

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

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

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Brian Horner
Preaching: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Austin Horne

Wednesday Evening

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

Serving Next Sunday:

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

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

Sign Up!

The signup sheet for cleaning the building, yard work, and 5th Sunday preaching for 2013 is on the bulletin board. Thanks in advance for your help!

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)

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (<i>Epistles</i>)	Romans 3-4
Monday (<i>The Law</i>)	Genesis 4-7
Tuesday (<i>History</i>)	Joshua 6-10
Wednesday (<i>Psalms</i>)	Psalms 3-5
Thursday (<i>Poetry</i>)	Job 3-4
Friday (<i>Prophecy</i>)	Isaiah 7-11
Saturday (<i>Gospels</i>)	Matthew 3-4

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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" For the Month of December 2012

The month of December has been an exciting month. We have had some illness and are awaiting some test results and another member will be having surgery in the near future, but spirits are still high and the church here is going forward.

I am excited that we have a new student in our community Bible study. He was invited by one of our visitors. We now have 5 students in attendance that are not Christians. There is a regular study in process with one of them and I believe that I may be able to get a study with two more in the near future. The discussion in that class is always quite informative and exciting. They come eager to learn and we always look at what God has to say on the subject. A rule of the class is that our thoughts are not important, what God says is what goes.

During the month we have had several contacts from our House-to-House paper. We had two visitors to services and a request for a bible study. I delivered that and am very hopeful of turning it into a sit down study in the future. We also had another man call the building who was interested in knowing what we taught. He was very impressed with the HTH paper and is planning on starting to attend our mid-week Bible study.

Dorothy's Bible class is doing very well. The students love the class. I had all the boys come to the house and we made bird houses and they had a great time. They come from varied backgrounds, but all come and enjoy the Bible class. We hope to expand on this class in the future and hope that the parents and other family members will come to the table to study in the future. We have had some good conversations with them and believe that we are making headway. Kathy is also learning how to teach and is preparing to start teaching in the future.

We met another family at Wal Mart this month. They have expressed a desire to study and have invited us to their home. We are excited about

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working with them. The holidays holds off a lot of these plans, but we strive to be patient and it is just as well because we cannot study with everyone at once.

Studies are progressing, just never fast enough to please me. One of them has started attending our mid-week Bible study when he can. He has come a long way recently. Just two months ago I was ready to give up on him and then things turned around and took a good turn.

We have spent a lot of time making preparations for the trip to Jamaica in January. December is a month that takes a lot of time in final preparations. This year we have 24 people coming and will be knocking doors and conducting bible studies. We will hold a VBS the first week in Sandy Bay with Bible classes each evening for members and visitors. Some of our ladies will also teach a teacher training class for two of those evenings for the ladies of two congregations. We find that there is a great need to help the Jamaicans learn how to teach children. The second week we will continue to knock doors. We will also conduct a VBS for three days in a congregation that is close by. They are very excited about this and working with the follow up after we leave. There will be preaching each evening of the second week. We will be flying out on January 18th and return on February 1st. You can keep up with the work by following my Facebook account.

Many members of the church here met at our house for a New Years eve party. It went real well. We had numerous members of the church here as well as most of Dorothy's class and some members from other congregations. It is great to get together and enjoy good Christian fellowship.

It is amazing how far we have come. This year has seen 5 new members added to the body here and 1 new soul added after our week in San Diego. We have gained several men who add to the great men that we have who are forward thinking and wanting to grow. They are also concerned that the church here does what we should do. That is great growth. We also have regular visitors to our worship and Bible studies and are working with each. All of the growth has come from the community. New souls added to the kingdom. There is much work ahead as we win more and mature what we have. Are you praying for God to send laborers into the harvest?

Fred Rhodes, Newton IA

The Power of God

We live in a world that respects power. Each nation is seeking more than their neighbors. There are power struggles in the work place, in the home, and sadly in the church. Yet, most do not understand what has real power. Have you ever considered words as being powerful? Yes, words! The right word can elect a man to the presidency of the United States of America. The wrong word has cost many their jobs.

The Bible teaches that God's power to save is in His words, the gospel. *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek"* (Romans 1:16). *"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"* (Hebrews 4:12). It has the power to change a life for good. It has the power to help a man be a better husband and father. It has the power to help a woman be a better wife and mother. It has the power to enable young people to grow exhibiting moral character, changing their life for the good.

If one perverts the power of God, the gospel, they are accursed, *"But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so not I say again, if anyone preaches to you any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed"* (Gal 1:8,9). All should see the importance and the power of the gospel, God's word, if we do we would spend more time in Bible study.

Paul Vaughn - Whites Creek coC

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

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
Edna Forbes
Janice Garrett
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister
Lila Kirk
Wanda Gates - cancer
Kathy Greer
Jeff Greenblatt - auto accident

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

January Birthdays:

2 - Virginia Laudeman
12 - Mary L'Heureux
16 - Leslie Hembree
23 - Eric Horne
26 - Dorothy Bryan

Anniversaries:

12 - Deloris & Jackie Wright