



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 23, 2009

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#782 (v. 1,2)

#299 (v. 1,4,5)

#107 (v. 1,3)

Opening Prayer

Fred Lorenz

#726

#913

Communion

Barney Crawford

Contribution

Barney Crawford

#951

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#568

Announcements

Clay Joseph

#851

Closing Prayer

Verl Duncan

"BLESSED ARE THE EYES THAT SEE WHAT YOU SEE!"

Bill McFarland

It happened at one of the high points in the Lord's ministry. Those to whom he had given authority over all the power of the enemy had returned with joyful reports of the success of what they had been doing in his name (Lk. 10:17). This had caused Jesus to rejoice in the Holy Spirit, and to thank to Father who is Lord of heaven and earth for what was occurring (v. 21). But notice this next detail: *"Then turning to the disciples he said privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it'"* (v. 23-24).

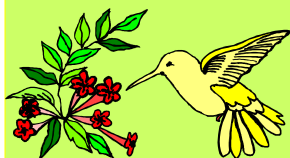
Why did the Lord feel the need to make this point to his friends at such a moment? One possibility is that he knew they might not have recognized the significance of what was happening. The report of the seventy had caused Jesus to say, "I saw Satan fall like the lightning from heaven" (v. 17). The inroads which had been made into the enemy's territory were hints of what would be completed when he, through his death and resurrection, would invade the strong man's house and took away his power (Lk. 11:21-22).

Another possibility is that Jesus understood the human tendency to take for granted that with which we have grown familiar, and that he was not willing for his friends to fall victim to that habit by overlooking the tremendous value of the blessing they were experiencing. This is an important line of thought in the New Testament, and it is a lesson we still need, perhaps even more urgently than they did.

Those who stood there with Jesus were being privileged to see the fulfillment of promises many great people of faith had greeted from afar, but had died without receiving (Heb. 11:13). The courageous prophets who even spoke of the grace they were seeing had searched and inquired diligently of its time and the subsequent glories (1 Pet. 10-11). Things into which angels long to look were being revealed (1 Pet. 1:12). Truly, eyes that are granted the opportunity to see such things are blessed!

Think of what that means to us. We enjoy the privilege of looking into the mystery of the eternal God which was kept secret for long ages, but is now disclosed wherever the gospel is taught (Rom. 16:25-27). No response fits such a blessing except the joyful and grateful obedience of faith, celebrated forevermore.

May we not take our blessings for granted.



Today's Sermons

Morning: His Majesty Is No Myth
Evening: How To Get Back On Track!

Prayer List & Announcements

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 16

Bible Study:	264
Morning:	373
Evening:	246
Wednesday:	193
Contribution:	\$ 8,444



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph

In need of our prayers ...

Pat Creson is in St. John's in room 7116 in very serious condition.

Joan King has been dismissed from the hospital and is back at Mercy Villa.

Judy Todd is back at the Strafford Care Center recovering from hip surgery.

Sarah Cowden continues her recovery from spinal surgery.

Friends & Family:

Norma Bradley's daughter, Sherri, will have a defibrillator put in Wednesday

Prayers Answered: Luis Tovar is now back home with his family.

Long-Term Prayer List:

- Shirley Bartlett
- Paul Bratcher
- Bonnie Cole
- Thelma Fain
- Gerald Jean
- Sondra Lorenz
- Donna Massey
- Carol Mahon
- Jarita Nimmo
- Pat Woods
- David/Debbi Ratterree
- Phil Baker, former member

Military:

- Joshua Moss



Financial Peace Seminar: Sunday, August 30th at 2:30 p.m. will be our first class.
Child care will be provided.

Informational Meeting today after morning service in the auditorium

WHAT IS LTC?

The initials LTC stand for Leadership Training for Christ. The purpose of this program is to stimulate and encourage spiritual, mental, and social growth among young people in grades 3-12. Its aim is to develop skills in leadership, Bible knowledge and Christian servanthood. The youth are the future of the Lord's church. If we as adults don't take the time to train our youth in leadership and servanthood, what will happen to the growth of the church? Since our beginning 4 years ago, I believe that LTC has opened the eyes and hearts of our young people to the understanding of Christian servanthood; we have gone from 20 to 41 participants. We must continue to pray for them and encourage them to be involved in the work at Water Mill. May God continue to bless us in our efforts to train young men and women in service to the Lord.

Happy Birthday

- 24 Megan Carrell
- 25 Phyllis Gregory, Alex Penner
- 26 Billie Luna, Tim Timmons
- 27 Carolyn Smith, Karlina Ford, Matthew Algieri
- 28 Bob Solomon, Bryce Summers
- 29 John Luallin, Justin Reaves
- 30 Cora Lee Minnich
- 31 Alissa Buckner, Ben Cunningham

Happy Anniversary

- 26 Roy & Donna Massey 14 yrs.
- 28 Lynn & Gloria Luallin 38 yrs.
- 29 Jackie & Leah Freeze 20 yrs.
- 31 Don & Ruth Essex 53 yrs.

