



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 18, 2011

Beginning Today

AN IMPORTANT SIX WEEKS OF SERVICE

As our elders have announced recently, a rather unique series of meetings in the interest of the gospel of peace is planned here one month from now, October 16-19. It is different in that our elders have chosen the topics, and because I have been asked to present the series of messages. One thing that means is that our interest in, and commitment to, this effort is going to have to arise from the importance of the themes rather than from the newness of the speaker, and that these subjects are deserving of that kind of attention.

There are several reasons for this series. The first is that it follows the efforts that are being made by several of our members to visit all the houses in the neighborhoods in our area. This will be an important event to which neighbors and friends can be invited – so don't forget to invite yours! Another reason for this is that the topics we are going to be considering are so badly needed in these times in which we live. Both in the church and in the world around us people are wondering whether there are things around which we can united any more. And a third reason for it is simply that the subjects we will be discussing are profoundly meaningful spiritual realities and key Bible themes.

The theme for our meeting will be "The Unity Worthy of Our Calling." The thought is drawn from Ephesians 4:1-6, and the topics for the series are the seven "ones" mentioned in verses 4 through 6. This is our plan for discussing them:

Sunday, Oct. 16, at 9:00 – "There Is One Body"

Oct. 16, at 10:00 – "And One Spirit"

Oct. 16, at 5:00 – "The One Hope that Belongs to Your Call"

Monday, Oct. 17, at 7:00 – "One Lord"

Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7:00 – "One Faith"

Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7:00 – "One Baptism"

Sunday, Oct. 23, at 10:00 – "One God and Father of All"

We will have special speakers on Sunday, October 9 in connection with our Golden Agers activities that weekend, and on Sunday evening, October 23 in relation to the Area Youth Night which we will be hosting, and on Sunday morning, October 30 to conclude these events.

To help prepare us for these events, we are beginning today a series of three studies on "The Prayers for the Church in Ephesians." These will be appropriate reminders that everything the church does must be bathed in prayer. In a way, they may also be understood as the motivations for all these efforts. The titles will be:

Sept. 16 – "That We May Be Enlightened By Hope"

Sept. 23 – "That We May Be Grounded In Love"

Sept. 30 – "That We May Be Alert With Perseverance"

Please make these the objects of your prayers. Let's have a great few weeks together!

- Bill McFarland

Order of Worship

Welcome

Bob Snider

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#19

#627

#378

Opening Prayer

Eddie Sanders

#645

The Lord's Supper

Jack Lynch

#888

Contribution

Jack Lynch

#438

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#345

Announcements

Bob Snider

#611

Closing Prayer

James Simons

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

Today's Messages:

AM: That We May Be Enlightened By Hope

PM: "But doesn't the application depend on our presuppositions?"

Prayer List & Notes

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

September 11

Bible Study: 288
 Morning: 355
 Evening: 270
 Wednesday (9/14): 213
 Contribution: \$ 8,320



Elder of the Month
 Bob Snider

- ☞ David Nimmo is recovering from neck surgery; should be able to return to work in about 3 months; Jarita Nimmo has been in Cox S.
- ☞ Wayne Snider is scheduled for a series of tests Tuesday at St. John's
- ☞ Jim Low will have another stent put in on October 3
- ☞ Shelby Epperly had outpatient ear surgery this past week
- ☞ Shanna Asher hurt her back which is causing pain in her neck, lower back and hands; she is scheduled for 8 weeks of therapy
- ☞ Shawna Stockdale will have a procedure on her back on Wednesday
- ☞ Pat Woods is recovering from back surgery; cards can be sent to Pat Woods, c/o Ducat, 8788 Canary Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708; Pat and Regina hope to be home in October or November
- ☞ Lucille Ford is back in Springfield Rehab Facility on South Fort
- ☞ Melinda Barton is dealing with severe back pain
- ☞ Chatty Timmons as she has tests this week
- ☞ Paul & Mary Bratcher made a trip to Mayo Clinic last week
- ☞ Jim Elliff is doing well after surgery last week
- ☞ Eula Compton is back home and feeling better
- ☞ Continue to remember: Thelma Fain, Kay Adams, Arilla Buck and Shirley Bartlett

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Tiffany Meeks' sister, Larrie White as she continues to struggle with her health problems
- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan
- ◇ Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings, who has cancer

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Lanae Gillespie is the loss of her mother, Geneve Treat, recently and to Jo Baggett in the loss of her uncle, Bob Melton.

Baptism

We rejoice with Lance & Teresa Griter and their family as Jedonna put on Christ in baptism last Monday evening. Please offer your support and encouragement to Jedonna as she grows as a Christian.

New Address

Scott/Jenna Nichols
 4300 Rumson Road
 Nixa, MO 65714



See Matt Keener if you are interested in FPU Fall 2011 or go to www.daveramsey.com/fpu/preview for more information.

Long-Term

Kay Adams
 Paul Bratcher
 Doris Burch
 Bonnie Cole
 Lucille/Milton Ford
 Herman Harris
 Marilyn Lanpher
 Jarita Nimmo
 Betty Shaw
 Doris Tobler
 Pat Woods

Military:

Cody Newman
 Matthew Patterson



Birthdays

19 John Hulett
 Katelynn Wilson
 21 Mark Friend
 23 Jim Reaves
 Steve Prewitt
 27 Ruth Essex
 28 Tim Stockstill
 Grace Trogdon
 29 Mary C. Lines

If anyone has a baby monitor they no longer need and would like to donate to the church nursery, see Kay McFarland or Meredith Reaves.



