

## Meeting Schedule

<b>Sundays</b>	
Bible Class	9:00am
Worship	10:00am
Life Groups	Various
<b>Tuesdays</b>	
Ladies' Bible Class	9:30am
Life Hurts, God Heals	7:00pm
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
Bible Class	7:00pm
<b>Fridays</b>	
Celebrate Recovery	7:00pm
<b>Saturdays</b>	
Prelude	7:00pm

### Children's Worship Sundays

Attended Nursery	Nursery
<i>(For Infants to Active Walkers)</i>	
Toddler Worship	Room 8-9
Children's Church	Room 10-11
<i>(Ages 4 through Grade 2)</i>	

### Adult Sunday Classes "Ephesians"

Teacher:	Doug Gates
Location:	Fellowship Hall
<b>"Fireproof Your Life"</b>	
Teacher:	Mark Brazle
Location:	Room 13B

### Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class "Comfort Food for Body & Soul"

Location: Fellowship Hall

### Adult Wednesday Classes "Ecclesiastes"

Location: Fellowship Hall

### "Beth Moore's Study on Esther"

Teacher: Sali Harlan  
Location: Room 13B

### "Connect"

*(For young adults ages 18-24)*

Teachers: Jeff & Dawn Stachler  
Location: Room 6B

### Sunday Life Groups

- **J. Feldman (688-6808)**  
6:00pm—Fellowship Hall
- **Gates (923-2533)**  
6:00pm—Doug & Paulette's Home
- **Hogan (630-1637)**  
6:00pm—Mike & Maria's Home
- **Kearns (633-1063)**  
6:00pm—Dick & Becky's Home
- **Drummond (342-4085)**  
6:00pm—Jeff & Jane's Home
- **Richard (922-0232)**  
2:00pm—Jane Richard's home
- **Schray (688-4361)**  
12:00 noon—Schray home

## Upcoming Events

### January

4	Upward Practices Begin
9	Men's Prayer Breakfast
12	Ladies' Bible Class Resumes
16	Upward Games Begin
22	Pepperdine Lectures Deadline
29	Winter Jam 2010

### Contribution

December 6	\$ 7,299
December 13	\$ 4,974
December 20	\$ 5,666
December 27	\$ 9,893
<i>Weekly Average YTD</i>	<i>\$ 6,327</i>
<i>Weekly Need</i>	<i>\$ 7,538</i>
<i>YTD Cont. Variance</i>	<i>(\$68,768)</i>

### Attendance

December 6	168
December 13	193
December 20	215
December 27	183
<i>Average 2009</i>	<i>196</i>

### Server Schedule

January 10, 2010

<b>Table:</b>	Harold Carpenter
<b>Prayer:</b>	Mike Hogan
<b>Scripture:</b>	John Burton
<b>Audio/Video:</b>	John Bailey
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jeff Capps & Chuck Buck

### Communion Servers:

(1) Erick Poston	(5) Tom Tucker
(2) Ed Poston	(6) John Bailey
(3) John Burton	(7) David Baird
(4) Jared Cooley	(8) Lloyd Morrison

<b>Greeters:</b>	Penny Robinson
<b>Contribution:</b>	Joyce Cooley
<b>Children's Church:</b>	Brazle/Knoblock
<b>Nursery:</b>	S. Harlan & C. Stoneburner
<b>Toddlers:</b>	O. Feldman & B. Stachler
<b>Communion:</b>	Laura Rufe
<b>Worship Team:</b>	Olivia Feldman, Becky Kearns, Jill Brazle, Craig Feldman, Mike Hogan

## Family Matters

### Prayer & Praise

**Steve Carpenter**—Pray for Steve as he prepares for his Jan. 15th surgery.

**Jerry Drummond** - had surgery last week to repair disconnected quadriceps in his knee.

**Helen Lockhart** - is in Robinson Memorial hospital and is not doing well.

**Stanley Nichols** - was in the hospital with an infection but is now home.

**Laura Ross** - left for Honduras last Wed. and returns on Feb. 10.

**Trish Schemenauer** - Maria Hogan's sister has 2 aneurysms. She will be having surgery within a month at University Hospital.

**Juanita Thompson** - is now home.

**Jim Vargo**—came home from the hospital.

**Tim Vargo**—pray for Tim as he prepares for surgery on Jan. 20th at University Hospital for salivary gland cancer.

**Terry Wigal** - needs prayer for a health issue.

**Zuravel family** - (friends of the Vitale family) 19 yr. old Stephen was injured in a car accident and may be paralyzed from the chest down. Please pray for a healing miracle of restoration. This family has previously lost a teenage son.

**Expecting:** Jessica Hakes, Alli Herren, Kristina Meeks, Rachel Richardson.

**Continue prayers:** Marvin Capps, John Drabzcyk, Evelyn Guinn, Tracy Janisko, Jean Oneacre, B.J. Ranier, Tara Vargo, Gail Warfield.

### Announcements

#### Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Classes begin on Wednesday, Jan. 13th at 7:00pm. Call Andy Raynor at 330-475-7009 if you are interested.

#### Pepperdine Lectures May 4-7, 2010 Malibu, California

If you are interested in attending the lectures this coming year, Jeanne needs to know by **January 22!** A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up early—don't miss out!

### College Graduates!

**Jennifer Edwards** - Kent State University B.A. in Geography cum laude and will be pursuing her masters starting in January at Kent State in Environmental Geography/Meteorology!

**Kristina Meeks** - Harding University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

**Josh Stoneburner** - graduated from Kent State University with a degree in bio-chemistry, veterinary science/pre-med. He has been accepted in the Physicians Assistant program at Cleveland State.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!


