* - December 12 at 3 p.m. Adam & Sara are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies R Us, Target & Wal-Mart.



PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY at the

information desk for your Professional Olan Mills portrait so your family will be included in our PICTORIAL directory. After today you will have to sign up online or by calling an 800 number. Pictures will be taken 11/29 thru 12/4.

Let's go to Branson to hear Kerry Cole perform at the Tony Orlando show on December 3 at 8 p.m. Please sign up by Wednesday night. We will take the church van for those who prefer not to drive. See Karen Duncan if you have questions.



Ladies, If you would like to renew your subscription to Christian Woman Magazine or subscribe for the first time, please give your check in the amount of \$15.98 to Johnnie or Robin by 12/15.

Gifts for Shut-Ins

All ladies are encouraged to knit or crochet dish clothes, scarves, slippers, or lap blankets for the shut-ins. As you finish your items, place them in the box provided in the foyer. We will deliver them the 2nd Saturday in January. Thanks for your help. (Sandy Penner)

We are thankful that **Ann Thiesen** is home from Malawi and also that **Jerry & Pat Milligan** have come home.

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A special thank you to **Barney & Debbie** for all their work in putting together the Golden Agers' Thanksgiving Dinner. It was enjoyed by all (except those who ate too much)!

"Miracle of Giving" Blood Drive/Community Blood Center



To be good neighbors in our community, Water Mill has adopted the week of December 13-18 for our members to donate blood in the Community Blood Center's annual "Miracle of Giving" blood drive. Please sign up at the Information Desk if you can donate. We had a great turnout the last two years. Let's do even better this year!

Area Wide Youth Night tonight at Sunset at 5:00 p.m. The bus will leave at 4:15 p.m. and be back around 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget to check out Elaine's Wish List posted on the bulletin board and give your purchase to Brenda to send to Elaine in Iraq later this month.

PRAYER LIST AND NEWS

- Marilyn Lanpher is back home after spending a few days in the hospital
- Byrle Hayter is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
- Herman Harris is having some health issues and will begin treatment procedures soon
- John Mahon will have knee replacement surgery on 12/3
- Continue to remember Margaret Cobb, Dale Harp, Dale Gregory, Gerald Jean, Carol Mahon, Donna Harcrow, Seldon Essex, Shirley Bartlett

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Emily Simons & Adam Stipp's dad, Tom Stipp, who is scheduled for surgery Wednesday at St. John's
- ◇ Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks dad
- ◇ Continue to remember Ann Fahr's nephew, Richard Armstrong, who is in Advanced Care Hospital in Searcy, AR
- ◇ Know Your Bible student Betty J. Davis has been very sick

Long-Term

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

SPECIAL DEVOTIONAL

Wednesday evening we will have an all congregation devotional in the auditorium. For those of you who will be in town, we encourage you to be present for this special service. If you are traveling out of town to be with family, may you have a safe and happy holiday weekend.



Happy belated birthday to Alice Allen who

celebrated her 90th birthday last Sunday. It was great to see Joy & Alice and several of their family members with us.

True love is neither physical, nor romantic.

True love is an acceptance of all that is --- all that has been --- all that will be --- and all that will not be.



Thank you so much for the nice group that came out to my home recently and raked my yard and my neighbor's yard. I appreciated it very much and so did she. They sacked the leaves and Blanton took them away. I am so thankful for my wonderful church family. May God bless you all. **Ella Mae Findlay**

Just wanted once again to let you know how sweet your church youth are to do my leaves. It is so much appreciated. Your youth shows how good they have been brought up and how pleasing they are in God's eyes. Thanks again.

Donna Euliss (Ella Mae's neighbor)

I want to thank you all for the concern, prayers and encouragement you have given us over the last year. Also, thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. They are special.

Betty Holden

Thank you for the love and concern with the shower of cards and calls for Bill and I and my family in the loss of Mother, Jewel Ellard. Church has always been a part of our lives. Daddy and Mother were both believers in God and His Word. We children have truly been blessed to have had Christian parents. Most of our Bible knowledge comes from our parents. Mother taught Ladies Bible Class for fifty years. Daddy was an elder, a gentle man. We are at peace and comforted to know they have reached their goal and will be given a home in heaven for eternity. In Christian friendship, **Gail & Bill White**



"...WITH ALL THY MIGHT"

By Dennis R. Smith

One of the saddest stories in the history of mankind happened early after God had seen the finest of his creation disappoint him. As a corrective measure God then drove the world's first couple from His beautiful garden with the command to "till the ground from whence he was taken" (Gen. 3:23). From that time on readers of the Holy Bible will see that God highly endorsed our working and providing for our families. Look how it was written by the "preacher" of old: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." (Eccl. 9:10). This passage informs us that anything we do is worth doing well. It also informs us of the necessity of putting our best into every day and every project that we undertake and this includes our service and labors spiritually. We talk about this and even sing songs suggesting that we joyfully hasten "To the Work" and keep "Toiling On." Another song which fits in well with our text from Ecclesiastes is "Give of Your Best to the Master." As the Apostle Paul commanded us to "examine ourselves" (2nd Cor. 13:5), maybe we should ask, "are we really giving our best or are we just coasting along with the flow?" In view of this thought - as we stand in judgment - *What Will Our Answer Be?*

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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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling
Greeters: Blanton & Betty Glenn
Van Driver: Steve Prewitt/872-6849
KYB Phone: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
Serve Jackie Buck/Verl Duncan
Communion: Tom Davis/Jackie Freeze
 Greg Donoho/Mark Friend
 George Downing/Oran Green
 John Dutton/Blanton Glenn

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Mike Thurlkill
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tim Timmons
Communion: Tim/Kyle Buckner
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, November 28

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Dennis Smith	Jeremy Thurlkill
Communion:	Jim Meinsen	Kyle/Tim Buckner
Closing Prayer:	Bob Snider	Aaron Tovar
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda & Jeremy Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Herman & Pat Harris	
Van Driver:	Shannon Haddock/732-4203	

MONTH OF November

Ushers: Adam Stipp/
 Jeremy Thurlkill
AV Room: Travis Morrison/
 Linda Barnett
Secure Building: Paul Lines
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, November 24

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Isaac Tovar
Opening Prayer: Porter Barnes
Closing Prayer: Van Barnes
Van Driver: Don Tracy