



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 21, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Eddie Sanders

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#837

#618

Opening Prayer

Jackie Freeze

#835

#951

The Lord's Supper

Shannon Haddock

Contribution

Shannon Haddock

#515

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#272

Announcements

Eddie Sanders

#121 (1,4)

Closing Prayer

Brent Looney

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

About Our Work

A word of explanation. Over the years I've often written in this newsletter "about our work." You may wonder why I would choose such an apparently mundane title, so let me explain myself a little. Each word in the phrase is crucial to what I mean. Perhaps the key word is "our." I am making reference to each one of us who are members of the body of Christ which meets here. When anyone is baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of his sins, the Lord makes that person a member of his body (1 Cor. 12:13). By "work," I mean that as fellow members of the body of Christ we have a mission to accomplish together. No single member can fulfill that purpose by himself, but as each part works properly the whole body is built up and the Lord is honored (Eph. 4:15, 16). "About" means that what I am saying is intended to call your attention to what we as a body are trying to do, and thus to encourage your involvement in the Lord's service. This is a scriptural and necessary effort (Acts 14:26, 27).

Time for good news. Anyone who has listened to the national news much over the last couple of weeks has frequently heard terms like "volatile...jittery...uncertain...scary." Usually these words have been employed with reference to the situation in the economy or to the scene on the world political stage. Such phrases are indications of a mood in which people are not sure what they can depend upon, if anything, and are therefore hesitant about making any investment of themselves in anything. We who are Christians have news—good news—that people always need to hear and may especially be receptive to in times like these. We know something about treasure that cannot be destroyed or stolen (Matt. 6:19-21), and about hope that will not perish or fade (1 Pet. 1:3, 4), and about life that is worth living and will not end (Tit. 1:2; 2:12). Thanks to those of you who are making special efforts to sow seeds of good news. May each of us pray more specifically about these efforts. Let us make this a season we pay more attention to being sharers of the news everyone needs to know.

Bible school. The new year in our Bible class program will begin shortly. Our youngsters will be promoted to their new classes. New studies will begin in many of our other classes. This is an occasion for all of us to renew our involvement in, and support for, our Bible classes. So much of our mission—teaching, fellowship, and helping—is embodied in our Bible school. It's hard to see how we can be zealous for the Lord and his kingdom, but lukewarm about this good work. Teachers, thank you, thank you, for your work. May all of us be encouragers of it!

Service honored. The Baldwin church of Christ in Fayetteville is honoring Bobby and Meredy Dockery today for 40 years of faithful service alongside them. The Dockerys are our treasured friends. They have served humbly, honorably, and well for all these years, not only tending to the tasks of ministry day in and day out, but also writing, printing, and sending millions of pieces of Bible teaching material all over the world. We admire and honor their good work and what they mean to the kingdom of the Lord.

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: *Honoring Christ*

PM: *"Can anyone really understand the Bible?" - part 1*

Prayer List & Notes

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

August 14

Bible Study:	248
Morning:	325
Evening:	169
Wednesday (8/17):	202
Contribution:	\$ 8,988



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

- ☞ Martha Alspaugh, Ruth Lund's mother, is now at home
- ☞ Richmond Griter has another cist on his face close to his eye that may require more surgery
- ☞ Nancy Snider is not feeling well; Thelma Fain is not doing well
- ☞ Pat Milligan is doing well after foot surgery
- ☞ Miley Fisher is doing well after her surgery
- ☞ John Mahon will have back surgery Thursday
- ☞ Gertrude Hughes, former member, has a lot of back pain
- ☞ *Continue to remember: Paul & Mary Bratcher; Kay Adams who has been moved to Manorcare, Room 115, 2915 S. Fremont, 65804; Arilla Buck who is at Magnolia Square and Shirley Bartlett*

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Todd Kraus' dad is in the hospital due to a fall last week and because he is on Coumadin he has been bleeding internally
- ◇ Tiffany Meeks' sister, Larrie White, will have surgery in St. Louis when the swelling & inflammation is under control
- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan, will have double eye surgery as soon as it can be rescheduled
- ◇ Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings, who has cancer
- ◇ Lanae Gillespie's mother, Geneve Treat, has been in the hospital in Lebanon this past week; she has cancer
- ◇ Jay Sardeson's mother is in critical condition; she has cancer and suffered a stroke

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to:

Virginia Morgan in the loss of her sister, Dee Miller, who passed away Thursday. She was Susan Crum's aunt.

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Virginia Hayter in the loss of her uncle, Harold Gouty, from Van Buren, AR who passed away this past week.



Thank you to all who made our Blood Drive a success. The Community Blood Center was very appreciative of our 18 donations.

