



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 14, 2011

## Order of Worship

### *Welcome*

Eddie Sanders

### *Song Leader*

Jon Ewing

#627

#231

#663 (1,2,4)

### *Opening Prayer*

Shannon Haddock

#220

### *The Lord's Supper*

Brent Looney

#949

### *Contribution*

Brent Looney

#213

### *"In Christ Alone"*

### *Lesson*

Bill McFarland

#272

### *Announcements*

Eddie Sanders

#708

### *Closing Prayer*

Clarence Feeney

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

## *When a Christian Goes to School*

All across our area, young men and young women have just stepped upon the stage for the next act in the drama of their formal education, or they soon will. It's an important time for everyone involved. School days bring their own special pressures, ranging from academic challenges, to the need to succeed socially, to demands upon schedules and finances. Only the passing of some years will reveal what a crucial role the choices made during these days play in the course of a life.

Anyone who considers the matter from a Christian perspective already realizes something of the profound significance of the educational process. One reason is that what you put into your mind may well set the tone for your whole life. Your mind is the part of you which reasons, thinks, and chooses—the part of you where the battle of life is really fought and where what you become is decided. Another reason is that your relationships with other people are likely to have a powerful influence on your life. We are social creatures, so it is natural to want to be liked and to seek friends and to try to fit in. It is when you are in the process of establishing your own self as a person that the opinions and standards of the people around you may impact you most. And a third reason is that when you are gaining education you are preparing for what you will do with the rest of your life. Who knows what doors of opportunity may be being unlocked or barred by what you do with these years of your life?

Make sure, then, that when you go to school, you take the following three principles with you. First, God is still God wherever you are, and he is to be loved and respected. He is no less present when you away from home, or in an academic setting. Steadfast love, justice, and righteousness are still more important than grades, athletic ability, or possessions. Keep your heart, soul, mind, and strength devoted to him, and keep your values, speech, and behavior fit for his presence.

Second, God's word is still the truth, and it is to be the authority and guide for our lives. It will always be right to do what the Lord says, and this will be the case no matter what kind of school you're in. Keep in mind that you never need to be afraid of anything that is true, but that truth is determined by the nature of God.

Third, God is still your Father, and you are to proceed like a child of his should. Be an imitator of God, as one of his beloved children, and walk in a manner worthy of your calling. It may be the case that not everyone else will be doing that, but don't be disillusioned; be your own best self. Keep trying to pursue excellence, honor, and dignity. Be considerate, decent, and kind.

After all, the whole point of education is to develop a person's life, and "the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge."

— 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

August 7

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Bible Study:      | 241      |
| Morning:          | 321      |
| Evening:          | 225      |
| Wednesday (8/10): | 205      |
| Contribution:     | \$11,849 |



Elder of the Month  
Eddie Sanders

- ☞ Martha Alspaugh, Ruth Lund's mother, is in St. John's
- ☞ Pat Milligan is recovering at home from foot surgery; she will have to be off her feet for several weeks
- ☞ Miley Fisher's surgery went well last Friday
- ☞ John Mahon will have back surgery 8/25
- ☞ Continue to remember: Paul & Mary Bratcher; Kay Adams who has been moved to Manorcare, Room 115, 2915 S. Fremont, 65804; Arilla Buck who is at Magnolia Square and Shirley Bartlett

### Friends and Family:

- ◇ Tiffany Meeks' sister, Larrie White, is still fighting an infection; will have surgery in St. Louis when the swelling & inflammation is under control
- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan's double eye surgery was put off again; keep them in your prayers
- ◇ David & Debbie Kern's 20-month old granddaughter, Lydia, broke her leg and is in a body cast for 6 weeks
- ◇ Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings; Lanae Gillespie's mother Geneve Treat, and Jay Sardeson's mother, all are dealing with cancer

### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Sandy Penner in the loss of her grandfather, James Edwards, who passed away last week. This is the grandfather they just visited in CA. Right after they came home he learned that he had lung cancer. Sandy is in CA for the funeral and will return late tomorrow.

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### Baptisms

We rejoice with the following new Christians who made the decision to put on Christ in baptism recently:

Patience Gosnell was baptized at the Green Valley Bible Camp Session; she is in Brian & Samantha York's home at Fair Haven.

Zach Weadock was baptized last Sunday evening; Zach is in Jeff & Elaina Treat's home at Fair Haven.

Brandon Allen was baptized last Monday evening. We welcome Brandon and his wife Lauren and their two children. Their address is 412 E. Kay, Republic, 65738, phone #417-846-6745.

Please offer your support and encouragement to each of these new Christians as they grow in the faith.



We wish to thank you for the cards and prayers and the food you have brought to us. We are also thankful for our Christian friends. Jerry & Pat Milligan

What a wonderful surprise to open the door and find Eddie Sanders holding a beautiful bouquet of daisies and the church directory. We appreciate both of those so much and want to thank those responsible for the gifts and Eddie especially for taking the time to come by and bring them to us. We enjoyed his visit. Our thanks to everyone. We love you all. Clyde & Doris Iorg

Thank you to everyone for your love, prayers and support during these tough times for our family. It reminds us just how lucky we are to be part of God's family here at Water Mill. It has been appreciated. Love, The Alexanders

### Long-Term

- Shirley Bartlett
- Paul Bratcher
- Doris Burch
- Bonnie Cole
- Lucille/Milton Ford
- Herman Harris
- Marilyn Lanpher
- Jarita Nimmo
- Betty Shaw
- Doris Tobler
- Pat Woods
- Military:**
- Cody Newman
- Elaine Noe
- Matthew Patterson



### Birthdays

- 21 Don Tracy
- Terri Wilson
- 22 Donna Jordan
- Brenda Noe
- Beth Trogon
- 24 Shelby Epperly
- 25 Phyllis Gregory
- Alex Penner
- 26 Billie Luna
- Tim Timmons
- Jordan Treat
- 27 Carolyn Smith
- Karline Ford

### New Addresses

Daniel left this past week for Heritage Christian University. I'm sure he would love to hear from you.

