



Weekly Newsletter

January 3, 2021

### ***Order of Worship***

#### ***Greeting***

Justin Hatfield

#### ***Song Leader***

Kerry Cole

# 200

#122 (v. 1, 2, 4)

#### ***Prayer***

Tom Davis

#836 (v. 1, 2, 5)

#12

#### ***The Lord's Supper***

Jackie Buck

#823

#### ***Message***

Bill McFarland

#382 (v. 1, 3)

#825 (v. 1, 3)

#### ***Announcements/ Prayer***

Jon Ewing



### **The Lord Knows**

Happy New Year to all of you! I wonder who I'll come in contact with, and what will happen, and how my life will change this year, don't you? This time last year, I don't think I would have guessed what the year was going to bring.

Maybe that's why one thing that stands out to me in the first two chapters of John is that the Lord knows. It's clearly something about Jesus that John wants us to think about. It both encourages me and challenges me.

The Lord knows who people are—not just their names, but also their character, their nature, and their strengths. This is the thing about Jesus that so impressed Nathanael that he declared Jesus to be the Son of God (Jn. 1:47-49).

The Lord knows how to act for the good of people. At the Cana wedding, his mother brought a family's awkward need to him, and she simply said to the servants who were there, "Do whatever he tells you" (2:5). That was enough, too. What he did was in everyone's best interest.

The Lord knows why some things should happen in his Father's house, and why some things shouldn't. He acts on that knowledge, too. His "do not make my Father's house a house of trade" turns out to be a point quite dramatically made (2:14-16). What belongs in the Father's house is love for the Father and devotion to him (2:17).

The Lord knows what is in people. In fact, John says "he knew all people" and that he "knew what was in man" (2:24-25). Unfortunately, the point he is making is that Jesus knew all of us well enough not to entrust himself to any of us.

Yet, he goes about making the invisible God known to us, and giving the right to become his children (1:12, 18). He knows what he will do, and what it will cost him, and what the outcome will be (1:51; 2:17, 19).

I want to try to approach all the things about this New Year that I don't know in the light of all the things the Lord does know. I think that will make all the difference.

--Bill McFarland



### THOUGHTS & PRAYERS FOR:

- **Ann Freeze** had surgery Wednesday from a recent fall. She will be in the hospital for a few days but her surgery went well.
- **Leon Wake**, Tina Orum and Darren Wake's dad was released from the hospital Thursday. He is still having some health concerns but they feel he can be watched at home. The family thanked everyone for praying for him and wished everyone a happy and healthy 2021.
- **Debra Davis** is home recovering for a few more weeks from her recent surgery.
- Sheryl Low's son, **Clark**, is home recovering from his recent surgery.
- **Marjorie Shelby**, Lucile High's niece, is waiting to see another doctor for her medical concerns.
- **Truman Coltrane** is having some good days since his recent discharge from the hospital.
- Jon Davis' grandmother, **Ruth Lindsey**, is doing better and is currently in a rehab facility recovering from her fall.
- **Jim Elliff** as he and Johnnie continue to adjust to life with dialysis.
- **Nancy Snider** as she deals with health issues and the recent loss of her brother and sister.
- **Nina Peak**, the grandmother of Jacob Herman's wife, was diagnosed with cancer.
- **Wendy Williams**, Kerry Cole's cousin was diagnosed with melanoma.
- **Ryan Murray** is back in Korea at his Air Force base. He continues to recover from his surgery.
- The Essex's granddaughter, **Victoria Lacy**, has completed her chemotherapy treatments and is doing much better. Radiation treatments will begin soon.
- Sue Lewis' son-in-law **Clint White** was hospitalized again but has returned home and is slowly improving.
- David Grimm's mother, **Dorothy**, is doing much better.
- Continued prayers for health concerns: **Beverly Hammond, Sandra Pingenot, Brent Looney, Ruth Raines, Russell Harber, Betty Stockstill, Connie Westerman, Julie Alexander, Ron Bower, Dennis Smith, Marty Long, Frank Cunningham, Carolyn Young, Jim Reaves, Marlene Matthews, Gabe Brown (friend of Chace Eaves).**

### THIS WEEK ...

- ◆ Prayer time Sunday, January 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ Thursday Ladies Bible Class, Quilters and Card Makers will not meet until January 14, 2021.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:** For those that have reserved church contribution envelopes in the past, the 2021 envelopes are now available in the church office. If you are unable to pick them up, please call the church office and we will mail them to you.

**Shut-Ins**  
 Ron Bower  
 Mary Bratcher  
 Don Essex  
 Clarence Feeny  
 Ola Jean Feeny  
 Wanda Frost  
 Doris Iorg  
 Jim/Ruth Reaves  
 Doris Tobler  
 Nursing Homes  
 Ella Mae Findlay  
 Ann Freeze  
 Wayne Harmon  
 Virginia Morgan  
 Sandra Pingenot  
 Nancy Snider



### January Birthdays

- Alice Daniels
- Teresa Mahon
- Abigail Davis
- Olivia Downing
- Robert Keith
- Kenna Taylor
- Brian Horton
- Gloria Luallin
- Benjamin Lines
- Raymond Daniels
- Nolyn May
- Megan Hollingsworth
- Brock Snitker
- Brittany Springer
- Jacqueline Ussery
- Bill McFarland
- Emma Bruton
- Gayle Gaunt
- Anita Cobb
- Heath Bowling

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

#### January Anniversaries

- 1 Travis and Pamela Morrison— 2 years
- 2 Tim & Becky Marsolf—40 years
- 9 Aaron & Izumi Loomis—20 years
- 13 Fred & Norma Lorenz—10 years
- 16 Bill & Gail White —11 years
- 17 Dennis & Carolyn Smith—68 years

### Change of Address Former Member

Elsie Swartz  
 1868 NW 32nd Lane, #11  
 Ankeny, IA 50023

We extend our deepest sympathy to Coyeatte Ewing and her family on the recent loss of her nephew, Jacob Hammond.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- ⇒ Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 via YouTube livestream for Bill's series "Blessed be the Name".
- ⇒ Justin will post a class for second through sixth graders.

*Thank you* Thank you for the cards and prayers during the time of my father, Ray Tool's, passing.  
 In Christian Love,  
 Angie, Jerry & Nickolas Brummet

*Thank you* We have received multiple thank you notes, calls, emails and texts from our friends who received holiday bags.

Due to the number, it will be difficult to include them all in the bulletin, so we will post the notes on our bulletin board.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope we can all get back together soon— we miss everyone so much!!