



Weekly Newsletter

July 25, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Eddie Currier

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

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Opening Prayer

Daniel Tovar

#452

Communion

Verl Duncan

Contribution

Verl Duncan

#162

Lesson

Dennis Smith

#163

Announcement

Gene Lund

#203

Closing Prayer

Porter Barnes

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

Living and Dying by the Sword

(Another Biblical Paradox)

On the night of Jesus' betrayal when Peter drew his sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's servant, he made a statement which has proven to be true down through the ages. He said, "*for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword*" (Matt. 26:52). A look at the history of noted criminals has verified this statement. Perhaps this is what started the old saying "give a man enough rope and he will hang himself."

A noted minister once said that as we live so shall we die. This also has proven to be true in a great percentage of cases. In other words we need to be aware that the life we now are living could well determine our struggles or ease of dying.

But there is a paradox in these thoughts which is highly encouraging. The Bible has often used the analogy of the sword to teach both good and evil. Starting in the book of Genesis on through the Revelation this truth can be verified many, many times. The other side of this coin can be seen in passages like the following:

(1) "*And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*" (Eph. 6:17). Bible students will recognize this scripture as a part of the Christian Armour. The message of application here is to always try desperately hard to live by the words of the Bible. They will give us courage as we face the difficulties of life plus enough faith and hope to sustain us in our death.

(2) "*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*" (Heb. 4:12). It is a book which will put us in line and help us to get back in line if we get out of line.

In a world which is so full of violence, sickness and dying, it is still the greatest practice to live by "*the sword of the Spirit*" for it will promise you a much better life here as well as that which is to come" (1st Tim. 4:8).

- Dennis R. Smith

Today's Messages:

AM: God Does Not Accept Shortcuts

PM: The Value of Christ

Prayer List & Events

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

July 18

Bible Study:	218
Morning:	356
Evening:	184
Wednesday (7/21):	163
Contribution:	\$ 9,253



Elder of the Month
Gene Lund

- Jeff Treat had surgery last Wednesday to remove part of his foot because of infection; at this writing he was at St. John's but may have gone home on Saturday
- The Tovar Family
- Continue to remember Billie Jeffery, Paul Bratcher, Marilyn Lanpher and Thelma Fain
Friends and Family:

- ◇ Martha Alspaugh, Ruth Lund's mother, is in St. John's, room 7177
- ◇ Luis Tovar's father has had a setback and is not doing well
- ◇ George Downing's dad, George Sr., is in ICU at the hospital in Joplin after a fall last Sunday
- ◇ Jim Meinsen's dad, Larry Meinsen, is recovering from colon surgery

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Prayer Request

George Murrow responded Sunday asking for prayers.

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Baptism

We rejoice with Julian Penner and her family on her decision to put on Christ in baptism this past Tuesday night at Green Valley Bible Camp. Please be an encouragement to Julian as she grows as a Christian.

Please continue to keep the Malawi Group in your prayers as they return home this week. They will arrive in Springfield Thursday.

Jon Ewing, Jill Morrison, Michelle Hulett, Becky Marsolf, Daniel Meinsen

Food Pantry Needs

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| Boxed Meals | Canned Meals |
| Jelly | Peanut Butter |
| Pork & Beans | Cereal |
| Canned fruit | Jello |
| Canned green beans | |
| Canned corn | |

Please place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Long-Term

- Joy & Alice Allen
- Paul Bratcher
- Doris Burch
- Margaret Cobb
- Bonnie Cole
- Thelma Fain
- Lucille/Milton Ford
- Gerald Jean
- Clay Joseph
- Carol Mahon
- Jarita Nimmo
- Betty Shaw/(M. Bower's mother)
- Doris Tobler
- Pat Woods

Military:

- Cody Newman
- Jacob Gardner,**
- Leah Freeze's Nephew (Iraq)

Shut-ins:

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



Expectant Moms

- Ashley Bergman (July) (girl)*
- Leah Prewitt (Sept) (boy)*
- Kirsten McFarland (Sept) (girl)*
- Sara Keener (Oct) (girl)*
- Sara Stipp (Jan.)*



Houseparents Needed

Fair Haven Children's Home is looking for a Christian couple to serve as houseparents. Employment opportunities are available for both husband and wife. Salary, housing and paid insurance are part of this opportunity. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Barney Crawford at 417-862-6675.

