



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 17, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#71

#932

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Opening Prayer

Eddie Sanders

#68

#951

The Lord's Supper

Tom Davis

#235 (1,3)

Contribution

Tom Davis

#798

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#134 (1,2,4)

Announcements

Jerry Young

#291 (1,4)

Closing Prayer

James Simons

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matt. 5:14)

THE SOBERING CASE OF KING SAUL

When we meet him, he is a tall, handsome, and apparently humble young man over whom the people come to rejoice greatly. But, what we remember him for is the way Samuel grieves over him, and the way God regrets making him king, and the way David flees from his jealous assaults. Some awareness of the factors which produce such a drastic downturn in the destiny of Saul is essential to our own spiritual health.

Both of the episodes that contribute to Saul's losing the kingdom involve failure in the service of God. In one case, Saul offers what he has no right to offer (1 Sam. 13:8f). In the other, he saves what he has no right to save (1 Sam. 15:1f). Each is indicative of the same flaw in his character.

Saul has a utilitarian approach to the things of God. He considers the offering of sacrifices, not as an expression of faithful devotion to the Lord, but as a means of holding his crowd together (1 Sam. 13:8). To him, the point is not to please God; it is to protect himself (1 Sam. 13:12). Religion is but a tool to be used in pursuit of the urgent needs of the moment.

Saul is therefore willing to do part of what God says. He will deal with the enemies, but spare their king. He will set apart what they have as an offering to the Lord, except what is good and best. He will sacrifice, but he will not obey (1 Sam. 15:22). He has no real interest in what delights the heart of God.

Saul reserves for himself the right to say which part, and when. His sin is presumption (1 Sam. 15:23). He sacrifices to God rather than to some idol, but he does it as if he himself is God!

Saul wants, however, that right without the responsibility. He credits choices to circumstances (1 Sam. 13:12) or to other people (1 Sam. 15:15). He becomes sorry for the consequences more than for the deed, and he is rejected (1 Sam. 15:20, 24f).

When our own life story is written, will what began with promise conclude with fulfillment or with disappointment? It will depend upon whether we take a different approach than king Saul did.

– Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: The Original Overcomer

PM: A City of Refuge

Prayer List & Activities

Welcome Visitors

We are honored that you joined us. We hope you will be blessed by your time with us. We have an attended nursery, a cry/training room and a nursing mother's room for your convenience if you have small children. Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the pew so that we may thank you for your visit.

For The Record

April 10

Bible Study:	268
Morning:	355
Evening:	256
Wednesday (4/13):	223
Contribution:	\$9,816



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young

Today:

YOUTH NIGHT at Rogersville



It's time to get our garden started. There will be a meeting **tonight after evening services in Rm. 130** for those who want to be involved this year.

In that regard, we need a large tiller and a vehicle capable of hauling the tiller to the Victory Garden. This could be a large walk behind or a PTO driven tiller. See Matt Keener or Randy Blackburn if you can help out.

Mark Your Calendars:

≈ **May 1 Preschool Potluck Lunch**

Golden Agers meet at 4 p.m.

SNAC after PM services

≈ **May 8 MOTHERS' DAY**

≈ **May 9** The **Ladies Book Club** will meet at Panera Bread North on Kansas Expressway at 6:30 p.m.

≈ **May 10 Elders** meet

≈ **May 12 Ladies Bible Class**

≈ **May 15 Kids & Family** "Picnic at the Park" after AM services

≈ **May 15** at 3 p.m: Baby shower for **Angela Morton**; the baby should be here by then so you will know whether to buy a boy/girl gift; she is registered at Target.

≈ **May 22** at 3 p.m.: Diapers and Wipes Baby Shower for **Summer Azeez**; because of allergic reactions, they are requesting Walgreens brand diapers and wipes or Huggies brand wipes.

≈ **May 29** Potluck Lunch

☞ **Brent Asher** will have outpatient gall bladder surgery Friday at Cox South

☞ **Arilla Buck** is at Cox South, room 831 for a possible brain tumor; no visitors at this time but please send cards

☞ **Scheryl Nook** is recovering from a fall last Sunday

☞ **Miranda Nimmo** is now home from the hospital

☞ **Lucille Ford** is now home but her health is not good

☞ **Jim Reaves** had a good report from his stress test

☞ Continue to remember **Kay Adams** and **Ella Mae Findlay**

Friends and Family:

◇ Lanae Gillespie's mother, **Geneve Treat**, is undergoing more tests relating to the cancer

◇ **Chris Tucker**, Bill & Shirley Chilton's son-in-law and former member here, is recovering from a mild heart attack

◇ **Bob Bowling**, Tim's dad, suffered a mild heart attack this past week; he had 2 stents put in

◇ Scott Barton's mom is recovering from surgery

◇ Norman & Lucile's great grandson, **Dylan**

◇ **Mark Best**, 4th grader at Strafford, is now at St. Jude

◇ Mary Jo Rookstool's brother, **John Key** in Ft. Worth



IMPORTANT MEETING WITH ALL INVOLVED WITH LTC AT THE FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM AFTER AM SERVICE TODAY.

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If you are planning to stay at the hotel in Rogers, AR, you need to turn your money in to Eddie Currier.

