



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 3, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#68
#435

Opening Prayer
Matt Keener

#984
#90

The Lord's Supper
Don Essex

Contribution
Don Essex

#527
#238

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#29

Announcements
Barney Crawford

#756

Closing Prayer
Tom Davis

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



THREE NEW SERIES BEGINNING THIS LORD'S DAY

The Spirit of God

Who is the Holy Spirit? What is his ministry in the age of the gospel? How does his work impact the life of one who belongs to Christ? Reading the New Testament makes it obvious that the Spirit of God is essentially connected to the faith of Christ. Observing life makes it about as clear that when it comes to our thinking about him we are often intimidated, confused, or even mistaken. We will look into what the Bible says about him this quarter in our class in room 126 on Sunday mornings. You might use this as an occasion to renew regular involvement in a study group, or as an opportunity to bring a friend.

Super Conquerors. Ordinary Places.

This will be our theme these next three months for the messages during our morning assemblies each Lord's Day. These studies grow out of our recent journey through Acts, are going to be based on the great book of Revelation, and will be quite practical in application. The series will ask us to consider the rule of Christ in heaven and how it gets worked out in the experience of a local group of believers who have to deal with the pressures of the world over time. It involves a line of thought that will give us a good view of the New Testament church and its hope. It is a story of faithfulness, struggle, and hope. I believe we will appreciate it and benefit from it.

Why He Came. Why We're Here.

Our Sunday evening lessons from tonight until the end of the year will be focused on this theme. The Gospels tell of several instances when Jesus stated his purposes in coming to dwell among us. These are very thought-provoking sayings. They move us to deep respect for our Lord's service, and to great devotion to his leadership. They also confront us with the question of what following him will mean for our purposes and priorities are concerned, whether at work or in our families or in the congregation. We will find these to be instructive, heart-searching, and practical matters.

Please be our co-workers and partners in the process of these three projects. Pray for us daily. Be with us weekly. Help us always.

—Bill McFarland

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 27

Bible Study:	234
Morning:	310
Evening:	195
Wednesday (10/30):	181
Contribution:	\$ 8,218



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford



- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Greg Larimore, Pat Harris, Julie Alexander, Baby Madelyn, Norman High
- ♦ Melinda Barton will start her chemo treatments Tuesday
- ♦ Orvella Blackburn as she deals with her health issues
- ♦ Dale Harp is home and doing better
- ♦ Blanton Glenn said he is having some good days and good nights but he has numbness in the lower part of his body
- ♦ Jackie Freeze as he continues to improve
- ♦ Karen Duncan is having back problems again and will go to St. Louis Wednesday for another injection
- ♦ Betty Grabber is having some health problems

Friends & Family

- ♦ Debbie Crawford's mother is in the hospital in Houston, TX
- ♦ Becky Marsolf's mom, Mary Jones, as she deals with cancer; cards of encouragement can be sent to her at P.O. Box 354, Strafford, 65757
- ♦ Alysha Glenn had an emergency C-section last Sunday night; one of the twins did not survive but Hade Virgil is hanging on; he weighed 1 1/2 lbs. Alysha lost a lot of blood but she is now doing better and is at home; the baby will remain in the hospital for a few months
- ♦ Brandi Kraus' Aunt Mary, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in August, has been in ICU a week, mostly sleeping, and with a number of other issues. Please keep Brandi's family (especially her mom) in your prayers
- ♦ Amber Sardeson will see the doctor this week to discuss results of tests
- ♦ Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, is in the hospital in Joplin recovering from surgery to repair cracked vertebrae in her back
- ♦ Continue to remember Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze, Gene Lund's brother, Bill Lund; Jean Evans, Lyle Mishler's sister, who is dealing with cancer; her address is 152 Grand Drive, Apache Junction, AZ 85120

- ### Long Term/ Shut-ins
- Kay Adams
 - Shirley Bartlett
 - Doris Burch
 - Eula Compton
 - Fern Davis
 - Thelma Fain
 - Ella Mae Findlay
 - Chloe Gaddis
 - Doris Iorg
 - Irene Johnson
 - Carol Mahon
 - Betty Shaw
 - Doris Tobler
 - Judy Todd
 - Pat Woods

Expectant Moms

- Megan Hollingsworth (boy) (anytime)
- Megan Jobes (girl) (March)



We extend our sympathy to the family of Georgia Harris, former member at North National. Funeral service was Saturday.

Also sympathy to Johnnie Elliff and her family in the loss of her sister, Annie Hysaw, who passed away last Sunday morning.



Please extend a warm welcome to **Leon and Marcella Wake** who have made known their desire to work and worship with us here at Water Mill. Their address is: 1526 N. Douglas, Springfield, MO 65803, 417-831-0154

Please make sure you meet Leon and Marcella and make them feel at home.

On a sadder note, Sue Crosby let us know that she will be moving with her mother back to Los Vegas in the next week or so. Be sure to wish Sue well as they make this move.

Big thanks to JJ and Ashley Blevins for all of their work on the Trunk or Treat! Fun time was had by all.