## Ministry Updates

### Prelude

**Saturdays 6:00-9:00pm**  
**Live Music at 7:00pm**

1/9	TBA
1/16	Kevin Baker & the Foundation Band
1/23	"The Experience"
1/30	Prelude Band

Russia	Andy Deikun
Honduras	Laura Ross ( <i>returns on 2/10</i> )
Mozambique	Chad & Amy Westerholm
Belgium	Luk & Holly Brazle
Indonesia	Winston Bolt
China	George & Martha



1/8 Testimony  
1/15 "Spiritual Inventory #1"  
1/22 Testimony  
1/29 "Spiritual Inventory #2" & meal at 6pm

### Members and Guests

If you are a visitor, please fill out the visitor card in the pew in front of you and give it to one of the ushers or ministers. Members, if you have a prayer request, please fill out the member card and place your request in the contribution basket.

### Guests

Welcome to the Church in the Falls! If you are with us for the first time, we have a gift for you! See an usher or greeter to receive your gift. We are so happy that you've chosen to be with us today, and that you will be encouraged by being here.

### Sports Ministry


#### Adult Basketball

Mondays & Thursdays at 8:00pm

#### Volleyball

Saturdays at 8pm

### Youth Ministry

**Teen Talk:**  No teen talk tonight due to the New Year's Eve overnight party.

**Jan. 29:** Winter Jam 2010

**Feb. 14-15:** Ski Trip

### Children's Ministry

**Wednesday @ 7:00pm**  
"Power Station"  
Age 4-Grade 2

### Missions

### Elders/Shepherds

Harold Carpenter	330-929-9309
Jim Feldman	330-688-6808
Layton McCown	330-650-9318
Neil Ruhl	330-689-0153
Jeff Stachler	330-334-1070

### Ministers

Mark Brazle	330-633-0193
mark@churchinthefalls.org	
Rod Sheldon	330-655-2271
rod@churchinthefalls.org	
<b>Support Staff</b>	
Jeanne Meyers, office	330-929-4717
jeanne@churchinthefalls.org	
Tom Sears, custodian	330-929-4717

January 3, 2010  
Living in the Gospel of Matthew

**“God wants you!”**

**Available for God’s Purpose**

Lessons from the unsavory genealogy of Jesus  
Matt 1:1-17

How to use [www.churchinthefalls.org](http://www.churchinthefalls.org).

A. Living in the Gospel of Matthew – read it

Who am I in the story? Where do you see yourself?

What was Jesus the Man really like?

Live in the world imagined in Scripture!

B. The unsavory genealogy of Jesus - It’s just a bunch of names!?

1. What a way to bring a king into the world!  
Who?

2. Why?

3. Lessons?

C. What a way to start 2010!

1. What am I supposed to do?

Next Sunday’s Message: “Jesus: God with Us!” Matthew 1:21-23 (His Presence!)

## Welcome!

Welcome to the Church in the Falls. We believe it is God’s will that we meet together to express our love for Him and for others. For this reason, we thank God for the grace of your presence among us this morning, and we are excited that we all get to experience God’s special presence among His people today. It is our intention to grow as disciples of Christ and to help others who are seeking the Lord to grow in their faith. In order to accomplish this, we hold as of first importance our love for God, our love for each other, and our love for our neighbor. Therefore, we emphasize the importance of participating in weekly Sunday morning worship services, weekly small group fellowship times, and regular ministry projects to our neighbors.

Please join us this morning in responding to Christ’s love and life with our love and our lives, and let’s consider what God is going to do among us today.

## Order of Worship

January 3, 2010

### Announcements & Prayer

Psalm 100 (Responsive Reading)

103 He Has Made Me Glad

60 He Is Exalted

171 Above All Else

62 I Exalt Thee

382 Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?

“Nails” (on screen)

### Lord’s Supper

#### Offering Song:

“Hosanna, You’re My King” (on screen)

### Prayer

#### Scripture Reading:

“Matthew 1:1-17”

#### Sermon:

“God Wants You!”

#### Invitation:

18 Faithful Love



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## The Presence and the Presents!

You have probably heard or read it before: “Today is a gift! That’s why they call it the present!” What does it mean to live that way? When all the presents have been opened and some of them broken, when all the decorations have been put away and some of them broken, we still can depend on His Presence in our lives every day! For the first few months of 2010 we want to live in the Gospel of Matthew! One way to do that is to read the first gospel over and over in search of themes. This may sound like homework – but it can be so rewarding!

From the first chapter to the last, one of the first themes you will notice in this Gospel written by a tax collector, one who knew what it felt like to be despised and rejected as a collaborator with the Roman government: Jesus is *Immanuel, God with us* as promised by the prophet! (Mt. 1:23; Isa. 7:14; 8:8, 10) The story closes with the continued promise, “And be sure of this, I am with you always, even to the end of the age!” (Mt. 28:20)

What does it mean to live daily with an awareness of His Presence? Last week we learned from Col. 1:27 that “Christ in you, the anticipation of His glory” is a part of His Holy Spirit living within. We sing, “In His Presence there is comfort, ...peace, ...blessed assurance.” I am reminded, “He knows just what I need!” And my spirit is refreshed. My life can be refreshing to others as the Living Water flows from within me!

Every morning since August I have started my day with a prayer that ends with the “Randy Harris Mantra”: “Lord, let me be the presence of Christ to everyone I meet today! Lord let me see the presence of Christ in everyone I meet today!” Now will that prayer make a difference? May we bring the gift of hope and peace wherever we go this year as we live out, “Christ in you, the hope of Glory!”

- Mark Brazle