



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 6, 2009

Order of Worship

Welcome

Randy Blackburn

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#267

#886 (v. 1,2,4,5)

Opening Prayer

Glenn Logston

#351

#874 (v. 1,2,4)

Communion

Scott Barton

#776 (v. 1,4,5)

Contribution

Scott Barton

#726

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#482

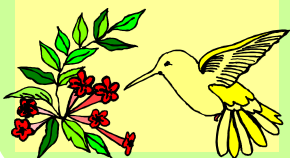
Announcements

Gene Lund

#756 (v. 1,3,4)

Closing Prayer

Brent Looney



Our Life Together

Bill McFarland

"Come and see." That's what Philip said to Nathanael, who was questioning whether Jesus could be the one of whom Moses and the prophets had spoken (Jn. 1:46). Perhaps you've read the story with us in our daily Bible reading the last few days. Philip's statement has a couple of applications to us in our work as a congregation. On the one hand, it is the simplest and best invitation of all: come and see for yourself if Jesus is who we think he is. Any of us can make an offer like that to a friend or neighbor. On the other hand, it places upon us the responsibility to conduct ourselves in such a manner that those who do come can see Jesus. All of us have the privilege of helping to do so.

The new teaching year in our Bible School starts with this first Sunday in September. In some ways, it is like no other school, for it seeks to implant God's ways in the lives and hearts of learners. But in some ways, it is just like any other school. Its success depends upon a curriculum to be learned, capable teachers who are enthused about their work, students who are consistently present and ready to do their part, and families who are supportive of the educational process. I encourage each one to help us make it a great year. This would be an outstanding time to renew your involvement in a Bible class.

This morning in my class, we got to begin a study I've titled "The One-chapter Books: Lessons Too Important to Leave Out." I'm looking forward to this series. Also, beginning Wednesday evening, I will have the privilege of teaching the auditorium class. Our theme this quarter will be "Ephesians: To Him Be Glory in the Church." Travis will be teaching the College-Career class and their subject will be "The Life of Christ." Bring a friend and join us!

Notice inside this bulletin announcements regarding several activities which are coming up this month. These include youth activities, a lunch for the whole congregation, a married-couples retreat, and other things. The Golden Agers celebration is coming up next month. There will be something for all of us to help with.

We have some families who are carrying burdens right now. They have been in our prayers, and I know that a number of you have been helping in practical ways. Thank you for your compassion and for your willingness to serve. It is for the practice of such brotherly love that our souls were purified by obedience to the truth (1 Pet. 1:22).

Today's Sermons

Morning: The Rest of the Story: "He Was Taken Up"

Evening: The Most Thought-Provoking Statement of Morality Ever

Prayer List & Announcements

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 August 30

Bible Study:	274
Morning:	386
Evening:	254
Wednesday:	216
Contribution:	\$20,770



Elder of the Month
Gene Lund

In need of our prayers ...

Cassie Penner is in Cox South ICU with whooping cough and pneumonia.

Alice Allen is home with a broken foot.

Sarah Cowden continues her recovery from surgery.

Sondra Lorenz started a series of 14 radiation treatments last Wednesday.

Sherry Sherman's kidney function is very low; if it continues to go down, she will have to go on dialysis.

Seldon Essex has continuing back problems and other health issues.

Friends & Family:

Bill White's son, David, is recovering from back surgery.

Larry Baggett's brother-in-law, Paul Scaggs, is in very serious condition in Tulsa after suffering a fall.

Long-Term Prayer List:

Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Bonnie Cole
Thelma Fain
Gerald Jean
Clay Joseph
Sondra Lorenz
Jarita Nimmo
David/Debbi Ratterree
Judy Todd
Pat Woods
Phil Baker,
former member
Military:
Joshua Moss

Today's events:

- Bible School Promotion Day!!
- Financial Peace class meets at 2:30 p.m.
- Golden Agers meet at 4 p.m. in Room 126.
- Pew Packers meet at 4:45 p.m.

Please extend a warm welcome to:

Welcome

Barry Miller

1846 W. Hillview Drive

Nixa, MO 65714

Phone: 415-725-1351

Welcome to Water Mill, Barry!



The Married Couples Retreat

at Happy Hollow

Friday night, **September 25**, and

Saturday, **September 26**

We hope you'll make plans to take some time away with your spouse and enjoy the company of other couples here at Watermill. Help us to *encourage one another and build each other up* in love and faith. **Be sure to sign up on the sheet at the Welcome desk!** If you have any questions, please contact Lora Luna.



