



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 14, 2010

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

John Penner

### Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#226 (1,2,3)

#78 (1,2)

#24

### Opening Prayer

George Downing

#621

### Communion

Grant Wheeler

#669

### Contribution

Grant Wheeler

#362 (1,2,4)

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#557 (1,2,3)

### Announcements

Bob Snider

#884

### Closing Prayer

John Dutton

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

## GOD AND PAIN

In his book *The Cross of Christ*, John Stott wrote, "I could never myself believe in God, if it were not for the cross .... In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who is immune to it? ... He laid aside his immunity to pain. He entered our world of flesh and blood, tears and death. He suffered for us. Our sufferings become more manageable in the light of his." (p. 335, 336)

The problem of pain is, and always has been, a severe challenge to faith. God does not offer a detailed defense of Himself nor an explanation of His rule over a world where suffering exists. He does offer His Son to redeem us from it.

We wish pain were gone. Some day it will be. In the meantime, we are strengthened by remembering what was accomplished when Christ suffered for sins. A writer unknown to me put it this way:

*The cry of man's anguish went up to God,  
"Lord, take away pain!  
The shadow that darkens the world thou hast made;  
The close, coiling chain  
That strangles the heart; the burden that weighs  
Our wings that would soar.  
Lord, take away pain from the world Thou hast made  
That it love Thee the more."*

*Then answered the Lord to the cry of the world,  
"Shall I take away pain,  
And with it the power of the soul to endure,  
Made strong by the strain?  
Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart,  
And sacrifice high?  
Will you lose all your heroes that lift from the fire  
White brows to the sky?  
Shall I take away love that redeems with a price,  
And smiles with your loss?  
Can you spare from your life that would cling unto mine  
The Christ on His Cross?"*

No, we can't. He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities, and chastised for our peace. With his stripes we are healed. Some things are accomplished through suffering that can't be done any other way.

- Bill McFarland

## Today's Messages:

Morning: "Look at the Birds of the Air"

Evening: "The Eyes That See"

# 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 March 7

Bible Study:	272
Morning:	383
Evening:	277
Wednesday (3/10):	223
Contribution:	\$ 9,833



**Elder of the Month**  
Bob Snider



# Prayer List & News

## In our prayers ...

- Lucille Ford as she continues to have health problems
- Monty & Lucy, Dale, Lisa and Dylan; Dale's address at present is: Dale A. Lewis, 757715, 3855 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49201

### Friends and Family:

- ◇ Randy Holden, Clint & Betty's son, has been moved to Cox Walnut Lawn for rehab following a stroke recently
- ◇ Eula Compton's grandson-in-law, Jason Stark, is in St. John's
- ◇ Luis Tovar's father is seriously ill; Megan Glenn's granddad is in Cox South; Teresa Griter's uncle Merl is seriously ill
- ◇ Bill McFarland's sister, Anita, will be in Little Rock this week for testing regarding breast cancer
- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's granddaughter, Shelley Markowski, is having health concerns related to her pregnancy
- ◇ Verl Duncan's brother, Coy Duncan, is in Cox South after he fell and broke his hip; Jim Meinsen's mom is in St. John's with a blocked intestine; Nadean Green's friend at work
- ◇ Coleman McNett, friend of Don & Cornelia Summers, was injured in a car accident this past week.
- ◇ 3-month old baby daughter of Dr. Pearce, principal at Glendale, had emergency heart surgery in St. Louis Friday

- Long-Term**
- Joy & Alice Allen
  - Paul Bratcher
  - Doris Burch
  - Bonnie Cole
  - Thelma Fain
  - Lucille/Milton Ford
  - Gerald/June Jean
  - Clay Joseph
  - Carol Mahon
  - Jarita Nimmo
  - Betty Shaw/(M. Bower's mother)
  - Doris Tobler
  - Pat Woods
- Military:**
- Cody Newman

**Be sure to turn in your Ministry Renewal Forms**



## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Herman Harris and his family in the loss of his brother Raymond in California. Pat and Herman are in CA this week. We pray they will have a safe trip home.

## Welcome

Please extend a special welcome to **Steve & Leah Prewitt**  
8496 N. Farm Road 93  
Willard, MO 65781  
417-461-3667 (cell)

We are so glad they have chosen Water Mill for their church home.

### New Address/Phone #

**Billie & Kristy Sivils**  
13720 Lawrence 1157  
Mt. Vernon, MO 65712  
417-793-1086

### The Wegers

Bill & Gail White will be going to TX on the 18th & they plan to see the Wegers. If you would like to send them a card, give it to Bill or Gail by Wed. night.



