




# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 12, 2010

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Clay Joseph

### Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#732 (1, 2, 3)

#336 (1, 3, 4)

#562

### Opening Prayer

Randy Blackburn

#203

### The Lord's Supper

Travis Morrison

#482

### Contribution

Travis Morrison

#9 (1, 2, 4)

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#67

### Announcement

Clay Joseph

#301

### Closing Prayer

Jerry Young

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

## About Our Work

We have used the little phrase above as the heading for articles in this newsletter many times down through the years. It is for a good reason, and it might be well for us to remind ourselves what that reason is. There is *work* to be done because the Lord has commissioned his church with the task of making him known through the gospel, becoming like him through teaching and worship, and caring for people through service and kindness. This work is *our* work because each one of us is a member of his body, and our functioning properly as individual members is essential to the building up of the body in love. Our work must be thought *about* and spoken of so that we may find our place in it, encourage each other at it, and pray over it. Even the use of this brief phrase is good for us—if we will think about what we are saying.

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The point of our work is fresh on my mind as I am writing. Earlier in this day I have watched and listened as the family of our sister Margaret Cobb honored her memory. This dear lady obeyed the gospel of Christ, which someone taught her, sixty-six years ago. She met with this one congregation each time it gathered, remembered the Lord, learned his ways, and served in many ways through all those years. She taught the Lord's word to children in Bible class and to people all over the world by correspondence courses. Through strong ties of fellowship, she encouraged so many fellow-Christians, and they encouraged and cared for her. Her faith was instilled in her family and they are active citizens of the kingdom of the Lord. Her brothers and sisters here were present as her family remembered her, and served her family afterward, as Margaret did for many families for decades. That, friends, is what our work is all about. It is no small thing. It is about life.

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Life is going on around us these few days. One family has been celebrating, but with tears. Another one of our families has been using our building to rejoice over marriage vows. Some of our members have been helping them. Later today, another of our families which is expecting their first little one will be "showered" as the rest of us rejoice with them. Through this next week, we are "adopting" the blood drive at the Community Blood Center, perhaps in so doing literally allowing life to continue for some neighbor. Most importantly, we are meeting today in the interest of that which is "life indeed" through worship and teaching and encouraging each other in the faith.

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The times when things like these are going on all at once serve an important end. They, of all the moments of life, surely must lead us to examine what we are living for, why we are doing so, and how we would stand if called upon to give account. These are the moments that make me ask myself whether I am ready for life.

—Bill McFarland

## Today's Messages:

AM: *Jesus, Savior*

PM: *When Faith Meets Skepticism*

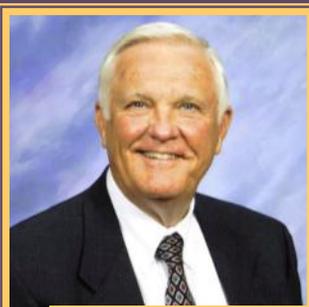
# ACTIVITIES

## 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 December 5

Bible Study:	245
Morning:	360
Evening:	225
Wednesday (12/08):	207
Contribution:	\$10,549



Elder of the Month  
Clay Joseph

## Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Sara Stipp this afternoon at 3 p.m. in the fellowship room. Adam & Sara are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies R Us, Target & Wal-Mart.



### "Miracle of Giving" Blood Drive THIS WEEK

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SIGNED UP TO GIVE BLOOD THIS WEEK AT EITHER OF THE COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER'S DONOR CENTERS, please do so today. This is the time of year when more blood is needed. Do your part to help save a life.

- ☞ Elders meet TUESDAY at 2 p.m.
- ☞ Quilters meet December 21st at 10 a.m.
- ☞ Ladies, if you would like to renew your subscription to Christian Woman Magazine or subscribe for the first time, please give your check in the amount of \$15.98 to Johnnie or Robin by 12/22.
- ☞ The Water Mill Book Club will be reading Ann Thiesen's book The Warm Heart of Africa for our January meeting. If you want a copy, please contact Linda Currier.

### LTC Banner Kids

Our first meeting will be January 2nd at 3 p.m. If you signed up for this event, please be present.  
Jennifer Carroll/Megan Jobes

Please check the "Coat Room" to see if any of the items of clothing belong to you. If these items are not claimed soon, we will send them to Thrift Haven.

## Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to three new families. We are so happy they have chosen to be a part of this congregation.

**Jereme, Summer & Austin Azeez**  
8195 N. Farm Road 197  
Springfield, MO 65803  
417-833-0834

**WE HOPE YOU WILL DO YOUR PART TO MAKE THESE FAMILIES FEEL WELCOME!**



**Congratulations to Ryan and Jeanne Friend who were marriage last evening. May they have a long and happy marriage! Their address is 3538 W. Division, Springfield, MO 65803.**

### JJ & Ashley Blevins

3032 N. Fair Haven Loop, House #3  
Strafford, MO 65757  
417-862-6675  
(House Parents at Fair Haven)

### Marla Wuench

Husband Kevin & daughters Audrey, Ashlyn, Autumn  
1435 E. Smith Street  
Springfield, MO 65803  
417-833-6134

If you are looking for a good devotional book and have not in the past purchased one of these, we have copies available of "Strength for the Journey" by Bill McFarland and David Deffenbaugh and "In Our Fathers Hands" (family devo book) by Justin & Tyrel Hatfield. See Johnnie if you are interested.

