



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 4, 2011

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Bob Snider

### Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#523

#638

### Opening Prayer

Tom Norrell

#9 (1,2,4)

### The Lord's Supper

Gene Lund

### Contribution

Gene Lund

#116

#52

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#746

### Announcements

Bob Snider

#781 (1,3)

### Closing Prayer

Scott Nichols

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

## A REFRESHING SENSE OF PURPOSE

A sense of purpose is what fashions the intentions that breathe through all activities of a person or group. The purpose is what determines that which will not be left out when there are too many things clamoring for time and resources. The focus of purpose may be what sustains a person through difficulty or encourages him in the wake of disappointment.

Christ is our example of the refreshing power of a sense of purpose. There are a number of sayings in the New Testament that indicate not only that he was clear about his mission, but also that it was this sense which clarified his choices and strengthened his efforts.

- “She will bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21).
- “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (Lk. 19:10).
- “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name” (Jn. 12:27-28).
- “If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world” (Jn. 12:47).
- “The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost” (1 Tim. 1:15).

Our Lord was in the world to save people from the terrible work of sin. That purpose was with him as he went about doing good, as he taught people how to live and preached the gospel of the kingdom everywhere, as he compassionately engaged the humble and courageously dealt with the proud, and as he gave himself up for us all. It is the sense that enabled him to keep his bearings amidst the crowds and critics and constant calls for help.

When our own spirits need refreshing, a renewed sense of his purpose for us might help us more than anything else. “God our Savior...desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:3-4). He has entrusted to his children the proclaiming of his promises of life in Christ Jesus our Savior (Tit. 1:2-4). The intention of fulfilling that purpose must breathe through all that we do.

A refreshing sense of purpose will move us to excellence in our teaching program, loving kindness in our efforts to do good, vision in our efforts to faithfully pass along the word of life, affectionate acceptance in our dealings with one another, grateful praise and generosity when we assemble as the church, and a spirit of hope in all circumstances. Even more, it will make us like Christ!

—Bill McFarland

## Today's Messages:

AM: *Too Wonderful for Me*

PM: *Can anybody really understand the Bible? (Part 3)*

# Prayer List & Notes

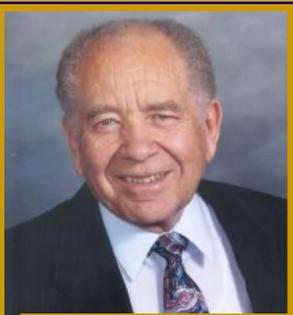
## Welcome Visitors

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 28

Bible Study:	292
Morning:	351
Evening:	223
Wednesday (8/31):	233
Contribution:	\$ 9,341



Elder of the Month  
Bob Snider

- ☞ Jarita Nimmo is not doing well; Bonnie Cole has pneumonia
- ☞ Dale Harp and Alice Allen have been in and out of the hospital this past week; Nancy Snider is still not feeling well
- ☞ Eula Compton was not feeling well last weekend but is now home from her daughter's house
- ☞ John Mahon is at home recovering from back surgery
- ☞ Gertrude Hughes, former member, has a lot of back pain
- ☞ Continue to remember: Jarita Nimmo, Thelma Fain, Paul & Mary Bratcher; Kay Adams; Arilla Buck and Shirley Bartlett

#### Friends and Family:

- ◇ Tiffany Meeks' sister, Larrie White
- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan
- ◇ Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings, who has cancer
- ◇ Lanae Gillespie's mother, Geneve Treat, is now at Lanae & Jerry's home with hospice care

### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jeanetta Hardy in the loss of her cousin, Charles David Phillips who passed away August 31.

We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Pauline W. Johnson, 98, who passed away last Wednesday. This is a lady at James River Nursing Home who was a member of the Old S. National church. Most of the James River Nursing Home Devotional Team will remember her.

Golden Messenger for September is available in the foyer.

#### New Address/Phone #

**Jackie & Virginia Buck**  
4101 W. Linwood  
Springfield, 65807  
417-869-0068



### Ladies Fall Retreat

Ladies, please mark your calendars for November 11 & 12, the 2011 Fall Ladies Retreat at the Keeter Center. Sign-up sheets are now on the Information Desk and will be available the month of September. Also, there will be an informational meeting about the retreat on Sunday, September 11th, after evening services in room 126.



Thank you for all of the many cards, prayers, visits and food you provided during our wife and mother's recent illness and death. Your kindness has been overwhelming and very much appreciated! Love, The Sardeson Family

Thank you for the outpouring of love and concern on our behalf during the health issues that have arisen. We feel we have been blessed and would appreciate continued prayers since we will have a further procedure in the near future. In Christian love, Jim & Sheryl Low.



Announcing FPU Fall 2011. In 13 action-packed lessons, you'll learn how to beat debt, build wealth, find bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more! See Matt Keener if you are interested in attending or go to [www.daveramsey.com/fpu/preview](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/preview) for more information. Classes will be scheduled and begin based on interest and demand.