On behalf of all of our family and relatives, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for all of the prayers, cards, and flowers received regarding the death and funeral of my cousin Dorann (Lewis) Thoreen (former National and High member prior to moving to Phoenix, AZ). Your expressions of sympathy and love were so kind. A special thanks to Bill and Dennis for their comforting words and message and to the ladies for the wonderful luncheon after the funeral service. **Terry Loveland**

Thank you so much for all of your acts of kindness and love shown to our family in the past few months. Thanks to each of you for your prayers, cards, food and words of encouragement throughout Mom's illness and death. We love you all. The Gillespie Family

All of you have been so nice in such a thoughtful way. It's hard to find a way to thank each one of you. Thanks for the cards, and prayers. We are blessed to have a loving church family. With love, Paul & Mary Bratcher.

News & Activities

- Elders, Deacons & Preachers Meeting TODAY at 2 pm.
- Tonight is Youth Night at Union Hill
- Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- Golden Age Jamboree October 8.
Be sure to sign up on the sheets on the Information Desk if you plan to attend and what you would like to bring.
- If you are interest in participating in the Secret Sister program, pick up a form from the Information Desk. We will draw names September 25 after AM services.

Gospel Meeting with Dennis Smith
September 18-23 at the Bona Church of Christ

Gospel Meeting with Doug Greenway
September 18-21 at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho

Ladies Day at the Sunset Church of Christ, Saturday, September 24 beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Ladies Day at the Lincoln Church of Christ, Saturday, October 15, at 9:00 a.m. Guest Speaker is Jane Maynard. Theme "Sweeter than Honey" Psalm 19:10. Lunch will be provided.

See Flyers on Bulletin Board

The Young Ladies of Water Mill will be hosting a Teacher's Appreciation Dinner on Friday December 2 for all of our Bible class teachers and their spouses.

We are in need of new twin white sheets, 200 count 60/40 so the ladies can make napkins and chair covers. They can be purchased for \$5 at Wal-mart.

Ladies Fall Retreat
Ladies, please mark your calendars for November 11 & 12, the 2011 Fall Ladies Retreat at the Keeter Center. Sign-up sheets are now on the Information Desk and will be available the month of September.



Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

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Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
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	Shannon Haddock
Tim Bowling	Matt Keener
Tim Buckner	Russell Lilly
Tom Davis	Paul Lines
George Downing	Jim Meinsen
Jim Elliff	Travis Morrison
Jon Ewing	James Simons

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



HOW GREAT THOU ART - EQUALLY SO THY WORD

By Dennis R. Smith

The Bible is a book which is known by many names, some of which are as follows: (a) The psalmist referred to it as "Thy Word," - meaning of course God's Word (Psa. 119:105). (b) In the book of Hebrews it is called "Thy Will" - again meaning God's Will (Heb.10:7, 9). (c) In John 8:32 it is called "the truth." (d) In Romans 2:8 and Gal. 3:1 it (the truth) means something to be obeyed. (e) In James 1:25 it is called "the perfect law of liberty." (f) In the Book of John several times it is used in connection with Jesus Christ. (See John 1:1, 14) You see, God in his Word comes at us in many ways trying desperately to grab our attention not only to the fact that he loves us and desires us to become his children, but to instruct us in how this is accomplished. Furthermore, he leaves "word pictures" in the Book of Acts of those who did exactly what we must also do today. Since we all are created by God's design for humanity, it is only natural that he would be concerned about our welfare. As such he has provided us an Instruction Book showing how we can be released from the sins which are most burdensome to us. We often sing the song "How Great Thou Art." Let us not forget How Great His Word Is as we respond to the first principles thereof and continue doing so for the rest of our lives. No wonder Jesus told folks in his day to "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

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

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation

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Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions

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Churches of Christ Disaster Relief

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"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: Verl & Karen Duncan
Van Driver: Shannon Haddock/732-4203
KYB Phone: Mary J. Rookstool/G. Dickens
Serve John Stayton/Jeff Treat
Communion: Jeremy Thurlkill/Aaron Tovar
Jerry Stockdale/Ron Stokes
Dustin Stokes/Mike Thurlkill
Tyler Thornton/Daniel Tovar

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer: Tyler Thornton
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tim Timmons
Communion: B. Asher/T. Morrison
Nursery: Lee Donoho/Karen Duncan

NEXT WEEK, September 25

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Dennis Smith	Aaron Tovar
Communion:	Jim Meinsen	B. Asher/T. Morrison
Closing Prayer:	Jeff Treat	Daniel Tovar
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Barton Family	
Van Driver:	James Simons/732-5641	

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Ushers: Brendan Carroll/
William Downing
AV Room: Larry Baggett/
Adam Stipp
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, September 21

Devotional: Adam Barton
Song Leader: K. Buckner/B. Ewing
Opening Prayer: Jerry Young
Closing Prayer: Grant Wheeler
Van Driver: Don Tracy