

RENEW ME IN THY GRACE

My spirit bows in humble praise;
My soul rejoices deep,
The fears that linger in my heart
I give unto Thy keep.

All that ever was and is,
Of that what's yet to be;
I count today as mine, dear Lord,
And leave tomorrow to Thee.
— Roxie Lusk Smith

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

Take up your cross and follow God
And He will lead the way,
To bring you hope and inner strength
To face each newborn day.

Take up your cross and follow God
And cast aside your fear,
For when you need a helping hand
He always will be near.

Take up your cross and cast aside
Your gloom and dark despair,
For He will help to ease the pain
That in your heart you bear.

Take up your cross, be not afraid
However dark your plight,
For God will see you through the storm
And be your guiding light.
— Harold F. Mohn

“Prayer is not a garage from which we borrow God’s tools to take home and work out our own problems. Prayer is submitting to the Master Mechanic and allowing Him to do the repairs.”
— Author Unknown

**DAILY BIBLE READING
FEBRUARY 2016**

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| 1. Matthew 21:1-22 | Exodus 27-28 | O |
| 2. Matthew 21:23-46 | Exodus 29-3 | O |
| 3. Matthew 22:1-11 | Exodus 31-33 | O |
| 4. Matthew 22:23-46 | Exodus 34-35 | O |
| 5. Matthew 23:1-22 | Exodus 36-38 | O |
| 6. Matthew 23:23-39 | Exodus 39-40 | O |
| 7. Matthew 24:1-28 | Leviticus 1-3 | O |
| 8. Matthew 24:29-51 | Leviticus 4-5 | O |
| 9. Matthew 25:1-30 | Leviticus 6-7 | O |
| 10. Matthew 25:31-46 | Leviticus 8-10 | O |
| 11. Matthew 26:1-25 | Leviticus 11-12 | O |
| 12. Matthew 26:26-50 | Leviticus 13 | O |
| 13. Matthew 26:51-75 | Leviticus 14 | O |
| 14. Matthew 27:1-26 | Leviticus 15-16 | O |
| 15. Matthew 27:27-50 | Leviticus 17-18 | O |
| 16. Matthew 27:51-66 | Leviticus 19-20 | O |
| 17. Matthew 28 | Leviticus 21-22 | O |
| 18. Mark 1:1-22 | Leviticus 23-24 | O |
| 19. Mark 1:23-45 | Leviticus 25 | O |
| 20. Mark 2 | Leviticus 26-27 | O |
| 21. Mark 3:1-19 | Numbers 1-2 | O |

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
And POTLUCK LUNCH**

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| 22. Mark 3:20-35 | Numbers 3-4 | O |
| 23. Mark 4:1-20 | Numbers 5-6 | O |
| 24. Mark 4:21-41 | Numbers 7-8 | O |
| 25. Mark 5:1-20 | Numbers 9-11 | O |
| 26. Mark 5:21-43 | Numbers 12-14 | O |
| 27. Mark 6:1-29 | Numbers 15-16 | O |
| 28. Mark 6:30-56 | Numbers 17-19 | O |
| 29. Mark 7:1-13 | Numbers 20-22 | O |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| LaRea Williams | 4th |
| Gabrialla “Gabby” Flores | 10th |
| Sharon Butcher | 21st |
| Mollie Ohrenberg | 25th |
| Danny Nothwehr | 25th |
| Dixie Duncan | 13th |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------|------|
| Kenny & Sandra Coggins — | 11th |
| Jimmy & Darlene Coggins — | 26th |

The Lincoln Light

"I am the light of the world, he who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12).

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SERVICE TIMES SUNDAY

**Bible Study 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm**

RADIO PROGRAM

KAYQ 97.1 FM Sunday 9:30 am

SUNDAY TV PROGRAMS, Channel 10, Springfield, MO

**“In SEARCH of The Lord’s Way” 7:00 am
“The Living Word” 7:30 am**

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THINK OF THE POSSIBILITY

Charles R. Rose

Is it possible today to restore the undenominational Christianity of Bible times? It must be, for our Lord Jesus Christ said of His kingdom, "*The seed is the word of God*" (Luke 8:11). All we need do is plant the word of God, unmixed with human teachings, in the hearts of people. The result will be the same as it was when that seed was planted in New Testament times, long before any denomination was founded by mere men. Yes! It is possible! We can have undenominational Christianity today!