We are preparing **SUNSHINE BASKETS** for **Margaret Cobb and Doris Burch**. If you would like to contribute a small gift, please place in the baskets in the foyer.

## Thank You

Dear Church Family,  
I just wanted to express our gratitude for all of the concern for Luis' father and our situation. The cards, words of comfort and encouragement have meant so much to all of us. The support of this beautiful church family is what God's love is all about. Thank you!  
The Tovar Family

Next Wednesday evening Bill will begin a study in the auditorium class on the **Major Prophets: Bright Lights and Dark Places**. Hope you can join us for this great study!



# Announcements



- ◆ **PEW PACKERS** meet today at 4:45
- ◆ **LTC Puppets & Drama** will meet today from 11-4 today.
- ◆ **LTC Scrapbooking** will meet every Sunday in the month of March. We will discuss lunch each week. See Julie/Linda if you have questions.

- ◆ **R.O.W.** is Wednesday night. Plan to bring a friend!!
- ◆ **Leadership Training for Christ Conference April 1-2** in Rogers, AR

## The rest of us ...

- ◆ **Malawi Group** meets today at 4 p.m.
- ◆ **The QUILTING/SEWING LADIES** will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- ◆ **LTC Presentation:** On 3/28 after pm services those young people attending the LTC Conference on April 1-2 will present to us the projects they have been working on for the last 3 or 4 months. Plan to stay after service and show your support for these young people and the coaches who have put in a lot of hours to help them prepare.
- ◆ **3/28-31: Dennis Smith** in Gospel Meeting at Sparta

## 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




**Newcomers Potluck Luncheon**

Next Sunday we will be honoring with a Potluck Luncheon those members who have come our way during the past year and also our new Christians. We hope you will plan to be with us and enjoy a period of fellowship. Please bring extra food. Team 4 is responsible for working that day:


**Kitchen:** Johnnie Elliff/P. Malanowski/Debbie Kern/Lee Ann Donoho/Glenda Thurlkill/Karen Duncan

**Dining Room:** George Downing/Les Malanowski/Mike Thurlkill/Ann Thiesen/Verl Duncan



**Marriage Retreat**

The marriage retreat is scheduled for **April 16 & 17** here at the building. This is for all ages (not just the young). The goal is for every couple to bring a couple that does not normally attend Water Mill. Be thinking about who you can invite. Watch for more details and sign-up sheet.




## HE'S IN THE AIR WE BREATHE

By Dennis R. Smith

This last year has been flooded with warnings about the H1N1 virus which has swept across our land. Many have received inoculations as a protection from being afflicted. It is always good advice to take every precaution where our physical health is concerned. There is a far worse pandemic that has plagued the world from the beginning which seems to be of little concern to some today. Like many of the physical diseases which afflict our bodies, the disease of sin spreads quickly as if it is contacted out of the air we breathe. Sin is sin on any level and there is "no new thing under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9), but to some it seems there are more "exciting new sins" sweeping across the world which they have to try out. Have you ever considered how the "prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2) uses the air to present his temptations to us. I'm talking about the air waves which bring radio and television into our living rooms with the most violent acts of lewd and immoral suggestions. Some songs are so open today in their lyrics bringing sinful thoughts to the minds of many. Satan, who is "the prince of this world" (John 12:31) is very "high tech" in his efforts, floating as it were on the air we breathe in his attempt to snare our thoughts and actions. The best preventative here is to "set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2).



### 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

W. Paul & Janet Kee, 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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Office Hours:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn  
**Greeters:** Verl & Karen Duncan  
**Van Driver:** Travis Morrison/742-1970  
**KYB Phone:** Verl & Karen Duncan  
**Serve**  
**Communion:** Justin Reaves/Bob Stockstill  
 Eddie Sanders/Grant Wheeler  
 James Simons/Dustin Stokes  
 John Stayton/Mike Thurlkill  
 Adam Stipp/Jeremy Thurlkill

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Opening Prayer:** Blanton Glenn  
**Speaker:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Don Essex  
**Communion:** Jon/Briley Ewing  
**Nursery:** Alice Buckner/J. Carroll

### NEXT WEEK, March 21

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	George Downing	Blanton Glenn
<b>Communion:</b>	Travis Morrison	Jon/Briley Ewing
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	John Dutton	Don Essex
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Scott & Melinda Barton	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Shannon Haddock/732-4203	

### THE MONTH OF March

**Ushers:** Matt Keener/  
 Matt Kelley  
**AV Room:** Ron Stokes/  
 Scott Barton  
**Secure**  
**Building:** Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, March 17

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** Tim Bowling  
**Opening Prayer:** Grant Wheeler  
**Closing Prayer:** David Kern  
**Van Driver:** Jason Luna