

Wesleyan Bible Church of Lakewood

822 S. Simms Street, Lakewood, Colorado
Pastor: Aaron Johnson

February 28, 2016



Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Call to Worship
"Arise, My Soul, Arise" (#432, *Sing to the Lord*)

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Singing
"There is a Fountain" (#255, *Sing to the Lord*)
"The Crystal Fountain" (#382, *Sing to the Lord*)

Offering

Children's Songs
"Jesus Loves Me"
"Jesus Love the Little Children"
(Children dismissed to Children's Church)

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music: Pastor and Mrs. Johnson

Morning Message: Pastor Johnson

Closing Prayer



Youth Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Regular Service Times

Sunday School Classes	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

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Please turn in items for the bulletin by 8pm Saturday.
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Calendar

This Week

Wednesday, March 2. 6:30 p.m.
Midweek Bible Study.

Happy birthday, Betty Croy!

Upcoming Events

March 9. The Sturtevant family, missionaries to Uganda, will share with us during our midweek meeting.

March 13. Bro. Snodgrass will be with us.

April 16. Hobe Sound Bible College Choir service here.

April 29 - May 1. Rocky Mountain Interchurch Holiness Convention here.

KEEP THY HEART WITH

ALL DILIGENCE;

FOR OUT OF IT ARE

THE ISSUES OF LIFE.

PROVERBS 4:23



This is the day
the Lord hath made:
we will rejoice and
be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

Missionary Update

Byron and Melissa Manners

Taiwan

taiwantimesblog.wordpress.com

January 2016

Emmy's funeral was what occupied me the first part of January. She died early on Tuesday, and the family wanted the funeral on Saturday. That was really rushing things, but the following Saturday was to be national elections and it would not be possible to cremate that day.

Funerals here are an ordeal, an all-day affair. We started around 7:00 AM with a short service around the casket. This is supposed to be a family time to say goodbye before the casket is closed, but half of the church people went, so it was much bigger than normal. Immediately at the conclusion of that service, we marched over to the crematorium for another short service. We could not bring a body into the church we were using for the funeral because it is located in an apartment building. There are a lot of superstitious people here who worry about a ghost being left behind. So we did the cremation and burial before the funeral.

After waiting a couple of hours, we went back to the crematorium to collect the bones. Then we started out in procession out to the country.

After grabbing a quick bit for lunch, we made our way to the church for the funeral. It was packed, and those coming later had to stand. That was the most difficult funeral I have had to do. I cried more that day than I have since I was a child. Emmy and I worked

together quite well for more than six years. She was often my mouth. She was like a big sister to everyone in the church. It was hard to say goodbye.

For the next three Sundays, as a church we took time to grieve. The first week we talked about the Christian hope of the resurrection. The second week I tried to deal with "Why?" The third week I dealt with how to grieve. Chinese people generally don't want to talk about death. Emmy's death gave me an opportunity to preach on some things that are important, but need to be done at a special time. Instead of breaking up into cell groups that first Sunday after church, I conducted a question and answer session.

God has also used Emmy's death to heal some old wounds. Some that had left the church made some apologies. There is a tenderness in the church services that I have not seen before. One man has come back to services after being gone for a few years. Sundays have been difficult because we miss Emmy, but God is working in a wonderful way. One lady started interpreting for me in January for the first time in six years. Another one started a couple of months previously. So two are taking Emmy's place helping me preach. Missy's interpreters for children's Sunday school have been willing to help extra since Emmy has gone to heaven. So different ones are filling the big shoes Emmy left behind.