#### 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



#### Birthdays Next Week

- 12 Tom Norrell
- Jeff Treat
- Leah Prewitt
- 13 Matthew Skibo
- 14 Leah Freeze
- Kyrah McFarland
- 15 Eddie Sanders
- Linda Barnett
- 17 Susan Crum

# News & Activities



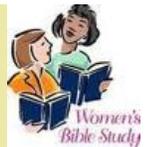
**Pot-Luck & Movie Night:** Tonight after services everyone is invited to the "church house" for fun, food and fellowship. A pot-luck meal will be set up inside the home. Following dinner, we will be showing an outdoor movie. Bring lawn chairs and/or blanket, your favorite pot-luck dish and friends.



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

***Visitation Team 1 will meet briefly after services tonight in room 126***

*Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday 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.*



***Sheryl Low will have a class & crafts for the kids. All ladies are encouraged to attend.***

- **Golden Agers** meet today at 4 pm
- **Quilters** will meet Tuesday at 10. New or beginning quilters are welcome.
- **Elders** meet Tuesday, September 13, at 2 pm.
- **Watermill Book Club** will meet Thursday, September 15, at the Library Station Panera Bread at 6:30 pm
- **Fair Haven's Annual Benefit Auction** is Saturday, September 17. See letter posted on bulletin board for more information.
- **Elders, Deacons & Preachers Meeting** September 18 at 2 pm.
- **Golden Age Jamboree** October 8. Watch for signup sheets next week
- If you are interest in participating in the **Secret Sister** program, pick up a form from the Information Desk, fill out and return to Julie Alexander. We will draw names **September 25** after AM services.

**2ND Door Knocking**  
will be Saturday the 17th. All those interested meet at the building at 9:45 AM.

**Gospel Meeting with Harold Redd** September 11-14 at the Sunset Church of Christ

**Gospel Meeting with Dennis Smith** September 18-23 at the Bona Church of Christ

**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



## **GOLDEN AGERS - A CALL TO ARMS**

By Dennis R. Smith

What a wonderful group you have been over the last decade plus! You have responded to every request which has been put to you all the way from special rallies, sending cards, taking food to the sick and providing a great lunch for our Golden Age Jamboree the last 12 years. Again, I am inviting you to A CALL TO ARMS for the next six weeks in readiness for the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Age Jamboree** coming up October 8. In what way should we be active until then? First, remember we must know how many will be coming, and we need to know if you can provide food for the Jamboree. There will be 2 lists that will be posted in our foyer for you to sign up for help here. Don't wait until the last minute. We would like to have as much done before October 1 as possible. Secondly, while printed material will be sent out twice before the date of the Jamboree to area churches, I would again this year (without fail) ask that you make personal calls to your friends in this area informing them of the Jamboree and encouraging them to attend. I suggest that we do this in the next 2 weeks and again around the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Thirdly, be sure and attend the two Golden Age Meetings between now and then for further instructions. Potential Golden Agers what a great opportunity for you to step up and into this good work. May we treat this with all prompt and diligence. It is a CALL TO ARMS in readiness for this event. Thank you!

**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

**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



*3020 North Barnes Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65803*

**Phone:** 417-866-0915  
**Fax:** 417-831-0312  
**E-mail:** (office) info@watermillchurchofchrist.org  
B. McFarland: b.mcfarland@mchsi.com  
**Website:** [www.watermillchurchofchrist.org](http://www.watermillchurchofchrist.org)  
**Office Hours:**  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday



# Service Rosters

## THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Van & Barbara Barnes  
**Van Driver:** Travis Morrison/742-1970  
**KYB Phone:** Jerry & Carolyn Young  
**Serve** John Stayton/Jeff Treat  
**Communion:** Jeremy Thurlkill/Aaron Tovar  
Jerry Stockdale/Ron Stokes  
Dustin Stokes/Mike Thurlkill  
Tyler Thornton/Daniel Tovar

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Opening Prayer:** John Stayton  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Tim Stockstill  
**Communion:** B. Asher/T. Morrison  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

## NEXT WEEK, September 11

	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	John Penner	Ron Stokes
<b>Communion:</b>	Aaron Morrison	B. Asher/T. Morrison
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Jim Reaves	Mike Thurlkill
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Linda Barnett/Jeremy Thurlkill	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Lance Griter/833-2818	

## MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

**Ushers:** Brendan Carroll/  
William Downing  
**AV Room:** Larry Baggett/  
Adam Stipp  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines/  
Tim Buckner

## Wednesday, September 7

**Devotional:** Isaac Tovar  
**Song Leader:** K. Buckner/B. Ewing  
**Opening Prayer:** Justin Reaves  
**Closing Prayer:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Van Driver:** Todd Kraus