

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

*Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you.
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their
faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever.*

Hebrews 13:7-8

We are fortunate to have Rev. Lucky Arnold and our pastoral staff. They lead our church congregation to see glimpses of God. They teach us to read the Bible and pray, show deacons and elders how to serve, support the staff in managing the office, and inspire teachers to educate children and teens. Heaven-sent music programs, mission trips to cities and other countries, Wednesday night dinners and classes, church plantings, outings for seniors, and Bible studies are blessings for us.

Attending this church has enriched my life, and friends here are special! They radiate happiness in serving God. When my mother and I attended church together, we knew it was God's blessing, as we sat there together. Now she is in heaven, but for two years I brought my elderly neighbor, who has been a member here for many years. She just loved our church but now she is not able to attend because her health is declining.

So, I listen to Christian radio in the car, watch Christian television shows, and at night I fall asleep listening to hymns. I learn about God by reading the Bible and my devotional book. Therefore, I learned to trust God, and understood that He has a plan for each of us. In the GriefShare classes I learned to cope with grief because I lost four close family members in four years. Now I am in the Thursday morning Bible study and also in a group that goes out to dinner. These are programs our gifted ministers plan so we see glimpses of God.

Our Father in heaven, We thank you for Lucky Arnold, Ron Hilliard, Tim Gooley, Steve Gibbons, Chris Southard, Eddie Nabhan, Elizabeth Nielsen, and Keith Case; ministers who studied for years, and continue to study and share their learning, leading us to be closer to you. Amen.

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