

## Serving This Week:

### Sunday Morning

**Announcements:** Brian Horner  
**Song Leader:** Kyle Richardson  
**Opening Prayer:** Dan Smith  
**Lord's Supper**

**Presiding:** Ken Grandstaff  
**Serving:** Eric Horne  
Howell Todd  
**Preaching:** Brian Horner  
**Closing Prayer:** Howell Todd

### Sunday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Howell Todd  
**Preaching:** Singing Night  
**Closing Prayer:** Dan Smith

### Wednesday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Brian Horner  
**Devotional:** Brian Horner  
**Closing Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

### Serving Next Sunday:

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

**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

### Singing Night!

Potluck meal to follow. Use this  
as an opportunity to invite non-  
Christians!

### Potter's Food Drive:

Aluminum Foil  
Cheerios

### Update your Address Book!

Howell Todd:  
123SweetThang@gmail.com  
615-727-2253

### Holiday Dinner:

Dec 15 - 6 PM. Potluck meal and  
Dirty Santa. Invite your friends!

### Pantry:

Please let Howell know of  
anyone in our community who  
needs help!

### 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)

## Bethel church of Christ

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December 2, 2012

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

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

### God's Splendor

Everywhere around us there are things going on that we should take notice but never really stop to appreciate. These are things that we take for granted.

I was reminded of this this week, when a late night astronomy show came on. I kind of take notice of this sort broadcast from time to time. They tell things such as the positioning of the stars and what to look for at night as our world turns in the heaven that God created. One thing that was said is that each of us should get out early some mornings just before the Sun come into view, and watch as the day begins and the world comes to life. I thought to myself, I should do that sometime, and really that was all it was, a thought.

Little did I know that within a few days, I would experience just this glorious sight. What splendor it was. I was staying with friends when I had to go to my car for some of the essential things need to begin my day. When I stepped off of the porch, the sun was just peaking through. I was blasted with the birds singing and the calmness of the early morning. In fact, there was a heavy dew and big pillows of fog gently slept on the surrounding hillsides.

It was invigorating to watch things go from slumber to darting activity. Isn't it a shame that we often choose not to take part in some to the spectacular wonders that God has provided for us.

My mind goes back to that which I can only imagine in my minds eye an event that took place long ago but is vital for us today. One might call it a new dawn for mankind. For you see, it was at dawn that we find recorded in Matthew and Luke that they went to the tomb to find it empty. It was on that early morning, the first day of the week that world had found the Son of man had risen. Our hope and our eternal destiny rests upon this truth.

*David Shearer*  
*Marshalltown, IA*

## Problems, Problems, Problems

Problems are things that will affect every person, regardless of age, position, popularity, or race. How we handle problems can very well determine our eternal destiny. **Philippians 2:5**. The Christian has nothing to fear, **1 Peter 5:7** for we have a Savior and a loving Father who will never leave us nor forsake us, **Hebrews 13:5**. He will not allow us to carry more than we can handle in any situation, **1 Cor. 10:13, Psalm 46**.

### How to Handle Problems

- 1. Face them, Luke 9:51.** Ignoring the problem will not make it go away.
- 2. Pray, Heb 5:7.** Do not forget wisdom, strength and guidance from above.
- 3. Commitment, Col. 3:17.** Commit to resolving the issue in a Christian manner.
- 4. Rely on God, Phil 4:13.** Our strength is from above, not from ourselves.

*Matt Richardson  
Sayre, OK*

***"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."***

*1 John 1:9*

## The Lord's Baseball Game

Bob and the Lord stood together, watching a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The score was zero to zero. Bob and the Lord continued to watch as the batter, **Love**, stepped up to the plate. **Love** swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because **Love** never fails.

The next batter was **Faith**, who also got a single because **Faith** works with **Love**. The next batter up was named **Godly Wisdom**. Satan threw the first pitch; **Godly Wisdom** looked it over and let it pass, because **Godly Wisdom** does not swing at Satan's pitches. Three more pitches and **Godly Wisdom** walked. The bases were loaded.

The Lord then turned to Bob and told him He was bringing up His star player. Up to the plate stepped **Grace**. Bob made a face. **Grace** certainly didn't look like much to him. Apparently Satan's team thought the same thing. They all relaxed and laughed a little. Satan threw the first pitch and to all but one's amazement, **Grace** hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen. The ball continued over the fence for a home run! The Lord's team won.

The Lord asked Bob if he knew why **Love, Faith** and **Godly Wisdom** could get on base but could not win the game by themselves. Bob, looking a bit sheepish, admitted that he didn't know.

The Lord explained, "If your love, faith and wisdom could win the game YOU would think YOU could win it by yourself. Love, faith and wisdom will get you on base, but only **MY GRACE** can get you home. **MY GRACE** is the one thing Satan cannot stop."

*via Church of Christ  
Crosbyton, TX*

## SEVEN MINDS

- 1. Mind your tongue.** Never allow it to speak hasty, cruel, unkind, untruthful or wicked words. It was made for something better.
- 2. Mind your eyes.** Do not permit them to look on obscene pictures, or things which suggest evil. There are many things that the sight of which will be inspirational.
- 3. Mind your ears.** They should never listen to wicked speeches, improper songs or unholy words. They were made for hearing harmonies of Truth and the sweet voice of God.
- 4. Mind your lips.** Never let anything befoul them, nor strong drink pass between them. They are for better purposes.
- 5. Mind your hands.** They should never steal or fight, or be used to write down evil thoughts. Their best use is to lift up the fallen, and to hand out blessings to the needy.
- 6. Mind your feet.** They are not to walk in the paths of sin, nor in any other steps of Satan. They are to carry you on errands of mercy and labors of love.
- 7. Mind your heart.** The love of sin is to be kept out of it, and Satan is not to have any room in it. It is to be consecrated to Jesus, and He is to make it His throne.

*Selected – Bulletin Digest*

## 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*  
Kathy Greer

*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 John 1-3
Monday ( <i>The Law</i> )	Deuteronomy 20-22
Tuesday ( <i>History</i> )	Nehemiah 1-4
Wednesday ( <i>Psalms</i> )	Psalms 137-139
Thursday ( <i>Poetry</i> )	Ecclesiastes 11-12
Friday ( <i>Prophecy</i> )	Malachi
Saturday ( <i>Gospels</i> )	Acts 19-20

## December Birthdays:

13 - Lila Kirk  
17 - Howell Todd  
26 - Dorothy Jean Smith