



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 7, 2014

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#726
*“The Highest
Place”*

Opening Prayer
Fred Lorenz

#599 (1,3)
#621

The Lord’s Supper
Tim Bowling

Contribution
Tim Bowling

*“How Deep the
Father’s Love”*

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#293

Announcements
Jerry Young

#291 (1,3)

Closing Prayer
Tom Easterly

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

PLEASING PEOPLE

Both experience and the instruction of the New Testament require that we think through this matter. Here are some practical observations on pleasing people.

First, it can’t be done. With apologies to the original form of the saying: you may please some of the people for a while, but there are some of the people you can’t please any of the time, and there are none of the people you can please all of the time. Those who are out to be pleased will soon find something that pleases them more than you do, and may even ally themselves with those who have been displeased with them and are displeased with you!

Even if it could be done, it would not save anybody. One of the Psalms notes, “Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life” (49:7). Not one of us has it within the power of our pleasing personality to redeem anyone from the power of death. None of us can work hard enough or well enough to guarantee someone else heaven.

And, even if that were a possible, none of us could bear the pressure such an arrangement would imply. The thought of having someone else’s destiny depend on your ability to perform well enough to keep him pleased is frightening even to contemplate.

More important than any of this, however, is the fact that seeking to please people is too low a motive for a servant of the Lord. Paul put it this way: “For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ” (Gal. 1:10). A godly person’s praise is from God, not from men (Rom. 2:29).

A Christian wants to please people, but he wants to do it by pleasing God. He will be considerate, sincere and respectful (cf. Eph. 6:6; Col. 3:22). He will be doing that whether people are watching or not, though, because of what he is, not because of what pleases them.

--Bill McFarland

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

Prayer List & Notes

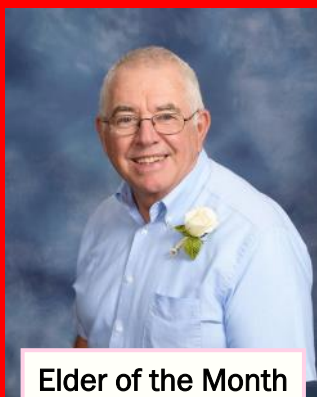
Welcome Visitors

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

November 30

Bible Study:	238
Morning:	306
Evening:	204
Wednesday (12/3):	216
Contribution:	\$25,315



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Dale Harp, Greg Larimore, Estel Pendergrass, & Ola Jean Feeney
- ◆ Rachel Lilly is showing slow improvement after brain surgery. She remains in ICU at Barnes Hospital but could be moved to stepdown unit tomorrow if continues to improve. Here is the link for e-cards: <http://www.barnesjewish.org/egreeting/?id=530&sid=1>. Her room number is neurology/neurosurgery ICU Rm #2. Her home address is 4921 Apt. A Murdoch Street, St. Louis, MO 63109 if you want to send a card that way.
- ◆ Julie Alexander has been in and out of hospital this past week.
- ◆ Shawna Stockdale will have back surgery in January
- ◆ Tom Norrell also has serious back issues; has appointment with Springfield Neurological and Spine Institute on the 15th.
- ◆ Tim Timmons will have surgery on Wednesday at 10 am at Mercy Hospital
- ◆ Sherry Sherman is back at Quail Creek
- ◆ Seldon Essex has very serious issues with his back; will have MRI as soon as it can be scheduled.
- ◆ Bob Snider will have knee surgery in January.
- ◆ Lyle Mishler has been dealing with pneumonia
- ◆ Evelyn Haguewood is at James River Nursing Home, room 304.
- ◆ Clay & Sharon have gone to Nashville for Clay's regular scheduled doctor appointment at Vanderbilt

Friends & Family

- Tom Meeks has continuing health issues
- David and Debbie Kern's little grandson Josiah will have his tonsils out the end of December
- ◆ Cecil Lines' brother Hubert has cancer
- ◆ Mary Charlotte Lines' sister, Carol Paige, who has reoccurring breast cancer
- Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, is now in a skilled nursing facility in Joplin
- Angela Asher's uncle, Dean Asher, is suffering from cancer; also a friend of Angela, Joan Gerdes, has a mass on her lungs
- Nadean Green's nephew, Tyler Crabtree; Mary Jo Rookstool's neighbor, Julie Dibben, and her mother, Joy Shelburn; Bonnie Cole's nephew, Scott Golden, Jon Ewing's brother, Mike Ewing, Joyce Harmon, Gaitha Downing's mother-in-law, Coyeatte Ewing's mom, Beverly Hammond.

