



Weekly Newsletter

January 23, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Gene Lund

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#694 (1,2,5)

#610

Opening Prayer

Don Essex

#599 (1,2,4)

#916

The Lord's Supper

Bob Stockstill

Contribution

Bob Stockstill

#598 (1,2,4)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#492 (1,2,4)

Announcement

Gene Lund

#717 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Matt Kelley

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

HOW TO HELP ANOTHER PERSON LIVE

Bill McFarland

Five statements made by our Lord illustrate how our faith in him fashions our thinking about what we can do for our friends and neighbors.

≈ "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

≈ "For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10).

≈ "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

≈ "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you" (Mark 5:19).

≈ "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19,20).

These and other sayings from each of the Gospels leave no doubt that following the Lord closely must cause us to share his purpose of opening the way of life to everyone.

The question is how to transform what may exist within us as a general interest into specific intentional action. How can our vague desire to help someone we care about get to heaven someday turn into concrete effort to enable a real person we know walk in the light of the Lord right now? Many of us, I think, have struggled with this question enough to be basically inactive when it comes to passing along any news of life to our friends.

That is what I thought of while reading "Ten Things You Can Do to Win a Soul" in this month's newsletter from **SEARCH TV**. Here they are.

1. *Prayerfully identify someone you know who is not a Christian.*
2. *Pray fervently for his salvation every day.*
3. *Be a blessing to your friend. Be there for him when he needs help.*
4. *Invite him to a meal to get better acquainted.*
5. *Ask him if there is any need in his life for which you could pray.*
6. *Invite him to watch the SEARCH program each week. Tell him about the study sheets available each week that will help him get the most out of each program.*
7. *Encourage him to come to Bible class and worship with you.*
8. *Ask him to study God's Word with you. Use the "Upon the Rock" Bible studies (available free at www.searchtv.org).*
9. *Tell them why you became a Christian (Mark 5:19-20).*
10. *When they come to Christ, help them grow and become more involved in the church.*

("The SEARCH Light," January 2011, p.2). The study guides mentioned are by Phil Sanders and are well done. We can help you with any of the materials mentioned here that may need to be printed or copied.

This is a reminder that a beginning place for action may be making personal use of something we as a congregation are already doing (whether it is *Search* or *Know Your Bible* or any other good work), but with the specific intention of helping another person have life in the Lord. How am I going to do it? How are you?

**Today's Messages: AM: Abraham's Children
PM: What Every Believer Should Know About His Own Heritage**

Prayer List & News

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 16

Bible Study:	282
Morning:	373
Evening:	182
Wednesday (1/19):	206
Contribution:	\$ 8,447



Elder of the Month
Gene Lund

- Joy Allen is now back at Woodland Manor
- Jeff Treat as he deals with problems with his foot
- Jarita Nimmo is in Cox Walnut Lawn room 311
- Mary Charlotte Lines is now home recovering from outpatient surgery
- Continue to remember Herman Harris, Shirley Bartlett & John Mahon

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Melissa Mahon, John & Teresa's daughter who lives in Chicago, has a tumor at the base of her spine; she will have surgery on 2/2
- ◇ Clint Miller, friend of Bill's mom from Clarkridge, is in Barnes-Jewish in St. Louis
- ◇ William Rymer, Gin Crumrine's new nephew, remains in ICU at Barnes Hospital
- ◇ Eula Compton's grandson, Michael Kepley, is recovering from surgery
- ◇ Pat Woods daughter and Regina's sister, Kim, as she deals with health problems
- ◇ Sarah Cowden will have more back surgery at Children's Hospital in St. Louis on February 5th
- ◇ The McGaughy Family (3 small children) from Mobile, AL, friends of Ann Thiesen; Ben is now in Afghanistan for a 13-month tour.
- ◇ Mary Charlotte's 7-week old great grandson, Justice Danker, has the flu
- ◇ Nikki Fahr, Teresa Hansen's sister in law who is pregnant, is dealing with some health issues

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Joy & Alice Allen in the loss of their 37 year old grandson, Brian Dancey, last week.

Helping Hands

You may have seen in the news recently about the two girls that were burned in a fire. They are Alena & Alexia Havens (8 & 5). Steve & Leah Prewitt know this family from their time at the Willard congregation. They are now at the Shriners' Hospital in Cincinnati and will be there for a lengthy period. Their 5 year old brother is also with them. Leah is preparing a care package to be sent to them. If you would like to contribute snacks, personal care items for the mom, books, etc. (or see Leah for other items that are needed). You can bring the items to the church

Thank You

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the ones that visited during the holidays and for all the gifts, cards and phone calls. It was so sweet of you and I appreciated it very much. I am feeling better and hope to be back to church soon. A special thank you to Blanton & Betty for the delicious cookies and for shopping for me while I couldn't get out. I am so thankful for my wonderful church family. I love you all and God bless you. Ella Mae Findlay

Thank you so much for the prayers for my nephew William and my family. Thanks to all the prayers and thoughts he will be able to run and play. William has a long way to go, but every day he gets stronger and fights harder. Ya'll are such wonderful and caring people. God bless.
Gin Crumrine

Shut-ins:

Shirley Bartlett
Doris Iorg
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Annie Overstreet
Ella Smith
Wilma Spoor
Doris Thomason
Judy Todd
Cathy White



Aaron & Brittany Morrison welcomed

William Scott Tuesday morning. He weighed 6 lbs 9 oz. All are doing fine.

