



Weekly Newsletter

March 7, 2010

**Order of Worship**

**Welcome**

Fred Lorenz

**Song Leader**

Jon Ewing

**#19 (1,2,3)**

**#542**

**Opening Prayer**

Tom Davis

**#90**

**Communion**

Grant Wheeler

**#298 (1,2,3)**

**Contribution**

Grant Wheeler

**#798**

**#68**

**Lesson**

Bill McFarland

**#765**

**Announcements**

Bob Snider

**#138**

**Closing Prayer**

Verl Duncan

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

**A Temptation Observed**

***The Experience of Jesus in the Wilderness***

*Temptation is common to man. There is no person who is not pressured or lured to say or do or think the wrong thing. This is so much a part of human experience Jesus could not be made like us without enduring it. Luke 4:1-15 allows us to see that he did so and, in the process, enables us to understand our own experience more clearly.*

1. *Temptation experienced does not mean that you are a bad person or that God is displeased with you (Lk. 3:22; 4:1). Lingering with it or giving in to it is the problem.*
2. *Temptation occurs as the devil uses your legitimate desires to entice you to seek the satisfaction of those desires in illegitimate ways (Lk. 4:2). Only then do desires which were meant to bring delight lead to disappointment and despair.*
3. *Temptation offers the suggestion that a whole and satisfying life may be enjoyed by the fulfillment of just one longing in just one moment of time (Lk. 4:3). It is built upon an out-of-balance pursuit of fulfillment.*
4. *Temptation is by its nature rationalization to do that which either directly contradicts or subtly perverts the imperatives of our wise and loving Father (Lk. 4:4, 8, 9-12). To ignore what God says, or to manipulate his word for our own ends, or to misapply his promises, is to be overcome by temptation.*
5. *Temptation is based upon deceitful claims and half-truths, which are really no truths at all (Lk. 4:6). The tempter claims that to which he has no right, and offers that which he cannot deliver.*
6. *Temptation is aimed at excluding or removing God from the place in our lives of which only he is worthy (Lk. 4:3, 8, 12). It will not come right out and say so, but its intention is to keep us from seeing that being right with God is our deepest need and that honoring him is our highest responsibility.*
7. *Temptation offers what might otherwise have been noble ends, but it offers them by easy and inappropriate means, and for reasons that are not noble (Lk. 4:9-11).*
8. *Temptation can be resisted and overcome (Lk. 4:4, 8, 12). We will not do it as perfectly as Jesus did, but when the devil is met with commitment to the Father's will, he will flee.*
9. *Temptation is never over and done with in this life; it is only reserved for a time the tempter finds to be more opportune for him (Lk. 4:13). He is a persistent enemy.*
10. *When you have resisted temptation and overcome it, you are left with a greater degree of maturity, strength and moral authority than you might otherwise have had (Lk. 4:14-15).*

–Bill McFarland

**Today's Messages:**

**AM: The Great Reversal: The Challenge of Christian Values**

**PM: In Between the Fear of God and the Love of Neighbors**

# 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 28

Bible Study:	284
Morning:	356
Evening:	256
Wednesday (2/24):	227
Contribution:	\$ 9,722



**Elder of the Month**  
Bob Snider

# Prayer List & News

## In our prayers ...

- Mary Charlotte Lines and Byrle Hayter are doing well after their surgeries
  - Judy Todd; Gene Creson is still not feeling good
  - Margaret Cobb is at Woodland Manor, Room C7, 1347 E. Valley Water Mill Road, 65803, phone 833-1246
  - Luis Tovar's court date is this week; keep this family in your prayers
- Friends and Family:
- ◇ Randy Holden, Clint & Betty's son, is at Cox Walnut Lawn after a stroke this past week; Eula Compton's grandson-in-law, Jason Stark, remains in St. John's where they had to amputate his leg last Thursday
  - ◇ Kristy Sivils' grandpa, Gary Fulp had surgery Wednesday and is doing well
  - ◇ Luis Tovar's father is seriously ill; Nadean Green's friend at work
  - ◇ Mark & Era Thiesen and their family because of the violence in the area.
  - ◇ Monty & Lucy, Dale, Lisa and Dylan; Dale's sentencing will be tomorrow



### 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

Check out the flyers posted on the bulletin board regarding the WELLNESS FAIR at Sunset Church of Christ this Saturday.



We still have several Bibles that have been left in the auditorium recently. If yours is missing, please check the table next to the coat room.

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday.



## Thank You

We want to thank all of you for the beautiful cards and the nice notes sent to us for our anniversary. You all are a blessing to us.

Clint & Betty Holden

Thank you so much for all the beautiful birthday cards I received. They made my day special.

