



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 15, 2009

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#627

#875

#1 (v. 1,2,3)

Opening Prayer

Matt Keener

#764

Communion

Jackie Freeze

#29 (v. 1,3)

Contribution

Jackie Freeze

#234

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#368

Announcements

Jerry Young

#76 (v. 1,2,5,6)

Closing Prayer

David Kern

Without This, Nothing Matters Much

Bill McFarland

First Corinthians 13 was written to address one of the oddest challenges and worst threats to those who would be *spiritual*. The purpose of the beautiful Love Chapter is to call readers back from the ugliness of self absorption in spiritual pursuits. It says that, *unless one loves*, anything he may experience, or be able to do, or even offer up in sacrifice, *is* nothing and *gains* nothing.

The message is not unique to this chapter. The prophets of the Old Testament insisted that what God requires of us is to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with him (Mic. 6:8), and that he desires steadfast love rather than sacrifice (Hos. 6:6). The New Testament consistently emphasizes that love is the fulfilling of the law (Rom. 13:10), and that loving our neighbors as ourselves is in fact the royal law (Js. 2:8). The Lord himself made it clear that no one may keep his new commandment without the practice of selfless love (Jn. 13:34-35).

What this great chapter adds, however, is crucial: a working definition of what is meant by *love*. Here love is known, not by philosophical discussion or by dictionary description, but by what it *does* and *does not* do. Observe the contrast portrayed in verses 4 through 7:

Love is or does

Patient
Kind
Rejoices with the truth
Bears all things
Believes all things
Hopes all things
Endures all things

Love is not or does not

Insist on its own way
Arrogant or rude
Rejoice at wrongdoing
Irritable
Boast
Envy
Resentful

Any of us, even if we tend to get lost in the midst of theological word studies, can see the truth about the nature of love from the behavior which is and is not characteristic of it.

The thought-provoking thing is that this whole wonderful discussion is set at the heart of a section of First Corinthians (chapters 11-14) which deals with problems which were occurring *when the church came together*. "Spiritual" people were becoming absorbed with their own abilities and experiences. Unless they could learn to love, nothing was going to matter much.



Today's Sermons

Morning: Aim High!

Evening: The Weapons of Righteousness

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 November 8

Bible Study:	254
Morning:	389
Evening:	255
Wednesday:	220
Contribution:	\$10,640



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young



Prayer List

Milton Ford is in Cox South
Seldon Essex will have shoulder surgery on 12/2 at Cox South and back surgery on 12/29

Friends and Family:

Lora Luna's sister, Melissa Newman, is doing much better
Norma Bradley's brother, Al Penny, is recovering from prostate surgery
Thelma Pendergrass is recovering from knee surgery (RR1, Box 488P, Ava, MO 65608)
Carrie Cole's niece, Wendy Williams, who suffered a stroke
Greg Humphrey, former member, was burned in an accident this past weekend

Today

- LTC Scrapbookers meet after AM service
- FPU class at 2:30
- Elders/Deacons meet at 3 pm
- Pew Packers meet at 4:45
- Area-wide Youth Night at Sunset—bus will leave at 5 - return at 8:15

- ♦ Quilters will meet **Tuesday** at 10 am to work on sewing, quilting and craft projects.
- ♦ Singing/Devo at James River Nursing Home will be the **2nd Saturday in December**.

Long-Term Prayer List

Joy & Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Thelma Fain
Lucille/Milton Ford
Gerald Jean
Clay Joseph
Carol Mahon
Jarita Nimmo
Judy Todd
Pat Woods

Friends & Family

Eileen Meinsen (Jim's Mom)
Kris Sigman (Tim Marsolf's sister)
Karen Scheel, Cathryn
Warren's daughter

Military:

Cody Newman in Iraq



Please extend a warm welcome to **DALE & PAT HARP**. They have expressed their desire to work and worship with us. They have been worshipping with us on Sunday evenings, and a lot of you know them from their work at Thrift Haven. Their address is 2276 S. Cedarbrook Ave., Springfield, MO 65804.

Featured Family: Ann Thiesen at work in Malawi



Golden Agers Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

will be this Thursday evening at 6 p.m. here at the building. Please sign up today if you plan to attend and also indicate what you will bring.

News & Notes



Thank You
 More than 50 of our members showed up last Saturday to help with our Annual Youth Leaf Raking Service Project & with the rock pickup at our building!! It was a great time of fellowship and a wonderful opportunity to be a blessing to others.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
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

LTC News
 All young men involved in sermon delivery & song leading will meet at the front of the auditorium after evening service on Nov. 22.

Sunday, November 29, is the 5th Sunday this month.

Congratulations to Jackie & Virginia Buck who are the proud great-grandparents of twins Liam and Killian born to granddaughter Ashlee last Tuesday.

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for the wonderful group that came to my home and my neighbor's and cleaned up all our leaves. What a blessing it was to us, and a big thank you to Blanton for hauling them all away and for helping me to get my heating stove up to code for winter. I can't begin to thank you all enough. God bless you all for the help you have done for me, and I appreciate the prayers, cards and phone calls while I was sick. I am thankful to be back to church again. I love you all.

Ella Mae Findlay

(Here's a thank you note from Ella Mae's neighbor)
 Once again I want to thank your sweet church for cleaning my leaves this year. My prayers go with you as you do God's work. The youth today are still God's blessing. Thanks is such a small word and I wish I could do more this year but maybe it will do a little for the youth (she sent a check for \$15.)

Thank you for all the cards and best wishes on our 62nd wedding anniversary.

Freeman & Helen Weger

Thank you all for the birthday and anniversary cards, the very good cookies and the phone calls. Bless all of you. We love you.

Ruth & Denzil Raines



FOOTSTOOL OR STUMBLING BLOCK?

Dennis Smith

The word "footstool" is used several times in scripture, but possibly one verse which started its use as a prophetic statement was made by David concerning the coming of Jesus to the earth. *"The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool"* (Psa. 110:1). E. M. Zerr, commenting on this verse, had this to say: "The whole verse is the direct speech of David, making a prophecy of the ascension and crowning of Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords." This same thought is repeated several times in the New Testament. In Matthew 22:44, Zerr had this to say: "The point at issue is that in this statement David acknowledged Christ to be his Lord." One of the qualifications for becoming a Christian is to confess this same thing before men (Matt. 10:32, 16:16-18; Acts 8:37). The words "stumbling block" simply mean to say or do anything which would cause another person to fall from the grace of God (1st Cor. 8:9; Rom. 14:13). The words of this headline are miles apart and are used metaphorically, but they both give us something to think about. Will we acknowledge Jesus as Lord who will place all enemies under his feet or shall we become a stumbling block to drive others away from the *"Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world"* (John 1:29)? Think on these things" (Phil. 4:8),

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

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: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling
Greeters: Jon & Coyeatte Ewing
Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641
KYB Phone: Adam & Sara Stipp
Serve
Communion: Scott Barton/Eddie Currier
 Randy Blackburn/Tom Davis
 Tim Bowling/Greg Donoho
 Jackie Buck/John Dutton
 Kyle Buckner/Mark Friend

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer: Jim Meinsen
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jeremy Thurlkill
Communion: Todd & Trevor Kraus
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, November 22

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer:	Todd Kraus	Daniel Meinsen
Communion:	Don Essex	Todd/Trevor Kraus
Closing Prayer:	Russell Lilly	Jerry Milligan
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Mark & Cheryl Friend	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4021	

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Ushers: Scott Nichols/
 Shannon Haddock
AV Room: Travis Morrison
 Linda Barnett
Secure Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, November 18

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer: Dennis Smith
Closing Prayer: Tim Stockstill