



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 30, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#291

#500

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Opening Prayer

Barney Crawford

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The Lord's Supper

James Simons

Contribution

James Simons

#786

Lesson

Dennis Smith

#36

Announcements

Jerry Young

#237

Closing Prayer

Eddie Currier

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

"By What Authority?"

Most of us can see the need for submitting to the proper authorities in our daily lives. Someone must exercise authority in government, on the job, at school, and even in the games we play.

Authority is also of vital importance in our spiritual lives. People often try to justify their religious practices by what they think, or by what their preacher said, or by what others do. All such standards are unreliable and doomed to failure. In spiritual matters there is only one safe authority: the word of God. Without the authority of God, religious activities are useless.

*For example, **faith without the authority of God's word is mere superstition.** It is unfortunate that so many in our world have been led to think that all that matters is whether one believes. The real question is whether what one believes is true! Bible faith must be based upon what God's word says (Rom. 10:17), and souls are purified through obedience to the truth (1 Peter 1:22).*

***Hope without the authority of the scriptures is only a wish.** Many people wish for things they have no real reason to expect. Bible hope, on the other hand, is expecting something because God's word promises it. A Christian can take the Word and give a reason for his hope (1 Peter 3:15). He will have learned what God promises in His word and will have met God's conditions. One whose hope is not based upon truth is of all men most to be pitied (cf. 1 Cor. 15:19).*

***Love without the guidance of the scriptures is empty sentiment.** Whatever is not guided by God's word cannot really be love for God. Jesus, for example, said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Love is not just a feeling. It is a commitment to obey the Lord in how we serve Him and in how we treat others. John wrote, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments" (1 John 5:3).*

Jesus was once asked, "By what authority are you doing these things?" (Matt. 21:23). All of us ought to examine our convictions and practices, asking ourselves the same question. Having God's authority is the difference between being a Christian and merely being religious.

- Bill McFarland

Today's Lessons:

AM: The Personification of God's Grace and Mercy

PM: Recap of the Malawi Work

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

October 23

Bible Study:	222
Morning:	365
Evening:	204
Wednesday (10/26):	235
Contribution:	\$ 9,272



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young

- ✧ Jarita Nimmo is at Christian Health Care on Mt. Vernon in Springfield and David Nimmo is recovering from surgery
- Friends and Family:**
- ✧ Tiffany Meeks' sister, Larrie White, is in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis doing much better after successful 2-day surgery
- ✧ Jill Tracy, Don & Linda's daughter-in-law, is recovering from surgery
- ✧ Nadean Green's sister (Gaitha's aunt), Vera Barnes
- ✧ Jeff Fisher's niece, Julianne King, is now at Children's Hospital in CO for treatment of a serious illness. Cards can be sent to the family at 259 E. Washington, Marshfield, 65706.
- ✧ Mary Jo Rookstool's brother, John Key, in Texas
- ✧ Gail White's brother, Paul Ellard, who is dealing with cancer
- ✧ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan, (hopefully) is recovering from eye surgery
- ✧ Jan Bowling's cousin's daughter, 6-year old Shelby Davidson, is still undergoing testing at St. Jude for a tumor in her leg
- ✧ Kaylee Farmsworth, daughter of friends of Ann Thiesen's daughter, was seriously injured in a auto accident that killed her grandparents
- ✧ Sandra Park, mother of Jeremiah Holt (who has been attending recently) has cancer but it is now in remission
- Sympathy**
- ✧ We extend our sympathy to Bill McFarland's family as his brother Darrin's 18-month old grandson passed away; the funeral service was last Friday

- Long-Term**
 Paul Bratcher
 Doris Burch
 Bonnie Cole
 Lucille/Milton Ford
 Herman Harris
 Jarita Nimmo
 Betty Shaw
 Doris Tobler
 Pat Woods
Military:
 Cody Newman
 Matthew Patterson



- Birthdays**
 7 Cooper Griffin
 8 John Penner
 9 Marilyn Lanpher
 10 Kasey Sekulic
 11 Betty Holden
 Linda Currier
 Debbie Kern
 Debbie Ratterree

Welcome Please extend a warm welcome to two new families who have made known their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill.

Brandon Nook, Payton, Keegan
 704 S. Wrenwood, Strafford, MO 65757
 417-708-1746
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Aaron & Stephanie Schwartz
 3516 N. Brinnsfield Drive
 Ozark, MO 65721 (816-309-9286)

We are glad they have chosen to be a part of the Water Mill Family.

Just a reminder about Jerry Young's announcement last Sunday ...

As Andrew's role has changed because of his full-time teaching responsibilities and his purchase of a home in the Willard area, the Elders are looking ahead at different aspects of the work here in the areas of youth and family ministry, and we need your help in assessing these needs.

We would like your suggestions and ideas as to the direction you would like to see us go in these areas. Please put them in writing with your name so we can visit with you further if we have any questions, and give to one of the Elders. Thank you in advance for your help with this most important task. **The Elders**



Community Service Opportunity

Cancer patients from the community need your help getting to their medical treatments and appointments. The **American Cancer Society Road to Recovery** program needs kind people to volunteer their time and to use their own cars to drive patients to and from their appointments. Schedules are flexible and drivers will get reimbursed 14 cents per mile. For more information, please contact: Nikki Leake or Tamara Wilfong at 447-1472 or nikki.leake@cancer.org. See more info on the bulletin board.