Thursday Ladies Bible Class

will meet this

Thursday at

10:30 a.m. Ruth Essex will teach the class on **"Musical Instruments and the True Worship of God."** This is the

first class this Fall so we hope you will all plan to take part in this time of study and fellowship.

Pot luck lunch will follow.



September 20!
Make your plans to be here.

Change of Address

Kasey Sekulic

1228 S. Meadowview

Springfield, MO 65804-0555

Please make changes to your directory!

Sometimes the Lord calms the storm; sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child.



Everyone is invited to a bridal shower honoring Megan Crum, bride elect of John Hollingsworth, on Sunday, September 13, at 2 p.m. in the fellowship room. They are registered at Target, Macy's and Penney's.

Here are the addresses of Joan King's son and daughter if you would like to send cards:

Jim & Ellen King
212 N. Park Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Angie Cook
4626 S. Falcon Ct.
Battlefield, MO 65619

Area Events

9/12 Ladies Day at Sunset
9/19 Bible Class Teachers' Workshop/Union Hill/ 8:30-3:30
9/20 Union Hill Open House/2-4
9/20-23: Gospel Meeting/Fordland
9/27-30: Gospel Meeting/Hillcrest
9/27-30: Gospel Meeting/Conway
See Flyers on Bulletin Board

Be sure to check out the DVDs that are displayed at the Information Desk. There are free DVDs to give to your friends and also those to check out, watch and return!!

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Fred Lorenz	417-833-1664
Gene Lund	417-869-6423
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 Minister

Andrew Morton	417-712-4809
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Deacons

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

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

Youth News

Due to the holiday weekend, **SNAC** has been changed from tonight to next Sunday night, the 13th.

It is time for "Show Me Christ Youth Rally" at Southside church of Christ in Ozark. Dates are Oct. 2-4. Mike Jones from Searcy, Arkansas will be the keynote speaker. The theme is "High Definition - Seeing Christ More Clearly". Cost is \$10/person which includes a T-shirt and lunch Saturday afternoon. All adult chaperone's

will also need to pay the \$10 for a shirt and lunch. Registration deadline for shirts is Monday Sept. 14th!!! Please contact Andrew Morton if you plan to attend.

THOUGHTS FROM DENNIS ...

Do a good deed; meet a need!



DON'T FORGET TO ADD THE BLUING

Looking back to the days before electricity and running water I can remember helping my mother with the weekly washing over the typical wash kettle setting over a fire. After boiling the white items, she would take them out and rinse in clear, cold water. That's where I came in - drawing the water from the well then carrying it to the rinse tub. Mother would hasten over and say, "Let's not forget the bluing!" (Goggle Mrs. Stewart's bluing). I was amazed to see the blue substance hit the clear water for how could something blue add brightness to daddy's white shirts? Yet, she always insisted on using the bluing. I have heard some today criticize the plea that comes from the bible to be "washed in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 1:5). They would say, "how could red blood make anything white?" The answer: If by the hands of mere men a substance called "bluing" would make things brighter, who are we to question the creator of all things (John 1:3) of not being able to wash away our sins in the red blood of Jesus? Of course, you should know that the blood of Christ is used metaphorically. But to add to the mystery, the bible demands that we have our sins washed away (Acts 22:16) in the act of scriptural baptism. If you want your shirts whiter - "don't forget the bluing!" If you want redemption from your sins, -"don't forget the blood of Jesus!"

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

OUR MISSION POINTS

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa

Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands

Jeremiah Akamah, Cameroon, Africa

Voice of Truth International

"The Living Word"
 7:30 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"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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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Les & Pat Malanowski
Van Driver: Russell Lilly/839-4021
KYB Phone: Eddie Sanders/Shirley Chilton
Serve J. Hulett/A. McFarland
Communion: D. Essex/J. Meinsen
 T. Loveland/J. Luna
 D. Meinsen/J. Milligan
 L. Malanowski/T. Morrison

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: Don Essex
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jason Luna
Communion: D. Tovar/I. Tovar
Nursery: L. Stayton/E. Simons

NEXT WEEK, September 13

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer:	John Mahon	Jim Meinsen
Communion:	Jerry Young	D. Tovar/I. Tovar
Closing Prayer:	Andy McFarland	Travis Morrison
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Scott & Melinda Barton	
Van Driver:	James Simons/732-5641	

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Ushers: S. Haddock/
H. Cunningham
AV Room: Larry Baggett/
Adam Stipp
Secure Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, September 9

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Dennis Smith
Closing Prayer: Shannon Haddock