



Weekly Newsletter

January 9, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Gene Lund

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#953 (twice)

#822 (1,2)

#836 (1,2)

Opening Prayer

Russell Lilly

#12 (chorus last)

The Lord's Supper

Bob Snider

#622 (1,3)

Contribution

Bob Snider

#516

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#125

Announcement

Gene Lund

#717

Closing Prayer

Paul Lines

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

New Every Morning

*Yea, "new every morning," though we may awake,
Our hearts with old sorrow beginning to ache;
With old work unfinished when night stayed our hand
With new duties waiting, unknown and unplanned;
With old care still pressing, to fret and to vex,
With new problems rising, our minds to perplex
In ways long familiar, in paths yet untrod,
Oh, new every morning the mercies of God!*

*His faithfulness fails not; it meets each new day
New guidance for every new step of the way;
New grace for new trials, new trust for old fears,
New patience for bearing the wrongs of the years,
New strength for new burdens, new courage for old,
New faith for whatever the day may unfold;
As fresh for each need as the dew on the sod;
Oh, new every morning the mercies of God!*

- Annie Johnson Flint

*But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
(Lament. 3:21-24)*

Today's Messages:

AM: "As of First Importance"

PM: How to Read the Bible to Know God

Prayer List & News

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

January 2

Bible Study:	256
Morning:	333
Evening:	205
Wednesday (1/5):	242
Contribution:	\$10,227



Elder of the Month
Gene Lund

- Shirley Bartlett will have an MRI tomorrow
- Ella Smith as she recovers from a fall a couple of weeks ago
- Nancy Snider has some health issues
- Marilyn Lanpher is at the Gardens, Apartment 158, phone # 890-1368.
- Continue to remember Herman Harris, Dale Harp, & John Mahon

Friends and Family:

- ◇ John Penner's dad fell off a ladder in Wichita Wednesday and shattered his leg
- ◇ Clint Miller, friend of Bill's mom from Clarkridge, is in Barnes-Jewish in St. Louis after double lung transplant
- ◇ William Rymer, Gin Crumrine's new nephew, is in critical condition (but showing some good signs) in Barnes Hospital after stress during delivery
- ◇ Danny Hall, son of Angie Ray Hall (friend of Cornelia Summers), is now out of the hospital after having serious health issues this past week
- ◇ Marcia Shepard from Buffalo, friend of Dennis & Carolyn and Ann Thiesen, is recovering from surgery

Prayer Request

Julie Alexander responded Sunday asking for prayers.

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We extend our sympathy to Kelsie Harner (one of our college students) in the loss of her grandfather, Leon Davenport, from Yellville.

Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Lucille/Milton Ford
Donna Harcrow
Gerald Jean
Clay Joseph
Marilyn Lanpher
Carol Mahon
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods

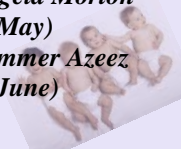
Military:

Cody Newman
Jacob Gardner
Elaine Noe

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Expectant Moms

Sara Stipp
(Jan) (boy)
Brittany Morrison
(Feb) (boy)
Angela Morton
(May)
Summer Azeez
(June)



Food for New Moms Ministry

Bringing a little child into the world God made for us is one of the greatest blessings of life for a couple ... and our congregation. In the spirit of giving, many here at Water Mill want to help these couples ease into this wonderful transition by providing a meal. About a month or two before the birth of a new little one to a member of Water Mill, a sign-up sheet will be posted and announcements will be made. If you would like to prepare/purchase a meal and take it to the couple with a new baby, you can sign up when that opportunity arises. We usually try to provide 5-7 evening meals per family. Stacy Haddock will then contact you to coordinate when you can help. This is one of the simplest ways to get involved and be a big blessing to those of our family.

If you can provide a meal for Sara Stipp (due this month) and/or Brittany Morrison (due in February) after the babies arrive, please sign up on the sheets provided in the foyer.

Thank You!



Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the cards and wishes for my birthday. Thank you also for the calls on the day of my surgery and the cards and visits afterward. It is great to have a Christian family that is so caring.

In Christian love, *Don & Linda Tracy*

I want to thank everyone who sent me Christmas and birthday cards. Thank you for the visits, phone calls and gifts. I enjoyed them very much. In Christian love, *Doris Thomason*

Love covers all offenses.
(Proverbs 10:12)

Activities

Today ...

- **Potluck lunch** after AM service. Team 2 will be responsible for working that day. **Dining Room:** Tom Davis, Aubrey Cobb, Luke Lines, Jim Meinsen, Daniel Meinsen **Kitchen:** Anita Cobb, Jammie Davis, Debbie Meinsen, Bekah Meinsen
- **Book Club** will meet after potluck lunch to discuss Ann Thiesen's book, "The Warm Heart of Africa." See Linda Currier if you have questions.
- **Ladies Prayer Group** will meet at 4 p.m. Please join us as we lift each other up in prayers as well as the many needs of the congregation.

We still have copies of the Daily Devotional Books "Strength for the Journey" by Bill McFarland & David Deffenbaugh and "In Our Father's Hands" by Justin & Tyrel Hatfield. See Johnnie if you would like to purchase a copy.



There will be a **short** meeting of **W.M.Y. members** (7th—12th grades) immediately after AM service in youth classroom to discuss upcoming events. You will not miss potluck (Andrew).

LTC Puppet & Drama teams will meet after AM service on the 23rd. Bring lunch—we will stay all day. We will also meet on 2/27 and 3/27



We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel drop by drop there is at last a drop which makes it run over, so in a series of kindnesses there is at last one which makes the heart run over. — Samuel Johnson

Baby Shower

All are invited to a baby shower this **afternoon** at 3 p.m. honoring **Brittany Morrison**. Aaron & Brittany are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies-R-Us.

NEW ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS

Seldon, Tami & Trenton Essex
2913 E. Linwood
Springfield, MO 65804

The Blackburns
Orvella/417-225-8066 (c)
Randy/417-379-3418 (c)
(no home phone)

Elders meet Tuesday
at 2 p.m.

Birthdays next week

- 16 Ethan White
- 17 Kyle Buckner
- 19 Jim Elliff
- 20 Betty Grabber
- 21 Pat Blackburn



Happy Birthday



Coming Into Contact With The Blood of Christ

By Dennis R. Smith

I'm sure that most everyone who has attended some kind of church service over the years has heard the expression "saved by the blood of Christ." However, how many have actually stopped to think just how do we come into contact with his blood? First in importance, we must know when it was that Jesus shed his blood. In John 19:34 as the Roman soldier came to break the legs of Jesus to hasten His death, he saw that Jesus was dead already. To make sure he "pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water." It isn't any accident that later the Apostle Paul could write of such things as being "baptized into" the death of Christ (Rom. 6:3). In like fashion he also wrote "I am crucified with Christ" (Gal. 2:20). While we must admit that expressions like "washed in the blood" (Rev. 1:4) along with "we have redemption through his blood" (Eph. 1:7) are allegorical and are used spiritually, yet when we contact the spiritual with the scriptural it is easy to see that baptism by immersion symbolically represents the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:3-5). This "form" (Rom. 6:17) not only represents the message of the gospel (1st Cor. 15:1-4) which has the power to save (Rom. 1:16), but it also equals in purpose what delivers us from the "power of darkness" and seals our "redemption through his blood" (Col. 1:13-14). No wonder the Bible talks so much about the necessity of baptism.

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

WORKS WE SUPPORT

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa

Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands

Voice of Truth International

Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions

World Christian Broadcasting

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief

Lincoln Church of Christ

A.G. Bailey, India

Fair Haven Children's Home

"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: Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn

Greeters: Bob & Leona Snider

Van Driver: Steve Prewitt/872-6849

KYB Phone: Shirley Chilton/Sara Stipp

Serve Russell Lilly/Jason Luna

Communion: Paul Lines/Briley Ewing

Brent Looney/Les Malanowski

Fred Lorenz/Andy McFarland

Steve Prewitt/Tom Meeks

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill

Opening Prayer: Aaron Morrison

Lesson: Bill McFarland

Closing Prayer: Travis Morrison

Communion: D. Meinsen/A. Tovar

Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

NEXT WEEK, January 16

MORNING

Song Leader: Kerry Cole

Opening Prayer: Brent Looney

Communion: John Stayton

Closing Prayer: Eddie Sanders

AM Nursery: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling

PM Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan

Greeters: John & Lisa Stayton

Van Driver: Shannon Haddock/732-4203

EVENING

Jeremy Thurlkill

Scott Nichols

D. Meinsen/A. Tovar

John Penner

MONTH OF JANUARY

Ushers: Shannon Haddock

Kyle Buckner

AV Room: Adam Stipp/
Daniel Meinsen

Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, January 12

Devotional: Tom Davis

Song Leader: Andrew Morton

Opening Prayer: John Stayton

Closing Prayer: Adam Barton

Van Driver: Jason Luna