

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Howell Todd

Song Leader: Brian Horner

Opening Prayer: Dan Smith

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Howell Todd

Serving: Eric Horne
Kyle Richardson

Preaching: Fred Rhodes

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Preaching: Fred Rhodes

Closing Prayer: Michael Richardson

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Devotional: Gospel Meeting

Closing Prayer: Howell Todd

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Kyle Richardson

Preaching: Howell Todd

Opening Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Closing Prayer: Dan Smith

To all our visitors - Welcome!
We hope you will come back
and worship with us soon!

TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings
after worship see Kyle Richardson.

Visitation/Bible Study - For
assignments see Brian Horner.

Member Care - Regarding Member
needs contact Kyle Richardson.

Flower Request - Please call Lynda
Ann Sparkman: 444.0938(h) 587.8187(c)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Meal!

Please stay and eat with us after
services this morning!

Campaign:

We will start door knocking
Monday morning. Please come
and help! Pray we can reach
many lost souls!

*"Praise the LORD! I will give
thanks to the LORD with my
whole heart, in the company
of the upright, in the
congregation. Great are the
works of the LORD, studied
by all who delight in them."
Psalm 111:1-2*

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe in Jesus
(John 8:24)

Repent of your sins
(Luke 13:3)

Confess faith in Christ
(Rom 10:10)

Be Baptized for forgiveness of sins
(Acts 2:38)

Live **Faithfully**
(1 Cor. 15:58)

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Gospel Meeting This Week!

Fred Rhodes - Newton, Iowa

Topics:

Sunday:

10:00 AM: Evangelism

11:00 AM: How To Make Decisions

7:30 PM: The Other 90%

Monday 7:00 PM:

The School of Hard Knocks

Tuesday 7:00 PM:

Overcoming Depression

Wednesday 7:00 PM:

Are You Sure?

Fellowship meal each week night at 5:30. Everyone is Welcome!

Homemade Ice cream on Tuesday night!

Singing 30 min prior to the service!

Do You Feel Saved?

Are you saved? How do you know you are saved? "I know I am saved because I feel it in my heart," many often say. But are the feelings of your heart the proper standard to determine your salvation? We do not use this standard in other matters. No one says of his bank statement, "I know it is right because I feel it in my heart," while they ignore to properly add and subtract from their balance. No carpenter says, "I know the board is 10 feet long because I feel it in my heart" -- he checks the board with the proper standard, the measuring tape! But, when it comes to a matter far more important than bank balances and board lengths -- salvation -- many are willing to trust their eternal welfare to their feelings.

Can you trust the feelings of your heart to tell you whether or not you are saved? The Bible says "No!" "*He who trusts in his own heart is a fool*" (**Prov. 28:26**), for "*the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps*" (**Jer. 10:23**). "*There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death*" (**Prov. 14:12**). Feelings are subjective, they change from person to person and even within the same person. Truth is objective, it remains fixed and does not change, regardless of the person or the year.

The way you feel about salvation does not change God's truth concerning it, just as the way you feel about math, does not change the truth of it. Whether or not you are saved is an objective fact, not subject to the whims of how you feel from moment to moment. So how can they know they are saved? The Scripture says, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding*" (**Prov. 3:5**).

You do not have to rely upon your own faulty and deceptive feelings concerning your salvation. The Lord has given "*the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation*" (**2 Tim. 3:15**). The knowledge and confidence of salvation can only come from the objective standard of God's Word. God will judge you by His Word, not by how you feel. Jesus proclaimed, "*the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day*" (**John 12:48**). What is your salvation based upon? Many people feel in their heart they are saved because they have "simply believed" in Jesus. While salvation certainly requires faith in Jesus, faith alone does not and cannot save according to God's Word. James wrote, "*You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only*" (**Jas. 2:24**). Other people have prayed and "asked Jesus to come into their heart" and now they feel they are saved. But nowhere does the Bible teach one must simply pray to Jesus in order to be saved. God's Word teaches to be saved you must: hear the gospel

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(Rom. 10:17); believe Jesus is the Son of God (**Mk. 16:16**); repent of your sins (**Acts 2:38**); confess Jesus (**Rom. 10:9; Acts 8:36-38**) and be baptized for the remission of your sins (**Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16**). Those who obey God's Word do not have to guess whether or not they are saved based upon the feelings of their heart. They know they are saved because their salvation is based on the unchanging Truth of God's Word.

Wayne Greeson

Jesus answered..."For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

John 18:37

Your Child Deserves

- ...to hear you pray earnestly and often
- ...to go to worship and Bible classes with you faithfully.
- ...to see you sacrifice for the Lord.
- ...to hear you talk to others about becoming a Christian.
- ...to go with you to visit the sick and bereaved.
- ...to hear you praise the church and her leaders.
- ...to be encouraged by you to seek and obey the truth.
- ...to see you putting the Lord first in your giving.
- ...to know the Christ living in you.

Bulletin Digest

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington

Others:

Hollis Cluck
Vickie Wade - cancer
Muril Todd
Karen Hudson - cancer
Christy Garrett
The Bryan Family
Annie and JW Smith
Margie Taylor
Priscilla and Patrick Graves
Jessica Richardson
Dan Smith
Diane Grandstaff and family
William Wells - *inoperable condition*
Joe Allen
Linda Kay Edwards - *surgery recovery*
Dylan Speck - *kidney problems*
Haily Speck - *melanoma*
Edna Forbes
Janice Garrett
Carol Goins - *Mary L.'s sister*
Lila Kirk

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests: Kyle Richardson (495-7106) Dorothy Jean Smith (444-5437)

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (<i>Epistles</i>)	Titus
Monday (<i>The Law</i>)	Numbers 17-20
Tuesday (<i>History</i>)	1 Chronicles 25-29
Wednesday (<i>Psalms</i>)	Psalms 108-110
Thursday (<i>Poetry</i>)	Proverbs 23-24
Friday (<i>Prophecy</i>)	Amos 1-4
Saturday (<i>Gospels</i>)	John 16-18

September Birthdays:
18 - Sophia Hudson