



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 18, 2011

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Clay Joseph

### Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#301

#350

#7 (1,2,3)

### Opening Prayer

Jerry Young

#621

### The Lord's Supper

Tim Timmons

#417

### Contribution

Tim Timmons

### "In Christ Alone"

#### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#125

### Announcements

Clay Joseph

### Closing Prayer

Aaron Tovar

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

## About Our Work

By the nature of my work I am sometimes in a position to know of kind and generous things my brothers and sisters quietly do. On their on and without notice, there are always some whose deeds are beautiful expressions of their love for the Lord and their membership in his body. I am always impressed with how much this happens during this time of the year. The doers of whom I am speaking do not call for the cameras nor do they post lists of their beneficiaries on social media, but I assure you they are present and they are blessing lives. Their actions are for the Father who sees in secret and their reward will come from him (Matt. 6:4). I am so thankful for the goodness of my brothers and sisters in the Lord!

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Copies of our daily Bible reading plan for the new year are available for you to pick up now. Our interest, of course, is simply to encourage everyone to read the scriptures, and we make a schedule available toward that end. It's a quite different approach this time. It will still take us all the way through the Bible during the year. This time, though, it is more topical in the sense that it is basically three chapters each day, but from different parts of the Bible. We are not reading entire books straight through this time, and we may miss that continuity a little. But trying it this way will have some advantages: 1) Readers will be less likely to get bogged down in some section and give up. 2) A variety of spiritual needs will be addressed each week. 3) We won't be waiting until October to get any of the New Testament. 4) Any of us who get behind can jump back in at any particular time. 5) There will be an opportunity each day to identify a new theme and to meditate on it. 6) The fact that this is a different plan may help to motivate us and to keep our attention. Be sure to get hold of your copy and be ready to enjoy the adventure with us!

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We realize these next two weeks will be busy—and hopefully especially beneficial—ones for our families. We expect that there will be trips and gatherings and quiet times for many of us. We are praying that all of us will keep ourselves physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually well, and that we will come out of the holiday season refreshed and renewed.

For our all-congregational activities, we are going to be keeping our usual schedule. We understand that some will be away, and we will take the circumstances into account when we meet for classes and on Sunday evening. When the whole church comes together on the Lord's Day, we expect that each one of the Lord's people will want to be present to remember him. On Wednesday evening the twenty-eighth, instead of having our classes we will all be together in the auditorium for a year-end devotional time.

Please help us watch out for one another during this time. May we remember each other in our prayers.

—Bill McFarland

### Today's Lessons:

AM: "... You're Not Alone."

PM: This Is Why We Sing

# Prayer List & Notes

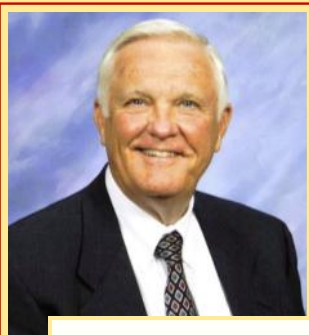
## Welcome Visitors

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

December 11

Bible Study:	254
Morning:	345
Evening:	216
Wednesday (12/14):	206
Contribution:	\$10,360



Elder of the Month  
Clay Joseph



### Prayer List

- ✿ Herman Harris is now at home
- ✿ Bill Chilton was in the hospital for a few days this past week and Shirley is having problems with her eyes
- ✿ Jose Polson's brother is in the hospital
- ✿ Jarita Nimmo is at Westside Health Care
- ✿ Lucille Ford is in Cox South ICU and Milton is in room 339. They are both very sick; cards can be sent to 2013 E. Cherry, Apt. A, Springfield, MO 65802.

### Friends and Family:

- ♦ Betty Grabber's sister, Hazel Cook, has been in the hospital with several health issues
- ♦ Kerry Cole's sister, Susan Barnett, is having some heart problems; will have an angiogram tomorrow
- ♦ Continue to remember Samantha York's father as he recovers from bypass surgery
- ♦ Jan Bowling's cousin's daughter, Shelby Davidson, is undergoing testing at St. Jude
- ♦ Noel Green's father-in-law is in very serious condition in the hospital in Albuquerque
- ♦ John Stayton's aunt & uncle from Arkansas were in a serious auto accident this past week; 17-year old Jonathan Saterfield, friend of the Norrells, is in St. Jude's for treatment of cancer; Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, will have outpatient surgery Wednesday to remove a growth near the incision where she had breast cancer surgery last year

### Prayer Request

Brent Looney responded Sunday asking for prayers.

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Pat Milligan and her family in the loss of her brother, John Cummings, last week. He had been sick for a long time with cancer.

### BAPTISM

We rejoice with LUKE LINES and his family on his decision to put on Christ in baptism last Sunday evening. Let's all be an encouragement to Luke as he begins his new walk as a Christian.