November Anniversaries

- 1 Fred/Amy Winters 14 yrs.
- 2 John/Teresa Mahon 37 yrs.
- 3 Denzil/Ruth Raines 50 yrs.
- 5 Jack/Rose Lynch 45 yrs.
- 6 Larry/Jo Baggett 35 yrs.
- 16 Aubrey/Anita Cobb 43 yrs.
- 20 Bill/Shirley Chilton 59 yrs.
- 24 Verl/Karen Duncan 50 yrs.
- 26 Lance/Teresa Griter 17 yrs.
- 27 Randy/Orvella Blackburn 7

News & Activities

Today's Schedule

Potluck lunch immediately after morning services. Remember that the Preschool Potluck is being combined with today's lunch. All visitors are invited and encouraged to stay and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Our evening service will be at 1 p.m. with Mark Thiesen giving a report on the work in Malawi.

All contributions today will be used for our Building Fund.

- Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- Fall Fest for the youth and their families is Saturday night at the Lines home. Sign up at the Information Desk.
- James River Nursing Home Devotional/Singing on Saturday at 2. All who can are urged to attend
- Golden Agers meet next Sunday at 4
- SNAC after PM services next Sunday
- The next book club meeting will be Monday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marty Stockstill.
- Ladies Bible Class will meet on November 10 at 10:30 a.m. with potluck lunch to follow. Ruth Essex will be the speaker. Her topic is Exploring the Jungle of Women's Relationship: Danger in the Undergrowth.

Scott & Melinda Barton and Eric & Wanita Duncan invite you to join them in celebrating **Verl and Karen Duncan's 50th Wedding Anniversary** on Saturday, **November 19th** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Water Mill Church of Christ. Omission of gifts is preferred.

Young Ladies helping with the Teachers' Appreciation Dinner will meet next Sunday after AM services; bring a sack lunch.



Dear Friends, Thank you so much for the prayers, food, cards and visits in regard to our cousin, Arilla Buck. She enjoyed the friendship of the Water Mill congregation and you all became her family, too. We appreciate and love you all very much! **Jackie & Virginia Buck**

Congratulations to Scheryl Nook and Greg Larimore who were married October 21!



Next Sunday at 2 a.m.

We are still in need of new twin FLAT white sheets. They can be purchased for \$5 at Walmart.

Monty & Lucy Lewis wanted us to know that Dale has a hearing scheduled for November 14 and the judge has agreed to consider reducing his sentence. If you know Dale and would feel comfortable writing a character letter on his behalf, his attorney and Monty & Lucy feel that could be helpful. Monty & Lucy need to get those letters as soon as possible so they can mail them to the attorney who in turn will submit them to the judge before the hearing. If you have questions, you can call Lucy at 862-2783. Letters need to be mailed to Monty & Lucy at 221 South Orchard Crest Avenue, 65802 or leave them with me and Lucy will pick them up.



A SAD LOOK AT WHAT ONCE WAS

By Dennis R. Smith

Among the many things that helped to make America great was the devoted interest in religion. In the early years of this country the GOSPEL MEETING (or revival) was as much a part of this nation as the covered wagon, musket, or plow. Along the trails, at the cross-roads, or in the frontier towns, the air would ring with the singing of the songs of Zion and the preaching of the gospel of Christ. People came by the hundreds to hear a message that would improve their lives and the lives of their families. People were concerned about their sins. People wept over their sins. They were thrilled when they made their decision for the Lord. Many were changed from hard and rough men and women to respectable people. They had hard times but they put their trust in God and prayed to him daily for strength and guidance. The country grew and was blessed in its deeds. What has happened to those people today? Where are they? With but a few exceptions they are gone! They have gone from a pride of self, country, God and family to do those things "which are not convenient" according to the voice of Romans 1:28. In other words, the country is still here, the people are still here, but the things that have caused this great land to arise from a wilderness to a great and powerful nation is rapidly decaying. Yes, it is sad to think of what once was, but also in the language of the Apostle Paul, don't you think that "now it is high time to awake out of sleep?" (Rom. 13:11)

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
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: Jan Bowling/Robin Meeks
Greeters: Ann Thiesen & Gerri Dickens
Van Driver: Shannon Haddock/732-4203
KYB Phone: Jim Meinsen/Ann Thiesen
Serve Luis Tovar/Kevin Westerman
Communion: Don Tracy/Brent Asher
Daniel Wilson/Larry Baggett
Brandon Allen/Scott Barton
Van Barnes/Adam Barton

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Jackie Freeze
Lesson: Mark Thiesen
Closing Prayer: Blanton Glenn
Communion: John/Michael Penner
Nursery: Linda Barnett/M. Reaves

NEXT WEEK, November 6

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer:	David Kern	John Mahon
Communion:	Bob Snider	T.Thornton/J. Dutton
Closing Prayer:	Todd Kraus	Jim Meinsen
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Kerry & Sandy Cole	
Van Driver:	James Simons/732-5641	

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Ushers: Tim Bowling/
Matt Kelley
AV Room: Jeremy Thurlkill/
Ron Stokes
Secure Paul Lines/
Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, November 2

Devotional: Eddie Carrier
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer: Eddie Sanders
Closing Prayer: James Simons
Van Driver: Todd Kraus