Also, Tim & Becky Marsolf welcomed their 7th grandchild last Wednesday, Beckett Marsolf, born to Dyllon & Jamie.

Long-Term

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

Expectant Moms

Sara Stipp
(this week) (boy)
Angela Morton
(May)
Summer Azeez
(June)

Do a good deed; meet a need.

Activities



Ladies, young & old, is your calendar marked for Thursday February 3rd? Our first movie night is coming up. Please vote for the movie you want to see, beginning Sunday the 23rd. Voting is at the information desk. We need to have all the votes in by Sunday January 30th. It will be a fun night with popcorn & soda for those who attend. Come one, come all! A good movie & fellowship, what beats that?



Valentine Banquet

The Water Mill Youth will honor the Golden Agers with a Valentine's Banquet on Friday night, February 11, from 6—8 p.m. Sign up at the information desk if you plan to attend.

Wedding Shower

On Sunday, February 6th, at 3 p.m. we will honor **Ryan and Jeanne Friend** with a wedding shower. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond. Ryan & Jeanne were married in December.

L LTC VIDEO DRAMA will meet Wednesday evening after services in Rm 126.

T LTC Puppet & Drama teams will meet today after AM service. We will stay all day. We will also meet on 2/27 and 3/27

Kids & Families

Kids & Family Bowling on February 20 after AM service—watch for more information

Birthdays next week

- 30 Abbigail Thornton
 - 31 Rachel Lilly
Amanda Lilly
 - 2/2 Shaneice Alton
Chace Eaves
Don Gaunt
 - 4 Helen Coltrane
Rosalie Cruse
 - 5 Todd Kraus
Luke Lines
- Happy Birthday*

Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday. All contributions will go to the Building Fund. Thank you for your always generous contributions. (The Elders)



Next book for the Ladies Book Club will be "Showers in Season" by Terri Blackstock.



Young & old ... Mark your calendars for the Married Couples Retreat March 11-12—watch for more info



"For He Had Made a Vow"

By Dennis R. Smith

The subject of Christians making vows has been met with much consideration and discussion by brethren more learned than myself. But scripturally speaking, I believe there is much merit attached to vows which we should make. Vows are like resolutions, none should ever be made if we have no intent in keeping them. Evidently the Apostle Paul set some worth on vow making in Acts 18:18 as he was nearing the end of his second missionary journey. Luke, the writer of the Acts, records these words: "For he had made a vow." While the Bible doesn't openly state his reason, there is ample evidence that it was in regard to his keeping the feast in Jerusalem (Acts 18:21). Whether this example should set the pattern for us to follow regularly I will not say. However, if we as Christians from the day of our "Re-Birth" (John 3:3, 5) were to make a vow that from that date onward we would do for the Lord anything we had the opportunity to do which was within our capabilities, don't you agree that the work of the Lord could have been greatly improved in our own lives? Whether we make such a vow openly or secretly include this as a pledge in our confession of him (Matt. 10:32), the thing which should always be present within us is that we will never forsake the Lord. That being the case and lived out daily insures us that he will never forsake us (Heb. 13:5).

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

WORKS WE SUPPORT

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa

Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands

Voice of Truth International

Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions

World Christian Broadcasting

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief

Lincoln Church of Christ

A.G. Bailey, India

Fair Haven Children's Home

"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: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Chatty Timmons/Gerri Dickens
Van Driver: Lance Griter/833-2818
KYB Phone: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
Serve Russell Lilly/Jason Luna
Communion: Paul Lines/Kyle Buckner
Brent Looney/Les Malanowski
Fred Lorenz/Andy McFarland
Steve Prewitt/Tom Meeks

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer: Justin Reaves
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Kyle Buckner
Communion: D. Meinsen/A. Tovar
Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, January 30

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Brian York	James Simons
Communion:	Dennis Smith	D. Meinsen/A. Tovar
Closing Prayer:	Andy McFarland	Kelley Epperly
AM Nursery:	Jill Morrison/Linda Barnett	
PM Nursery:	Jammie Davis/Meredith Reaves	
Greeters:	Ron & Lisa Stokes	
Van Driver:	Travis Morrison/742-1970	

MONTH OF JANUARY

Ushers: Shannon Haddock
Kyle Buckner
AV Room: Adam Stipp/
Daniel Meinsen
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, January 26

Devotional: Jim Meinsen
Song Leader: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: Mike Thurlkill
Closing Prayer: Tim Timmons
Van Driver: Todd Kraus