



Weekly Newsletter

February 7, 2010

**Order of Worship**

*Welcome*

**Scripture Reading**

Bill McFarland

**Song Leader**

Kerry Cole

**#247**

**#360**

**Opening Prayer**

John Stayton

**#417**

**#642 (v. 1,4,5)**

**Communion**

Jeff Treat

**Contribution**

Jeff Treat

**#350 (v. 1,3)**

**#315**

**Lesson**

Bill McFarland

**#205 (v. 1,2,4)**

**Announcements**

Gene Lund

**#171**

**Closing Prayer**

Mike Thurlkill

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

**Things Too Wonderful For Me**

*Bill McFarland*

*“Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand; things too wonderful for me, which I did not know” (Job 42:3b). Such was Job’s confession regarding what he had said as he passed though the furnace of affliction. It was the mistake of which he declared he was repenting (42:6). He had finally realized that he had been arrogantly counseling the Almighty about the exercise of his sovereignty in matters which are beyond the grasp of any man. Not all of his questions had been answered, but Job had learned to let God be God.*

*What a powerful and important life lesson! In a world of advancing technology and exploding information, some things remain too wonderful for us, surpassing our understanding. For example, anyone who contemplates the God who is present everywhere and who knows our thoughts before we think them, our ways before we travel them, and our words before we say them still has to sing, “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it” (Ps. 139:6).*

*That does not mean, however, that we are excused from considering such weighty truths or from taking their implications to heart. The singer observed that despite our inability to take in the extent of God’s knowledge of us and involvement in our lives, our souls still know very well that his works are wonderful, and that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and that praise is due him (Ps. 139:14).*

*Neither, then, does the fact that there are “things too wonderful for me” mean that there is nothing we can know of God’s thoughts or of his ways for us. Another of the songs of David observes, “You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told” (Ps. 40:5). He may be incomparable and his works may be innumerable, but we know of them and must speak of them.*

*But what the “things too wonderful for me” principle does mean is that there is a time for us to know the humbling, liberating impact of simply hoping in the Lord. One of the songs puts it this way: “O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me” (Ps. 131:1-2).*

*From this time forth and forevermore, may I let God be God.*



**Today’s Messages**

**Morning: May You Go With God**

**Evening: “ ... And He Will Lift You Up”**

# 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 31

Bible Study: 276  
 Morning: 364  
 Evening: 285  
 Wednesday (1/27): 214  
 Contribution: \$20,166



Elder of the Month  
Gene Lund

# Announcements



## Golden Agers

If you have not yet signed up for the Valentine Banquet Saturday evening, you need to do so today!

## Youth

Super Bowl Party tonight at the Bartons after PM service



## Fair Haven Pantry

Be sure to bring items for Fair Haven pantry (pancake mix/syrup/trash bags) by next Sunday.



The next Quilting/Sewing meeting will be the 16th at 10 AM



## Titus 2 Ladies



See Angela Morton if you can help with one month's activity or lesson

Youth/Parent meeting today after AM service in Room 130 to finalize plans for Valentine Banquet

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Golden Agers meet today at 4 PM in Room 126

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Pew Packers meet today at 4:45

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Elders meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Fair Haven

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LTC Scrapbooking will meet next Sunday after AM service. Girls bring chips, dip or dessert and drink. The rest will be provided.

Ladies, if you are interested in being a part of the Secret Prayer Sisters, forms are available on the information desk; completed forms should be returned to Brenda Noe. There will be a drawing to match participants in two weeks.

Prayer Sisters



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.



## Financial Peace University

Free Preview today after AM service in Rm. 126

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: Feb. 7 (following AM service), 14 (following PM service)

See Matt Keener for additional details and/or questions (234-2113/  
matt@longboatoutfitters.com).

Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship!

# Prayer List & News

Clint Holden as he recovers from heart surgery

Judy Todd is not doing well

Monty & Lucy Lewis and Dale, Dylan & Lisa

Thelma Fain is not doing well

## Friends and Family:

Marsha Bower's mother, Betty Shaw, is in transitional care at St. John's after suffering a stroke

Luis Tovar's father is seriously ill

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

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

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

Pat Kerr, neighbor of Bob & Leona has cancer

Bob Blackwell who has leukemia

## Sympathy



We offer our sympathy to the following families:

Dennis Smith and his family in the loss of his aunt, Eva Morris; Frances Grann and Nancy Johnson in the loss of their brother/uncle, Clemen Peterson.

Keep these families in your prayers.

## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-869-6423
Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

### Minister

Bill McFarland	417-833-0110
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### Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith	417-866-6918
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### Youth Minister

Andrew Morton	417-712-4809
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### Deacons

Scott Barton	Matt Keener
Tim Bowling	Russell Lilly
Tim Buckner	Paul Lines
Tom Davis	Jim Meinsen
George Downing	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	Eddie Sanders
Jon Ewing	James Simons
Shannon Haddock	Tim Stockstill

### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

"We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right ..." (2 Thes.1:3). What a beloved group of people you are! With the gifts for the work in Haiti and other expressions of kindness added in, our fifth Sunday contribution was almost \$25,000. As Paul said it would, your generosity supplies many needs and overflows in many thanksgivings to God (2 Cor. 9:12).

Thank you all!

## Thank You



Dear Church Family, I want to thank each of you for remembering my birthday. You have been so supportive since I lost my sister, Norma Enlow, earlier this month and that means so very much as well. With love and appreciation, Pat Harris

We extend a special Water Mill welcome to GAIL WHITE!



## SAVED FROM WHAT?

By Dennis R. Smith

World tragedies such as the horrible earthquake which struck Haiti have brought to our attention just how brief life can be. Also it reminds us of the joy which can come to families when a rescue from the fallen rubble has been made. At this point may I remind you of the words of Jesus in Matthew 10:28: "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Since there are two parts to mankind - the physical and the spiritual - we need to make the same effort to save the spiritual as we do the physical. It is the spiritual (soul) which will live on in eternity with God if that person has lived in harmony with the teachings of the Almighty. Jesus came "to seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). He offers to the world a salvation that is full and free. It is called the gospel and it is that which saves (1st Cor. 15:1-2). When the gospel is taught in its simplicity and completeness and when one responds to that teaching, the greatest salvation known to man takes place. Faith, repentance, confession of Christ as God's Son, and baptism for the forgiveness of sins constitutes obedience to the gospel and rescues us from the debris of sin. How wonderful it would be if all would make equal efforts to save lost souls as we do to rescue the physical body.

### 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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 Office Hours:  
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Ron & Lisa Stokes  
**Van Driver:** Shannon Haddock/732-4203  
**KYB Phone:** Debbie & Daniel Meinsen  
**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:** Bob Stockstill  
**Speaker:** Our Elders  
**Closing Prayer:** Tim Timmons  
**Communion:** Mike/Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK, February 14

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Larry Baggett
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jeremy Thurlkill	Tyler Thornton
<b>Communion:</b>	Daniel Meinsen	Mike/Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Tim Stockstill	Aaron Tovar
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Chatty Timmons/Johnnie Elliff	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Travis Morison/742-1970	

### THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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

### Wednesday, February 10

**Devotional:** Dennis Smith  
**Song Leader:** John Mahon  
**Opening Prayer:** Tim Bowling  
**Closing Prayer:** Jackie Buck