



Weekly Newsletter

August 22, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Eddie Sanders

Song Leader

Larry Baggett

#843 (1,2,3)

#825 (1,3)

Opening Prayer

Matt Kelley

#787 (1,3)

Faithful Love

Communion

Jackie Freeze

Contribution

Jackie Freeze

#874

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#611 (1,3,4)

Announcement

Eddie Sanders

Closing Prayer

Andrew Morton

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

WELCOME!

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Rom. 15:7, ESV). So the apostle says in summary of a longer section on how Christians who have differing scruples about things like what may be eaten or what days mean are to treat one another. He has pointed out that, rather than despising or passing judgment on one another, each one should be true to himself, respect the place of the Lord, and pursue peace. The instruction that takes all this in is “welcome one another.”

The practice of welcoming one another is a responsibility that is crucial to maintaining a healthy spirit among people who belong to the Lord. The word for “welcome” here may be translated “receive” or “accept.” A dictionary of New Testament words says the original term “denotes to take to oneself” and that the form of it which is always used signifies “a special interest on the part of the receiver, suggesting a welcome” (Vine, p. 255). Where this is being done there will be an atmosphere of good will which seeks relationship with others and puts them at ease.

Notice that the model for the action advised is “as Christ has welcomed you.” He has done so, of course, graciously. The best picture we have of the atmosphere this involves comes from Luke 15. When critics grumbled that he receives sinners and eats with them, he responded that he does more than that: he goes seeking them and he celebrates when he finds one! Through unforgettable scenes, Jesus taught that any sinner who turns his heart toward home and follows it there will find open arms at the Father’s house. The reception will be free, warm, and glad.

When an atmosphere like that exists among people for whom it does not come naturally, that is, it exists because they are in the Lord and are acting like him, some important things happen. Harmony is created (Rom. 15:5). God is glorified by it (15:6). Christ is imitated and his lordship is respected (15:2; 14:9-11). Real faith is exercised (14:22-23). The kingdom of God is exalted (14:17-18). “Welcoming” is therefore an important responsibility of every member of the church of Christ.

Does this mean there are no unhealthy workers or influences against which we must be on our guard? Of course not. But does mean that is not healthy for fault-finding, suspicion, and stand-off-ish-ness to be the prevailing attitude.

Welcoming one another is a work of faith. It is undertaken for the glory of God. It is worth what it takes.

—Bill McFarland

Today’s Messages:

AM: What Confession Means in Christian Experience

PM: A Prophet’s Word on Worshipers

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

August 15

Bible Study:	221
Morning:	380
Evening:	236
Wednesday (8/18):	200
Contribution:	\$9,510



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

- **Billie Jeffery** is not doing well
- **Donna Harcrow** is having knee replacement surgery Tuesday
- **Marilyn Lanpher** as important decisions are made about her health issues
- **Continue to remember Paul Bratcher, Nancy Snider**

Friends and Family:

- **Charles Williams**, Carol Tovar's uncle
- **Matthew Patterson**, Mary Jo's grandson, as his unit is going to Pakistan to help out
- Johnnie Elliff's sister, **Annie Hysaw**, as she begins her chemo for breast cancer

Thank You

To Everyone, Thanks for the prayers, cards, and well wishes during my surgery and also my birthday. A special thanks to Dennis & Carolyn for staying with my family until my surgery was over. God bless all of you.

Bill Chilton

Anyone interested in bringing food to Steven & Leah Prewitt after the arrival of their little one, there is a sign-up sheet at the information desk.

For those that signed up to bring food to **Dwayne & Ashley Bergman** after Emmalyne was born, they will no longer be needing food because they are moving to the Bona area. They wanted to let us know that they really appreciate the offer, but would not need us to help them at this time. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as Dwayne is away in the military.

Expectant Moms

Leah Prewitt (Sept) (boy)
Kirsten McFarland (Sept) (girl)
Sara Keener (Oct) (girl)
Sara Stipp (Jan.)

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom Easterly who welcomed a new grandbaby, Lillian Bell, born to Amber and Cole Estes this past week.

If you know how to knit or crochet and are willing to help teach the young ladies to make **washcloths and scarves** or to donate yarn or needles & hooks, for the shut-ins in the fall, please see Sandy Penner.

Mark Your Calendars...

The **Fall Water Mill Ladies Retreat** will take place **November 19-20** at the **Keeter Center in Branson**. There will be a short meeting next Sunday, **August 29**, after evening services for all of those interested in attending this event. We will meet in **Bill's classroom (Rm 126)**.

The **Water Mill Women's Book Club** 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.

12th Annual Golden Age Jamboree

October 9, 2010 at Fair Haven
Dwight Samuels will be the speaker
Watch for more information

The Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on September 9th at 10:30. Pot luck lunch will follow. Ladies, make your plans to be here.

Activities & Announcements



Our Potluck Luncheon is today!
Team #1 will be in charge.

Kitchen:

Jill Morrison
Carolyn Young
Orvella Blackburn
Barbara Barnes
Gerri Dickens

Dining Room:

Jackie/Leah Freeze
Betty Holden
Clinton Holden
Jerry Young
Randy Blackburn

Remember all of our young people as they start their new year at school!



Upcoming Youth Events:

- ⇒ **AWY Skating Party** is August 29 from 6:30-8:30.
- ⇒ **SNAC** will be Sept. 5 after evening services

Secret Sisters:

Don't forget to drop your secret prayer sister a note!
Keep praying!

Baby Shower Today

There will be a baby shower for Kirsten McFarland today at 3pm



Don't forget that Bible school promotion is Sunday, September 5th. Please note that Wednesday September 1st will still be the old classes

New Wednesday Ladies Class:
RESTORING MY SOUL
Having the Heart to Go On

Teacher: Ruth Essex
Starts September 1st

Here are some pictures of Clay with his grandsons Caleb & Corban. They both play in the major leagues, and Clay went to their game last week. He is a very proud grandpa!



Single Ladies Group will have a salad dinner in the fellowship room **Saturday, August 28** at 4pm. Please bring your favorite salad. See Julie Alexander for questions.

According to My Gospel

By Dennis R. Smith



A sister in Christ brought to my attention recently that the Apostle Paul had used the expression "**my gospel**" in Romans 2:16 and asked me for an explanation. I must confess that I had never given this any thought before. This caused me to start thinking! What did he mean by such an expression? The bible talks about the "gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 1:8; Rom. 1:16). We know that the gospel obeyed in its fullest brings salvation to the souls of men and women (1 Cor. 15:1-4). But what about "Paul's gospel?" There are at least three times in the New Testament when he used this expression. (See Rom. 2:16, 16:25; 2 Tim. 2:8). After much thought (and research) I have come to this conclusion: This apostle loved the gospel dearly. He was committed to it. He lived it, he breathed it, he preached it and he taught it. I believe he used this expression as one might say "my wife, my love, etc." Still there may be a greater lesson in this. This great man stated "be ye followers of me as I am also of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1)." Consider this then: The gospel became his whole life and as such he could call it his in the hope that others might see the Gospel of Christ in him and in turn make Christ's gospel their gospel also. My gospel is Christ's gospel. If it saved me it will save you and more so - it is the only hope for the whole world!

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	NEXT WEEK, August 29	
AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider	MORNING	EVENING
Greeters: Van & Barbara Barnes	Song Leader: Larry Baggett	John Mahon
Van Driver: Shannon Haddock/732-4203	Opening Prayer: Fred Lorenz	Andy McFarland
KYB Phone: John Dutton/Norma Bradley	Communion: Don Essex	Ron/Dustin Stokes
Serve Tom Meeks/Jim Meinsen	Closing Prayer: Todd Kraus	Jim Meinsen
Communion: Daniel Meinsen/Steven Prewitt	AM Nursery: Jill Morrison/Linda Barnett	
Travis Morrison/Scott Nichols	PM Nursery: Jammie Davis/Meredith Reaves	
John Penner/Justin Reaves	Greeters: Verl & Karen Duncan	
	Van Driver: Lance Griter/833-2818	
THIS EVENING	THE MONTH OF AUGUST	
Song Leader: John Mahon	Ushers: Adam Barton/ Kyle Buckner	Wednesday, August 25
Opening Prayer: Gene Lund	AV Room: Terry Loveland/ Matt Keener	Devotional: Andrew Morton
Speaker: Bill McFarland	Secure Building: Paul Lines/ Tim Buckner	Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Closing Prayer: John Mahon		Opening Prayer: Eddie Sanders
Communion: Ron/Dustin Stokes		Closing Prayer: James Simons
Nursery: Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill		Van Driver: Jason Luna