



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 28, 2014

## Order of Worship

**Song Leader**  
Kerry Cole

# 250 (1,2,5)  
#499 (1,2,3)

**Opening Prayer**  
John Stayton

#66  
#417

**The Lord's Supper**  
John Hulett

**Contribution**  
John Hulett

#642

**Lesson**  
Bill McFarland

#781

**Announcements**  
Barney Crawford

#647

**Closing Prayer**  
Andy McFarland

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



## God is Faithful

We run across find this phrase several times in the Scripture, as many will know. But have you ever considered all that is possibly meant when the Bible tells us God is faithful? "Faithful" comes from the word meaning "to be trusted, to be reliable" (Vine). So when God is said to be faithful, it means we can put stock in what He says, knowing He keeps His promises. "He is God, *the faithful God* who keeps His covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments" (Deut. 7:9). How is God faithful? There are many examples. Consider just a few.

**Faithful in Sending Us a Savior** – "*God is faithful*, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9). It is only through the grace of God that we have the privilege to see and know Jesus as Savior, which God promised centuries ago. He is faithful to us, by providing a Savior, through whom we might be called back into His own presence and fellowship.

**Faithful in Protecting His People** – "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but *God is faithful*, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). As it was with Job (cf. Job 1, 2), He knows when to allow Satan to test us, and when to stop Him in his tracks. Thus Paul would say, "But the *Lord is faithful*, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one" (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

**Faithful to Forgive** – "If we confess our sins, *He is faithful* and just to forgive us our sins..." (1 John 1:9). Just a few verses before, John states, "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1:7). "If we are willing to for Him live, He is willing to us forgive."

**Faithful to Us in Our Struggles and Difficulties** - "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; *Great is Your faithfulness*. 'The Lord is my portion' says my soul. 'Therefore I will hope in Him.'" (Lamentations 3:22-24). The words of Jeremiah, while he was in such deep despair, are a reminder that even in life's darkest days, the Lord is present, and provides steadfast love and abundant mercy — every morning. Why? Because He is faithful to His people.

**What of us?** – "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for *He who promised is faithful*" (Hebrews 10:23).

- Adam Blaney

## Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

# 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

September 21

Bible Study:	257
Morning:	311
Evening:	188
Wednesday (9/24):	212
Contribution:	\$ 7,798



Elder of the Month  
Barney Crawford

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Dale Harp, Ruth Raines, Jerry Gillespie, Sharon Joseph, Ola Jean Feeney and Nancy Snider as they all deal with continuing health issues.

### Friends & Family

- Jeff Treat's mom, Joann Rainey, has been in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis this past week with some serious health issues but is now back home in Mountain Home
- Joyce Harmon, Gaitha Downing's mother-in-law, is recovering from surgery. She will see oncologist later in the month to determine if she will have radiation or chemo. Her address is 5218 S. Gary Ct., 65810.
- Dorothy Buckner, Tim's mother, is now at home
- Leon Wake, Tina Orum's father, and his health concerns
- Estel Pendergrass, Kay McFarland's dad.
- David Wine, friend of Kerry Cole, was critically injured in auto accident in Phoenix
- Bonnie Cole's nephew, Scott Golden, who has brain cancer
- Stacy McCurry's son, Caleb, and his health issues/
- ◆ Ann Thiesen's friend, Billie Morgans, who had a massive stroke
- ◆ Jon Ewing's brother, Mike Ewing, as he deals with cancer
- ◆ Matthew Patterson, Mary Jo Rookstool's grandson, who is in Afghanistan
- ◆ Continue to remember Amanda Eillenstein's uncle, Richard Fredendall, as he deals with leukemia, and Tom Norrell's sister, Melba Jerry, as she is dealing with serious skin cancer

### Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams  
Shirley Bartlett  
Doris Burch  
Eula Compton  
Fern Davis  
Thelma Fain  
Ella Mae Findlay  
Chloe Gaddis  
Mary Head  
Doris Iorg  
Doris Tobler  
Judy Todd  
Pat Woods



### Expectant Moms

Stephanie Schwartz/  
February  
Sara Keener/March  
Leah Prewitt/March



We extend our sympathy to Leah and Jackie's family in the loss of our dear brother and friend, Jackie Freeze, after his year-long battle with leukemia. Faith, Hope & Courage was imprinted on the orange bracelets that we all wore to support Jackie. He had all of those. We will all miss him dearly.

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Linda Currier lost her sister, Shelia Hansen's aunt, Faye Hyder, suddenly Sunday. We express our deepest sympathy to Linda and Shelia and their family.

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Estel Pendergrass, (Kay's dad) also lost his sister, Pauline Thompson, last Sunday. We extend our sympathy to Estel & Thelma and their family.

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Also, Tina Orum's uncle, Larry Wake, passed away on September 20. We express our sympathy to that family as well.



We want to extend a warm welcome to Estel and Thelma Pendergrass (Kay McFarland's parents) to the Water Mill congregation. Their address is 1707 W. Elfindale, #62, Springfield, MO 65807. Please make them feel welcome and at home.

Gospel Meeting - Bona Church of Christ TODAY THRU WEDNESDAY with Dennis Smith preaching.

**Golden Messenger** for October is available in the foyer.

New issue of **The Voice of Truth** is available in the foyer for everyone, including our visitors. Please help yourselves to the copies.

