



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 4, 2012

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Eddie Sanders

### Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#866

#785

#289

### Opening Prayer

Gene Lund

#752

### The Lord's Supper

Verl Duncan

#660

### Contribution

Verl Duncan

#884

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#557

### Announcements

Eddie Sanders

#583

### Closing Prayer

Tom Norrell

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

## I Dare You...!

Everyone has heard those words, most likely when we were young. "I dare you to throw that rock through that window," your friend Johnny may have said. Or, "I dare you to jump out of that tree." They were challenges laid out in front of us, begging us to try them, humiliation waiting if we didn't accept. So, we often followed through, right? And what did we get out of it? Usually nothing, and sometimes paid the consequences for going through with it.

Read Malachi 3, and see if this challenge from God resembles what Johnny might have said to you as a kid. "'Try Me now in this,' says the Lord of hosts..." (Mal. 3:10). "Do it! I dare you! Put me to the test," God said to the people. What is the difference between God's dare and Johnny's? When you received nothing for following the childhood dare, what do you gain from God's? "'Try me now in this' says the Lord of hosts, 'If I will not open up for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it'" (Mal. 3:10).

In the context, the people had turned away from their responsibility to give tithes and offerings to God, and were instead keeping them for themselves. Maybe it was for, in our words, good reasons: family expenses, saving for retirement, vacation, Christmas is coming, etc. We don't know. God gives them a challenge, however, to stop concerning themselves so much with the temporal, material things of life, to give those offerings to Him, and be willing to let Him be in control. "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that My house may be full, and try Me now in this..." (Mal. 3:10). "Trust Me! I dare you! And see if I don't take care of all those worries of yours with blessings beyond belief!" What a dare! That's God's challenge for us today. Be willing to not worry about the material things, and trust Him. Let Him take care of that stuff!

Was that not the message of Jesus? "Therefore do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?' or, 'What shall we wear?' But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:31,33). Try Him! I dare you!

- Adam Blaney

## Today's Messages:

AM: A City With God in the Midst of It (Zephaniah 3)

PM: The Ideal Ruler (Psalm 101)

# 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

October 28

Bible Study: 249  
 Morning: 329  
 Evening: 203  
 Wednesday (10/31): 179  
 Contribution: \$13,726



Elder of the Month  
 Eddie Sanders



◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Bonnie Cole, Thelma Fain, Alice Allen, Leona Snider  
 ◆ Marlene Matthews is back in Ozark Community Hospital, Room 219

- ◆ Lucille Ford is doing better
- ◆ Paul Bratcher is in the hospital; no visitors at this time
- ◆ Gene Creson has moved to a nursing facility in Oklahoma to be near his son. His address is 2200 N.E. 140th Street, Apt. A10, Edmond, OK 73013. I'm sure he would love to hear from you.
- ◆ Pat Woods is still in CA to see her doctor
- ◆ Byrle Hayter had gallbladder surgery last Saturday but is doing so well he is now on vacation.

### Friends & Family

- ◆ Continue to remember Judy Dixon, from the Brandsville congregation, Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, and Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, as they each battle cancer; Ann Freeze, Jo Baggett's mother
- ◆ Jake Brumfield, son of the minister at the Jackson Street congregation, had successful surgery Wednesday at St. Jude's to remove a brain tumor; they are awaiting lab results; you may remember his brother passed away last October with brain cancer



### COLLEGE MINISTRY

To help start our College age ministry, we are going to send out care packages for finals this semester to any college students you know! We would like to send them goodies that will help them through their studies. Here is a short list of some items that we would like to put in our care packages:

**Popcorn, Fruit Snacks, Candy, Cookies, Crackers, Chewing Gum, Hot Chocolate, Oatmeal, Toothbrushes, Kleenex packages**

Please drop off these items in the Rubbermaid barrel located in the fellowship room by **November 21st**. We need as many donations as possible! If you can, please help us assemble the packages on Monday **November 26th**. If you know any college students (not just in Springfield) that would like to have a package, please submit the name and address so we can send one to them.

### College/Career Class

**Starting November 11**, there will be a new College/Career class in the fellowship hall led by Daniel Meinsen. Anybody ages 18 to 25 is welcome to join us for Bible study and fellowship. We will have a series of lessons & discussions called "I Know Whom I Have Believed." We will also have doughnuts and juice available!

### Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams  
 Alice Allen  
 Shirley Bartlett  
 Paul Bratcher  
 Doris Burch  
 Eula Compton  
 Fern Davis  
 Thelma Fain  
 Ella Mae Findlay  
 Lucille Ford  
 Milton Ford  
 Allen Harmon  
 Doris Iorg  
 Irene Johnson  
 Carol Law  
 Carol Mahon  
 Wilma Melton  
 Betty Shaw  
 Doris Thomason  
 Doris Tobler  
 Judy Todd  
 Pat Woods



### Expectant Moms

**Sara Stipp/boy/December**  
**Leah Prewitt/boy/January**  
**Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February**  
**Tabitha Blaney/girl/March**  
**Brittany Morrison/boy/March**

### We need YOU in Sunday School



To our church family, Thanks so much for all the love shown us at Jarita's

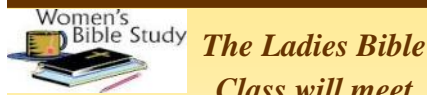
death. Thanks to Bill, Dennis and Kerry for a beautiful service. Also thanks to the ladies for a delicious meal and all the cards, prayers and calls. Jarita loved the Lord so much and loved going to services. In Christian love, **The Nimmo & Jean Families**

To our church family, Heartfelt thanks to everyone for the support shown to us after the loss of my brother, John Luallin. The calls, cards, hugs and other acts of kindness were very much appreciated. **Lynn & Gloria Luallin**

# News & Activities

## Ladies Retreat

The Ladies Retreat is November 16-17 at the Keeter Center. There will be a short meeting of all ladies attending immediately following the AM service today in Bill's classroom, 126. Please try to attend. If you cannot attend, please see someone on the planning committee for an informational flyer.



*The Ladies Bible Class will meet*

Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Leona's lesson will be "Count Your Blessings: Let us be Thankful." Bring a favorite food and enjoy a thanksgiving potluck lunch together!

## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
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/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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### Deacons

Scott Barton	Matt Keener
Tim Bowling	Russell Lilly
Tim Buckner	Paul Lines
Tom Davis	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	James Simons
Jon Ewing	

### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

### Birthdays

11 Betty Holden  
Linda Currier  
Debbie Kern  
Debbi Ratterree  
14 Alice Allen  
15 Carol Tovar  
Richmond Griter  
16 Ann Fahr  
17 Suzanne Dabbs  
Kay McFarland



- ∞ Golden Agers meet today at 4 pm.
- ∞ Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- ∞ Veterans Day November 11
- ∞ Next book club meeting will be November 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Panera Bread on N. Kansas Expressway.
- ∞ Elders meet November 13 at 2 pm.
- ∞ Youth Night at Sunset Nov. 18
- ∞ Thanksgiving November 22

Golden Messenger for November is available in the foyer. Everyone (not just Golden Agers) be sure to pick up a copy!

"Live as if Christ died yesterday, rose this morning, and is coming back tomorrow."

## "Memories are made of things like this!"

By Dennis R. Smith



Some of us are old enough to remember the popular song by this title. Isn't it wonderful that God has created us in such a way as to be able to remember. No wonder the psalmist could say, "*we are fearfully and wonderfully made*" (Psa. 139:14). The history of God's people in both the Old and New Testaments shows that God wants us to remember. The Passover was to be a reminder of the night in Egypt when God's people strictly obeyed the message of salvation. Remember, "*the death angel*" came to bring death to the first born both of man and beast. In the New Testament the early Christians partook of the Lord's Supper (communion - 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 10:16) each first day of every week as a reminder of the horrible death of Jesus. (Acts 20:7). Peter, in his second epistle, wrote several times about the importance of remembering. Yes, memories have a purpose. I believe that God today wants us to be drawn closer to each other from memories which might have happened years before. The Apostle Paul commands us "*..rejoice with them that rejoice, and weep with them that weep*" (Rom. 12:15). How can we unless we remember? Agreed, some of our memories are sad and some are happy! Even so, God has a way of "*turning our mourning into joy*" (Jer. 31:13). Let us then trust in the promises of God and allow our memories to bring us closer and closer to each other which in the process brings us closer to the Lord. (Amen?)



### 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  
 Fair Haven Children's Home

"In Search of the Lord's Way"  
 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10  
 'KNOW YOUR BIBLE'  
 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSRP



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 Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

# Service Rosters

## THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Brendan & Jenny Carroll  
**Van Driver:** Lance Griter/350-4646  
**KYB Phone:** Gerri Dickens/Ann Thiesen  
**Serve**  
**Communion:** Brendan Carroll/Carl Tindall  
 Dustin Stokes/Randy Blackburn  
 Adam Barton/Scott Barton  
 J.J. Blevins/Tim Bowling  
 Jackie Buck/Kyle Buckner

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Opening Prayer:** Jerry Milligan  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Dustin Stokes  
**Communion:** B. Glenn/J. Hulett  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

## NEXT WEEK, November 11

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jack Lynch	Aaron Morrison
<b>Communion:</b>	Clarence Feeney	B. Glenn/J. Hulett
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Tom Meeks	Mike Thurlkill
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Tom & Gin Crumrine	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Travis Morrison/343-7451	

## MONTH OF OCTOBER

**AV** Travis Morrison/  
**Room:** Larry Baggett  
**Secure** Paul Lines/  
**Building:** Tim Buckner

## Wednesday, November 7

**Devotional:** Barney Crawford  
**Song Leader:** Tom Easterly  
**Prayer:** James Simons  
**Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill/  
 849-7678