



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 1, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Adam Blaney

Opening Prayer
Tim Bowling

The Lord's Supper
John Stayton

Contribution
John Stayton

Lesson
Bill McFarland

Announcements
Bob Snider

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

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 25

Bible Study:	263
Morning:	337
Evening:	225
Wednesday (8/27):	205
Contribution:	\$ 8,186



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

- ♦ Continue to remember [Eula Compton](#), [Thelma Fain](#), [Norman High](#), [Greg Larimore](#), [Wilma Melton](#), [Blanton Glenn](#), [Dale Harp](#)
- ♦ [Melinda Barton](#) who has just been diagnosed with breast cancer; she will meet with the surgeon on the 9th.
- ♦ [Tim Marsolf](#) was in and out of the hospital this past week with blood clots in his lungs; is home now and feeling better
- ♦ [Leona Snider](#) as she continues dealing with the inflammation in the temporal arteries. The shots did not do what the doctors hoped so she is back on prednisone
- ♦ [Shirley Chilton](#) will have heart valve replacement surgery soon in St. Louis

Friends & Family

- ♦ Denzil & Ruth Raines' granddaughter, [Carrie Raines](#), is in Cox South ICU with whooping cough and she is 22 weeks pregnant
- ♦ Brandi Kraus' aunt, [Mary Fell](#), has stage 4 cancer. Cards of encouragement can be sent to her at 217 S.E. Baublits Drive, Pensacola, FL 32507-3102.
- ♦ [Joann McFarland](#) will have surgery in St. Louis on September 12; her address is 541 Spring Lake Dr., Mountain Home, AR 72653
- ♦ Byrle Hayter's brother, [Earl Hayter](#), is dealing with lung cancer
- ♦ [Amber Sardeson](#) as she deals with some health issues
- ♦ [Sue Crosby's mother](#) as she deals with health issues
- ♦ Also a friend of Sue Crosby, [Donnie Free](#), has cancer
- ♦ [Josiah Kern](#), David & Debbie's grandson, will have surgery in the near future to close a hole in his heart
- ♦ Continue to remember Jo Baggett's mom, [Ann Freeze](#), Gene Lund's brother, [Bill Lund](#); Carolyn Young's sister, [Nita](#); Johnnie Elliff's sister, [Annie Hysaw](#)



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Bill White in the loss of his nephew, Ron Burch, who passed away last week.

Thank you so much to all who participated in the last blood drive. Community Blood Center reported that 22 donors registered to give blood and 21 donations were made on a blood drive goal of 18. A lot of you are regular donors and thank you for your continued dedication to help others. But we also had 2 first time donors! Our next drive is scheduled for January 8, 2014.



We want to thank you for all your prayers and cards that you have sent. Surgery and results came out good. Thank you. In Christian love, Pat & Les Malanowski



Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Chloe Gaddis
Doris Iorg
Irene Johnson
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods

Class Teacher

We are in need of a male teacher for our 6th grade Sunday school class. Please let Tom Davis know if you are interested in helping with this work.



Upcoming Area Events

- Ladies Day at Mountain Home September 7
- Gospel Meeting at Lincoln September 8-11
- Oldfield Church of Christ Lectureship Sept. 9-13
- Friends & Family Day at Fordland September 15
- Weekend Seminar on Marriage Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho September 20-21
- Mountain Grove Lectureship October 6-9 (Flyers on Bulletin Board)

News & Activities



For our September book club meeting, one of the books we are reading is *For The Love of a Child* by Wilburta Arrowood. Mrs. Arrowood is a member of the church of Christ at Liberty, Missouri and she has agreed to come to speak to us. ***She will be here at the building next Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm. All ladies are invited to attend.*** She will not only be talking about her books but helping us to write our own memories. Please join us!