# News & Activities

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **SATURDAY AT 2 P.M.** James River Nursing Home Devo and Singing; all who can are encouraged to attend
- ◆ Next Sunday Golden Agers Meet at 4 p.m.
- ◆ **Singing Class** next Sunday evening from 4:30-4:55.
- ◆ Tuesday, Oct. 7 Quilters Meet at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Thursday, Oct. 9: Ladies Thursday Bible Class at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Saturday, Oct. 11 Fair Haven 50th Anniversary Celebration (see Flyer on the Bulletin Board)
- ◆ Sunday, Oct. 12 POTLUCK LUNCH
- ◆ Tuesday, Oct. 14 Elders meet at 1 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday, Oct. 19: Ron Brown presents China report at PM Service
- ◆ Oct. 19-22: Bill in meeting at Carthage
- ◆ Saturday, Oct. 25: Making Strides for Breast Cancer walk
- ◆ Tuesday, Oct. 28: First class on developing your Family Tree at 10 a.m. Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk.

*Thank You*

Beverly Hammond has returned home after a 4-week rehab from knee replacement. Thanks to everyone for their cards and prayers. *Coyeatte Ewing*

My family and I want to thank all of you for keeping us in your prayers and thoughts and for all the cards and offers of help and food. We are truly blessed to have all of you, "Our Church Family." Thank you all. *Joyce Harmon & Family*



## THE MAKING OF MEMORIES

By Dennis R. Smith

Recently I came across the lyrics of an old song which dated back to 1915. The chorus of this song struck me as being a discovered treasure which I wanted to share with our readers. Here it is: "Memories, Memories, Dreams of love so true, O'er the sea of memory, I'm drifting back to you." Yes, it's an old love song, but I couldn't help associating it with the value of memory especially as it relates to our Lord and also our loved ones. When we think of the love of God in passages like Romans 5:8 where the Apostle Paul wrote, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," makes us understand what genuine love really is. Associating this with John 3:16 which leads off with "For God So Loved the World" should remove all doubt as to the depth of a love so "Rich and Pure." And then there is the Lord's Supper, instituted by Jesus as a memory maker of his love for us. As we observe this holy supper, we must do so, says Jesus, "in remembrance of me" (1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 11:24). As I said earlier, memory is a wonderful thing both in our memories of God **and** our loved ones. The song, "Precious Memories" helps us drift back on a sea of memory to loved ones also so "rich and pure" and in the process mentally takes us back to them. I sign off with the following: Isn't it wonderful and somewhat fearful to know that our Heavenly Father has made us with these magnificent capabilities? (Psalm 139:14). Thank you Lord!

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP** if you plan to attend the Ladies Fall Retreat Nov. 14 & 15 Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk.



## October Anniversaries

- 1 John/Tina Orum 20 yrs.
  - 5 Luis/Carol Tovar 23 yrs.
  - 17 John/Megan Hollingsworth 5 yrs.
  - 21 Greg/Scheryl Larimore 3 yrs.
  - 22 Ron/Marsha Bower 59 yrs.
  - 23 Dale/Phyllis Gregory 53 yrs.
  - 25 Jon/Coyeatte Ewing 28 yrs.
- Congratulations

## MISSOURI STATE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS PROGRAM

is in need of families who are willing to serve as friends to students who are studying away from their home countries. If you have served as a host family in the past, just let Michelle know you are ready for a new student. If you have not worked with this program before and are interested, see Michelle to get the basic info. Thanks to all for your kindness toward the international students. - Michelle Hulett



## Birthdays

- 5 Fred Lorenz
- Caleb Wiseman
- 6 Charles Crum
- 7 JJ Blevins
- Stacey McCurry
- Kensi Tillman
- 9 Meredith Reaves
- Dustin Stokes
- 10 Randy Blackburn
- Aaron Schwartz
- 11 Dave Blackburn

Julie wanted you to know that Aaron Alexander has been accepted to Harding University for the 2015-16 school year. Congratulations Aaron!

## College Addresses

Alissa Buckner Kyle Buckner  
 HU Box 10653 HU Box 12984  
 915 E. Market Ave. 915 E. Market Ave.  
 Searcy, AR 72149 Searcy, AR 72149  
 They would love to get mail from you!



### 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  
 Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission  
 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

**Nursery:** Linda Currier  
**Greeters:** Scott & Melinda Barton  
**Van Driver:** Tyler Thornton/840-6303  
**KYB:** Verl Duncan/John Dutton  
**Serve** Grant Schaper/Adam Eilenstein  
**Communion:** Aubrey Cobb/Tom Davis  
 William Downing/John Dutton  
 Tom Easterly/Briley Ewing  
 Jeff Fisher/Oran Green

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jon Davis  
**Opening Prayer:** Fred Lorenz  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Aaron Morrison  
**Communion:** Tucker Jobes/R. Lilly  
**Nursery:** Donna Jordan/M. Reaves

### NEXT WEEK, October 5

AM

PM

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Scott Nichols	Tim Stockstill
<b>Communion:</b>	Gene Lund	T. Morrison/J. Simons
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Dennis Smith	Dustin Stokes
<b>Nursery AM:</b>	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
<b>Nursery PM:</b>	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Randy & Orvella Blackburn	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Jerry Stockdale/693-7505	

### MONTH OF OCTOBER

AV Scott Barton/  
 Room: Bruce Tindall  
 Open Tim Timmons  
 Building  
 Secure Tim Buckner  
 Building:

### Wednesday, October 1

**Devotional:** Scott Barton  
**Song Leader:** Briley Ewing  
**Prayer:** Aaron Alexander  
**Van Driver:** Jason Luna/  
 838-7152