



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 2, 2011

JESUS' HEART FOR PEOPLE

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#134

#247

Opening Prayer

Scott Barton

#516

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The Lord's Supper

Travis Morrison

Contribution

Travis Morrison

#595

#585

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#674

Announcements

Jerry Young

#717

Closing Prayer

Adam Barton

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

The Gospel According to Matthew presents Jesus as the fulfillment of the Scriptures. It pictures him as the King who has all authority. But, perhaps because of Matthew's own background, it also portrays him as "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (11:19). Our Lord always had a great heart for people.

The beginning of his ministry meant that "people dwelling in darkness" had "seen a great light" (4:16). That change from the shadow of death to the light of dawn is what the Lord's message of repentance was all about.

When he called his first disciples, he said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (4:19). What they would get from following Jesus is a heart for people.

The basic ethical principle for the citizens of his kingdom is based on the worth of people. He said, "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (7:12).

As the Lord worked among people, his compassion for the harassed and helpless only increased. He instructed his disciples to see the need and pray for laborers to be sent out into the harvest (9:36-38). He wanted people to be on the heart of his people.

Jesus insisted that, just as a man would go in search of one sheep that went astray, "it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish" (18:14). To him, each person has tremendous value.

And, he was willing to pay the price of sacrificial service. He said, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (20:28). He gave of self to save people.

The church's mission is to imitate the heart of Jesus. We are to make disciples of all nations by baptizing them into Christ and teaching them to observe all that Christ commanded (28:19, 20). The Lord is with us when his heart is within us.

-Bill McFarland

**This Morning's Message:
That We May Be Alert With Perseverance**

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 25

Bible Study:	266
Morning:	349
Evening:	225
Wednesday (9/28):	252
Contribution:	\$ 10,155



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young

- ☞ Jeff Fisher is having some health problems; will have a scan Monday to see if he needs gall bladder surgery
- ☞ Eddie Sanders' surgery went well last Thursday
- ☞ Jim Low will have another stent put in tomorrow
- ☞ David Nimmo is recovering from surgery; Jarita is at Christian Health Care in Mt. Vernon
- ☞ Joy & Alice Allen are not doing well
- ☞ Bill White and Melinda Barton are experiencing severe back pain
- ☞ Shanna Asher and Shawna Stockdale as they deal with their pain issues
- ☞ Pat Woods is recovering from surgery; cards can be sent to her at c/o Ducat, 8788 Canary Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
- ☞ Lucille Ford is in Springfield Rehab Facility on South Fort
- ☞ Gertrude Hughes continues to have back problems
- ☞ Continue to remember: Thelma Fain, Kay Adams, Arilla Buck, Shirley Bartlett, Paul & Mary Bratcher

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
- ◇ Betty Grabber's sister, Hazel Cook from Cassville, who is dealing with muscular degeneration; Terry Ewing, Alan Harmon's neighbor, is in poor health
- ◇ Ted Spencer, minister at the Sparta church, has just been diagnosed with prostate and bladder cancer
- ◇ Jessica Staples, 19 year-old young lady who has heart problems and now has a disease that has no cure at this time; her father Randy, is a former co-worker of Eddie Currier

Responses

Jerry Gillespie and Gin Crumrine responded last Sunday asking for prayers.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Norman High who lost a brother-in-law last week.

AREA WIDE YOUTH NIGHT AT WATERMILL is next Sunday night, October 2. Again this year we ask for your assistance in providing bottled water and canned soda.

The young ladies of the congregation will be honoring our teachers with a Teachers' Appreciation Dinner on Saturday evening, December 3rd. In connection with this dinner, we need **new twin FLAT white sheets**, 200 count, so the ladies can make napkins and chair covers. They can be purchased for \$5 at Walmart (**the Walmart at Glenstone & Kearney will have a large supply after October 9**).



Thanks be to God for a good outcome on my tests. Thank you to all our brothers and sisters who prayed, called, gave hugs of encouragement to us at a very stressful time. May God bless everyone of you with good health. Love, Chatty & Tim

Thanks to everyone for your care and concern during Jimmy's recent illness & surgery. Your cards, calls, visits, sitting with me during surgery and most of all your prayers have brought us through yet another difficult time. We love you all. Jim & Johnnie

Long-Term

Shirley Bartlett
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

We are still in need of a male 5th grade teacher on Wednesday evenings. Please let Tom Davis know if you are interested in this work.