Do you know how to knit or crochet? If so, the TITUS 2 LADIES need your help. If you are interested in teaching the Titus 2 young ladies to knit or crochet booties/slippers for the shut-ins this fall, see Sandy Penner



Mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 18, when we will have a blood drive here at the building from 3-6:30 pm for the Community Blood Center. Watch for more information!

Announcements & Activities

VBS - August 2-5
6:00—8:30 P.M.

"The Mystery of Christ"

Enjoy great crafts, fun games, and catchy songs. We hope to see you here!

Classes for Birth thru Adult

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VBS is one week away. It is very important that you get your registration forms turned in ASAP. If you have questions, see Glenda Thurlkill.



It's that time again. We need your help in providing **cookies for Vacation Bible School.** We prefer home-baked but any and all will be appreciated. We need them here by next Sunday. Please put them in the kitchen. Thanks in advance for your help.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-343-5783
Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
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	James Simons
Jon Ewing	Tim Stockstill
Shannon Haddock	

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



Our next potluck luncheon is August 15. Mark your calendars and plan to be present for good food and fellowship.

David & Debbie Kern

As most of you know the Kerns are moving to Oklahoma City. David started his new job there with Coca Cola last Monday. Debbie is still here helping at Fair Haven. Be sure to wish them the best as they begin this new journey. We will miss you!

Upcoming Activities

- ◇ Youth Night at Brookline tonight
- ◇ World Bible School workers will meet today at 4 in the KYB Room.
- ◇ Titus 2 Girls and Timothy Boys meet Tuesday at 12:30
- ◇ Golden Agers meet next Sunday at 4 in Room 126
- ◇ August 1 all day practice for puppets for VBS
- ◇ Ladies Prayer Group meets August 8 at 4
- ◇ Elders/Deacons meet August 15 at 3 p.m.

The Milligans leave again Tuesday to join the circus and won't return until November! We'll miss you!!

New Address
Julie Alexander
1850 E. Division St.
Springfield, MO 65802

Phone #s for the Meeks
Tom 844-6516 (c)
Tiffany 844-6186 (c)



All are invited to a baby shower honoring **Steve & Leah Prewitt** on Sunday, August 8, at 3 p.m. They are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies R Us.



The **Water Mill Women's Book Club** had their first meeting July 12th with 12 present. Our next meeting will be at Panera Bread on N. Kansas Expwy on Monday **September 13th at 6:30pm.** The book we are to be reading is **A Voice in the Wind** by Francine Rivers. If anyone has a copy of this book and wouldn't mind loaning it out, please let me know. Thanks, Linda Currier



Dear Brethren,
We want to extend our appreciation for the expressions of concern given during our being notified of our son's health issues. We have learned there is no malignancy but some things necessary of treatment. Placing him in God's hands and the prayers going up on his behalf gave us inner peace. The Lord said it best in Phil. 4:6.
Sincerely, Jim & Sheryl Low

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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Office Hours:

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

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Adam & Sara Stipp
Van Driver: Russell Lilly/
KYB Phone: Eddie Sanders/Shirley Chilton
Serve Matt Keener/Terry Loveland
Communion: David Kern/Jason Luna
Todd Kraus/John Mahon
Brent Looney/Les Malanowski
Fred Lorenz/Andy McFarland

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Eddie Currier
Speaker: Shannon Haddock
Closing Prayer: Tom Davis
Communion: Daniel/Aaron Tovar
Nursery: Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, August 1

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Larry Baggett	John Mahon
Opening Prayer:	Jon Ewing	Russell Lilly
Communion:	John Dutton	Ron/Dustin Stokes
Closing Prayer:	Briley Ewing	Paul Lines
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Ron & Lisa Stokes	
Van Driver:	Kristy Sivils/793-1086	

THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Ushers: Adam Barton/
Kyle Buckner
AV Room: Terry Loveland/
Matt Keener
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, July 28

Devotional: Brian York
Song Leader: Isaac Tovar
Opening Prayer: Shannon Haddock
Closing Prayer: Briley Ewing
Van Driver: Jason Luna