☞ **Conference** in Rogers, AR 4/22-23

☞ **Awards Presentation** April 24 after PM service

Long-Term

Kay Adams
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Lucille/Milton Ford
Donna Harcrow
Herman Harris
Clay Joseph
Marilyn Lanpher
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods

Military:

Cody Newman
Elaine Noe

Expectant Moms

Angela Morton
(??) (May)
Summer Azeez
(boy) (June)
Megan Crum
Hollingsworth
(Aug)

Activities & Notes



Graduates

If you will be graduating this spring (high school, college, etc.), **please notify the office or Andrew Morton** as soon as possible.

There is a sign-up sheet on the information desk for anyone who would like to furnish a meal for Angela Morton after the baby arrives. She is due May 1.

Food Pantry Needs

Boxed & Canned Meals

Jelly Peanut Butter

Cereal Tuna

Canned fruit Jello/Pudding

Canned Vegies Mac & Cheese

Please place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support.



Birthdays Next Week
25 Raelynn Nance
26 Doris B. Iorg
 Gail White
28 Porter Barnes
29 Larry Baggett

To earn honor is better than earning honors!

Service to the Bereaved

When it is learned that a family member has passed away, the family is called to see if they would like to have a meal prepared for them by the ladies of the church on the day of the funeral. If they do, it is accomplished by one of four groups serving in rotation. The whole congregation helps to achieve this work by contributing food or money as they are called upon by the food group in which they belong. On the day of the funeral the group who is to serve collects the prepared food dishes, cooks and buys the items necessary, and decorates the tables. When the family arrives, the ladies serve the meal and do all they can to make the family comfortable.

We are in the process of updating the Funeral Group Lists. Each time a family identifies with Water Mill we add that family to one of the groups. New lists will be posted on the bulletin board in the West Hallway after the May 1 meeting of Group Leaders. Please check this out to see which group you are assigned to.

Thank you for your continued assistance in providing this small service to our families at a very difficult time in their lives.

Betty Stockstill is the coordinator for this good work.

There will be an important meeting on May 1 at 4 p.m. for all Funeral Group Leaders and their helpers.

Area Gospel Meetings:

- 15-17 Seymour Church of Christ with Clint Yarber
- 17-21 Bolivar Church of Christ with Ron Stough
- 17-20 S. Hwy 5 Church of Christ in Lebanon with Joe Bright
- 24-27 Aurora Church of Christ with Walter Buckanan

See Flyers on Bulletin Board



A very special "Thank You" for your prayers, calls and cards during my recent illness. God bless you. With Christian Love, Jim Reaves



THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD

By Dennis R. Smith

One of the many lessons taught in the Bible is that God has always had his watchmen to stand guard over his people. Ezekiel was given these instructions: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word of my mouth, and give them warning from me" (Ezek. 3:17). From this reading I believe we could say that all Christians are appointed to be God's watchmen. In other words, they are to guard the people in the way they should go as well as to see that they carry out the commands given to them in "all things pertaining to life and godliness" (2nd Pet. 1:3; Heb. 13:17). In addition, with the changing of the guard there would be **standing orders** (Matt. 24:35) which had to be transferred to the oncoming watch. Here is where danger can occur. If these orders (the gospel) are not passed on, what will happen to the next generation. Tie this thought with "One generation passes away, and another generation cometh" (Eccl. 1:4). How dangerous it is to simply guess at what God wants with each new generation. It is critical that God's **standing orders** be carefully transmitted with the "changing of the guard." Respect for the outgoing generation must also be maintained and honored by the oncoming generation. Jeremiah put it this way: "Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths where is the good way, and walk therein, and he shall find rest for your souls" (Jer 6:16). **Good advice I'd say!**



Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship...5:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Class....7:00 PM

WORKS WE SUPPORT

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
 Voice of Truth International
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
 World Christian Broadcasting
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
 Lincoln Church of Christ
 Fair Haven Children's Home

"In Search Of The Lord's Way" 7:00 A.M. Sundays KOLR TV 10	"Know Your Bible" 10:30 A.M. Sundays Springfield 33 KSPR-TV
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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling
Greeters: Matt & Sara Keener
Van Driver: Lance Griter/833-2818
KYB Phone: Van & Barbara Barnes
Serve Daniel Wilson/Barney Crawford
Communion: Van Barnes/Randy Blackburn
 Adam Barton/Scott Barton
 Tim Bowling/Jackie Buck
 Kyle Buckner/Tim Buckner

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer: Ron Stokes
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Mike Thurlkill
Communion: Jon/Briley Ewing
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, April 24

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer:	Jim Reaves	Brian York
Communion:	Verl Duncan	Jon/Briley Ewing
Closing Prayer:	Justin Reaves	Tim Timmons
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda/Mike Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Jim & Debbie Meinsen	
Van Driver:	Travis Morrison/742-1970	

MONTH OF APRIL

Ushers: Daniel Tovar
 Isaac Tovar
AV Room: Jeremy Thurlkill/
 Linda Barnett
Secure
Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, April 20

Devotional: Jackie Freeze
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Don Tracy
Closing Prayer: Grant Wheeler
Van Driver: Todd Kraus