

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

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

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson
Preaching: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

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

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Brian Horner
Preaching: Brian Horner
Opening Prayer: Howell Todd
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

Holiday Dinner:

Tentative date - Dec 15. Let us
know if this doesn't work for
you.

Pantry Restock:

Canned Soups (not tomato)
Condiments

***"Blessed is everyone who
fears the LORD, who walks
in his ways! You shall eat
the fruit of the labor of your
hands; you shall be blessed,
and it shall be well with
you."***

Psalm 128:1-2

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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November 11, 2012

Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

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

Spiritual Analogies of the Fall Season

When fall arrives each year, most of us eagerly anticipate the vibrant colors of the trees. Fall represents a changing of the seasons. Fall also represents a time of harvest. Squirrels and other critters begin storing food for winter. In the spiritual life of a Christian, what would be akin to the fall season? Perhaps in thinking of the vibrant colors, we might compare it to our actions to be a blessing in the lives of those about us. Jesus taught that we are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Our good works are to bring glory to God. Perhaps we could compare the harvest to a focus on reaching lost souls. And the storing of food for winter could be compared to the works we undertake in serving God as we lay up treasure in Heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16 *"You are the **salt of the earth**, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. **You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

*Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, so that they may see your good works and **give glory to your Father** who is in heaven."*

Matthew 6:19-21 *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Matthew 9:36-38 *"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, **"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."***

Howell Todd

OLD AGE AND MEMORIES

When shades of night begin to fall,
And shadows lengthen on the wall,
My thoughts roll back to days of yore;
Like waves that gently lap the shore.

The youth I lost, so long ago.

Just where it went, I do not know.
Too soon, a young man took his place.
Then, age replaced that smiling face.

The child I raised, from very birth,
Has gone to find his place on earth.

He, too, will find that time flies by.

'Tis but a twinkle of God's eye.

I live my memories, o'er and o'er,
And wonder if I could have done more.

Not one of those days were perfect spent.

And yet, the next was duly sent.

I tried and tried, with all my might

But never did get one just right.

I've lived for many thousand days;

A testament to God's patient ways.

And now, my memories, good and bad,

Remind me of the chance I had

To live my life the way I should;

To shun the bad, embrace the good.

And yet, I trod the time worn road.

I walked alone, with heavy load;

Too proud to think that God would care,

My many burdens to gladly share.

And then, one day, I was wholly spent.

So, down from heaven, His Son He Sent.

Not only did He lift my earthly load,

But put me back on the narrow road.

So now, my mind is full at ease,

No longer tossed like heavy seas.

Whatever life, now, has in store,

I have a haven on yonder shore.

It's not a prize that I have won,

But the gift, from God, of His precious Son.

*Raymond Keley
Rush Springs, OK*

A kindergarten teacher
was walking around
observing her classroom
of children while they
were drawing pictures. As
she got to one girl who
was working diligently,
she asked what the
drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm
drawing God."

The teacher paused and
said, "But no one knows
what God looks like."

Without looking up from
her drawing, the girl
replied, "They will in a
minute."

***"Blessed be the God
and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ!
According to his great
mercy, he has caused
us to be born again to
a living hope through
the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the
dead, to an inheritance
that is imperishable,
undefiled, and
unfading, kept in
heaven for you, who
by God's power are
being guarded
through faith for a
salvation ready to be
revealed in the last
time."***

1 Peter 1:3-5

Real Life!

To my mind, one of the
things that proves to me that
the Bible is the word of God, is
it's view of life and death. It
gives an honest approach to
living. There are no myths, no
fairy tales, and in many cases no
happy endings. As an example,
David a man after God's own
heart failed as a father, his own
children suffering for his
failures. Yet in God's word the
text deals with the greatness
and the failures of the lives of
God's people.

The Bible shows us how to
live and the results of not living
that way. It speaks of salvation
and condemnation; it presents
joy and great sorrow. It deals
with real life in a brief
statement of fact and then goes
on with the story. Think how
our news media would deal with
some story in the Bible such as
Adam and Eve being forced out
of the garden.

It would be on the five
o'clock news, the ten o'clock
news, and the story would run
for at least a week or more. In
God's Holy Word its briefness is
a sign of its divine nature.

The Bible remains a
number one best seller and the
least read volume in the world,
let it not be so in your house,
Read, and follow its precepts
and be wise.

*Floyd C. Johnson
Shreveport, LA*

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington
William Wells

Others:

Hollis Cluck
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
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
Wanda Gates - *cancer*

*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>)	1 Peter 1-3
Monday (<i>The Law</i>)	Deuteronomy 10-12
Tuesday (<i>History</i>)	2 Chronicles 33-36
Wednesday (<i>Psalms</i>)	Psalms 128-130
Thursday (<i>Poetry</i>)	Ecclesiastes 5-6
Friday (<i>Prophecy</i>)	Haggai
Saturday (<i>Gospels</i>)	Acts 13-14

November Birthdays:

20 - Lynda Ann Sparkman
22 - Brian Horner
18 - Dan Smith