# PRAYER LIST AND NEWS

- John Mahon is now at home recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Cecil Lines is now at home after spending a few days in the hospital
- Herman Harris is having some health issues
- Shirley Bartlett is recovering at home from surgery
- Irene Johnson remains at Quail Creek Nursing Home and would appreciate visitors
- Connie Westerman will have outpatient surgery on 12/23
- Don Tracy will have outpatient surgery on 12/27
- Great to see Dale Gregory with us last Sunday
- Continue to remember Marilyn Lanpher, Dale Harp, Dale Gregory, Seldon Essex

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Tom Stipp will have cancer surgery on the 14th at St. John's
- ◇ Dylan Markowski, Norman & Lucile's great grandson in Houston, TX is having tests
- ◇ Junior Sneed, 35-year old son of Jim (an elder at Union Hill) & Rhonda Sneed, is in ICU at Cox South

Long-Term

- Joy & Alice Allen
  - Paul Bratcher
  - Doris Burch
  - Bonnie Cole
  - Thelma Fain
  - Lucille/Milton Ford
  - Donna Harcrow
  - Gerald Jean
  - Clay Joseph
  - Marilyn Lanpher
  - Carol Mahon
  - Jarita Nimmo
  - Betty Shaw
  - Doris Tobler
  - Pat Woods
- Military:
- Cody Newman
  - Jacob Gardner
  - Elaine Noe



Expectant Moms

- Sara Stipp (Jan) (boy)
- Brittany Morrison (Feb) (boy)
- Angela Morton (May)
- Summer Azeez (June)

## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Barney Crawford | 417-866-0592 |
| Clay Joseph     | 417-833-3002 |
| Gene Lund       | 417-343-5783 |
| Eddie Sanders   | 417-833-5712 |
| Bob Snider      | 417-833-3498 |
| Jerry Young     | 417-724-0324 |

### Minister

- |                |              |
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| Bill McFarland | 417-833-0110 |
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### Golden Age Minister

- |              |              |
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| Dennis Smith | 417-866-6918 |
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### Youth Minister

- |               |              |
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| Andrew Morton | 417-712-4809 |
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### Deacons

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

### Staff

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| Johnnie Elliff | Secretary |
| Tim Bowling    | Custodian |

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of our beloved sister Margaret Cobb who passed away last Tuesday at the age of 96. She will be greatly missed.

We also extend our sympathy to Bill McFarland and his family in the loss of his "Aunt Bea" Hickman, who passed away Thursday in Mountain Home.



We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and delicious cookies and all the well wishes that made our birthdays so bright. Also, we would like to thank all that visit and send cards and gifts to my mother, Betty Shaw. She really appreciates them. You are a wonderful family. In Christian love, Ronald and Marsha Bower



## WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE!

By Dennis R. Smith

Recently I received a greeting card from a boyhood friend whom I had known since I was 5 years old. Since then, other than our high school days together, I had seen him probably less than five times in the 76 years of our friendship. I must confess that I was pleasantly pleased and surprised to receive his card. This set me to thinking of the real value of friendship and, you know, the Bible informs us of this so often. "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:21). Another passage from the Proverbs adds further dimension to the richness of friendship: "A friend loveth at all times" (17:17). One more divine message if you please: "Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not" (Prov. 27:10). My suggestion concerning our friends is that we do all we possibly can to keep them. In light of all this, let me remind you of another friend who always stands by us in all the conditions which life brings. We sing of this friend and pray to God through this Friend and he leaves us a beautiful message as well as a promise when he said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Of course, you know this friend did just that. He gave his life for us on a cruel cross that we could see the depth of his love and friendship.

### 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

### OUR MISSION POINTS

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa  
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern  
 Mariana Islands  
 Voice of Truth International

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

"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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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn  
**Greeters:** Jim & Debbie Meinsen  
**Van Driver:** Kristy Sivils/793-1086  
**KYB Phone:** Jackie & Leah Freeze  
**Serve** Shannon Haddock/Sam Hansen  
**Communion:** Terry Loveland/Kelley Epperly  
 John Hulett/Dwayne Jackson  
 Gaylen Jones/Matt Keener  
 David Kern/Todd Kraus

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Opening Prayer:** Verl Duncan  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** George Downing  
**Communion:** Daniel/Isaac Tovar  
**Nursery:** Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

### NEXT WEEK, December 19

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jackie Buck	John Dutton
<b>Communion:</b>	Jim Reaves	Daniel/Isaac Tovar
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Brendan Carroll	Tom Easterly
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Chatty Timmons/Ruth Reaves	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Kristy Sivils/793-1086	

### MONTH OF DECEMBER

**Ushers:** Matt Kelley/  
 Scott Nichols  
**AV Room:** Scott Barton/  
 Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines/  
 Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, December 15

**Devotional:** Jon Ewing  
**Song Leader:** Tom Easterly  
**Opening Prayer:** Oran Green  
**Closing Prayer:** Shannon Haddock  
**Van Driver:** Jason Luna