Dear Christian Friends, Thank you for making "our day" a big success. It helped so much to have you there. In Christian Love, Lawrence & Wilma Plaster

SUCCESS

Success isn't the size or how fancy our house is; a house isn't a home unless we make it one. Success isn't the fancy clothes and how we look or expensive cars. Success isn't all the hours we work so we can pay for all the nice things we want. It is having God, our friends, time and love we give to our family and ones around us.

Congratulations to former members Jordan & Shannon Buck on the arrival of Katelyn Joy last weekend. Also congrats to Aunts Sara Stipp and Sara Kenner.

Long-Term

Shirley Bartlett
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Lucille/Milton Ford
Herman Harris
Marilyn Lanpher
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman
Elaine Noe
Matthew Patterson

Shut-ins:

Kay Adams
Joy/Alice Allen
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Iorg
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Annie Overstreet
Wilma Spoor
Doris Thomason
Judy Todd
Cathy White

Send a card or call one of our shut-ins this week. They will appreciate it more than you know.



Birthdays

22 *Tori York*
29 *John Luallin (91)*
Justin Reaves
31 *Alissa Buckner*
September
1 *Mike Tillman*
2 *Arilla Buck*
Patience Gosnell

News & Activities

Baby Shower Today

There will be a baby shower honoring **John & Megan (Crum) Hollingsworth and baby Madelyn** this afternoon at 3 pm. They are registered at Target and Babies-R-Us.



All families with nursery age to 6th grade children are invited to the Penner's home on Labor Day for a cookout. Come around 4 p.m. and bring lawn chairs. Sign up for what else to bring at the Information Desk.



We will be drawing names for Secret Sisters on **August 28** after AM services. Pick up a form from the Information Desk, fill out and return to Julie Alexander if you would like to be a part of this program.

International Friends

This evening after services, there will be a presentation about the **International Friends** program. It should last about one hour and finger foods will be served. Everyone is invited to come and learn about the program, even if you are not sure you want to be involved with it at this time. If you plan to come please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the information desk so we will provide enough food. Talk to Michelle Hulett if you have questions.



Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet September 8 at 10:30 a.m. with Ann Thiesen giving a lesson on teaching Christian women in Africa along with interesting stories about life there. Ann will wear an African dress and cook some food that is popular in Africa to go with our potluck lunch. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Area Events:

Gospel Meeting with Doug Greenway **September 18-21** at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho

Ladies Day at the Sunset Church of Christ, Saturday, **September 24** beginning at 8:45 a.m.

See Flyers on Bulletin Board



Ms. Darlene Honeycutt & Mr. Anthony Roberts requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, **Jennifer Renae Roberts** to Klynt Riley Brice on September 17th at 6 p.m. at the Brookline Church of Christ. See Announcement on Bulletin Board along with a sign-up sheet if you plan to attend. You must sign up by August 31.

Please check the coat room to see if any of the items that have been left there belong to you. If no one claims the items, we will take them to Thrift Haven after a couple of weeks.



IN THE TIME OF THE HARVEST

By Dennis R. Smith

The parable of the tares mentioned in Matthew 13 holds many striking and somber thoughts. Our Lord used a simple earthly story to teach a lesson in regard to godliness as well as ungodliness. In brief, here is the story: "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares (a wild grass of no value) among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also." This of course created a problem for the sower and his servants wanted to know what to do. The answer was: "Let them both grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." The main lesson here is that there will always be a TIME OF THE HARVEST. In other words, there will always be a DAY OF RECKONING. In this parable the wheat represents the godly and the tares represent the ungodly. Equally so, there will always be a DAY OF JUDGMENT (Psalm 1:5; Matt. 10:15; 11:22). Our eternal destiny will well be determined on how the Lord will find us "in the time of the harvest." More thought provoking are these words: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20). What a somber thought especially knowing that we each have the ability to make corrections in our lives NOW!

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

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation

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: Chatty Timmons/Johnnie Elliff
Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641
KYB Phone: Jackie & Leah Freeze
Serve Jim Meinsen/Scott Nichols
Communion: Jerry Milligan/John Penner
 Travis Morrison/Tom Norrell
 Aaron Morrison/John Stayton
 Steve Prewitt/James Simons

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer: Russell Lilly
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Todd Kraus
Communion: D. Tovar/A. Alexander
Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, August 28

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer:	John Hulett	David Kern
Communion:	Jason Luna	D. Tovar/A. Alexander
Closing Prayer:	Shannon Haddock	Matt Kelley
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Jerry & Carolyn Young	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4021	

MONTH OF AUGUST

Ushers: Tucker Jobs/
Grant Wheeler
AV Room: Matt Keener/
Terry Loveland
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, August 24

Devotional: Don Essex
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer: Jim Meinsen
Closing Prayer: Tom Meeks
Van Driver: Don Tracy