



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 11, 2009

Order of Worship

Welcome

Bob Snider

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#53 (v. 1,4)

#80 (v. 1,4)

Opening Prayer

Jerry Young

#359 (v. 1,3,4)

#752

Communion

Contribution

George Downing

#859

#742

Lesson

Dennis Smith

#717

Announcements

Bob Snider

#523 (v. 1,4)

Closing Prayer

Porter Barnes

FOUR GROUPS IN EVERY CROWD

Bill McFarland

One of the remarkable events covered in our Bible reading this past week happened when Paul was given a hearing before the Court of the Areopagus in Athens. What a scene it must have been! There at Mars Hill, before the supposed philosophical and intellectual leaders of his day, Paul set forth the nature of the living God in a wonderful way. As he described every person's obligation that God, he declared that the time will come when he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has raised from the dead (Acts 17:30-31).

The reaction of those who heard him is almost as revealing and instructive as the address itself. At least four kinds of responses to what Paul said may be identified, and they have been represented in almost every crowd who has heard of Christ since.

Some mocked (Acts 17:32). They had gathered to hear something new from a babbler (v. 18, 21). When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, they did not think seriously about what Paul said, nor examine the truthfulness of it, nor investigate the historical facts. Instead, they sneered and ridiculed the very idea. It is not uncommon for the word of God to be met with the smirks and jeers of the world. But please notice that this is not the result of intellectual superiority or unbiased thought. It is the knee-jerk reaction of proud and irreverent people who scoff at anything which might challenge their own behavior.

Others said they would hear another talk about this matter (Acts 17:32). They had come to hear how interesting a talker this fellow was, not to make any life-changing commitments. But if what he said was true, their lives obviously could not just go on in the same old way. Not having the will to be for it or against it, the convenient thing to do was to put off any decision until later. There are still, of course, numbers of people who wander through life telling themselves they will do something about their relationship with God "sometime" – a day which never seems to come.

But some believed (Acts 17:34). We should not overlook this. Even in Athens at the Areopagus with unfavorable philosophers present, some believed. Thank the Lord for them! The gospel has the power to cause people to believe even in a worldly environment. God's word does not return to him empty.

Unmentioned, but no doubt also present that day, were those who heard the sound of the words but gave little thought to their meaning. They made no active response to the news that God has raised up one who will ultimately be the judge of us all. There always have been many who are indifferent to the important.

"Take care then how you hear..." (Luke 8:18).



Today's Sermons:

Morning: Let's Go Look At The Cross

Evening: Safeguards Against Apostasy

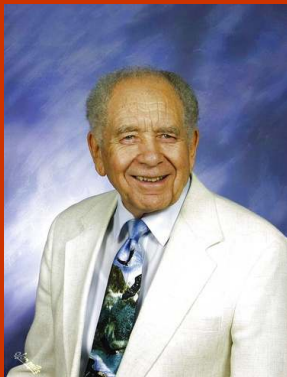
Prayer Lists and Announcements

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 October 4

Bible Study:	247
Morning:	338
Evening:	227
Wednesday:	213
Contribution:	\$8,676



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

In need of our prayers ...

Lucille Ford is in Cox South with pneumonia.

Sondra Lorenz as she continues to deal with cancer

Alice Allen had the cast removed from her foot last week; keep her and Joy in your prayers

Seldon Essex has continuing back problems

Don Essex continues to have severe headaches associated with his neck pain.

Friends and Family:

Former member Sue Edwards is recovering at Cox South from heart valve surgery

Cathryn Warren's daughter, Karen Scheel, has throat cancer; she has started a radical 7-week treatment program

Terry Loveland's cousin, Dorann Thoreen, had a stroke but is showing improvement; her address is 3701 W. Coolidge, Phoenix, AZ 85019

The Bratcher's grandson, Kaleb Bratcher, who is 21 and lives in Nixa, has several health issues.

Charles & Ava White's daughter, Donna, has lupus and Ava is recovering from heart valve replacement.

Cathy Davis, friend of the Elliffs, has just been diagnosed with MS

Long-Term Prayer List:

Kay Adams; Paul Bratcher; Bonnie Cole; Thelma Fain; Milton Ford; Gerald Jean; Clay Joseph; Carol Mahon; Jarita Nimmo; David/Debbi Ratterree; Sherry Sherman; Doris Tobler; Judy Todd; Pat Woods; Phil Baker, former member

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Starr Fortner and her family on her decision to put on Christ in baptism Sunday. Let's all be an encouragement to Starr as she begins her walk as a Christian. Starr is Connie Fortner's granddaughter.

We extend our sympathy to Janel Wydick in the sudden loss of her uncle who was only 48 years old.

Shut-ins:

Shirley Bartlett
Doris Batzel Iorg
Doris Burch
Fern Davis
Lucille/Milton Ford
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Aulsie Moore
Annie Overstreet
Ella Smith
Wilma Spoor
Don/Wanda Starkey
Doris Thomason
Judy Todd
Cathy White

If you are not already doing so, take a minute to send a card or make a phone call to at least 5 people on this list each month. They would appreciate it more than you know!