- ≈ **Golden Agers** will meet today at 4 p.m. in room 126.
- ≈ **Quilters** will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. New and beginning quilters are welcome to come and help with our projects or bring your own project and work on it.
- ≈ **Ladies Bible Study** is Tuesday night. Location to be announced.
- ≈ Singing/devotional at **James River Nursing Home** is Saturday at 2 p.m.
- ≈ **Elders** meet September 10 at 1 p.m.
- ≈ Annual **Fair Haven Auction** is Saturday, September 21. See flyer on Bulletin Board for some items that will be available.

Happy Hollow

Golf Tournament

If you are interested in playing in the golf tournament on September 14 at Dream Valley Golf in Buffalo, a sign-up sheet and more information is available on the table just inside the door to the fellowship room. Deadline for sign-up and payment is 9/7.

Ground Breaking for Happy Hollow Bible Camp's

George Downing Memorial Pool will be September 7 at 6 p.m. Bring your lawn chair!

SECRET SISTERS

Be sure to write a note to your secret sister to let her know you are thinking of her. Also check the Information Desk for notes. Thank you for participating in this program.



The first **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** of the Fall will meet on September 12th at 10:30 a.m. Ruth Essex will teach the class on "JOY," Rejoice in the Lord, Philippians 4:4. Sheryl Low will be available to take care of the children. Potluck lunch will follow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthdays

8 Mary Head
Dewayne Jackson
12 Tom Norrell
Jeff Treat
Leah Prewitt
14 Leah Freeze
Kyrh McFarland



September Anniversaries

3 Jim/Johnnie Elliff 48 yrs.
4 Brendan/Jenny Carroll 14 yrs.
9 Clay/Sharon Joseph 53 yrs.
10 Robert/Kasey Sekulic 8 yrs.
12 Ron/Kenna Taylor 4 yrs.
22 Adam/Amanda Eilenstein 1 yr.
29 Paul/Carrie Lines 23 yrs.

Congratulations

Golden Messenger for September is available in the foyer. Be sure to pick up a copy!



TWO PLUS TWO ALWAYS EQUALS FOUR

By Dennis R. Smith

At the elementary level the young student soon learns that "one plus one equals two" and "two plus two equals four." After this simple equation is learned, usually the first grader has the foundation laid for all other math problems of the future. How sad it is when we forget the simple, easy solutions to problems. The child has always been an example for the adult and even though the adult world is more complex, the adult must remember (in some things) to return to the child-like attitude of faith in order to be happy as an adult. It was Jesus Christ who said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). Carrying this into other scriptural examples we can see this system also applies: "Faith without works is dead (James 2:20)..... He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned (Mark 16:16) Give and it shall be given unto you (Luke 6:38) It is more blessed to give than receive (Acts 20:35) A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Proverbs 25:11). The point of fact is that the Bible has been given to us by the inspiration of God and it is able to "furnish us unto all good works" (2nd Tim. 3:17) if we will follow its simple commands. Why seek and search for complex solutions when the Scriptures always give a simple answer, "Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13) .

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
 Fair Haven Children's Home

“In Search of the Lord’s Way”
 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10

‘KNOW YOUR BIBLE’
 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSPR



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Barney & Debbie Crawford
Van Driver: Jerry Stockdale/693-7505
KYB Phone: Verl Duncan/Mary J. Rookstool

Serve Les Malanowski/Tom Norrell
Communion: Andy McFarland/Steve Prewitt
 Jerry Milligan/Aaron Schwartz
 Aaron Morrison/Eddie Sanders
 Travis Morrison/Scott Nichols

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Tom Davis
Lesson: Adam Blaney
Closing Prayer: Tom Easterly
Communion: J. Simons/C. Tindall
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, September 8

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Randy Blackburn	Don Essex
Communion:	Ron Stokes	J. Simons/C. Tindall
Closing Prayer:	Dustin Stokes	Briley Ewing
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Tom & Gin Crumrine	
Van Driver:	Sam Hansen/818-8445	

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

AV Scott Barton/
 Room: Ron Stokes

Open Building Tim Timmons

Secure Building: Justin Reaves/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, September 4

Devotional: Kyle Buckner
Song Leader: J.J. Blevins
Prayer: Todd Kraus
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678