



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 31, 2010

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Jerry Young

### Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#717

#121 (1,2,4)

### Opening Prayer

Oran Green

#643

### The Lord's Supper

Fred Lorenz

### Contribution

Fred Lorenz

#523 (1,2,4)

#193

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#714 (1,2,5)

### Announcement

Jerry Young

#599 (1,4)

### Closing Prayer

Scott Barton

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

## The Urgent Issue for the Church: Godliness

Bill McFarland

Our beloved brother Paul wrote the first letter to Timothy, his true child in the faith, in the midst of pressing circumstances. His theme is how one ought to behave himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God (1 Tim. 3:15). This, of course, is something every child of God wants to know.

What is striking in such a letter is the frequency with which the apostle turns our attention toward *godliness*. In fact, he brings it up eight times in 1 Timothy. His use of the term as he discusses the behavior of the family of God is thought-provoking because he employs it only two other times outside this letter, and it is used only four other times in the New Testament.

What does he mean by this word? "Godliness" has been described as the mixture of fear and love which constitutes true devotion to God. Its essential quality is the respect which wants above all to be well-pleasing to God. It implies goodness and holiness as a way of life, with an emphasis on the source of that lifestyle, which is a deep reverence for God.

Consider the prominence the practical pursuit of godliness is to have in life and thinking of the church.

- The object of our prayers for those in positions of civil authority is that we may lead godly lives (2:2).
- The effect of the entire Christian system is profound godliness—genuine humility, reverence before God, and worship of him in our lives (3:16).
- Our training and disciplining ourselves in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine must be in pursuit of godliness, not controversies (4:6-7).
- There is value in developing godliness because it holds promise both in this life and in the life to come (4:8).
- Sound teaching accords with godliness rather than puffing up with conceit (6:3).
- It is unhealthy to, in any way, treat godliness as if it were merely a means of gain or influence (6:5).
- Perhaps the greatest gain to be had in this life is godliness with contentment, for there is nothing else we can take out of the world (6:6-7).
- Godliness lies at the heart of what a man of God pursues with every fiber of his being; it is central to what he fights for and wants to take hold of (6:11-12).

*The burning issue for the church is **godliness**. May we order our prayers, our priorities, and our practices accordingly.*

### Today's Messages:

AM: THE ROLE OF A CHRISTIAN AS A CITIZEN

PM: A GOOD KING WHO CAME TO A BAD RESULT

# ACTIVITIES

## 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

October 24

Bible Study:	262
Morning:	379
Evening:	259
Wednesday (10/27):	211
Contribution:	\$ 9,044



Elder of the Month  
Jerry Young



## Ladies ...

- ☞ *Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 am*
- ☞ *Single Ladies Group will meet Friday night at 6 p.m. here at the building. Bring snack food. We will play games and make plans for the next six months' activities.*
- ☞ *Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on 11/11 at 10:30. Elaine Poland will present a lesson on Psalms. Potluck lunch will follow.*
- ☞ *Titus 2 - There will be a meeting on 11/12 at 9:30 a.m. to continue with knitting and crocheting. All ladies are invited, even if you did not make it in September.*
- ☞ *Ladies Prayer Group - All ladies are encouraged to join together on 11/14 at 4 p.m. as we pray together for ourselves, the church, the elders, our country and the many needs of our congregation.*
- ☞ *Next Book Club meeting is November 15. See Linda Currier if you have questions.*
- ☞ *Ladies Retreat November 19-20*



**Annual leaf raking service project is Saturday.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. for light breakfast and get started around 9. Parents are welcome to stay and help or drop off your kids. You will need to bring a rake, gloves and sack lunch. Breakfast and drinks will be provided. Plan to finish around 2 p.m. We would like to invite the 4th-6th grade kids to join our youth group and help with this project.

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**There will NOT be a SNAC in November.**



### COLLEGE STUDENTS

All college students are invited to the home of **John & Michelle Hulett** next **Sunday evening, November 7 after PM service.** If you have questions, see or call Jeremy Thurlkill (576-7402). Please sign up at the information desk if you plan to attend.



**Fall Preschool Potluck luncheon** next Sunday after morning services for all preschoolers & their families. Bring lots of food and join us for *Fun, Food, Fellowship.*



Olan Mills will be taking pictures for a new pictorial directory beginning Monday, 11/29, thru Saturday, 12/4. Pictures will be available for holiday gift giving. You will be able to schedule your appointment time online if you prefer. Watch for more info coming soon.

