



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 13, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Eddie Sanders

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#200 (1,3)

#419

Opening Prayer

Grant Wheeler

#515

#951

The Lord's Supper

Mike Thurlkill

Contribution

Mike Thurlkill

#226 (1,2,4)

#511

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#52

Announcement

Eddie Sanders

#705 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Daniel Tovar

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

"BY THIS WE KNOW LOVE"

The power of love in human experience is such that a healthy grasp of what it means to love is crucial. Because we are capable of making all things about what we want and how we feel at the moment, destructive things may be done and said under a mislabeled banner of love. That is why the phrase which appears as our title is so important.

It comes from First John 3:16. Each part of the phrase is meaningful. "We" reminds us as Christians that we will see this differently from the way the world does. "Know" suggests that real love, though it may surpass all our descriptions, can be identified, understood, and experienced. "By this" declares that the conduct of our Lord is the last word on what true love is and how it behaves.

We know love by the fact "that he laid down his life for us." In so doing, he forever settled the question of whether real love is about what the one who loves gets out of it for himself. The love modeled by Christ seeks the good of the one loved and gives of self to accomplish that good. It is sacrificial.

We also know something about love from realizing that he did this "for us." That is, he sought our good at a time when we did not love him (cf. 1 Jn. 4:10). Love does something other than respond on an in-kind basis to what another person has already done. Our Lord offered himself for us when we had nothing to offer.

We know love by the fact that Jesus did such a thing because it was his Father's will. It was in his being sent that the love of God was made manifest (1 Jn. 4:9). Love is defined by his willingness to obey his Father even to the point of laying down his life for undeserving people. Love is still willing action in obedience to God's commandments because of devotion to him (cf. 1 Jn. 5:2,3; 2 Jn. 6).

We know love by doing what we ought to do. The verse from which we have taken our title concludes, "And we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers." What is appropriate in our treatment of other people is determined by how our actions look in view of what Christ has done.

John concludes, "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed in truth" (1 Jn. 3:18). As Christians, we must know love by actually treating those who are around us every day lovingly.

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: A Prayer For The Gathering of the Church

PM: Christian Communication in the Age of Social Networking

Prayer List & News

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

February 6

Bible Study:	270
Morning:	362
Evening:	233
Wednesday (2/9):	N/A
Contribution:	\$10,977



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

Continue to remember Paul Bratcher, Herman Harris and Shirley Bartlett
Friends and Family:

- ◇ Melissa Mahon, John & Teresa's daughter, is recovering from surgery
- ◇ Brenda Noe's brother & sister-in-law, Jon & Stephanie Houser, are returning to her home in Tiawan; Stephanie has terminal cancer and wants to be at home when she dies; keep this family in your prayers as they make this long journey and with Stephanie as she nears the end of her life
- ◇ Sarah Cowden will have more back surgery at Children's Hospital in St. Louis on February 25th
- ◇ Mark Best, 4th grader at Strafford with Josh Luna and Kaven Mahon, has Aplastic Anemia. He will have a bone marrow transplant at St. Jude this month.
- ◇ Phil Baker, former member, requests prayers for his family
- ◇ Mary Jo Rookstool's brother, John D. Key, in Ft. Worth

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the family of Gerald Jean who passed away last Monday. Funeral service was held Friday.

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We also express our sympathy to Brandi Kraus and her family in the loss of her grandmother in Florida this past week.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they deal with their loss.

Shut-ins:

Joy/Alice Allen
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Iorg
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Annie Overstreet
Ella Smith
Wilma Spoor
Doris Thomason
Judy Todd
Cathy White

Long-Term

Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Lucille/Milton Ford
Donna Harcrow
Clay Joseph
Marilyn Lanpher
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman
Elaine Noe

Expectant Moms

Angela Morton (???) (May)
Summer Azeez (boy) (June)

Birthdays next week

21 Trenton Hamilton
Laurel Barton
Charlie Cruse
Jamie Wilson
22 Trevor Kraus
25 Eula Compton



Happy Birthday

E-Mail Address

Just a reminder, if you are not currently on our "Information" e-mail list and would like to be added, please turn your e-mail address in to the office. This was our best way of communicating with you the past two weeks when we had to cancel Wednesday evening services. It is also a great way for you to stay informed about our sick, new babies, prayer requests, etc. and to receive the "Song-of-the-day" and Daily Prayer that Lora Luna faithfully prepares for us every day!

