

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM**

Those serving the congregation today

April 10, 2016

April 17, 2016

Bible Class	Dale	Dale
Announcements	Eddie	Harold
Song Leader	Jim	Greg
Opening Prayer	Harold	Jason
Communion:		
Presiding	Lonnie	Eddie
Serving	Ryan	Grady
	Eddie	Raimi
	Pat	Jerry
Sermon	Dale	Ryan
Closing Prayer	Carl	Harold

### **EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM**

Announcements	Harold	Jason
Opening Prayer	Eddie	Harold
Lesson/Devo	Dale	Eddie
Song Leader	Jerry	Greg
Communion/ Closing Prayer	Jason	Jerry

### **April Greeters—Diane & Diana**

**Readings for the week:** Genesis 6:9–22, 7:24, 8:14–19; Psalm 46; Psalm 31:1–5, 19–24; Romans 1:16–17, 3:22b–28 (29–31); Matthew 7:21–29

RESPONSES: Each time we meet together, there is a possibility that someone would like to respond to the invitation of Jesus Christ. We would be very glad to help you if you would like to be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, (2) to repent for sin in your life and ask for prayers of the church, or (3) to ask the church to pray for some special need in your life.

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### **Welcome Visitors**

We are honored to have you as our guest. We pray that the worship and fellowship will be a blessing to you. If we can serve you in any way or answer any questions, you may fill out a visitor card on the back of the pews and place it in the collection plate, or you may contact our Elders.

### **Nursery/Training Room**

Provided where you may sit with your children during services

## NEWS AND EVENTS

The toilet tissue for the New Mexico Children's Home will be picked up on April 23.

Remember our Grateful Givers food drive headed up by the teens. See Ryan with any questions.

The next Sunday night fellowship is April 17 for sandwiches.

The next Ladies Bible Study is April 14th at 11:00 AM

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prayers for the family of Louise Davis as they mourn her loss.

Prayers for all those who are battling cancer.

Prayers for those of our number who are traveling.

Prayers for the missionaries out in the world.

Please continue to pray for those with health concerns:

Amanda, Mary Jane, Bill, Grady, Sibyl, Babs, Linda, Helena, Hayley, Wayne, Charlie & Shirley, Ephraim, Jeff Landers, April's mother Linda, Ed Christian, Shirley Brinkman, Sharon's sisters, Krisha Borchers, Donola

Our Military men and women, and the leadership of our nation and our congregation.

A FAMILY WHO PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER.

## Ghost Towns

It is amazing how many ghost towns there are in Yavapai county. From Crown King, to Jerome, to Crook City, to Meesville, the county is filled with them. Most (I did not look at all) are there because sometime in the past the promise of riches gave way to the curse of hard work with no reward – in other words, the mines played out. In some cases there is nothing remaining but scarred earth, others have turned themselves into thriving tourist attractions but none are at their heyday level activity. As interesting as all the places are, none compare to Ordos, China.

Filled with lavish, beautiful government projects, the city boasts 20,000 full time inhabitants – hardly the normal definition of a “ghost town.” The “ghost” effect comes from the comparison of the actual population to the hoped for residency of over a million people. Rather than the people moving in to seek riches, it was the government and landowners who were trying to gain wealth by attracting people to the new city. They priced themselves out of the market with high rents and costly building projects. The result: a large beautiful city with almost no residents and structures that are falling apart from lack of upkeep. Dreams were destroyed through lack of insight and greed.

Jesus had some parables warning people about those things. Some built houses on sand, others tore down barns just to build bigger ones, still others were told to “count the cost” of their actions. Where and what we build are very important to our relationships with the world and with Jesus. We seek to find a lasting city where we can live eternally. Jesus has one of those and it will never be a ghost town or a tourist town. It can only be a home town.

Love ya,  
Dale

## NOTES

Family Records Last Week	
Sunday Morning Worship	50
Sunday Evening	25
Wednesday Evening	15
Contribution	\$1313
Weekly Budget	\$1500

<u>Elders</u>		<u>Schedule of Services</u>	
		Sun	Bible Study 9:30 am
Harold Kilby	567-9764		Worship 10:30 am
Eddie Rose	567-4349		Evening Service 6:00 pm
			Youth Group 6:10 pm
		Wed	Bible Study 7:00 pm
Jason Carr	592-0791	Thurs	Ladies Devotional 11:00 am
Jim Vogel	451-0782		(every other week)
		Friday	Fellowship (EOW) 6:00 pm
		Tues	Men's Breakfast 8:00 am

### Deacons

Jason Carr 592-0791  
Jim Vogel 451-0782

### Evangelist

Dale Rhodes 274-4717