- ⇒ *All who can are asked to participate in the singing/ devotional at James River Nursing Home on Saturday at 2 pm.*
- ⇒ *Golden Agers will meet next Sunday at 4 p.m. in room 126*
- ⇒ *Elders meet Nov. 9 at 2 p.m.*
- ⇒ *Golden Messenger for November is available in the foyer.*

# PRAYER LIST AND NEWS

- Gerald Jean is now home following a heart attack recently
- Carol Mahon has been moved back to the Strafford Care Center after cranial surgery last week
- Byrle Hayter is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
- Dale Gregory is now home recovering from heart bypass surgery
- Don Essex is having some health problems
- Nancy Snider fell and injured her leg; she will be home bound for a few weeks
- Continue to remember Marilyn Lanpher, Donna Harcrow, Seldon Essex, Thelma Fain, Shirley Bartlett  
*Friends and Family:*
- ◇ Continue to remember Tim & Becky Marsolf's granddaughter, Raelyn; Emily Simons & Adam Stipp's dad, Tom Stipp; Tiffany Meeks dad, Don Lewis
- ◇ Randy Blackburn's brother who is recovering from surgery
- ◇ Nadean Green's cousin, Velma Kester, from West Plains is in St. John's ICU

## Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen  
Paul Bratcher  
Doris Burch  
Bonnie Cole  
Thelma Fain  
Lucille/Milton Ford  
Donna Harcrow  
Gerald Jean  
Clay Joseph  
Marilyn Lanpher  
Carol Mahon  
Jarita Nimmo  
Betty Shaw  
Doris Tobler  
Pat Woods  
**Military:**  
Cody Newman  
Jacob Gardner  
Matthew Patterson  
Elaine Noe



To my Christian Friends,  
You will never know how much it means to me to have thoughtful people like you in my life. I am so grateful. God bless all of you.

Your Christian friend, Donna Harcrow

I want to thank all of you so much for your prayers and support. It has been very encouraging to me and my family to know you were thinking of us and praying for us. Only God's peace can get you through trials in life. Thank you again. God bless.

Angela Morton & Family

My birthday was made brighter because of all the cards and calls I received. Thanks to all for remembering me.

Carol Law

Thanks so much to Leona Snider, Betty Stockstill and my other caring brothers and sisters in Christ at Water Mill for the many cards, prayers and well wishes during my recent illness and also for remembering my birthday. With love,

Dorann Thoreen



## November Anniversaries

1 Fred/Amy Winters	13 yrs.
2 John/Teresa Mahon	36 yrs
3 Denzil/Ruth Raines	49 yrs.
6 Larry/Jo Baggett	34 yrs.
20 Bill/Shirley Chilton	58 yrs.
24 Verli/Karen Duncan	49 yrs.
26 Lance/Teresa Griter	16 yrs.
27 Randy/Orvella Blackburn	6 yrs.

Congratulations

## Elaine Noe's Wish List

As you know, Elaine is now in Iraq. Brenda will be sending her a care package around the end of November for arrival before Christmas. There is a list on the bulletin board of books/DVDs she likes. If you would like to send Elaine one of these items, please purchase, mark off the list and give to Brenda.



All are invited to A Cappella Singing Workshop with James Brumley at the Brookline church of Christ Friday night from 7-9 p.m. See flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**TODAY is the 5th Sunday. All contributions will go to the Building Fund.**



## "AND THE GRAVES WERE OPENED"

By Dennis R. Smith

Halloween is the season of the year when little folks dress up in various garbs and go from house to house seeking treats. It has not always been that mild. According to information obtained from the internet, the following brief explanation is given: "Halloween .... is a mix of ancient Celtic practices, Catholic and Roman religious rituals and European folk traditions that blended together over time to create the holiday we know today. Not wanting to take the excitement from little children as they adorn their favorite ghoulish mask or Frankenstein cape, but should we have lived in Jerusalem on the day that Jesus Christ was crucified we might have witnessed something then that would make our Halloweens quite mild. "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose" And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. (Matt. 27:52). One writer wrote, "their rising was a testimony that the death of Christ is life to the righteous souls departed." My point is simple! Let the children have their fun but make sure they know that Halloween is a make-believe world and the resurrection of the dead by the power of God is very much real. As it happened once in Jerusalem it will happen again world wide when "all the graves will open" and all will be transformed to take their place in judgment. ( John 5:28; 1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 11:9).

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



# Service Rosters

## THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Jill Morrison/Linda Barnett  
**Greeters:** Barney & Debbie Crawford  
**Van Driver:** Kristy Sivils/793-1086  
**KYB Phone:** John Dutton/Norma Bradley  
**Serve** Isaac Tovar/Scott Barton  
**Communion:** Luis Tovar/Adam Barton  
 Don Tracy/Tim Bowling  
 Kevin Westerman/Kyle Buckner  
 Larry Baggett/Eddie Carrier

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** John Mahon  
**Opening Prayer:** Russell Lilly  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Paul Lines  
**Communion:** Jon/Briley Ewing  
**Nursery:** Jammie Davis/M. Reaves

## NEXT WEEK, November 7

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Travis Morrison
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Aaron Morrison	John Stayton
<b>Communion:</b>	Jason Luna	Kyle/Tim Buckner
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Scott Nichols	Bob Stockstill
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jon & Coyeatte Ewing	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	James Simons/732-5641	

## MONTH OF November

**Ushers:** Adam Stipp/  
 Jeremy Thurlkill  
**AV Room:** Travis Morrison/  
 Linda Barnett  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines  
 Tim Buckner

## Wednesday, November 3

**Devotional:** Brian York  
**Song Leader:** Isaac Tovar  
**Opening Prayer:** Daniel Tovar  
**Closing Prayer:** Don Tracy  
**Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill