

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Brian Horner
Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
Opening Prayer: Brian Horner
Lord's Supper
Presiding: Howell Todd
Serving: Eric Horne
Ken Grandstaff
Preaching: Brian Horner
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd
Preaching: Singing Night
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson
Devotional: Brian Horner
Closing Prayer: Howell Todd

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Kyle Richardson
Preaching: Howell Todd
Opening Prayer: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests that need to be in the Bulletin:
Kyle Richardson - 495-7106
Dorthy Jean Smith - 444-5437

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Singing Night!

Tonight we will have our monthly singing night and fellowship meal. Bring a friend!

Join us for Bible Class!

We are studying the book of Revelation on Wed night and the book of Ephesians on Sunday morning. Don't miss an opportunity to learn more about God's Word!

Preaching Order:

Brian will be preaching the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Howell will be preaching the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Budget:

Stay for a few min after services while the men present the budget for 2012.

TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings after worship see Kyle Richardson.

Visitation/Bible Study - For assignments see Brian Horner.

Member Care - Regarding Member needs contact

Flower Request - Please call Lynda Ann Sparkman:
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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM
Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

A Report of the "Iowa Valley Evangelism Effort" From Fred Rhodes For the Month of December 2011

December is a month that brings a time for reflection over the events that have taken place in the past year. Evaluation is always a good tool to look at where you have been and consider where you are heading. It is a tool that will help you to hone your skills to be able to ensure that the coming year will be more productive.

2011 was a year of transition. With the decision to relocate closer to the new work in Newton came many challenges. It was a good decision that has been a great benefit to the work in Newton, but in a way it has been a disappointment because of having to modify our original plan. The move has helped our new members to mature so much more since we were able to spend more time with them. New Christians need plenty of attention. Just time at services was not enough to move them toward maturity.

Living in Newton has also made a great many more contacts that we are working with the generate studies. Many of these contacts will take time to bring them to the point of studies, but they are good contacts and we will work with them to that end. Living in Newton has taken a major burden off of our shoulders. Before moving we were spending a minimum of 8 hours a week just in traveling back and forth. We have seen the same struggle with our work in Marshalltown now that we saw in Newton before we moved. It is a major struggle to make contacts when you are traveling 45 minutes to meet people. All in all it seems that the move was a very good decision and essential to help insure the success of the new congregation in Newton.

We see now that when you start a congregation with only souls that have been won out of the world, maturity of the congregation comes much slower. In Iowa we do not have the blessing of mature members living close to a work who place membership with the new congregation. We simply have babes in Christ who need to learn it all and sufficient time to mature. To leave them too early is simply a death sentence to the congregation. This is a lesson that has been learned from

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work that has been done in the past in Iowa.

We look back over the year and see the work that was undertaken to make the move. It was a very taxing time, but in that extra work there were numerous studies set up. We can find studies any where we are. We have seen studies get underway that have taken a lot of time and effort, but with all that, they are progressing nicely. We rejoice over the addition of two souls who were added in December. Neva & Kathy Plum, (mother and daughter) obeyed the gospel. We started working with them about three years ago and were finally able to get them attending services this summer and finally the truth sunk in. They are very excited about their new life and are excited to tell others about the message. We have learned to not give up on people just because they are taking longer to obey the gospel than we would like.

During the year we have lost one precious soul to physical death in Newton. Ron King passed away in May. He is sorely missed, but his influence lives on. We are still working with several of his contacts. We have also had a difficult time with illness. One of our men has been in the hospital with diabetes complications and another member has had a difficult time with her legs. We have had others with serious illness also.

We were blessed to have brethren come from the Sixth Av. Church of Christ in Jasper Alabama, for a door knocking in October, followed by a meeting with Neil Meyers. It was great and brought growth to the members and many contacts which we are still working with. Door-knocking still works. We also had help with our VBS in July. It went super and effects are still seen in the work.

Brethren, we have come so far, but there is still so much to do. We need your help to go forward in financial and physical support as well as prayer. You are such an important part of the work and this congregation would not be in existence if you were not involved. Please keep the goal in mind and do not lose heart as we go forward into the coming year, and keep praying that God will send laborers into the harvest.

<p>This Week's Bible Trivia: Q - Who were Solomon's parents? Check back next week for the answer!</p> <p>Last Week's Trivia: Q - Who said he was glad when they said to him: "Let us go into the house of the Lord"? A - David. Psalms 122:1</p>
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Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington

Others:

Hollis Cluck
Vickie Wade - *cancer*
Muril Todd
Karen Hudson - *cancer*
Dorothy Huffines - *cancer*
Christy Garrett
The Bryan Family
Annie and JW Smith
Margie Taylor
Priscilla and Patrick Graves
Jessica Thompson
Dan Smith
Diane Grandstaff and family
William Wells - *inoperable condition*
Joe Allen
Bonnie Richardson - *cancer*
Linda Kay Edwards - *surgery recovery*
Dylan Speck - *kidney problems*
Haily Speck - *melanoma*
Edna Forbes

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (<i>Epistles</i>)	Romans 11-12
Monday (<i>The Law</i>)	Genesis 20-23
Tuesday (<i>History</i>)	Judges 1-6
Wednesday (<i>Psalms</i>)	Psalms 15-17
Thursday (<i>Poetry</i>)	Job 11-12
Friday (<i>Prophecy</i>)	Isaiah 29-33
Saturday (<i>Gospels</i>)	Matthew 14-16

<p>February Birthdays: 21st - Edna Forbes 24th - Delores Wright</p>
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What If...

"I can't," "I won't." "I don't." These are the words that keep people from reaching their potential. There's not telling how different this world would be if people throughout the ages would not have lived up to their fullest potential.

Consider this: What if... Michelangelo said, "I don't do ceilings." David said, "I don't do giants." Neil Armstrong said, "I don't do outer space." George Washington said, "I don't do revolutions." Henry Ford said, "I don't do cars." Walt Disney said, "I don't do mice." Paul said, "I don't do mission work." Thomas Edison said, "I don't do light bulbs." What if Jesus said, "I don't do crosses."?

Just think what a different world this would be. We have all been blessed because of a few individuals who chose not to say, "I don't," "I won't," and "I can't".

Now then, what was it you were saying you just can't/won't do? Give it some thought!

Steve Higginbotham, Harrisburg church of Christ.

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