Veterans

We received a letter from Pleasant View School inviting Veterans and their families to a Veteran's Day Assembly at 8:15 a.m. on November 11. Veterans will have special seating at the front of the gym and will be acknowledged during the assembly. If you are interested in attending, please call the school at 523-2303. (see letter on bulletin board)

News & Activities



- November 17, WMY will be volunteering for the Meals-a-Million program from 12:30-2:30. We need 25 volunteers for the day, including possibly a parent or 2 to drive everyone. We will spend the afternoon together and then go to Sunset Youth Night that evening.
- Nov. 16 - Youth Rally @ Lebanon with Kyle Butt

Birthdays

10 Kasey Sekulic
11 Linda Currier
Betty Holden
Debbie Kern
Debbi Ratterree
15 Richmond Griter
Carol Tovar
16 Ann Fahr



Upcoming Events

Fall Ladies Retreat

“The Strength of a Woman” will be held **November 15 & 16** at the AmericInn in Republic.

- ≈ Golden Agers meet today at 4 pm.
- ≈ Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- ≈ Elders meet Nov. 12 at 1 p.m.

Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on **November 14th at 10:30 a.m.** Julie Alexander will bring a lesson titled “What I Can’t Live Without.” Leona will have a Thanksgiving devotional followed by potluck lunch. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and share the recipe. Child care will be provided.

Service to the Bereaved

When it is learned that a family member has passed away, the family is called to see if they would like to have a meal prepared for them by the ladies of the church on the day of the funeral. If they do, it is accomplished by one of four groups serving rotation. The whole congregation helps to achieve this work by contributing food or money as they are called upon by the food group in which they belong. On the day of the funeral, the group who is to serve collects the prepared food dishes, buys what else is needed and prepares the food to be served the family. They also decorate the tables so the family will have a warm and friendly place to visit. When the family arrives, the ladies serve the meal and do all they can to make the family comfortable. The funeral group lists are posted on the bulletin board in the west hallway. If you have any questions, please call Sheryl Low at 833-2323.

(Betty Stockstill/Sheryl Low)

There will be a meeting on November 10th at 4 p.m. in Room 130 for all group leaders as well as anyone interested in knowing more about this great work.

Golden Messenger for November is available in the foyer.



To our wonderful church family, Thanks for all the cards, prayers and meals that have been provided for me and my family in the last few months. It has been so wonderful to receive all the support we have during this difficult time. Water Mill’s love has also spread to the community with 35 volunteers either walking or helping with the “Making Strides for Breast Cancer” walk last weekend. Chemo will start on November 5th. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we still have a few months to go. In Christian love, **Melinda Barton & Family**

I just want to say thank you for your outpouring of love and sympathy for me and my family at the loss of my sister. As I’ve told you before, you are an amazing group of Christians and I am so blessed to be a part of this congregation. When we got home there were already sympathy cards in our mailbox and then many messages sent via the website for the funeral home. I will miss her a lot but I’m at peace knowing her battle with cancer is over and her struggles in this earthly life are over. Also, thanks for your faithfulness in sending her cards on a regular basis. She felt like she knew you without ever meeting you. Thanks again for all your love. **Johnnie (and Jimmy)**



“But if we walk in the light....”

By Dennis R. Smith

The beloved Apostle John has written, “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (1st John 5:3). Some of the newer translations may use the word “burdensome.” In either case I believe this passage, like so many others, points out that God’s commandments are well within the limits of not being impossible to obey. This should be sufficient to take us to the subject at hand - **“But if we walk in the light.”** What a great command the beloved John makes for God in the first chapter of his first epistle: “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1st John 1:7). The walking in the light includes, of course, our initial obedience required in becoming a child of God and extends on into our doing our best to live the life that he requires for Christians. Since the scriptures also teach “for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23), the amazing Grace of God provides for the Christian to find forgiveness as is necessary. What stipulation goes with this wonderful promise? The answer is that the Christian must keep on walking in the light of the will of Jesus Christ and be faithful to other commandments concerning things righteous. When this occurs, John promises that “the blood of Jesus Christ....cleans us from ALL sin.” What a Promise!

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 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/KSPR



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Byrle & Virginia Hayter
Van Driver: Sam Hansen/818-2077
KYB Phone: Carol Tovar/Orvella Blackburn

Serve
Communion: Van Barnes/William Downing
 Randy Blackburn/Kyle Buckner
 Brendan Carroll/Aubrey Cobb
 Eddie Currier/Adam Barton
 Verl Duncan/John Dutton

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer: Travis Morrison
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jerry Milligan
Communion: Todd/Trevor Kraus
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, November 10

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer:	Todd Kraus	Eddie Sanders
Communion:	Jeff Fisher	Todd/Trevor Kraus
Closing Prayer:	Russell Lilly	James Simons
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Fred & Norma Lorenz	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

AV Linda Barnett/
 Room: Bruce Tindall
 Open Tim Timmons
 Building
 Secure Justin Reaves/
 Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, November 6

Devotional: Jeff Fisher
Song Leader: Adam Blaney
Prayer: David Kern
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678