We extend our sympathy to Sherry Sherman in the loss of her aunt in Washington last week.



We wish for all students and teachers heading back to school an enjoyable and safe school year!

News & Events

Bible Institute of Missouri Evening School

New Classes Begin August 24
(see flyer on Bulletin Board for
more info)



Bible School

Promotion Day is
September 6!



I have heard so many of you say how great it is to be a part of such a loving, caring family and I thought, "How true." But now I know first hand the abundant love and care each of you has shown to me and my family. Thank you for all the prayers, words of concern, cards, calls, food and your presence with us as we said goodbye to my sister, Mary Hansen.

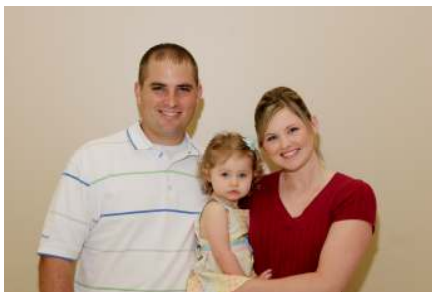
Love you all, Linda Currier and family

Dear Water Mill Church Members,

Our family appreciates your kindnesses shown during this difficult time at the passing of our loved one. The kind words, flowers, cards, calls and hugs, all expressions of caring, brought tears to our eyes and an inward joy to our hearts of all those shared relationships. Also, thanks for the meal that was provided. It was enjoyed so much by our family during this time of our sorrow.

Sincerely, The Davis Family

Spotlight Family: Matt, Julie & Haylee Kelley



The Kelley family came to us from the Union Hill congregation after building a new home in this area. They previously worked with us while attending college. Matt is employed by Old Missouri Bank and Julie is currently teaching school at Cassville. We are so happy to have this lovely family at Water Mill.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
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Fred Lorenz	417-833-1664
Gene Lund	417-869-6423
Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

Minister

Bill McFarland	417-833-0110
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Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith	417-866-6918
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Youth Minister

Andrew Morton	417-712-4809
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Matt Keener
Tim Bowling	Russell Lilly
Tim Buckner	Paul Lines
Tom Davis	Jim Meinsen
George Downing	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	Eddie Sanders
Jon Ewing	James Simons
Shannon Haddock	Tim Stockstill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

THOUGHTS FROM DENNIS ...

Golden Age Jamboree is OCTOBER 10!



NO SECRETS WITH GOD

It is a frightening thing to understand that God knows all our good points and that he knows all our bad thoughts as well. David called them "our secret sins" (Psa. 19:12; 90:8). In the day of judgment all those secret sins will be revealed (1st Tim. 5:24) unless God has forgiven us of them already. As bad as these things may seem, perhaps there is a certain resolve which can come from them. If this seems somewhat strange, just remember the forgiving spirit of our God extended on out into infinity. He conveyed this truth to us through his Son when he was asked how often should we forgive our brother. The reply was, "I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven" (Matt. 18:22). When we look at some of God's greatest men and see the sins which were committed by them and couple their sinful deeds with the forgiving spirit of Christ, it gives hope to those of us who may have our own "secret sins." The Apostle Paul confessed that he was the "chief of sinners" (1st Tim. 1:15). These words were written late in the life of this man of God. However, not too long after this he wrote: "I am now ready to be offered" (2nd Tim. 4:6), meaning that he found forgiveness of all his sins. While we need to strive to live above sin, there is still the confidence that God, through his Son, will always forgive if we only ask him to do so.

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"The Living Word"
 7:30 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

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

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Class.....7:00 PM

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Carolyn Smith/Linda Barnett
Van Driver: Shannon Haddock/732-4203
KYB Phone: Randy/Orvella Blackburn
Serve A. Stipp/J. Mahon
Communion: B. Looney/J. Dutton
 S. Nichols/T. Meeks
 T. Newell/J. Penner
 J. Reaves/T. Kraus

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Oran Green
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Dale Gregory
Communion: Haddock/Kelley
Nursery: Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, August 30

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	George Downing	Shannon Haddock
Communion:	Tim Bowling	Haddock/Kelley
Closing Prayer:	John Dutton	Wayne Harmon
AM Nursery:	Jill Morrison/Linda Barnett	
PM Nursery:	Jammie Davis/Meredith Reaves	
Greeters:	Oran & Nadean Green	
Van Driver:	Kristy Sivils/838-1836	

THIS MONTH

Ushers: Scott Nichols/
 Adam Stipp
AV Room: Matt Keener/
 Terry Loveland
Secure Building: Paul Lines

Wednesday, August 26

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Russell Lilly
Closing Prayer: Paul Lines