Eula Compton

Thanks to everyone who came to the hospital to be with us during Byrle's surgery. And for all the calls and cards. We appreciate you all very much. We love you all,

Byrle & Jenny Hayter



### New Address

**Freeman & Helen** are now in their home in Texas.

Here's their address:

109 N. Hickory  
Denison, TX 75020  
903-818-9033 (Freeman's cell)  
I know they would love to hear from you!



We are preparing **SUNSHINE BASKETS**

for **Margaret Cobb** and **Doris Burch**. If you would like to contribute a small gift for these dear ladies, please place in the baskets in the foyer.

### Ministry Renewal Forms

Last Sunday morning **Ministry Renewal Forms** were passed out. If you received one, be sure to turn that form in as soon as you can. If you didn't receive one, they are available at the Welcome Center in the foyer.

# Announcements



- ◆ **PEW PACKERS** meet today at 4:45
- ◆ **SNAC** is tonight after services; Kyle Buckner will present the devotional talk about "I Am Not Afraid." Families attending will need to bring finger foods and desserts. There will be no provided "signature" dish this month.
- ◆ **LTC Puppets** will meet from 6-8 tonight
- ◆ **LTC Scrapbooking** will meet every Sunday in the month of March. We will discuss lunch each week. See Julie/Linda if you have questions.
- ◆ **R.O.W.** is March 17th. Plan to bring a friend!!

## The rest of us ...

- ◆ **Golden Agers** meet today at 4 PM today.
- ◆ **Elders** will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m.
- ◆ The **QUILTING/SEWING LADIES** will meet March 16 at 10 a.m.
- ◆ **LTC Presentation:** On 3/28 after pm services those young people attending the LTC Conference on April 1-2 will present to us the projects they have been working on for the last 3 or 4 months. Plan to stay after service and show your support for these young people and the coaches who have put in a lot of hours to help them prepare.

## 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



## Newcomers Potluck Luncheon

On **March 21** we will be honoring with a Potluck Luncheon *those members who have come our way during the past year and also our new Christians.* We hope you will plan to be with us and enjoy a period of fellowship. Team 4 is responsible for working that day:  
**Kitchen:** Johnnie Elliff/P. Malanowski/Debbie Kern/Lee Ann Donoho/Glenda Thurlkill/Karen Duncan  
**Dining Room:** George Downing/Les Malanowski/Mike Thurlkill/Ann Thiesen/Verl Duncan



## Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet this

Thursday at

**10:30. Ann Thiesen will give a lesson on the lifestyle of women in Malawi, Africa, and her experiences with them. She plans to wear a Malawi style dress and is cooking a favorite Malawi food for us to try. We hope you ladies will come for the class and bring a dish for our potluck lunch to follow.**



## Winter Time With Our Golden Agers

By Dennis R. Smith

Just in case you did not read the Golden Messenger, I thought I would let you look in on what the Golden Agers do in the winter time. As you know, winter is a very cold and dangerous month for older folks to be out and running around. However, with this report, I am pleased to let you know that some Golden Agers do not necessarily let cold weather defeat them from carrying out their duties and making their appointed rounds. We do acknowledge that December and January justify our slowing down somewhat, but not stopping altogether. For the months just mentioned, the Water Mill Golden Agers logged in 2,001 different things of value for the Lord. Look at this: 200 legitimate phone calls; 42 in home visits; 88 hospital and rest home calls. 6 sitting during surgery of fellow members; either mailed or handed out 1,083 cards and know your bible contacts; there were 72 who attended funerals of fellow Christians and friends; there were 154 who gave food or gifts; 4 of our faithful Golden Agers were present for area events; 10 were present at the James River Devotional; 13 sent e-mails of importance while there were 329 miscellaneous good deeds done. This does not include those who worked at the Fair Haven Thrift Store. Do you really want to do something for the Lord? If so, why not pattern your day for the Lord like some Golden Agers do!

### 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

W. Paul & Janet Kee, 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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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday



## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Linda Barnett/Norma Bradley  
**Van Driver:** Kristy Sivils/793-1086  
**KYB Phone:** Van & Barbara Barnes  
**Serve**  
**Communion:** Justin Reaves/Bob Stockstill  
 Eddie Sanders/Grant Wheeler  
 James Simons/Dustin Stokes  
 John Stayton/Mike Thurlkill  
 Adam Stipp/Jeremy Thurlkill

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Opening Prayer:** Jon Ewing  
**Speaker:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Fred Lorenz  
**Communion:** Jon/Briley Ewing  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK, March 14

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	George Downing	Blanton Glenn
<b>Communion:</b>	Travis Morrison	Jon/Briley Ewing
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	John Dutton	Don Essex
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Verl & Karen Duncan	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Travis Morrison/742-1970	

### THE MONTH OF March

**Ushers:** Matt Keener/  
 Matt Kelley  
**AV Room:** Ron Stokes/  
 Scott Barton  
**Secure**  
**Building:** Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, March 10

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** Tim Bowling  
**Opening Prayer:** Matt Kelley  
**Closing Prayer:** Matt Keener  
**Van Driver:** Don Tracy