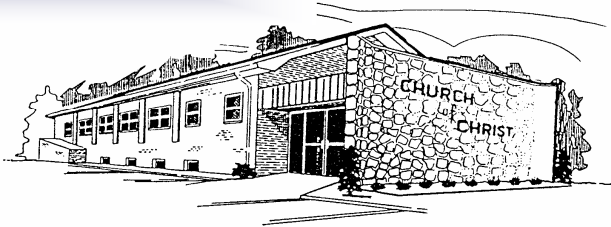


Teaching them to observe  
all things...Matt. 28:20



# The St. Joseph Observer

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday School  
9:45

Sunday Worship  
10:45

Sunday PM  
5:00

Tuesday Ladies' Class  
9:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study  
6:00

### Elders

Leo Conkin 925-7688  
Clyde Daniel 428-2322  
Charlie McGee 861-5811  
Steve Parsons 465-7901

### Deacons

Dave Hipskind 468-4735  
Eric Ramso 465-5965

### Ladies' Prayer Chain

Kim Batson 428-7281  
Barb Conkin 925-7688  
Gayle Daniel 428-2322  
Jan Mundy 473-1505

## What Happens in Heaven When We Pray?

*I generally like to generate my bulletin articles from scratch but I am deviating on this one. I received the following in an email and thought it was good enough to pass along to you. It's an imaginary story titled "What Happens in Heaven When We Pray". The author is unknown.*

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, ' This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received.



I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them." I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section, my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed." How is it that there is no work going on here? ' I asked.

"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments"

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked...

"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord."

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. "

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... You are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day. "

"If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world."

If you can read this story, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.



*I hope the above story has caused you to think how much you are blessed. So the next time you pray, don't forget to think God for your many blessings.*

**Please remember in prayer...**

- Members with Health Issues Leo Conkin, Warren James, Virginia Kowalski, Vanessa Matthews, Jim Smith, Lee Wallis, Juanita Weatherford
- The Military Nick Hastings, Ian Matthews
- Our Church The Buildings & Grounds Committee, our Elders & Deacons, our members

**Announcements**

**New Bible Study! Sunday Evenings  
Featuring Hebrews**

**VBS**

**July 25-29 6-8 PM**

***Invite your friends & family now!***

**Building Committee Update**

The Building Committee has been working hard over the past few months reviewing the different areas within the church building which need work. We have been working with an architect and have also met with other contractors to discuss various possibilities. We are presently in the "information gathering" stage, and are planning a congregational meeting around the beginning of June to review the progress we've made.

We're still looking for your input, though! There is a Suggestion Jar on the table in the foyer.

Please take a few minutes to write down any suggestions you have for the church building or the property in general. Please be as specific as possible and include your name in case we have any questions.

**2010 Giving**

Weekly Budget:

\$1500

Contribution Last Week:

\$1340

**Congregational Calendar**

**April – May**

25 	26	27 <i>Ladies' Class</i>	28	29  Reg Leedy Donald Gilmer	30  Jeanette Parsons	1
2  Alex Kubvaruno	3	4 <i>Ladies' Class</i>	5	6  Eric Ramso	7	8