LTC Scrapbooking



There will be a meeting on October 18 immediately after morning service for those involved in LTC scrapbooking or for those who would like to see what it's all about. Lunch will be provided. Scrapbooking is also in need of photos of church activities taken since last year's LTC.

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LTC Puppets/Drama

There will be an organizational meeting on November 1 after evening service.

Today's events:

- ELDERS meet at 2
- FPU class at 2:30
- Pew Packers meet at 4:45



All are welcome to attend the wedding of Megan Crum and John Hollingsworth at 1 o'clock on October 17 at the Bell Tower Chapel in Ozark. Reception will follow at 5 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the reception.



*The Wheeler Family
Grant, Jen, Ella, Olivia
(In previous bulletin
but without picture)*

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*Chris & Amanda LaCross
8857 E. Cods Lane
Fair Grove, MO 65648
417-759-1138*

**Be sure you meet and welcome these two families
to Water Mill!**

**Today is the last day for the
Newells to be with us. They are
moving back to Oklahoma. Be
sure to wish them well! (address
in next week's bulletin)**

**Congratulations to Gene
& Ruth Lund on the
arrival of a new
granddaughter, Amber
Rane, born last week to
Jerry & Mercy Lund!**

October Area Events

Gospel Meetings:

- 9-11 *Bolivar* with Dave Miller,
- 11-14 *Berryville*/Bill McFarland,
- 18-21 *Sparta*/Walter Buchanan,
- 18-21 *Marshfield/3rd & Marshall*/various speakers
- 25-28 *Seymour*/Bill McFarland
- 25-28 *Carthage*/Ray Sullins

Ladies Days

- 17 *Sparta*/Elaine Poland
- 24 *Stafford*

See Flyers on Bulletin Board



To our Christian friends,
Once again we have been
blessed with the love and
help you have given us. In
the past few weeks your prayers, calls,
visits and offers of help have been won-
derful. Also the delicious meals the
ladies have provided for us. We miss
all of you and hope to be back soon.

Our love to all,
Joy & Alice Allen

Area Youth Night **The Power of Christ in Me**

Next Sunday evening we
will be hosting the Area-
wide Youth Night. We
would like your assistance
again this year in providing
canned drinks or bottled
water. We also need
homemade cookies/
brownies. Please bring by
next Sunday morning and
place in the kitchen (there
is a cart just inside the
fellowship room for the
drinks). Thanks!

Youth Activities

- 11/7 Fall Fest at the Lines.
- 11/7 Fall Leaf Raking 9-2
- 11/15 Youth Night at Sunset



**There have been
several items left at
the building in the last
few weeks. Please
check the table next to the coat
room and the lost and found box
in the coat room to see if any of
these items belong to you.**



Freedom Of or In Religion

By Dennis Smith

One of the greatest blessings which we have here in America is still Freedom of Religion. Explanation of this freedom is as follows: "In the United States, freedom of religion is a constitutionally guaranteed right provided in the religion clauses of the First Amendment. Freedom of religion is also closely associated with separation of church and state, a concept advocated by Thomas Jefferson." While much of this clause, from the First Amendment has been considerably altered, what with the absence of prayer in our public schools and not being able to display the Ten Commandments, still in the main we enjoy having a place to go to worship our God. How much longer this might be available no one knows. As much as we should enjoy this freedom, there is another freedom which extends worldwide. The bible speaks of it as "*the perfect law of liberty*" (James 1:25). The Apostle Paul tells us that obedience to this law frees us from sin in order that we may become the servants of righteousness (Rom. 6:18). The bottom line then is this: While someday we may lose our "**Freedom OF Religion**," there is no one, according to Romans 8:37-39, who can take away our "**Freedom IN Religion**," and our love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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: P. Malanowski/O. Blackburn
Greeters: Tim & Jan Bowling
Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641
KYB Phone: Jim & Debbie Meinsen
Serve Jerry Young/Bob Stockstill
Communion: Justin Reaves/Dustin Stokes
 Eddie Sanders/Daniel Wilson
 James Simons/Mike Thurlkill
 John Stayton/Don Tracy

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Tim Bowling
Opening Prayer: Howard Cunningham
Speaker: Jeremy Thurlkill
Closing Prayer: Eddie Currier
Communion: Aaron Tovar/Isaac Tovar
Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

NEXT WEEK, October 18

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Tim Bowling
Opening Prayer:	Van Barnes	Shannon Haddock
Communion:	Verl Duncan	A. Tovar/I. Tovar
Closing Prayer:	Scott Barton	John Dutton
AM Nursery:	Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling	
PM Nursery:	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
Greeters:	Kerry & Sandy Cole	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Ushers: Briley Ewing/
 Kyle Buckner
AV Room: Ron Stokes/
 Jeremy Thurlkill
Secure Building: Paul Lines

Wednesday, October 14

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Jackie Freeze
Closing Prayer: Grant Wheeler