Upcoming Area Events

- ☞ 2/20-23 Gospel Meeting at 26th & Connecticut church of Christ in Joplin
- ☞ 2/26 Second Annual Young Adult Rally at the Mill Street Church of Christ in Cassville
- ☞ 3/4-5 Ladies Seminar at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho/Janie Craun, Editor of Christian Woman Magazine, will be the guest speaker
(See bulletin board for more information)



A special "thank you" to all who helped with snow removal the past two weeks.

Activities

Ladies, movie night was rescheduled (again) to Thursday night. *We will meet here at the building at 6:30 to begin our show. Third time has to be a charm!!*



Wedding Shower

Next Sunday at 3 p.m. we will honor **Ryan and Jeanne Friend** with a Wedding Shower. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-343-5783
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 Minister

Andrew Morton	417-712-4809
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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

Kids & Families

Water Mill Kids and Families (K-6th grade) Pizza and Bowling **next Sunday after AM service.** We will meet at **Pizza Inn on N Kansas Expressway at 11:30am** then meet at **Litehouse Lanes at 12:30pm.** The cost of both activities are as follows:
Pizza Buffet- 4-under free, 5-10 \$2.49, 11-up \$5.99
Drinks- kids \$1.09, 11-up \$1.69
Bowling- 1 game w/shoes \$6, 2 games w/shoes \$9



- ⇒ **Ladies Prayer Group meets today at 4 p.m.**
- ⇒ **LTC Banner Kids meet today at 4 p.m.**
- ⇒ **LTC Puppet & Drama will meet 2/27 & 3/27**
- ⇒ **Youth Night next week at East Grand**

Moses and the Red Sea ...

Nine-year old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School. "Well, mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no. Mom. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"



THE REAL "NUMBER ONE" WINNERS

By Dennis R. Smith

Across our great and beautiful land and in almost every village and hamlet there can often be heard the roar of an assembled crowd, "**we're number one - we're number one - we're number one!**" It is almost like a fever which has swept the whole country, especially in recent years. Gymnasiums, stadiums, baseball fields, rodeo arenas, tennis courts, golf courses, fishing tournaments, dog shows and wherever any athletic event is taking place and in almost any kind of weather, the goal of almost everyone seems to be to seek that for ever coveted and crowned position of being **a first place winner and champion of the event.** Now, don't turn me off yet! All of us, to some degree, have been caught up in this search for the thrill and excitement of being chosen a winner. However, in our hunger for this position we must be acutely aware that our God demands that we not forget that He desires to be **The First Place Winner** in our hearts, minds and thoughts. He even extends this out above our own families (Matt. 10:37) as well as in our drive and hunger to reach that burning goal to excel financially (Matt. 6:24). The truth of the matter can be seen in these words of Jesus: "**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you**" (Matt. 6:33). Those who do this are **"The Real First Place Winners!"**

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

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa

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

A.G. Bailey, India

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: Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn

Greeters: Jerry & Carolyn Young

Van Driver: Russell Lilly/839/4048

KYB Phone: Eddie & Linda Currier

Serve Jim Meinsen/Daniel Meinsen

Communion: Travis Morrison/Scott Nichols

John Penner/Justin Reaves

Bob Stockstill/Adam Stipp

James Simons/John Stayton

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison

Opening Prayer: Porter Barnes

Lesson: Bill McFarland

Closing Prayer: Van Barnes

Communion: Adam/Scott Barton

Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

NEXT WEEK, February 20

MORNING

Song Leader: Kerry Cole

Opening Prayer: Jerry Young

Communion: Jeremy Thurlkill

Closing Prayer: Aaron Tovar

AM Nursery: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling

PM Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan

Greeters: Van & Barbara Barnes

Van Driver: Steve Prewitt/872-6849

EVENING

Travis Morrison

Adam Barton

Adam/Scott Barton

Isaac Tovar

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Ushers: Brendan Carroll/
Ron Stokes

AV Room: Terry Loveland/
Matt Keener

Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, February 16

Devotional: Bill McFarland

Song Leader: Tom Easterly

Opening Prayer: Eddie Currier

Closing Prayer: Tom Davis

Van Driver: Tim Stockstill