



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 27, 2009

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Randy Blackburn

### Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#627

#610

### Opening Prayer

John Penner

#344

#950

### Communion

Barney Crawford

### Contribution

Barney Crawford

#53 (v. 1,2,4)

#866

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#584 (v. 1,2,4)

### Announcements

Gene Lund

#989

### Closing Prayer

Jim Reaves

## A Word to Husbands and Wives

Bill McFarland

*Our daily Bible reading the last couple of days has included the Song of Solomon. Whatever view of this unique and fascinating little book may be taken, it is clearly about a relationship over which love is the banner (2:4). Our assumptions about what such a relationship should be like are often blurred by the culture or by our own mistakes. We may benefit from the model provided by the loving couple in this wonderful song.*

*The first thing that stands out is the tender affection between the two of them. To him, she is "my love." To her, he is "my beloved" (1:15-16). There is a gentleness and a warmth between them which is nourished by the kind way in which they speak to each other.*

*They admire one another. Each considers the other as special, standing out above the other men or women in the world. To him, she is a flower among the briars, altogether beautiful (2:2; 4:7). To her, he is an apple tree among the ordinary trees of the forest, altogether desirable (2:3; 5:16).*

*Part of their being beloved to each other is that they are friends who delight in one another's company (5:16). His heart has been captivated, he says, by one glance from her eyes (4:9), and she is thrilled at even the memory of the sound of his voice (2:10; 5:4). The companionship between them is such that they obviously go together.*

*There is a deep sense of loyalty between the two of them, too. Each loves the other with their soul, with their very self. At least three times in the book it is said: "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine" (2:16; 6:3; 7:10). They belong to one another in a love that is exclusive.*

*Each understands that the other values him or her above all other people and, just as importantly, above all things and all tasks. There is something between them which no one else is allowed to interfere (2:8; 8:4).*

*There is clearly a wonderful, mutually enjoyable intimacy between them. They praise each other physically. They think of their relationship as a precious, secret garden which they visit together. It thrills their lives.*

*This book is at least partly here to provide for us an education in love. It holds up before us a model of how a husband and a wife are to treat each other. Our lives are best when we honor this instruction.*



## Today's Sermons:

*Morning: Called, Calling, and Called Out*

*Evening: A Kingdom on Trial*

# Prayer Lists and Announcements

## 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 20

Bible Study:	263
Morning:	378
Evening:	190
Wednesday:	223
Contribution:	\$10,029



Elder of the Month  
Gene Lund

## In need of our prayers ...

Cora Lee Minnich will be moving to her daughter's home. Her address is c/o Bonnie Lopez, 609 11th Avenue, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

Thelma Fain is in Cox South.

Sondra Lorenz as she continues to deal with cancer

Cassie Penner is back at home.

Sarah Cowden as she continues her recovery; they hope to be home in Poplar Bluff this week. Their address there is 2754 Barron Road, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

Seldon Essex has continuing health issues.

Milton Ford, Lucille's husband, has been moved to Springfield Rehab Center.

Don Essex is having some health problems.

Marlene Matthews has pneumonia but is some better

Former member Sue Edwards will have an angiogram on October 6 followed heart valve surgery a couple days later.

## Long-Term Prayer List:

Alice Allen  
Paul Bratcher  
Bonnie Cole  
Thelma Fain  
Gerald Jean  
Clay Joseph  
Sondra Lorenz  
Carol Mahon  
Jarita Nimmo  
David/  
Debbi Ratterree  
Sherry Sherman  
Judy Todd  
Pat Woods  
Phil Baker,  
former member



We extend our sympathy to the family of **HOLLIE DELO** who passed away last week. Hollie was Van Barnes and Chloe Gaddis' sister. A memorial service was held last Friday.

## Today's events:

- New Bible Class in the Auditorium—textual study of 1st Corinthians
- FPU class at 2:30
- Malawi meeting at 4:30
- Pew Packers meet at 4:45

## Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome

to two families who have expressed their desire to work and worship with us:

**Dewayne & Ashley Bergman**  
2444 N. Delaware, Apt. #1  
Springfield, MO 65803  
417-399-4337  
(recently married)  
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**Grant & Ella Wheeler**  
**Jen & Livi**  
P.O. Box 247  
Sparta, MO 65753  
417-634-0355

**We are blessed to have these two families with us!**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
The Lord willing, when you read these words we will be at our new address:

**1931 Campground Road #40  
Wellsville, OH 43968**

Thank you for honoring us at the pot luck luncheon and the money tree last Lords Day. You have a special place in our hearts. In the words of the beloved apostle in 3rd John, verse 2: "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

In Christian love,  
Glenn & Margie Logston

**Attention Parents & Kids:** Please remember that all food and drink must be kept in the kitchen/fellowship area. We are having too many incidences of food being dropped on the carpet in the foyer and other places in the building. The Elders ask that you respect this policy.