Sympathy

 We extend our sympathy to the following families who lost loved ones:

Marty Stockstill in the loss of her sister, Tanya Durst, who passed away this past week; graveside services were held on Thursday.

Family and friends of Freeman Weger, former member; he passed away in Texas at the age of 95.

David High's mother-in-law, Ilene Essary, passed away this past Thursday.

Marti Norrell lost an aunt this past week.

Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Chloe Gaddis
Mary Head
Doris Iorg
Sherry Sherman
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Expectant Moms

Stephanie Schwartz/boy/
February
Sara Keener/girl/March
Leah Prewitt/boy/March



Thank you so much for all the birthdays cards and wishes. They made my day special. In Christian love, Wayne Harmon

Thank you so very much to all you wonderful friends at Water Mill. I was so surprised and happy to have you all take the time to send me good wishes and happy birthday. You made me feel so special. I love you all and think of you often. Have a great holiday season. Love you much. Doris Tobler



Birthdays

15 June Jean
Nichole Stockdale
16 Adam Stipp
17 Shailyn Beller
18 Anna Luna
19 Aubrey Cobb
Erica Ewing
Jedonna Griter
20 Shirlane Horton



Cereal

News & Activities



TONIGHT is Singing Night *from 4:30-4:55 PM*. Everyone is invited to join in, and we especially want to encourage young song leaders to gain experience in song leading. *For those interested in leading a song, pick two verses of that song, and communicate that to Jason Luna, Travis Morrison, or Jon Ewing this morning. WE WILL CHANGE TO THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN 2015.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Golden Agers meet TODAY at 4 p.m.
- Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.
- Genealogy class will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- Quilters will meet the 16th at 10 a.m., weather permitting.
- Soup and Salad Luncheon on January 4. Watch for more information.

COME JOIN OUR BIBLE



Study

All the ladies are invited to our December 11th Ladies Bible class with Ann Thiesen bringing the lesson. A potluck lunch will follow so bring a favorite holiday food and enjoy the fellowship. Sheryl Low will provide child care.



Graduation Celebration

Danielle Horton and her family would like to invite you to her graduation party on Sunday afternoon, December 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship room for an afternoon of fellowship!!

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	Russell Lilly
Tim Bowling	Aaron Morrison
Tim Buckner	Travis Morrison
Tom Davis	James Simons
Jim Elliff	John Stayton
Jon Ewing	Mike Thurlkill
Matt Keener	

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



RAISING OUR ENSIGN TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL

By Dennis R. Smith

The United States of America is the greatest country on earth. It has the best resources. It has the best potential for youth. It has the finest people in the world. More good throughout the world has come because of the big heart of the people of this wonderful country. All these things are true, BUT our United States is now in trouble. The same problems that plagued other nations in past history are now taking their toll on us. Our downfall is coming because of our own disregard for basic principles of right and wrong. The most noble country in the world has lost much of its prestige because the people have lost much of their nobility. Moral issues that once were the "bed-rock foundation" of our nation are hanging in the balance. America, by-in-large, has forgotten its responsibility unto God. It is for that reason that we must open our eyes to reality. The psalmist of old made a promise that not only has proved to be true in all other nations of past history but will also be true of this nation if changes are not quickly forthcoming. Read with concern and prayer: "*The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God*" (Psalm 9:17). Let's take a look at another promise made in scripture: "...happy is that people, whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 144:15). In plain English, we need to **Raise our Ensign (Flag) to the Highest Level** - and that level has always worked best through time and will still be the best and happiest for any Nation - ours included!

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
Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission
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

Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Gene & Ruth Lund
Van Driver: Tyler Thornton/840-6303
KYB: John Dutton/Verl Duncan

Serve Aaron Schwartz/Luis Tovar
Communion: Adam Stipp/James Simons
Ron Stokes/Jerry Stockdale
John Mahon/Tyler Thornton
Adam Eilenstein/Jerry Milligan

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jon Davis
Opening Prayer: Paul Lines
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Barney Crawford
Communion: Adam Barton/W. Downing
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, December 14

AM

Song Leader: Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing
Opening Prayer: Aaron Morrison
Communion: Jackie Buck
Closing Prayer: Aaron Alexander

PM

Jon Davis
Tom Davis
A. Barton/W. Downing
Fred Lorenz

Greeters: Jerry & Pat Milligan
Van Driver: Jerry Stockdale/693-7505
AM Nursery: Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn
PM Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

MONTH OF DECEMBER

AV Scott Barton/
Room: Bruce Tindall
Open Tim Timmons
Building
Secure Tim Buckner
Building:

Wednesday, December 10

Devotional: Steve Prewitt
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Prayer: David Kern
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
849-7678