



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 14, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#837

#669

Opening Prayer

John Penner

#405 (1, 2, 4)

#951

The Lord's Supper

Gene Lund

Contribution

Gene Lund

#299 (1, 4, 5)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#382

Announcement

Barney Crawford

#785 (1, 3)

Closing Prayer

Jim Reaves

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

Three Mistakes of Prayer

Bill McFarland

Prayer is the most necessary, constant, and personal spiritual discipline. It is humbling the heart before the throne of grace, casting all cares before the Father who cares, speaking gratitude for every good and perfect gift, requesting with simple trust the needs of the day, seeking wisdom and strength that responsibility may be met with honor, asking for blessings in behalf of struggling brothers or friends or neighbors, and walking with God all along the way. Prayer is not an *if* in a godly life, but a *when*—it is assumed.

But, when we pray the *how* is also important. Our Lord put an emphasis on this point when he taught about prayer in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 6:5-15). He addressed and corrected what are perhaps still the three most common mistakes we may make in our manner of praying.

Prayer to some audience other than God. There were, in Jesus' day, those among his own people who liked to pray so that they might be seen and admired by other people (Matt. 6:5). That was their motive, and—according to the Lord—that would also be the only answer to their prayers! True prayer, in whatever the circumstance of life may be, is trusting communication with the Father who sees in secret.

Prayer as a substitute for relationship with God. It is easy to “believe in prayer” instead of believing in the wise care of a loving Father; to rely on “the power of prayer” rather than upon the One who strengthens us. Our Lord dealt with this tendency when he spoke of Gentiles who heaped up empty phrases because they thought they would be heard for their many words (Matt. 6:8). Genuine prayer, he said, is communication with a Father who knows what we need before we ask. It is therefore more about our relationship with him than it is an exercise in getting what we want because we have performed well.

Prayer unaccompanied by intention to do what God is asked to do. If the first mistake is pride and the second is superstition, the problem here is insincerity. Our Lord offered a model of healthy prayer in which he instructed us to ask the Father to “forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors” (Matt. 6:12). He went ahead to point out, though, that God can only answer this as one request: he cannot respond to a double mind (v. 14, 15). He can help our weakness where we intend to do what we should, but he will not help us be walking contradictions.

I believe that real prayer is the easiest thing, but the hardest thing, a Christian ever does.

Today's Messages:

AM: Marriage: The Mysterious Heart of Family

PM: Christian Ethics for Husbands and Wives

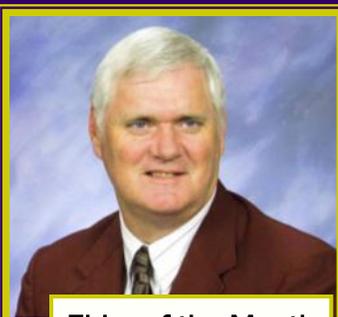
ACTIVITIES

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 November 7

Bible Study: 264
Morning: 386
Evening: 208
Wednesday (11/10): 220
Contribution: \$ 10,533



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

Upcoming Events

- ☞ Ladies Prayer Group - All ladies are encouraged to join together this afternoon at 4 p.m. as we pray together for ourselves, the church, the elders, our country and the many needs of our congregation.
- ☞ Book Club will meet tomorrow night here at the building from 6:30-8:30 p.m.. We will be discussing *Gods and Kings* by Lynn Austin .
- ☞ Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- ☞ Ladies Retreat : November 19-20
- ☞ Secret Sisters - There will be a meeting on December 7 following morning services in Room 126 to draw new names and to reveal. This is open to all women including our teens
- ☞ Baby Shower for Sara Stipp - December 12 at 3 p.m. Adam & Sara are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies R Us, Target & Wal-Mart.



Let's go hear Kerry Cole perform at the Tony Orlando show in Branson on December 3 at 8 p.m. There is a sign up sheet and ticket information in the foyer. We will take the church van if we have enough sign up. See Karen Duncan if you have questions.

Food Pantry Needs

Boxed Meals	Canned Meals
Jelly	Peanut Butter
Soups	Cereal
Tuna	Canned Vegetables
Canned fruit	Jello/Pudding

Please place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support.



Golden Agers, be sure to sign up TODAY if you plan to attend the Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday night at 6 p.m. here at the building.



Olan Mills will be taking pictures for a new pictorial directory beginning Monday, 11/29, thru Saturday, 12/4. **SIGN UP TODAY** at the information desk for your Professional Olan Mills portrait so your family will be included in our directory. You will receive a free 8 X 10 color portrait and a free church pictorial directory just for participating.



We now have a recycling dumpster on the north side of the parking lot for your use. **This is only for paper products** - magazines, junk mail, newspapers, cardboard (boxes need to be torn down), etc. If you have any questions, see Tim Bowling.

Elaine Noe's Wish List

Be sure to check out Elaine's Wish List posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to send Elaine one of these items, please purchase, mark off the list and give to Brenda.

The next Area Wide Youth Night will be at Sunset on Sunday, 11/21 at 5:00pm. The bus will leave at 4:15pm and be back around 7:30pm.

PRAYER LIST AND NEWS

- Dale Harp is now at home but still having problems
- Herman Harris is having some health issues and will begin treatment procedures soon
- John Mahon will have knee replacement surgery on December 10
- Margaret Cobb has not been feeling well
- Continue to remember Dale Gregory, Nancy Snider, Gerald Jean, Carol Mahon, Marilyn Lanpher, Donna Harcrow, Seldon Essex, Thelma Fain, Shirley Bartlett

It is so good to see Marilyn back at worship with us!

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Emily Simons & Adam Stipp's dad, Tom Stipp, who is scheduled for surgery on 11/24 at St. John's
- ◇ Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks dad
- ◇ Ann Fahr's nephew, Richard Armstrong, is in Advanced Care Hospital in Searcy, AR

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



We extend our sympathy to 3 families who have lost loved ones this past week. Remember them in your prayers:

Karen Duncan and her family in the loss of her aunt, **Louise Renfro**.

Nadean Green and her family in the loss of her cousin, **Velma Kester** from West Plains.

Gail White and her family in the loss of her mother last week in Oklahoma. There will be a graveside service tomorrow in Bethany, OK. Remember Bill & Gail as they drive back home.

Congratulations

To **Ron & Lisa Stokes** on the safe arrival of their first grandchild, **Cooper Lee Griffin**, born last Sunday morning to Adam and Sarah.

Also congratulations to the **Essex family** on the birth of **Allison Marie Keating** born last Tuesday. She is Don & Ruth's great granddaughter and Seldon's granddaughter.

Today in the Auditorium class Dennis will begin a new series: Messages From the Lord's Brother-the Book of James.

Also Bill has just started a new series in Room 126: Homes Jesus Visited.

If you are not currently attending Bible Study, now is a good time to get started and check out one of these classes.



Thank you once again for remembering me. I saved up all my cards till my birthday and I had a "card party" that morning. The cards were filled with sweet words and lots of love inside. They really made it a special day for me. You are a precious family and I am so thankful for each of you. **Sharon Joseph**

I would like to thank all of you that make me feel so welcome when I am able to make it to worship. Your hugs, smiles, and kind word make me feel part of this family. The cards, letters and prayers keep letting me know you care. Thank you for being such a caring family. **Thelma Fain**

There are not enough words to express the THANKS and LOVE, we, feel for the continual support for our families (Ours, Carol, and Thelma). The prayers, the hugs, the concern, the cards, asking how we are doing and sometimes just the touch on the arm and the look of understanding keep reminding us we don't have to carry our burdens alone. Thank you also for thinking of us on our anniversary. The cards were beautiful and filled with love. Love in Christ, **John & Teresa Mahon**

Thanks to everyone for the cards and words of encouragement for my birthday. **Jerry Young**



"FALSIFYING" THE WORD "HUMBLED"

By Dennis R. Smith

I open this article by referencing the following Old Testament passage: "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18). It has been interesting to see how different words and phrases spring up so quickly, blossom and fall only to give way to a new set in a matter of time. Have you noticed the latest: "**I am humbled.**" I observed this as a result of our recent election especially when a candidate has won and is giving his/her acceptance speech. Yes, this phrase is one of our latest. However, I wonder if those who have caught on to this phrase have their "humility" confused with their "pride." I once heard a preacher say that it is easy to talk of humility when everything is going good, when people are shouting our praises and when our bank balance is at an all-time high. Humbleness must indeed be the trademark of all of God's children. The Apostle Peter wrote, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time" (1st Peter 5:6). Paul wrote, "we must not think more highly of ourselves than we ought" (Rom. 12:3). Let us then be sure that we are not "**falsifying**" the word "**humbled**" by using this popular word when in fact we are, with pride, boasting of our own accomplishments. I write these things as a caution to all of us.

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
 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: P. Malanowski/O. Blackburn
Greeters: Mark & Cheryl Friend
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970
KYB Phone: Verl & Karen Duncan
Serve Jackie Buck/Verl Duncan
Communion: Tom Davis/Jackie Freeze
 Greg Donoho/Mark Friend
 George Downing/Oran Green
 John Dutton/Blanton Glenn

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Tim Stockstill
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jim Reaves
Communion: Tim/Kyle Buckner
Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

NEXT WEEK, November 21

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Eddie Sanders	Mike Thurlkill
Communion:	John Mahon	Kyle/Tim Buckner
Closing Prayer:	James Simons	Tim Timmons
AM Nursery:	Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling	
PM Nursery:	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
Greeters:	Blanton & Betty Glenn	
Van Driver:	Steve Prewitt/872-6849	

MONTH OF November

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

Wednesday, November 17

Devotional: John Penner
Song Leader: Isaac Tovar
Opening Prayer: Daniel Wilson
Closing Prayer: Larry Baggett
Van Driver: Jason Luna