### Daniel Meinsen

P.O. Box HCU, Box 77  
Florence, AL 35630

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### The Downings

Home phone: 761-1305



## Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower honoring **John & Megan (Crum) Hollingsworth** and baby **Madelyn** next Sunday, August 21, at 3 p.m. She is registered at Target and Babies-R-Us.



We will be drawing names for Secret Sisters on August 28 after AM services.

Pick up a form from the Information Desk, fill out and return to Julie Alexander if you would like to be a part of this program. All ladies from teens up are encouraged to participate.

- **Visitation Team 2 (Meinsen)** will meet tonight after services
- **Watermill Book Club** will meet **September 12**
- **Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 17—Fair Haven's Annual Benefit Auction**
- **Elders, Deacons & Preachers Meeting on September 18th at 2 p.m.**



⇒ **Areawide Youth Night** tonight at **Marshfield**

⇒ **Titus 2 Girls** meet **Tuesday from 10-12**

## International Friends

On **Sunday evening, August 21**, there will be a presentation following services about the **International Friends** program. It should last about one hour and finger foods will be served. Everyone is invited to come and learn about the program, even if you are not sure you want to be involved with it at this time. If you plan to come please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the information desk so we will provide enough food. You can also read about this program at [www.ifmo.org](http://www.ifmo.org).



**Community Blood Center "Summer of Fun Blood Drive" here at the building Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. Free Cholesterol Screening! The Blood Center has set our goal at 15 good donors which means we need at least 20 people to sign up. Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk.**

*God has no blackberry, but is my favorite contact ... He does not have Facebook, but is my best Friend ... He does not have twitter, but I still follow Him ... And even without internet, I am always connected with Him! Thank You Lord for loving me.*



As the summer vacation comes to an end, we wish for all students & teachers a happy and fruitful school year!

**Bible Institute of Missouri**  
**New Evening Classes begin August 22**  
**See flyer on Bulletin Board!**



## WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SINS?

By Dennis R. Smith

What would the world be without singing? Suppose all of a sudden everyone and everything would lose the ability to sing? What if even the little birds also lost their sweet tunes on a spring-like morning? Well, it would be a sad world indeed - right? Now with that in mind, let us be more realistic! God has created us with the ability to sing, but the reason is more than just to be entertained. God has always required his people to sing in order to glorify him and also as one of the most successful tools in the teaching of his people. The Apostle Paul revealed this when he said, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16). As important as singing is, there is something about it that would be worse than the ability not to sing. It would be our not making any attempt to understand the meaning of the words. Just "mouthing" the words of a song accomplishes nothing in the sight of God. This can best be illustrated by using the old song "What Can Wash Away My Sins." Since singing praises is a process of "making melody in our hearts" (Eph. 5:19), for us to sing that beautiful old hymn without any concern for the blood of Christ as the redemption of our sins, we might as well not sing at all! This is why Paul said, "I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (1st Cor. 14:14).

### 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

### 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

Lincoln Church of Christ

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:** P. Malanowski/O. Blackburn  
**Greeters:** Ron & Lisa Stokes  
**Van Driver:** Lance Griter/833-2818  
**KYB Phone:** John Dutton/Megan Glenn  
**Serve** Jim Meinsen/Scott Nichols  
**Communion:** Jerry Milligan/John Penner  
 Travis Morrison/Tom Norrell  
 Aaron Morrison/John Stayton  
 Steve Prewitt/James Simons

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Larry Baggett  
**Opening Prayer:** Clay Joseph  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Jack Lynch  
**Communion:** D. Tovar/A. Alexander  
**Nursery:** A. Buckner/J. Carroll

## NEXT WEEK, August 21

|                        | MORNING                       | EVENING               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Song Leader:</b>    | Kerry Cole                    | Larry Baggett         |
| <b>Opening Prayer:</b> | Jackie Freeze                 | Russell Lilly         |
| <b>Communion:</b>      | Fred Lorenz                   | D. Tovar/A. Alexander |
| <b>Closing Prayer:</b> | Brent Looney                  | Todd Kraus            |
| <b>AM Nursery:</b>     | Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling       |                       |
| <b>PM Nursery:</b>     | Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan   |                       |
| <b>Greeters:</b>       | Chatty Timmons/Johnnie Elliff |                       |
| <b>Van Driver:</b>     | James Simons/732-5641         |                       |

## MONTH OF AUGUST

**Ushers:** Tucker Jobes/  
Grant Wheeler  
**AV Room:** Adam Stipp/  
Terry Loveland  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines/  
Tim Buckner

## Wednesday, August 17

**Devotional:** Dennis Smith  
**Song Leader:** JJ Blevins  
**Opening Prayer:** Gene Lund  
**Closing Prayer:** Oran Green  
**Van Driver:** Jason Luna