# News & Announcements



**Youth Rally** at Southside church of Christ in Ozark this weekend

- SNAC next Sunday evening
- October 18: Areawide Youth Night at Water Mill

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP**



**HELP NEEDED:**  
**The LTC**  
**Scrapbooking Group**

needs supplies to prepare for their competition in April of next year. Any scrapbooking materials that you are not using and would like to donate would be greatly appreciated. For specific supplies that are needed, see the Giving Tree or see Julie Alexander or Linda Currier.

## Area Events

- 9/27-30: Gospel Meeting/Hillcrest
- 9/27-30: Gospel Meeting/Conway
- 9/27-29: Gospel Meeting/Sunset
- 10/24: Ladies Day at Strafford (RSVP by 10/1)

See Flyers on Bulletin Board

Several of your **DISHES** from various events are on the cart next to Johnnie's office. Be sure to pick yours up!



*Happy Hollow*  
*Singing Night and Chili*  
*Supper on October 10*

*beginning at 5 p.m. Chili Supper fundraiser \$5 a bowl. Bring your lawn chairs. GAMES, SINGING, SMORES BY THE CAMP*

*James River Nursing Home Devo/ Singing Saturday at 3 p.m.*

**11th Annual GOLDEN AGE JAMBOREE**  
**and OPEN HOUSE** at Fair Haven Children's Home on Saturday, October 10 Beginning at 9:45 a.m.  
Golden Agers, be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend and indicate what you will bring!

## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Fred Lorenz	417-833-1664
Gene Lund	417-869-6423
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	Matt Keener
Tim Bowling	Russell Lilly
Tim Buckner	Paul Lines
Tom Davis	Jim Meinsen
George Downing	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	Eddie Sanders
Jon Ewing	James Simons
Shannon Haddock	Tim Stockstill

### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



## Ties That Bind Our Hearts Together

By Dennis Smith

The words of Jesus in John 14:33-34 read as follows: "...so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." To know the genuine meaning of loving one another comes to God's people when they have been blessed by the beautiful tie that binds their hearts in Christian love. Time, where love abounds, is like a three-fold cord woven between hearts which is not easily broken. Here at Water Mill during this past year we have had our hearts broken many times, but the cord of love and fellowship still holds precious memories of beloved people. These memories are not limited just to those who have left us and gone on to their eternal reward. When dear and precious members move from our presence for personal or necessary reasons, it saddens our hearts but the "tie that binds" is so strong that whether they are here or away our love for them continues on. This past week Glenn and Marjorie Logston moved back to their beloved Ohio. On Friday we bid our eternal goodbyes to Sister Hollie Delo in a Memorial Service for her. In all cases let us not forget that "whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lords" (Rom. 14:8). We join our hearts with them in hopes of meeting again!

### 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

### OUR MISSION POINTS

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa

Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands

Jeremiah Akamah, Cameroon, Africa

Voice of Truth International

"The Living Word"  
 7:30 A.M. Sundays  
 KOLR TV 10

"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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## Service Rosters



### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Linda Currier/Leona Snider  
**Greeters:** Jerry & Carolyn Young  
**Van Driver:** Shannon Haddock/732-4203  
**KYB Phone:** Megan Glenn/Eddie Sanders  
**Serve** J. Hulett/A. McFarland  
**Communion:** D. Essex/J. Meinsen  
 T. Loveland/J. Luna  
 D. Meinsen/J. Milligan  
 L. Malanowski/T. Morrison

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Andrew Morton  
**Opening Prayer:** Justin Reaves  
**Speaker:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Eddie Sanders  
**Communion:** D. Tovar/I. Tovar  
**Nursery:** Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

### NEXT WEEK, October 4

	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Tim Bowling
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Luis Tovar	Jackie Buck
<b>Communion:</b>	Eddie Currier	A. Tovar/M. Lewis
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Larry Baggett	Kerry Cole
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Randy & Orvella Blackburn	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Kristy Sivils/838-1836	

### THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

**Ushers:** S. Haddock/  
H. Cunningham  
**AV Room:** Ron Stokes/  
Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines

### Wednesday, September 30

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** John Mahon  
**Opening Prayer:** Aaron Tovar  
**Closing Prayer:** Isaac Tovar