Birthdays

- 9 Meredith Reaves
- Dustin Stokes
- 10 Randy Blackburn
- 11 Dave Blackburn
- Ben Ratterree
- 13 Herman Harris
- Carol Law
- Judy Todd
- 14 Amy Winters
- Livi Wheeler

News & Activities

- **Golden Agers** will meet TODAY at 4 p.m. *This is a very important meeting so we can make final plans for the Jamboree.*
- **Visitation Team 1** will meet tonight after services in Room 126.
- **SNAC IS TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES.** Bring finger foods.
- **Quilters** meet TUESDAY at 10 a.m.
- The next **DOOR KNOCKING** will be October 15. Be at the building at 9:30. This is the day before our gospel meeting begins.
- The next **book club meeting** will be Monday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marty Stockstill. We are reading "On Hummingbird Wings" by Lauraine Snelling.

Thursday Ladies Bible Class
will meet October 13 at 10:30.
Carol Tovar will give the devotional followed by cooking a traditional Mexican Fiesta for our lunch. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Desk for ingredients & accompaniments that are needed. All ladies are encouraged to come and enjoy the devo, fellowship and good food. There will be a class for the kids.



Golden Age Jamboree
SATURDAY beginning at 9:45 at Fair Haven.

Be sure to sign up on the sheets on the Information Desk if you plan to attend and let us know what you would like to bring.

Ladies Fall Retreat
November 11 & 12
at the Keeter Center.
If you have not paid, please see Stacy or Emily today. Make your checks out to the church.



Mark your calendars for our 5th Sunday Potluck on October 30 followed by our early evening service. Watch for more info.

We need YOU in Sunday School



We are in urgent need of the following items for the Food Pantry.

Boxed & Canned Meals

Jelly	Peanut Butter
Cereal	Canned Fruit
Tuna	Jello/Pudding
Canned Vegies	Mac & Cheese

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

Our Gospel Meeting October 16-19

"The Unity Worthy of Our Calling" taken from Eph. 4:1-6

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

10:00 – "And One Spirit"

5:00 – "The One Hope that Belongs to Your Call"

Monday, Oct. 17, 7:00 – "One Lord"

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7:00 – "One Faith"

Wed., Oct. 19, 7:00 – "One Baptism"

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

Let's all try to arrange our schedules so we can be present for this important series of lessons planned by our Elders.



RETALIATION - A DANGEROUS VENTURE!

By Dennis R. Smith

We have all heard the "pun" which might be used between two friends after one had become a victim of the other's practical joke: "I don't get mad. I just get even." It's great when two friends can joke the other without getting mad. However, when getting even is the burning desire of a Christian, it is then a dangerous venture. Not only is it dangerous in that it might totally destroy a long-standing friendship, but it could cost one his acceptance into the everlasting kingdom. Consider the following: "Be ye angry, and sin not; let not the sun go down upon thy wrath" (Eph. 4:26). "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend" (Prov. 27:17). "Bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). In addition consider also these man-made principles: "Every friend lost pushes you one step closer to the brink of character bankruptcy. The best way to keep your friends is not to give them away. If you were another person, would you like to be a friend to yourself?" One thing which separates Christians from the World is that they do not see any need in retaliation. Another scripture which Jesus has given on this subject is, "Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right check, turn to him the other also" (Matt. 5:39). The World says, "Vengeance is such sweet sorrow." The Lord says, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).

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
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
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: Donna Jordan
Greeters: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
Van Driver: Shannon Haddock/732-4203
KYB Phone: Van & Barbara Barnes
Serve Luis Tovar/Kevin Westerman
Communion: Don Tracy/Brent Asher
 Daniel Wilson/Larry Baggett
 Brandon Allen/Scott Barton
 Larry Baggett/Adam Barton

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Tom Davis
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Verl Duncan
Communion: John/Michael Penner
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, October 9

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer:	Randy Blackburn	George Downing
Communion:	Tom Norrell	John/Michael Penner
Closing Prayer:	Tim Bowling	Kyle Buckner
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Tim & Jan Bowling	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Ushers: Tim Bowling/
 Matt Kelley
AV Room: Jeremy Thurlkill/
 Ron Stokes
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, October 5

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Isaac Tovar
Opening Prayer: Oran Green
Closing Prayer: Dale Gregory
Van Driver: Todd Kraus