



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 11, 2012

## Order of Worship

*Welcome*

Eddie Sanders

*Song Leader*

Jon Ewing

"Ancient Words"

*Reading:*

1 Peter 1:13-21

#438

"Father God"

*Opening Prayer*

Jack Lynch

#950

*The Lord's Supper*

Adam Blaney

#682

*Contribution*

Jackie Freeze

"Blessed Be Your  
Name"

*Lesson*

Bill McFarland

#272

*Announcements*

Eddie Sanders

#543

*Closing Prayer*

Tom Meeks

## "After He Had Served the Purpose of God in His Own Generation"

It's a thought-provoking line, isn't it? It comes from the first of Paul's speeches in Acts. It was in the synagogue at Antioch of Pisidia, and he was demonstrating by the scriptures that God has fulfilled what he promised to the fathers by the resurrection of Jesus. Having noted their hope in "the holy and sure blessings of David," the apostle observed, "For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption" (Acts 13:36, 37).

Consider the implications of this awe-inspiring thought. Each of us lives in our own generation. It will pass. As all generations have, my own generation will fall asleep and be laid with its fathers. Yours will, too, whether you ever take the time to contemplate what this fact must tell us about the meaning of our lives, or not.

God will still be God. He is the God of a thousand generations. His character is the measure of each of them. He continues to work his purposes in all of them. His power and wisdom are far superior to any of them. Without this fact, wouldn't any generation simply be destined for corruption?

But something wonderful is possible. A person can "serve the purpose of God in his own generation" and "fall asleep." He can be quite a blessing to his own generation by doing the will of God within it (see the KJV of verse 36). By serving the counsel of God in his own generation, he may not only impact succeeding generations for good, but also be at peace with the passing of his own (note the ASV rendering of our verse).

What changes everything is that God raised up his Son. He did not see corruption. He is the interruption of what has been the inevitable end of every generation. He is "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor. 15:20). Through him, we will awake to life.

It is more meaningful than ever that we serve the purpose of God in our own generation. We must do his will, follow his counsel. Where we are. While we live. In whatever ways we can. Until we fall asleep.

—Bill McFarland

### *Today's Messages:*

*AM: How to Think Straight (1 Peter 1)*

*PM: How the Church Triumphs In the Midst of Difficulty  
(Acts 12)*



## College/Career Class - STARTING TODAY

**Starting TODAY** 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.**" Please be praying for us, and invite a friend to join us for our class!



## 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.

**Wednesday night, November 22, we will have a special combined devotional in the auditorium. We hope you will join us if you are in town!**

- ☞ **Ladies book club** will meet tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at Panera Bread on N. Kansas Expressway.
- ☞ **Elders** meet Tuesday at 2 pm.
- ☞ **Ladies Retreat** Nov. 16-17
- ☞ **Youth Night** at Sunset Nov. 18



## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

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Dennis Smith	417-866-6918
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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



## Everyone Needs to Read and Heed Romans 8:-6-7!

By Dennis R. Smith

The Bible is God's instruction book for mankind. Our faith comes from our knowledge of this divine book (Romans 10:17). Admittedly, there are some sections of the scriptures which are very difficult while some are easy to understand but hard to accept. This may be true with the text from Romans 8:6-7: "*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*" What a startling truth is revealed here. God wants everyone to be saved and has provided through Jesus Christ the way to accomplish salvation. However, our text is telling us that when we fill our minds with carnal things eventually it will bring on eternal death. Also, if we have any conscience about our destiny, verse 7 should open our eyes and penetrate our hearts. In short it is saying that with a carnal mind it is difficult if not impossible for the words of the bible to mean anything to us. It isn't that we are exempt from the truths of God or that we are not "*subject to the law of God,*" but it means that His book of instructions absolutely means nothing to us. As long as that attitude prevails, one can never find the "*peace that passes all understanding* (Phil. 4:6). Even worse, there comes a time when and if the mind is focused only on things carnal that God will give us over to "*a reprobate mind*" (Rom. 1:28). How dangerous - how sad!

### 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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# Service Rosters

## THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn  
**Greeters:** Tom & Gin Crumrine  
**Van Driver:** Travis Morrison/343-7451  
**KYB Phone:** Verl & Karen Duncan  
**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:** Aaron Morrison  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Mike Thurlkill  
**Communion:** Blanton Glenn/J. Hulett  
**Nursery:** Alice Buckner/J. Carroll

## NEXT WEEK, November 18

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	John Mahon	Dennis Smith
<b>Communion:</b>	Don Essex	B. Glenn/J. Hulett
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Daniel Meinsen	Aaron Tovar
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Barney & Debbie Crawford	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Jackie Freeze/616-9789	

## MONTH OF OCTOBER

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

## Wednesday, November 14

**Devotional:** Kyle Buckner  
**Song Leader:** Tom Easterly  
**Prayer:** Bob Snider  
**Van Driver:** Jason Luna/  
 838-7152