This is being demonstrated in many parts of the world in our present time. Juan Monroy from Spain came to the 1964 World's Fair and visited a display by Churches of Christ. He talked with one of the Christians in the booth, and later said, "After a prolonged conversation, I discovered that you people here have the same beliefs and practices as a group of Christians we have in Spain. Following the Bible only and without uniting with any denomination, we have succeeded in starting various congregations in several Spanish cities."

D. Roper, in his book, "Voices Crying In The Wilderness," tells of the same kind of work being done in India, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Korea, France, Germany, Poland and other places around the world. Many books have been written about a strong movement back to New Testament Christianity which started in the 19th century in England, Scotland and America. All these efforts have been independent of one another. And yet they have resulted in undenominational congregations starting up; congregations which prove to be alike in doctrine and practice throughout the world. And whose doctrine and practices are exactly as that of the disciples of Christ found in the New Testament.

We believe a fair and honest investigation will convince you that that same undenominational Christianity is being practiced today at the Lincoln church of Christ and at many other locations around the world.

Please read the following passages from your own Bible and see that you can become a citizen in the kingdom of Christ, a Christian only, by following the teachings of King Jesus and His apostles who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak and write His message. One must, therefore,

- ◆ **HEAR** that gospel message which they preached (Mark 16:15; Romans 10:14).
- ◆ **FAITH** produced through "*hearing of the word of God*" (which is the gospel message) (Romans 10:17), will produce "*godly sorrow (which in turn) produces —*
- ◆ **REPENTANCE**, *leading to salvation*" (2 Corinthians 7:10).
- ◆ **CONFESSING** ones faith in Jesus (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10), one should then be eager to be "*buried with Him through*
- ◆ **BAPTISM** *into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, even so we also should (be raised from baptism is implied to) walk in newness of life*" (Romans 6:4).

Become an undenominational Christian through these simple steps today.

TO OUR VISITORS

We are so glad that you are with us today, and hope your visit will be such that you are blessed by it. We hope you will come again soon. Our service times are on the front of this bulletin. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop in in the collection plate.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our military personnel, Dave Rushton, Bruce & Joy Rushton, Cathy Dalke, Donna Boney, Arthur James, Christy Harms' childhood friend, Robert Schenewark, Chester Reynolds, Jane Maynard, Marcus Cemenik, Samantha Crawford, Jason Schenewark **Connie Carr**, Rodney's sister-in-law had two stints installed last week. Connie and Randy live at Belle, Missouri where Randy preaches for the Liberty church of Christ.

THOSE OF THE LINCOLN CONGREGATION ARE:

Ethel Davis, Opal Massengale, , Jimmy and Darlene Coggins, Danny Nothwehr, Edna Johnson, Doug Rose, Kenny Coggins,

Jody Clymer and **Charles Rose** are both awaiting final tests and authorizations for their needed surgeries.

Van & Mollie White have returned to their home in Warsaw where he continues to recover from surgery.

DO WE SEEK A SIGN?

David Pitchford — elder at the College & North church of Christ, Mtn. Home, Arkansas

Jesus often confronted those who desired a miraculous sign for them to believe in Him (John 4:46-54). Jesus knew their hearts and when He perceived their intentions were only for sign's sake, He didn't give them a sign just to squelch their demands. A heart of repentance was necessary (Matthew 4:17). A heart of faith was necessary. A heart of belief in Him as the Messiah—God's Son — was necessary. Jesus said in John 20:27, "*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.*"

Do we seek a sign today? Many do seek signs. Many so-called faith healers have capitalized on this and draw large crowds to see their "signs" done. Many religious people seek such physical signs in their times of assembling together, such as speaking in tongues and outward manifestations of "spirit" filled emotions. 1 Corinthians 13:8 says the miraculous signs have ceased.

We develop our faith through Bible study, through daily prayer, through confidence in His word and promises, through our daily walk with Christ, through our worship where we express our praise and thanks to God, through worship where we are strengthened by the preaching of His word, through regular communing with Christ in our observing the Lord's Supper.

As Christians, we can look about us in the church and see Christ living in the lives of Christians. We can see the effects of Christ working within the body of the church. We should not seek after physical signs in order to develop our faith.