Thank you for the generous memorial sent to Fair Haven Children's Home in our Dad's honor. We all appreciate it very much. Lynn, Gloria & the Luallin family

My brother, John L. Cummings, passed from this life on December 10th from cancer. We appreciate all of your prayers and best wishes and also the lovely cards. Patricia & Jerry Milligan



A great big "THANK YOU" to all who bought twin sheets or gave us funds for sheets. Sharon Joseph graciously took the funds donated and bought sheets for us. I wish we could post all the many names but we lost track as so many of you helped. Ruth Lund, Jeanetta Hardy and I made 84 chair covers and napkins (Ruth Lund doing most of it) for use of the congregation for beautiful settings of weddings, special dinners, showers, etc. in our fellowship hall for many years to come. What a very special gift you have given us.

Blessings in Christ, Ruth Essex

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**THANK YOU RUTH FROM ALL OF US FOR YOUR UNTIRING EFFORT TO ORGANIZE AND PUT TOGETHER THESE VERY SPECIAL EVENTS. But, most of all, thank you for your love and attention to our wonderful young ladies of the congregation.**

# News & Activities



Eddie and Linda Carrier would like to invite everyone to a graduation celebration for Jessica here at the building TODAY from 2—4 p.m. No presents please. She would just enjoy seeing all of you who have been an important part of her life. She is graduating from Missouri Southern. Congratulations, Jessica!

## Upcoming Events

- ☞ Wednesday, December 28th, all classes will meet in the auditorium for a special year-end devotional
- ☞ Golden Agers meet January 1
- ☞ Quilters meet January 3
- ☞ James River Nursing Home Devotional January 7 at 2 p.m.
- ☞ Women's Book Club will meet Monday, January 9; if you have questions, see Linda Carrier
- ☞ Elders meet January 10
- ☞ January 29th will be our 5th Sunday Contribution and Potluck Lunch
- ☞ January 29 the Deacons will host a Ministry Fair

Visitation Team 3 will meet tonight after services.

Contribution envelopes for 2012 are available in the office. If you currently are using the envelopes, your name has been put on that same number for 2012 and they are arranged alphabetically.

*There are additional envelopes available if you have not been using the envelopes but would like to begin in 2012 so you can have a receipt from the church of your contributions.*

## Through the Bible in 2012

*Our daily Bible Reading Schedule for 2012 is available at the Information Desk.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthdays Next Week

- 27 Josiah Downing
- Lori Fisher
- 28 Eddie Carrier
- 29 John Dutton
- 30 Lynn Luallin

**Secret Sisters**  
Drop your Secret Sister a note at least every other week to let her know that you are praying for her.

## 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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### Deacons

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

### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



## A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF OUR PLEA - Part Two

By Dennis R. Smith

The church of Christ, scripturally and spiritually speaking, is the body of Christ. Notice the following passages: "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, **Which is his body**, the fulness of him that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1:19-23; See also Col. 1:17-18). In simple language this means that when one understands and accepts these words as being true, it gives a completely different picture of most people's concept of the church. In other words when we disgrace the church, we are disgracing Jesus Christ. When we respond to the teaching of the scriptures concerning the terms of admission into the church, we are responding to the will of Jesus Christ. This line of thought applies in all that the Bible teaches concerning the church. We cannot separate Christ from the church and be pleasing unto him. If we believe the Bible, we must believe this also. Another thing: If salvation lies in Jesus (John 14:6), then it is secured and maintained by the church which the Bible says "IS HIS BODY." (To be continued)

### 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



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

## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves  
**Greeters:** Blanton & Betty Glenn  
**Van Driver:** Lance Griter/866-2818  
**KYB Phone:** Verl & Karen Duncan  
**Serve** George Downing/Jeff Fisher  
**Communion:** John Dutton/Jackie Freeze  
 Verl Duncan/Mark Friend  
 Jon Ewing/Ryan Friend  
 Briley Ewing/Blanton Glenn

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** John Mahon  
**Opening Prayer:** Verl Duncan  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Randy Blackburn  
**Communion:** George/William Downing  
**Nursery:** Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan

### NEXT WEEK, December 25

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	John Mahon
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Daniel Wilson	Tim Bowling
<b>Communion:</b>	Luis Tovar	George/W. Downing
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Luis Tovar	Jackie Buck
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Matt & Sara Keener	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Travis Morrison/742-1970	

### MONTH OF December

**Ushers:** Jerry Stockdale/  
James Simons  
**AV Room:** Scott Barton/  
Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines/  
Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, December 21

**Devotional:** Eddie Currier  
**Song Leader:** Isaac Tovar  
**Opening Prayer:** Tom Davis  
**Closing Prayer:** Eddie Currier  
**Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill